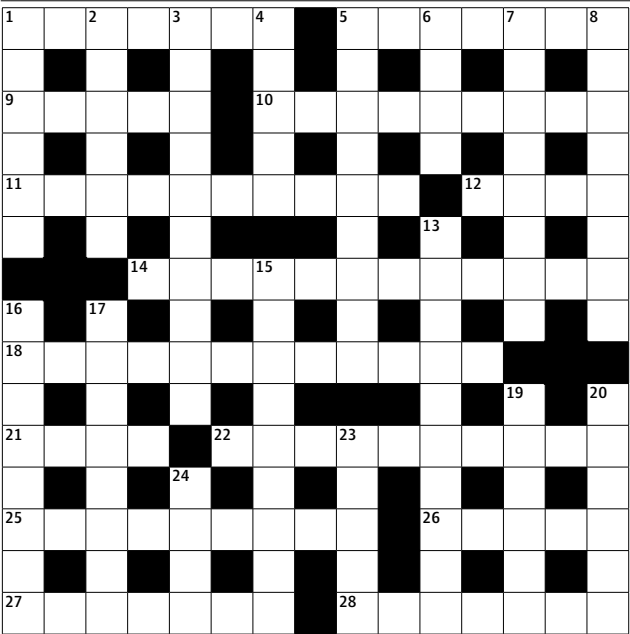


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,263 set by Rufus

Across

- 1 Typical measure by couple to show affection (7)
- 5 Formic solution to indigestion? (7)
- 9 Winter cover raised in freeze (3,2)
- 10 Country with university team represented in festival (9)
- 11 Honestly devoid of cant? (2,3,5)
- 12 Yes, truly an aspiration (4)
- 14 Still twenty required to get even (6,1,5)
- 18 On motorway, coming into certain disaster (12)
- 21 Secure top of foresail in rough sea (4)
- 22 They serve little Arthur during drinking bouts (10)
- 25 Forceful argument makes crossword solving difficult (4,5)
- 26 Vessel about to be broken up (1-4)
- 27 Ties the rest in knots (7)
- 28 Take a liberty? (7)

Down

- 1 Inventor having no team backup (6)
- 2 Sounds coming from fold or stable (6)
- 3 Detains suspects (10)
- 4 Bird that is below par (5)
- 5 A low place to live brings humiliation (9)

- 6 Address of the Quakers (4)
- 7 Attendant taking tea to Evita (8)
- 8 The last place you would expect to find someone (8)
- 13 Nut roast as cooked for high fliers (10)
- 15 He's coming in to sign reference book (9)
- 16 To break a strike is a tremendous success (5,3)
- 17 Invite trouble because of appearance in a satirical show (3,3,2)
- 19 Girl carries on in Juliet's place (6)
- 20 Repeatedly set about a bloodsucking fly (6)
- 23 Set a test – an oral test (5)
- 24 Aunt weeps, admits being excessively sentimental (4)

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