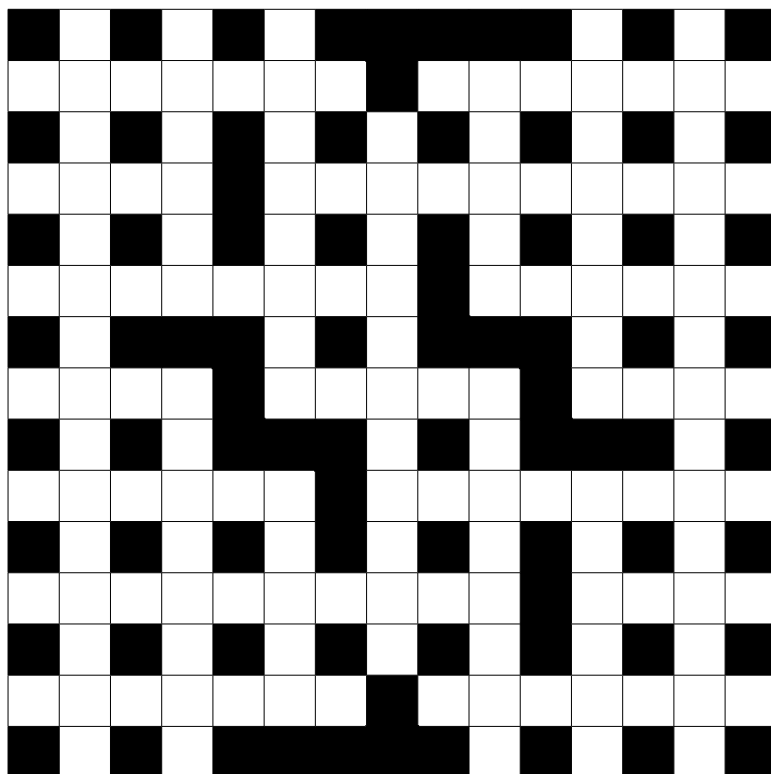


Guardian cryptic crossword No 29,177 set by Paul



Clues are in alphabetical order of their solutions, which should be fitted in the grid jigsaw-wise, however they will go.

- A** Funny short first name, one she invented (7,4,4)
- B** Italian port and toast (8)
- C** Weapon, end blunted, sailor pushed back in (7)
- D** Scottish town where French author is overheating, as being deported (8)
- E** Last drops of the powerful Tequila, Mexican spirit (4)
- F** In death, produce salute (10)
- G** Design of architect in little bits, factory unfinished (6,4)
- H** Handle stick after head shaved (4)
- I** British princess in French city uncovered deception, finally (6)
- J** Old player in spin, male introduced to setter and playwright (5,4,6)
- K** Manifold, various little bits initially, one below a thousand (5,6)
- L** Animal caught by insect with no effin' chance (7)
- M** Uniform in green, I'm awfully sweet (8)
- N** Fortification erected for former presidential candidate (5)
- O** A part concerned with what borders shelter (3,5)
- P** Vehicle missing Rolls-Royce after parking manoeuvre (4)
- Q** Drug: one popped by mighty character from the sixties, ecstasy (7)
- R** Cheese maker wants money back (6)
- S** Grease requiring two sponges, the first having removed stink (5)
- T** Bag hides short tear well (8)
- U** Source of evil embodied by Paul, certainly (5)
- V** Group of characters very eccentric at first on entering parliament (6)
- W** Baby container litter picker found, having dropped the last two (4)
- X** Ancient carved image unsigned, upon which animal turned up (6)
- Y** Why I'll never stretch out on a mat without a selection of food in pots? (8)
- Z** Unknown god I don't know in win/lose situation (4-3)

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H	S	U	U	R	B	K	B
A	N	T	I	P	A	S	T
T	A	P	E	T	G	S	R
C	A	N	D	I	E	D	
H	D	T	S	H	V		
E	S	S	A	Y	T	I	C
T	I	R	H	E			
M	I	N	I	S	T	E	R
A	H	M	L	U	S		
N	U	R	S	E	M	A	I
I	L	T	R	B	W		
H	I	D	A	L	G	O	
O	D	O	D	U	A	E	U
P	I	L	A	U			
E	E	T	S	E	Y	K	D

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