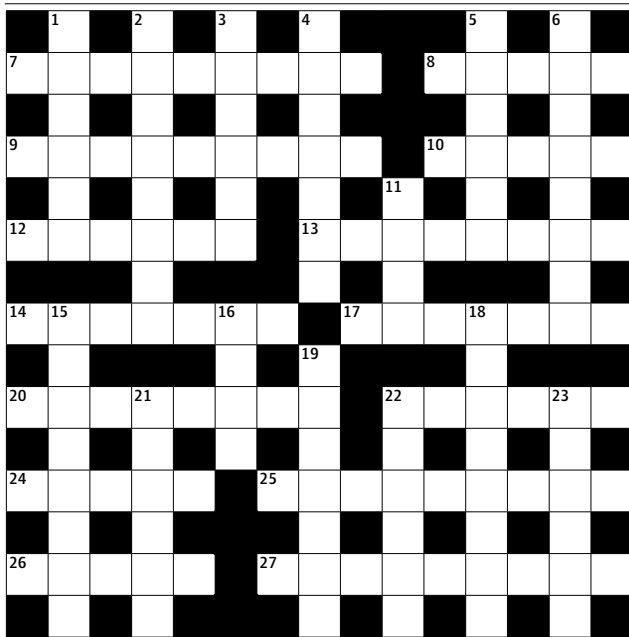


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,353 set by Rufus

Across

- 7 Junior officer makes warship change direction (9)
- 8 Confuse and dismiss batsman (5)
- 9 Stimulant for a Northern Ireland development (9)
- 10 The pride of British rugby (5)
- 12 Go over rough rut (6)
- 13 Transport used in winter or spring passage (3-5)
- 14 Supports people have when annoyed (5,2)
- 17 Cry from a whale? (7)
- 20 Antiquated, so allowed to be held in honour (8)
- 22 Irishman at church for spiritual guidance (6)
- 24 Government report (5)
- 25 Bill is negative about raising it (9)
- 26 Ocean liner (5)
- 27 Somehow resent accepting small bribe (9)

Down

- 1 Killing the upsurge of revolutionary spirit (6)
- 2 Encounter reserve in one's social network (8)
- 3 Macbeth, for example, goes after final piece of fuel (6)

- 4 Not a pleasant walk pirates ordered (7)
- 5 A fabric that is woven as and when pleases (2,4)
- 6 Importance of a cardinal's address (8)
- 11 Only a minor burn (4)
- 15 One should get on with it (8)
- 16 Second-hand but found serviceable (4)
- 18 Dandy draws pretty girls (8)
- 19 Grassland mowed as ordered (7)
- 21 Dull-witted, note, after punishing bouts (6)
- 22 A joint stake (6)
- 23 Make much of Tesco's new blend (6)

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