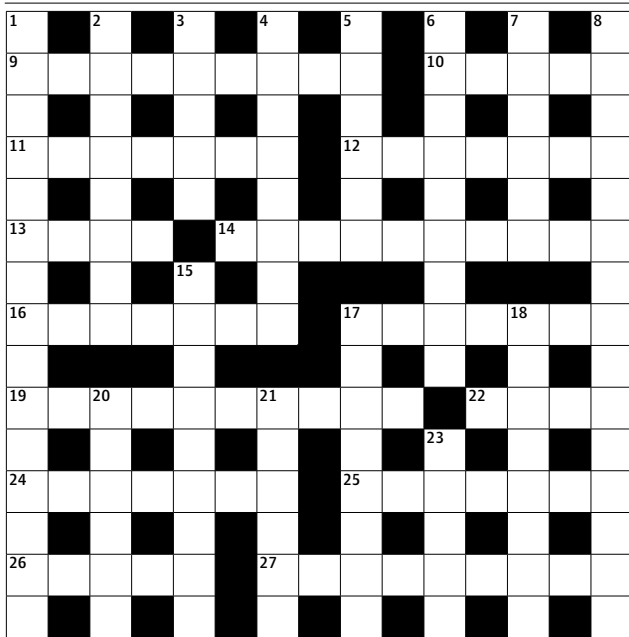


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 9 Annexe's relieved state? (9)
- 10 15 button's capital, wanting its first letter second (3-2)
- 11 French artist paints only the back entrance (7)
- 12 Raider unfortunately behind time – becoming more so? (7)
- 13 'Orrible comic character demanding jelly (4)
- 14 Bridge game where players drop something – nothing this bad among lowered marks (10)
- 16 Rex as it's written at the rear of mobile toilet (7)
- 17 One's quick to slip in tongue, extracting tonsils finally (7)
- 19 Ylper? (6,4)
- 22,20 Heartless rabble's sensational shocker? (4,6)
- 24 Knowing tune backwards, movement requiring no thought (7)
- 25 Shakespearean king established Christmas should be rejected (7)
- 26 Slurring, you drink to consume (3,2)
- 27 Paramedic, say, has organ to keep safe, perhaps? (9)

Down

- 1 A little rash, yobbo gobbles string up to appear uninhibited (3,2,3,4,3)

- 2 Award asbo to granny punching good man still (8)
- 3 See 21
- 4 Pump-action's isolated shot (8)
- 5 Muddy chants a little music (6)
- 6 A pace into seawater, a departure from grass? (9)
- 7 Signs up? (6)
- 8 Politician claims Leon the writer can clean up the holiday business (7,8)
- 15 Film tailless snake biting love during riotous date (9)
- 17 One left feeding short figure in operation (8)
- 18 Failing to produce the intended result – a bit over, perhaps (8)
- 20 See 22
- 21,3 Collapse, with universal investment in US bank? (6,5)
- 23 Divine, breaking window seal (5)

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