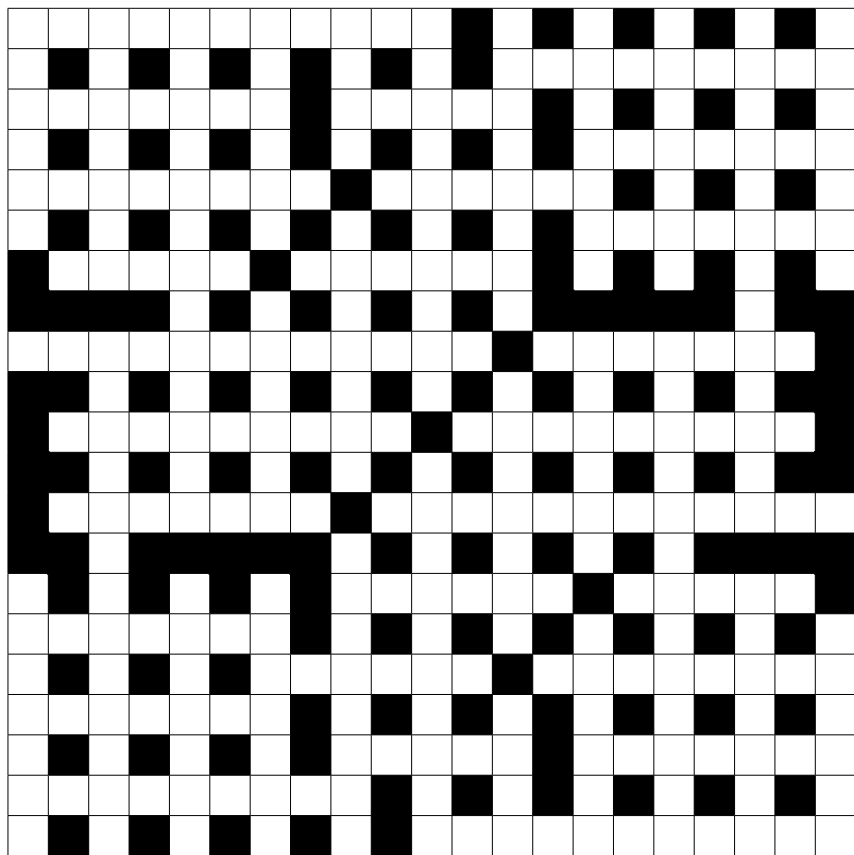


Guardian cryptic crossword Christmas prize jigsaw



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Clues are listed in alphabetical order of their solutions, which should be entered in the grid jigsaw-wise to fit. In each pair of solutions beginning with the same letter, one is of a kind, not further defined.

- A** Landlady's fish (7)
Unfinished movement –
Palestrina's last (7)
- B** What bloomer is cooking? (11)
College official taking beer and
sleep regularly (6)

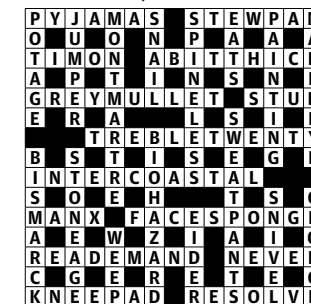
- C** Two other theme words on the
radio (7)
Charge carrier? (9,4)
- D** Rider falls during dressage,
losing heart (7)
It lacks water vapour in dull
state (3,3)
- E** Enthusiastic sign that is seen in
hospital department (9)
Wind hasn't half gone over
canal (7)

- F** Fictitious sleuth's replacement
organ? (5,3)
He splits and leaves US sports
team (7)
- G** Foremen's outright blunders
(6)
New Ford appearing in spring
– not half! (7)
- H** Male – one-time female (7)
He's got the lot! (7,6)
- I** Maskarade isolated (5)
Wild lion with a cute jab (9)
- J** Top – not second – taking in
last bit of acclaim (6)
Signs on with links to the
dotted line? (5,2)
- K** Independent left strict Jewish
sect in self-defence (6)
One thousand by sports
ground – amateur has left (5)
- L** Unploughed land and river lass
circling round (3-3)
Short break and topless maître
d', perhaps, came back (8)
- M** Contemplative discourses lack-
ing these peace-making actions
(10)
One for the commentator
before November (4)
- N** Advanced during 10-all frolic
(7)
Cinematic movement from
long short story that's blurred
(8,5)
- O** Love fanciful Scouse bird (6)
Cooker, not new, slowing down
on the whole (7)
- P** Dad's appointment list cut in
half (7)
Abundance of poteen sipped
first, unless ordered (13)

- Q** Rectangular small ecological
area cordoned off by one lead-
ing conservationist (9)
Query about tune that's
popular (7)
- R** Give in partly to the pain and
rest in France (7)
Conceit running around in fine
car (5)
- S** Cadres cryptically are terrified
(6,5)
Small recording brought in
again (7)
- T** Sedative, note, having to
confuse Jack (9)
End of cabaret's risqué, we're
told (6)
- U** Most of the month witnesses
are heard (7)
Exploit in Paris – he is in
pick-up (7)
- V** Goes round East, in France (5)
More than one dressing in
vogue for a starter, wearing
plumes (12)
- W** Guarantees goods train enters,
going off the rails (10)
Jam and Jerusalem ladies and
eccentric friend (8)

- X** Articles by cross (6)
Turnover in plastic gulls? (4)
- Y** Greeting Middle Eastern fellow
in park (8)
Youth leader and doctor out-
side of temple (6)
- Z** Last letter to ecclesiastical
historian in middle of week (7)
Pastime at spot outside
Europe, with green carriage
coming back (12)

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