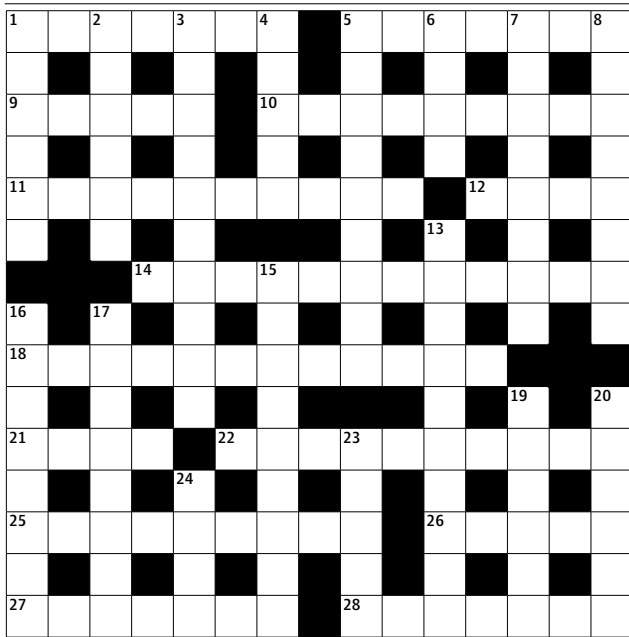


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,215 set by Rufus

Across

- 1 Ran wild in captivity, causing dreadful loss of life (7)
- 5 Naval ship requiring quarantine? (7)
- 9 A short spell of hostile behaviour (5)
- 10 Games pitch out in the garden (9)
- 11 Drink cures heart trouble (10)
- 12 Excessive discipline for male elephant (4)
- 14 Spoils actions meant to rectify (12)
- 18 First-day cover? (8,4)
- 21 Leisure facility (4)
- 22 Fan of sickness benefit? (10)
- 25 Poor relatives prepared to do a variety of jobs (9)
- 26 Former French island Napoleon went into (5)
- 27 Boards another's child (7)
- 28 After exam, tucked into a meal with a will (7)

Down

- 1 Risk not completing part of a church (6)
- 2 Scruffy dog follows student's charity procession (6)
- 3 To a shopper, oddly enough, it may indicate possession (10)
- 4 Follow directions and prosecute (5)

- 5 Stocking up time? (9)
- 6 Type of wine (4)
- 7 Unfairness in the value of shares (8)
- 8 Solitary eccentric, supporter of the monarchy (8)
- 13 Silly men (10)
- 15 Crash of train carrying elderly actor (9)
- 16 Watches and obeys (8)
- 17 Don't lose that quiet shyness (8)
- 19 He attacked the Romans but turned tail at first (6)
- 20 Mourn for George, King-Emperor, the night before (6)
- 23 Doctor to buy one a drink (5)
- 24 Musical for jazz enthusiasts? (4)

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