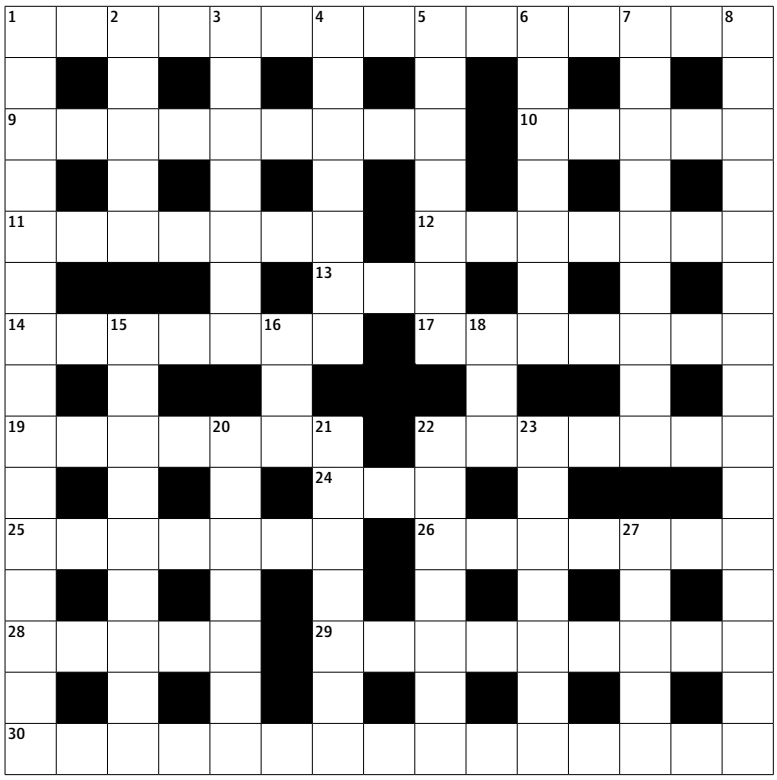
Guardian cryptic crossword No 30,140 set by Maskarade



Across

1 Miss appointment with firm - an average joker (5-2,8)
9 Patients treated outside hospital way back when (2,3,4)
10 Inhabitant has no den to take exams again (5)
11 Wind knocked over communist base first (7)
12 Vegans left Seville orange squashed on Rhine rock (7)
13 Windbag occasionally presents royal occupant of Castle Adamant? (3)
14 Native American drops third note to one who's proposed (7)
17 ID in magenta looking odd (4,3)
19 Blimey, Alec capsized the boat (7)
22 Dignified to a degree, relatively speaking? (7)
24 Tango with a pair of ducks, also (3)
25 Watertight floodgate (7)
26 When interviewers show agreement with seabirds (7)
28 '*TU*' - there's a French article about it (5)
29 First lieutenant dropping sultan round for Pharaoh queen (9)
30 Constant that's instrumental in marriage break-ups? (7,8)

Down

1 Attire for the Lido with roughly two GCSEs, minimum (8,7)
2 Vauxhall model almost off course (5)
3 Chinatown (7)
4 Publicity broadcast that is plain (7)
5 Bunting seen from floor to landing (7)
6 Walford resident's caught strange body part (7)
7 Artiste away from Barking industrial estate, protected from the elements (9)
8 Nightmare on this broadcast showing county (15)
15 Spread grain out, eaten by horse (9)
16 Length of US railroad (3)
18 Fairbrother's tune (3)
20 Cannot even eat here! (7)
21 Husband in lean-to brewing alcohol (7)
22 Achieved success - after many miles? (4,3)
23 Rough road ran somewhere up in the Pyrenees (7)
27 An unexpected bonus on a cake! (5)

Solution No. 30,139



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