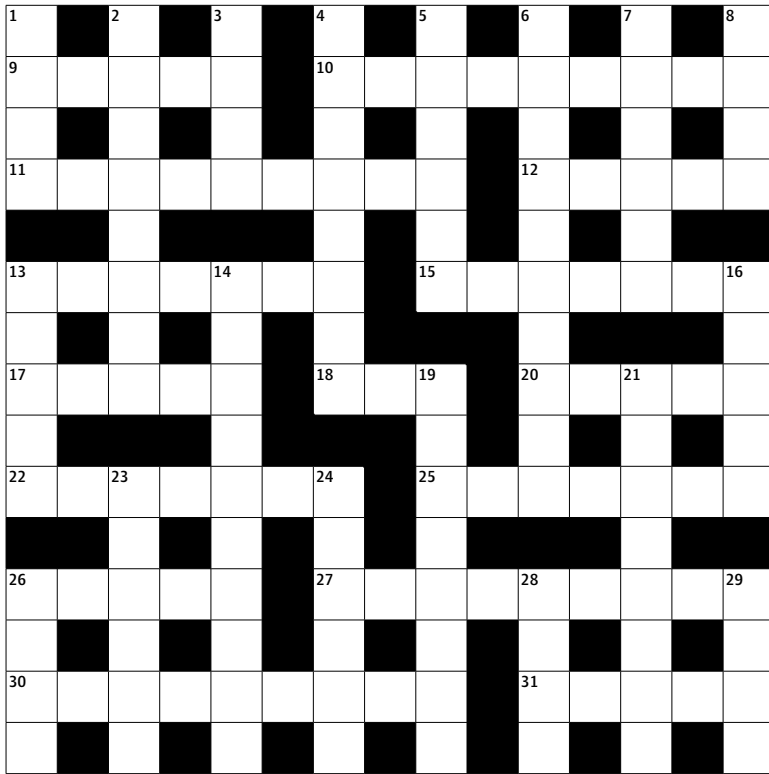


Guardian cryptic crossword No 29,416 set by Brummie



Across

- 9 White female featured in article (5)
- 10 Blood cell cycle out - rebooted with drug (9)
- 11 Lawbreaker demanding tip to store working crane (9)
- 12 Policeman's drink on retirement (5)
- 13 Northerner - I say! - bagging Dior creation (7)
- 15 Medieval instrument about to be given a novel name (7)
- 17 No limits to returning serfs' fever (5)
- 18/26 Singer, Jack, appearing in scholarly books (3,5)
- 20 Cold English houses of the past (5)
- 22 Bird caught outside one avian centre, which didn't go down well (7)
- 25 US state has scope to perform a dental operation (7)
- 26 See 18
- 27 Don't jump the gun - hang on pending the computer experts! (4,3,2)
- 30 Old PC from celebrated British designer, short of some memory (9)
- 31 Staggering mythical bird at Killarney's outskirts (5)

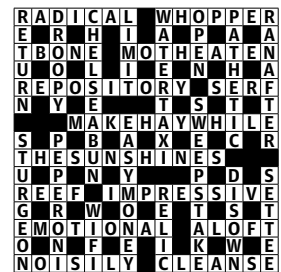
Down

- 1 Auditorium bag, not old (4)
- 2 Old vehicles from church, with a

bold, colourful display on Sabbath (8)

- 3 Dramatist put away? No way! (4)
- 4 IT broadcast with Naples' most outspoken (8)
- 5 Horse you could tell the time by? (6)
- 6 Youngster going round ship getting kicks - overbearing type (10)
- 7 Needing specs to see one's old photograph (6)
- 8 Stag do evening eventually starts with Rex (4)
- 13 Top soldier and officer going round Spain (5)
- 14 Sound as a bell, taking in Saigon excursion, being a doctor? (10)
- 16 Musical sort of basket, open-ended (5)
- 19 Doctor carries one thing around for a certain time (8)
- 21 Put your foot down (ostentatiously high-heeled?) to take part in this contest (4,4)
- 23 Flog a church set of Old Testament books (6)
- 24 Bully and lout backing up a dishonest tradesman (6)
- 26 Stick with British post (4)
- 28 Passion tree with bifurcate tip (4)
- 29 Story about disposing of Roger's trinkets (4)

Solution No. 29,415



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