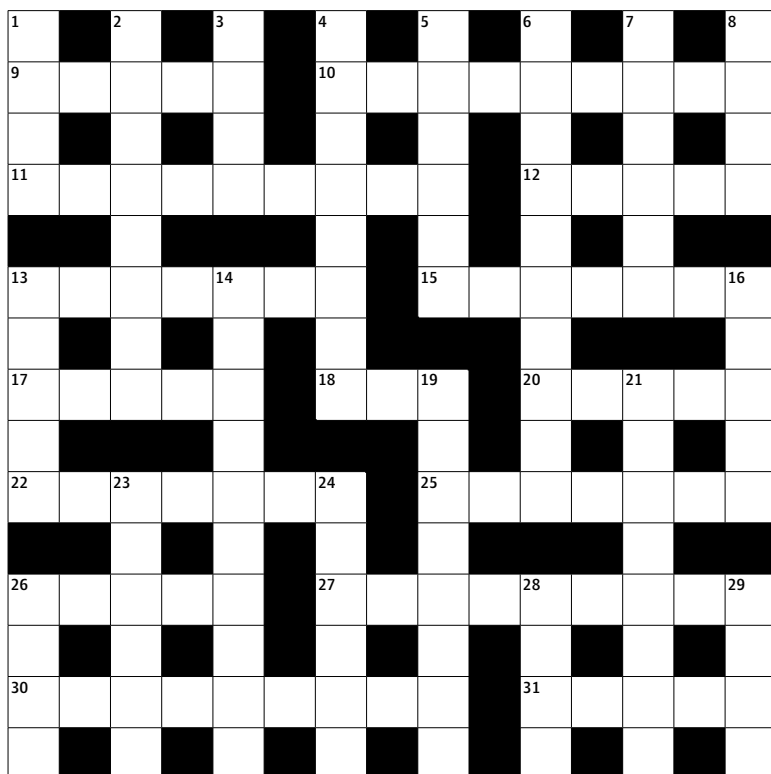


**Guardian cryptic crossword** No 27,419 set by Qaos



**Across**

- 9 Roman coins and dinosaur Einstein excavated (5)
- 10 Professionally, I say pinch boil to get better (9)
- 11 They obstruct retired NHS doctor, wasting time (9)
- 12 Stories are cliched from beginning to end (5)
- 13 Protected and paid to be free of bugs within? (7)
- 15 Good girl travels with male traveller (7)
- 17 Catholic soon to be 23 (5)
- 18 I would take back pawn with pawn ... (3)
- 20 ... to develop rook first, then knight, following training (5)
- 22 Show best speed, perhaps? (3,4)
- 25 Contributes Qaos and Tramp's puzzles (7)
- 26 Conservative member gets to rise (5)
- 27 Aardvarks are very hard to confine in storage building (5-4)
- 30 Paper's reporters (9)
- 31 23, 100, 50, er ... 1,000? (5)

- 5 Henry's bouquet wrapped up small flower (6)
- 6 You can get hold of a piece with this (6,4)
- 7 Novelist whose work is a bit of a grind? (6)
- 8 Workers' tirades: "Right To Strike" (4)
- 13 Fancy topic: Embroidery Stitch (5)
- 14 Agree to massage back after jog in Kent (10)
- 16 IMHO, snakes regularly become religious figures (5)
- 19 Head of convent earlier was miles away from confusion (8)
- 21 Old queen admits: "Executed? I'll forgive you" (8)
- 23 Clergyman most sorry to lose key (6)
- 24 Local officials, historically, turn up on drugs (6)
- 26 Heat? It's freezing over – absolute zero! (4)
- 28 Remove lid from jar to serve wine (4)
- 29 Benefit of drink? (4)

**Down**

- 1 It's held by club at Hull City (4)
- 2 Soul sister's founding father (8)
- 3 Partner (or partners) provided within (4)
- 4 Piddles all over the place – take in note, it's impressive! (8)

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