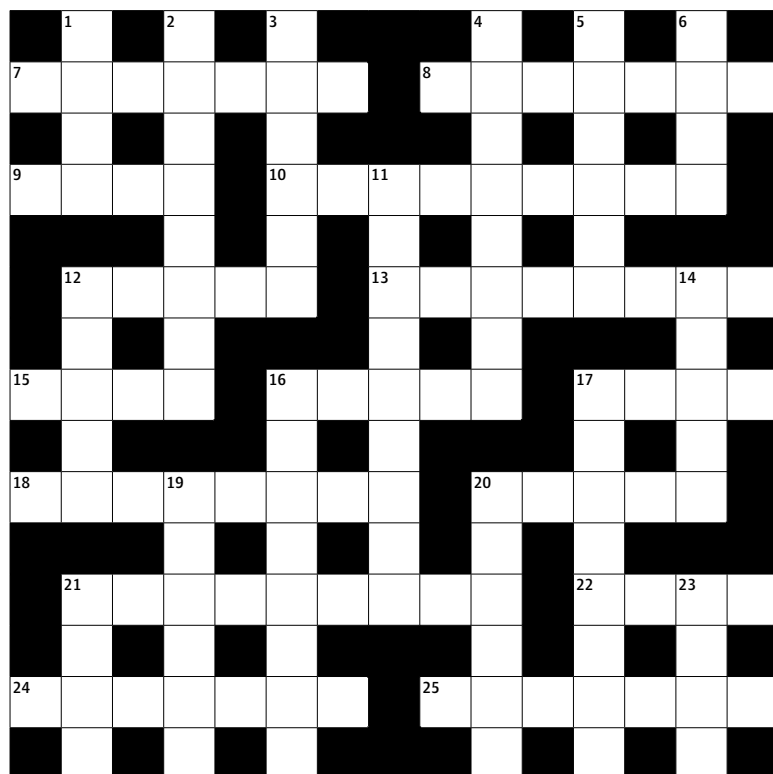


Guardian cryptic crossword No 30,113 set by Dice



Across

- 7 Rolling pad? (7)
 8 Country lover in threesome caught by postman (7)
 9 Will the author flog incomplete bit of fiction? (4)
 10 Artificial glow in hole, naked flame ahead (9)
 12 Backs off homeward rapidly after scoundrel leaves box? (5)
 13 Ran over, captivated by Tony's forbidden sweetheart, saucy thing! (8)
 15 Draw is as much as bowler can take, perhaps, losing heart (4)
 16 Nation with beer - ultimately *Brains* (5)
 17 Hutch, partner to Lacey, leaving New York (4)
 18 Resign, depressed after returning beloved animals (4,4)
 20 Clichéd rabbit straddling lover's rear (5)
 21 Those out-of-town rush trails - rambling but not hard (9)
 22 Maybe Skye lies elaborately (4)
 24 Warnings of danger from almost defeated Tories (7)
 25 Sounded like a sheep audible at Edgbaston trapped inside somewhere? (7)

Down

- 1 It could be rock, marble or maybe even mud?! (4)

- 2 Lifted part of chrysalid off a dying flower (8)
 3 Cwm venue cleared out to welcome everyone back from Hay (6)
 4 After capsizing, criticise involving fat swimmers (8)
 5 Doctor - in the past Neath's top fire-breather (6)
 6 Drink and drugs masking onset of rheumatism (4)
 11 Stifled complaints when flashy jewellery confiscated by parents (9)
 12 Players receiving nothing for progress without much effort (5)
 14 Sport wig, covering for baldy (5)
 16 Odd lawn cultivated around old group of trees (8)
 17 Dressing up Cain with drag clothing (8)
 19 Crime quick, taking in Inland Revenue (6)
 20 Shy exhausted little rook? (6)
 21 Big Bird runs, hearty, but half-cut (4)
 23 National emblem in France, the 'Disheartened Deer' (4)

Solution No. 30,112

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