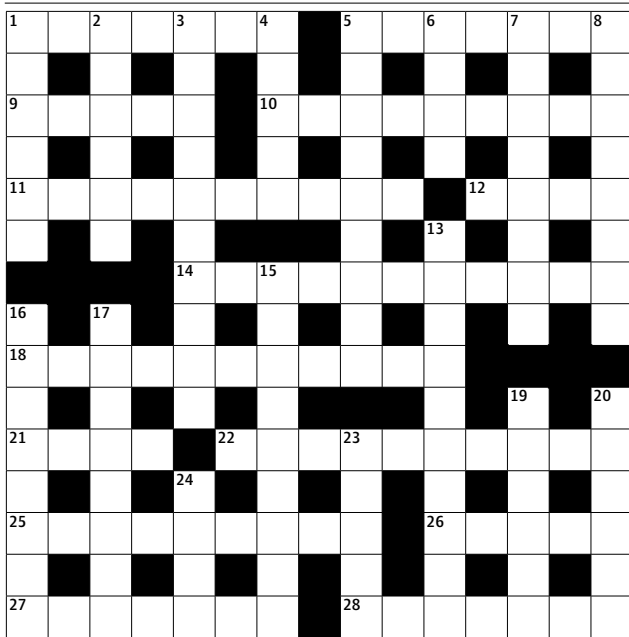


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,061 set by Brummie

Across

- 1 Kangaroo eating large loaf (7)
- 5 Storyteller? First, be mobile (7)
- 9 A lot of bag is back-to-front (5)
- 10 Blunt rod, dense at the centre, like an overgrown path? (9)
- 11 Gold's back in Bath, a grim old entertainer (10)
- 12 1 across has a role in party politics (4)
- 14 Beauty of a certain country's language enhanced by 1 across (7,4)
- 18 How long it takes to remove lid, maybe, when a jar becomes available? (7,4)
- 21 A 1 across, though not, say, Daisy, is still a 1 across (4)
- 22 Stationer relocated: just fifth of business booming (10)
- 25,19 Analyst in good 1 across one reserved (9,6)
- 26 Goblins don't need black looks (5)
- 27 Crawling, getting ready to drive around unnumbered motorway (7)
- 28 Don to see what can be got away with (3,2,2)

Down

- 1 Not the top grade old game, "Smashed" (6)
- 2 In Brno it powered back the freedom to choose (6)

- 3 Short duration composition of Britten with a 1 across (10)
- 4 Bullet heat (5)
- 5 Cut it fine cooking pasta (9)
- 6 1 across's word to surprise Black (4)
- 7 Water disturbance: boron covered by miniature one in drainpipes? (5,3)
- 8 "Kidnapped" then ____, given Swallows and Amazons treatment? (8)
- 13 Head studying irregular polygon holding her ground (10)
- 15 Working outside, not quite the millionaire but striving to be one? (2-7)
- 16 Provide residential care in Soho (uses itemised) (5-3)
- 17 Descent of awful dirge into tinkle (8)
- 19 See 25
- 20 Concert introduces first sign of strain to marriage (6)
- 23 Close on temperature for a usually colder period (5)
- 24 Not for one getting over sex (4)

Solution No. 25,060

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