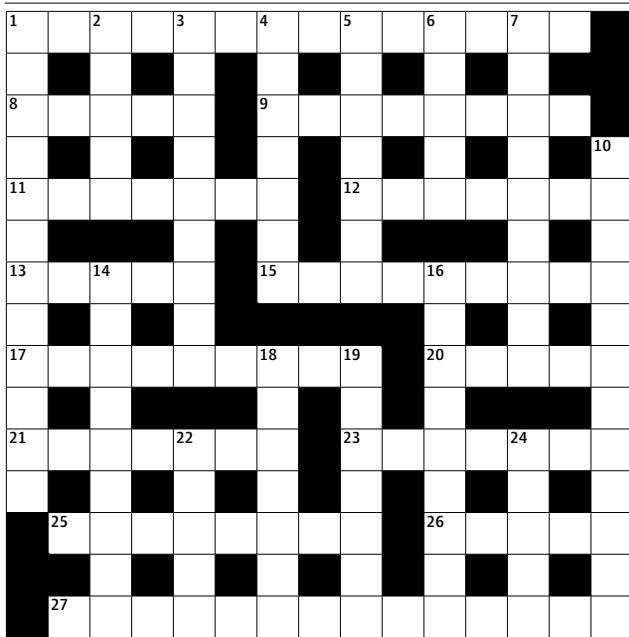


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 1 It's exasperating, old use maybe, having to sing about an ancient city (4-10)
- 8 Ready for use in silly panto (2,3)
- 9 Speak passionately, but another way, then strike (3-5)
- 11 Protection for Sara held back by police partly (7)
- 12 Rubbish: you can see plenty in a small family (7)
- 13 "The Dark Cavalier" hides his head (5)
- 15 Discordant duet I test, which is poor (9)
- 17 Checked style gets admired (9)
- 20 Note about trouble and the prescription? (5)
- 21 Feet all clumsy? Look at this ad! (7)
- 23 Expand highway to be inside bend, nearly (7)
- 25 Woman carrier, single, bringing a bloodhound into this? (8)
- 26 Extend finger in use (5)
- 27 Means an unexciting sandwich (5,3,6)

## Down

- 1 Jumping on one leg in mini-complex for buyers (8,4)
- 2 Absolute when put into words (5)

- 3 Saver made half the penniless sit inside (9)
- 4 Determined daughter lies under a bench (7)
- 5 Refusals concerning enthusiasts (7)
- 6 Brute turning over hay, needing a pair of specs (5)
- 7 Paralyse the head of a halfwit (9)
- 10 Man with posterior spreading tries to be like someone else (12)
- 14 Chief criminal makes dog turn on priest (9)
- 16 I'm going to a concert and put off, if unrehearsed (9)
- 18 "Ain't it keeping one up?" asks the Queen of the Fairies (7)
- 19 Bather half hidden by activity to be formally discussed (7)
- 22 This girl needs to change daily (5)
- 24 Doctor with one foot in the bank (5)

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