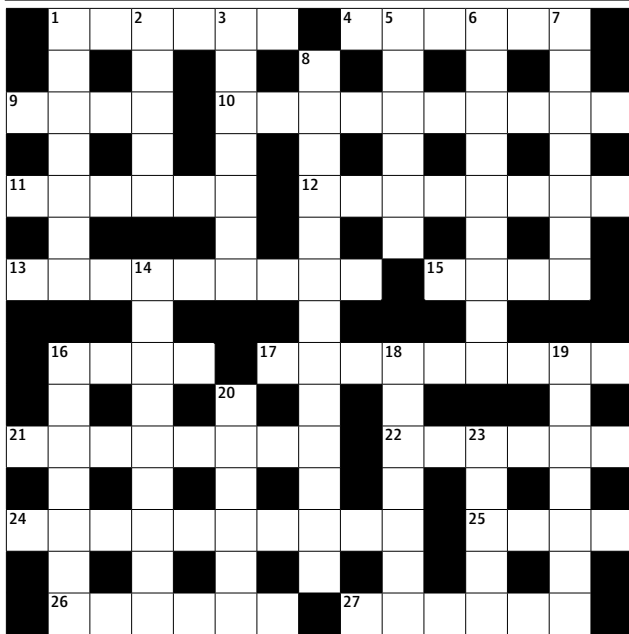


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 24,955 set by Brummie

## Across

- 1 Dude dressed in satin, no lining, is Swift (6)
- 4 Interval introducer, second one to step out (6)
- 9 Sexually exclusive second name (4)
- 10 Decorating it with pregnant bats (10)
- 11 Hem of outfit removed by river's severity (6)
- 12 Flightless bird's new roost in rocks (8)
- 13 Saviour's second coming; or conversion of husbandry (9)
- 15 Hawk's game over (4)
- 16 This newspaper and another's threads crossed (4)
- 17 Cooking aids roughly weigh kgs on top of scales (3,6)
- 21 Stray but hip tenpin bowler? (5,3)
- 22 Separate nation in which n-nothing is rejected (6)
- 24 Lay to rest in loo youth wearing scarf and gloves? (6-4)
- 25 Independent school's hi-tech store of music (4)
- 26 Wanting ever more front to garden of tall grasses (6)
- 27 Like holding aged circular saws (6)

## Down

- 1,5 Like a beauty queen on a float, relishing her advantageous position (7,6)
- 2 See 23
- 3 Grass drugs ring member put inside (7)
- 5 See 1
- 6 Voices concern initially about time travelling trail (9)
- 7,20 Afraid of operating mark bearing date (7,6)
- 8 Upright but unmoving – suffering, even (8,5)
- 14 Awful effort to comprehend Conservative measure (a bit leftish, say) (3-6)
- 16,18 Battle-scarred troops not demobilised? (7,7)
- 19 Small Scottish town sinks or swims (7)
- 20 See 7
- 23,2 Said to dismiss deceitful cur keeping head low? (5,5)

Solution No. 24,954

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