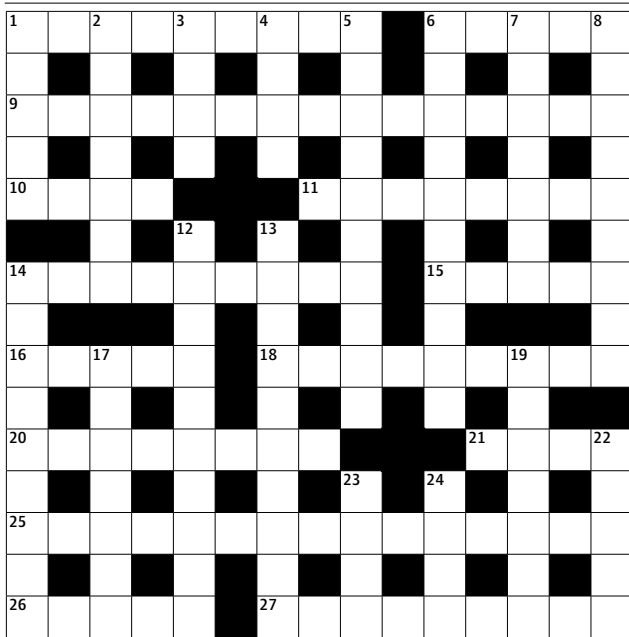


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1** Boycott flag at game of cards (9)
6 Prisoners keep start of year in Wales (5)
9 Speculation about supervisors – first one died (see above) (6,9)
10 Fish cures, I've 'eard (4)
11 Dietetically valuable acid: you need nearly 20 – one in earlier years (8)
14,24 Butterfly (in place of white horse) with hawk reportedly in cold and looking it (9,4)
15 Fighting back is the baroness (5)
16 Stiff and cold with top removed (5)
18 New earring conceals attempt at chant (9)
20 Thought out an issue in grass (8)
21 Address to cat in sound work (4)
25 Deep end adapted for books on toenails, say, as for birds (those words being one) (9,6)
26 East wind across the water, as it happens (5)
27 Yield tear, there being less doubt about it (9)

Down

- 1** See 6
2 Boy repeating article on crop (7)
3 It's a bit audible at the roadside (4)

- 4** A way for schools to organise money for charity (4)
5 Barbara is the top person at crosswords (10)
6,1 Oops! Now I must be off, having lobbied erratically for 5's book (10,5)
7 Where to get a drink problem in a brew (4,3)
8 Allurement of the French in part (9)
12 Idiot gets infatuated with Yukon – this is absolutely true (1,3,3,3)
13 Wrong valley, essential part of being alone (10)
14 Shot holder when wagon reached high ground (9)
17 Engage with King George over fruit (7)
19 Confiscate one thousand quid (7)
22 Weapon for society over fruit (5)
23 Body on board is right (4)
24 See 14 across

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