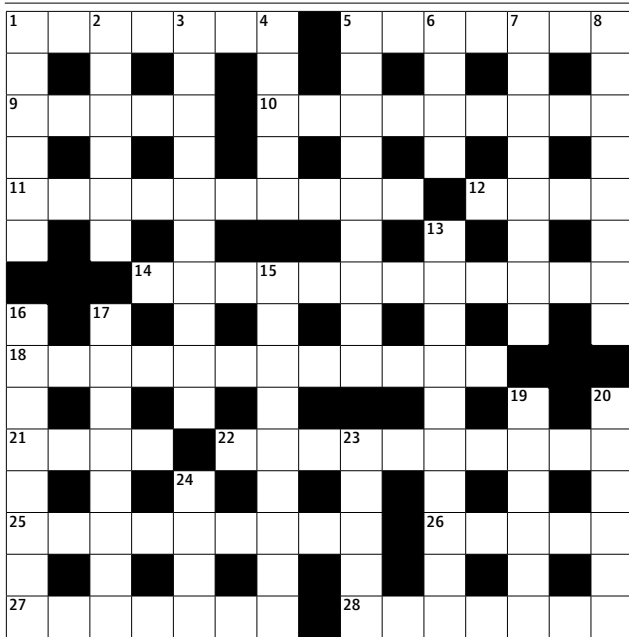


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,194 set by Paul

## Across

- 1 Kitty takes fish to cauldron (7)
- 5 Maoist leader's penetration of moderate after revolution is a process of assimilation (7)
- 9 Council for a fitter dog (5)
- 10,11,10,23 Motto of the un-14 16 team? Whatever rocks your boat! (9,7,3,9,5)
- 12 Composition requiring oxygen and bodily fluid? (4)
- 14,16 Drenching my own missis, ridiculous sport (12,8)
- 18 Beds draw cat needing a snooze, beginning to drop off (9,3)
- 21 Laugh at dummy (4)
- 22 Latest milk tooth, perhaps, was in front (10)
- 25 This setter's limited, to be fair (9)
- 26 Dramatic steps taken to get Brown to step down? (5)
- 27 Bomb, say, catching European king from behind (7)
- 28 Enormous bottom on cute figure? Sugar! (7)

## Down

- 1 Jolly ordinary chap circumnavigating island (6)
- 2 Something reddish-brown, very red poison (6)

- 3 Unpleasant person, unknown, hiding in birch tree (7,3)
- 4 Ins and outs, as advertised itinerary's held up (5)
- 5 In need of guidance certainly, having secured very poor grade (3,6)
- 6 Find flesh by the ear (4)
- 7 Dolly so red-faced? (8)
- 8 Reserve team inferior to East Ham (3,5)
- 13 Girl clutching to individual, Marie (10)
- 15 This, as fierce battle's ending, perhaps? (9)
- 16 See 14
- 17 Seasonal fare in the East London Observer? (5,3)
- 19 Earth, say, provides energy to feed bush, perhaps (6)
- 20 Couple with a jacket on, I gathered (6)
- 23 See 10 (5)
- 24 A song turning up – here? (4)

## Solution No. 25,193

