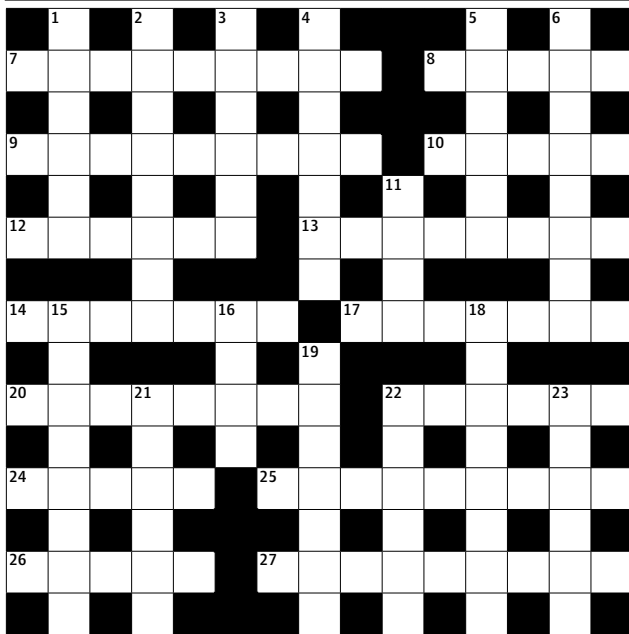


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,241 set by Gordius

## Across

- 7 God rejected dissipated local rector at first – he gets it in the neck (3-6)  
 8 Restaurant for the Greens? (5)  
 9 Newly arrived Scot became Emperor once (9)  
 10 Degree so elementary (5)  
 12 Writer enters composition (6)  
 13 Harpies contrived to take a point from a self-righteous type (8)  
 14 Fast mover short of four feet – look out! (7)  
 17 Mother retains head-gear for the holy man (7)  
 20 Gents are unlikely to break up a relationship (8)  
 22 Composer called an unfortunate, lacking ancestry (6)  
 24 Shoot a bird (5)  
 25 Form of publication about sport shows scholarship (9)  
 26 At the local one finds means of communication (5)  
 27 Shop replacing gasometer? (9)

## Down

- 1 Devastator of place and time (6)

- 2 With cost adjusted price is about right without tax (4-4)  
 3 Dive with breathing apparatus during exercise (6)  
 4 Pet with pal struggling over a tree (7)  
 5 Endless malaise treated with sausage (6)  
 6 Music Leo composed for the theatre (8)  
 11 Tina's famous wedding location (4)  
 15 Wormwood makes thin base (8)  
 16 Narrow way for the donkey in Provence (4)  
 18 A soft little craving (8)  
 19 Nonsense writer, first name shortened with 25 (7)  
 21 Regret taking root (6)  
 22 Loader when working finds it a great trial (8)  
 23 Directors at sea? (6)

## Solution No. 25,240

