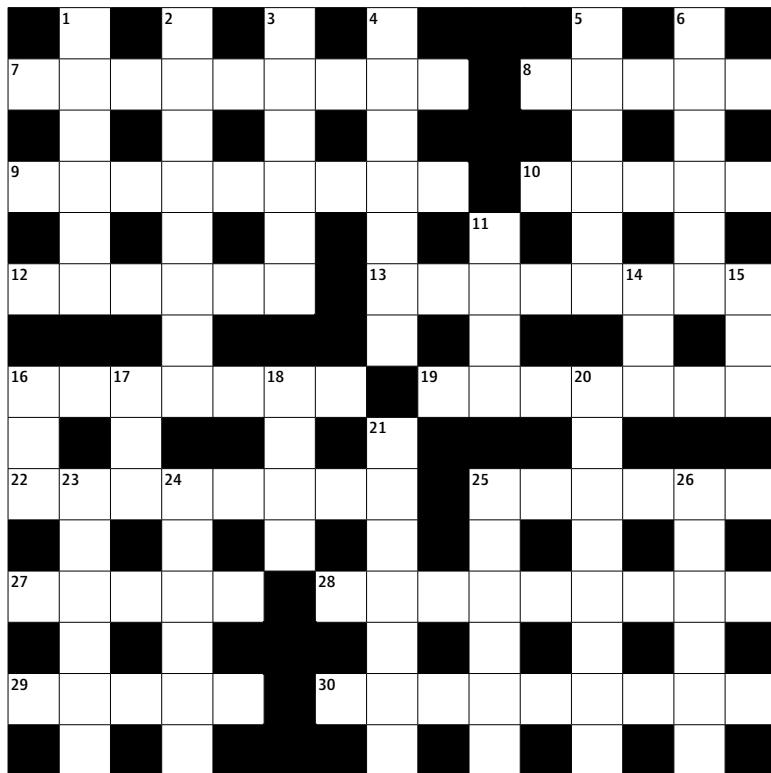


Guardian cryptic crossword No 27,822 set by Qaos



Across

- 7 Desires a soft, small French salad for starter (9)
- 8 Magnificent, faithful leader swapping sides ... (5)
- 9 ... as you help construct a theatre (9)
- 10 Hotel, for example, housing 50? (5)
- 12 Loads sleep with partners (6)
- 13 Government managed 500 promotions for relatives (8)
- 16 Intense colour contains navy (7)
- 19 Over 50? I struggle to get right actor (7)
- 22 Physician returns US weapon in pouch (8)
- 25 Musician, one who used to tour with Queen? (6)
- 27 Write extremely neatly for money (5)
- 28 Friend twisted dial – not sure it's heavy metal (9)
- 29 Country with drinks (5)
- 30 Las Vegas entertains Queen with candour (9)

Down

- 1 Godfather recalled lines wearing glasses (6)
- 2 Agreed, so healthy (4,4)
- 3 Good many become Guides (6)
- 4 Trouble being on time delivering letter (7)
- 5 Yellow fish gobbled up, uncooked (6)

- 6,24 Playwright's shocking and her plot's about independence, right? (6,6)
- 11 Room for hire? Initially, everyone (4)
- 14 English bowler hat folds twice, centrally (3)
- 15 Gentleman sent back fried meat dish – fish is off (3)
- 16 Small boy, about 4, does a cartwheel (3)
- 17 Antique is regularly oiled (3)
- 18 Christmas sign up after 1st of November (4)
- 20 Bad driver holds up 10 for judge's preliminary examination of a witness (4,4)
- 21 On turning, whisk ain't making jelly (7)
- 23 Campaigns not getting into corrupted works (6)
- 24 See 6
- 25 Priest's after the style of church residence (6)
- 26 Region of land has no river (6)

Solution No. 27,821

