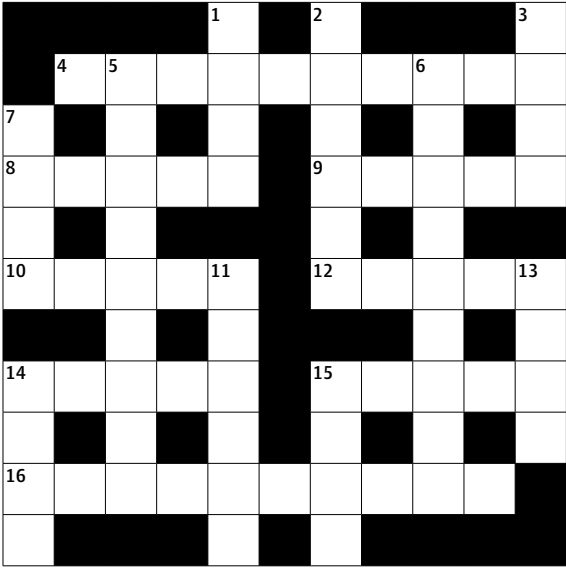


Guardian quick cryptic crossword

No 120 set by Ludwig



Across

- 4 Selfish concierge to (mostly) reform (10)
8 Versatile umpire that shows some guts (5)
9 At the beginning, given a second shandy, you're talkative (5)
10 For the audience, checks pavement edges (5)
12 What you use to dry fluttering owlets, largely (5)
14 Sample from calypso, largely describing the sun (5)
15 Touring Melton, scratching bottom, finding somewhere to stay (5)
16 Paper, pencils etc not moving, we hear (10)

Down

- 1 Steffi, Chris and Martina, in opening stages, needing racket (4)
2 One who's honoured after day ends, did you say? (6)

- 3 A little pachyderm is feeling uncomfortable (4)
5 On the radio, ape is member of armed militia (9)
6 Missing tail, sewer rat on tour in liquid with distinctive smell (4,5)
7 First of all, sonny, install new kitchen fixture for washing-up (4)
11 Not finishing braised bananas somewhere in the Balkans (6)
13 Relax with some icelollies (4)
14 For starters, serving of salad onions is acceptable (2-2)
15 Locks, in a stable, chief that can be heard (4)

TODAY'S TRICKS Clues begin or end with a definition of the answer. The rest is one of these:
Soundalike Something that sounds like answer 'Excited, Oscar's announced (4)' gives WILD
Hidden word(s) Answer hidden in clue's words 'Some have altered meat (4)' gives VEAL
Acrostic First letters of answer 'Initially get a good joke (3)' gives GAG
Anagram minus last letter Jumble most of the word(s) 'Plants in Red Sea mostly swaying (5)' gives REEDS

Solution no 120

