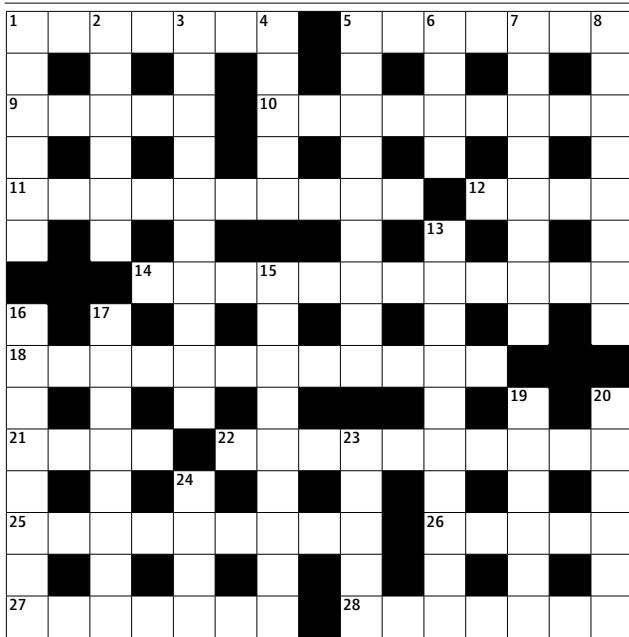


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,210 set by Puck

Across

- 1 Suspect reggae music taken to moon by American (7)
- 5 Former stink journalist dug up (7)
- 9 See 23
- 10 Learns off Messi shimmying round City back (9)
- 11 Eclipsing “night sun” Io, perhaps, as the “day sun” may be? (10)
- 12,4 Setter’s setter’s working as a singer (4,5)
- 14,1down Number of fellows in place next to border with a soldier caught wearing women’s clothing? (4,3,5,6)
- 18 Delaying tactics? Nothing new in that! (12)
- 21 Try to cut leader out (4)
- 22 Prostitute? Mine wears black, if welcoming guests (10)
- 25 King to rule as result of this pedestrian appearance by Queen? (9)
- 26 Drug ring detective follows with some hesitation (5)
- 27 Stupid me, this setter would say, looking like a deer (3-4)
- 28 A song to admire? (7)

Down

- 1 See 14
- 2 Lower classes coming into some money for bathroom items (6)
- 3 Went past a rude hovel needing repair (10)
- 4 See 12

- 5 Cheese plant he moved, having lost page after not quite finishing novel (9)
- 6 Mythical Greek character always in Aphrodite’s heart (4)
- 7 Second beat in the Faces’ “Wild Horses” (8)
- 8 Force out to find a home for plain-clothes policeman? (8)
- 13 Flowers coming out? One has stamina broken (10)
- 15 Antioxidant from river in flood, iodine replacing oxygen (9)
- 16 Shunned a bit of Wensleydale cheese cooked by daughter (8)
- 17 Setting for 23, 12 and 24’s featured song from Python? Ah, Leeds! (5,3)
- 19 See 24
- 20 Catherine hides hesitant expression, having married a frog (6)
- 23,9 Need part transposed to right key for singer (5,5)
- 24,19 Girl may be going out with a little jazz singer (4,1,5)

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