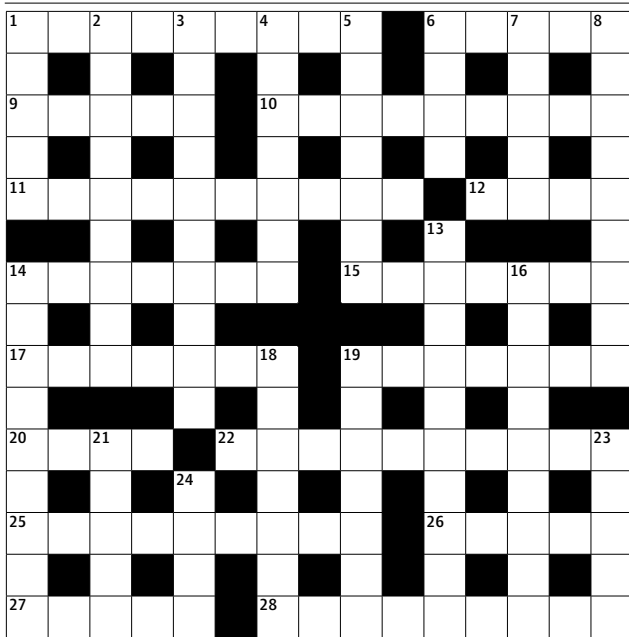


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,166 set by Gordius

Across

- 1 What happens is to get spotted about a certain age (9)
- 6 Bell starts its sound to carry back (5)
- 9 Maintain the retailer's beginning to end (5)
- 10 Angered at wild dog (5,4)
- 11 Test possible artistic ability for "Showboat", say (5,5)
- 12 Spare film director (4)
- 14 Youthful pastime lost by us oldies (7)
- 15 Chimney first built in the past brings back trouble (7)
- 17 A time to put across and be conciliatory (7)
- 19 Cup soon ruined by a little drop (7)
- 20 It may come in glasses for astigmatism (4)
- 22 "They abolish spats", said by a brother (10)
- 25 Home at the weekend, one dined but was still hungry (9)
- 26 In the old days insect left a shell (5)
- 27 Glow of genetic modification over pasture (5)
- 28 Very nice romp – and hard all the way (5,4)

Down

- 1 Direct and neat (5)
- 2 Girl vicars madly embrace – or the other way round (4,5)
- 3 Source of power from Blarney Stone? (7,3)

- 4 Belts to send rig repair ... (7)
- 5 ... necessary to end fuel spread (7)
- 6 This and that ... (4)
- 7 Rodent that's about to get ratty? (5)
- 8 One's not experienced corroded brass? (9)
- 13 Being erotic keeps animal endlessly on the hoof (10)
- 14 Girl turns up to iron out place of relief for process that may include relief (3,6)
- 16 With no charm an unlikely broadcaster to get this job (9)
- 18 Space for a couple to hug (7)
- 19 Slut, English or Balkan (7)
- 21 Sense of state corruption (5)
- 23 She finds much harassment upsetting (5)
- 24 It's a very little matter, like half of our letters (4)

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