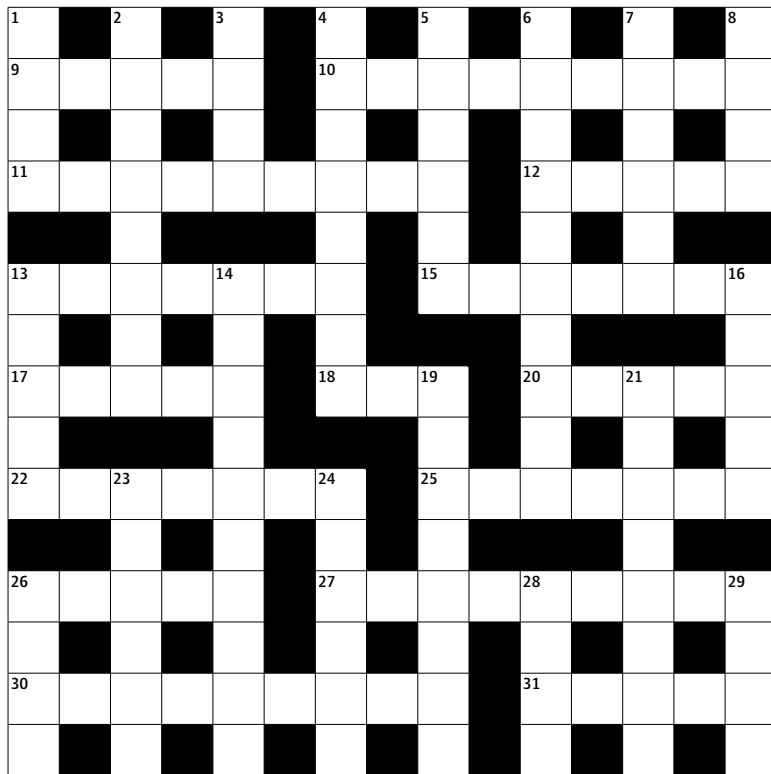


Guardian cryptic crossword No 29,165 set by Qaos



Across

- 9** Leader of Latvia wears crown, of course (5)
10 President in jumper and First Lady in extremely special shirt (9)
11 Flier for very strong tea to begin with in church (9)
12 Funny and strange - 10cc cover Mahler's overture (5)
13 Pattern exciting clients (7)
15 Boys in blue score! Shot going over heads of Portsmouth players (7)
17 Note car reversing on motorway (5)
18 Contemporary novel (3)
20 Perfect business transaction from Apple? (5)
22 French mathematician swapping units of temperature with messenger (7)
25 100 scream over rock tune (7)
26 By 1pm and 2pm? (5)
27 Chief supports electricity supplier shielding live (9)
30 Ignores party with roasted nuts (9)
31 Diamond I kept back to stay longer in sack (3-2)

Down

- 1** $2.7183 + 25 \div 3.1416$? That's impressive (4)

- 2** Sailor wearing favourite article to get food (4,4)
3 One's bound to land planes here or off bases (4)
4 Diarist starting to learn first note as soul singer (8)
5 Romantic turn by husband in time I see (6)
6 Understanding each plan to oust Conservative (10)
7 Setter's down then setter's up: that's a hysterical person (6)
8 Regarding the ear of alien - top third is missing (4)
13 Total bill for tree (5)
14 Red's issue? No midfield covering international work (10)
16 Character from The X-Files caught out by soil (5)
19 Wife juggling cake - it's most eccentric (8)
21 Copied foreign character, delighted to be outside (8)
23 Expose Sunak suspiciously hiding millions (6)
24 Book by scientists about oxygen on island (6)
26 Neat British cartoonist (4)
28 Rugby club taking part in Jerusalem (4)

29 Without hospitals (4)

Solution No. 29,164

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