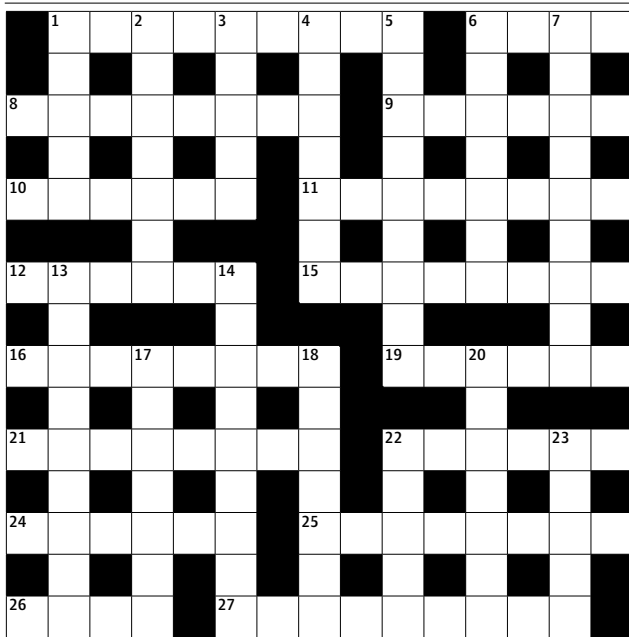


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Engineers longing for repair job? (9)
- 6 It's a really big bra size that would take **me** aback (4)
- 8 Our tiny vehicle originally transported exotic seed (5,3)
- 9 Flower seller online (6)
- 10 House of Tudor angered some (6)
- 11 In Paris a motorboat started by girl departs without a crew (8)
- 12 Second car is an old one (6)
- 15 Regular occurrence after marshalling yard shut (8)
- 16 Southern friends touring part of London with extra on-board fare (8)
- 19 Sleuth managed to put pressure on (6)
- 21 King with a French way about his pretentious magnificence? (8)
- 22 Fry-up I concocted, free from anything unsavoury (6)
- 24 Wife's left hat with old jacket (6)
- 25 Lawless one meeting end in electric chair, perhaps (8)
- 26 Two thirds fly back for exam (4)
- 27 Characteristic air with which Esme casually wears skimpy garment (5,4)

Down

- 1,3 Eurovision hit Verdi composed in state of ecstasy? Not initially (10)
- 2 Sailor displaying Jolly Roger at first (7)
- 3 See 1
- 4 Safe place for money, as it turns out (2,5)
- 5 Detailed how maul got out of control in one part of the pitch (9)
- 6 Clear as daylight, two sides to tennis court grievances (7)
- 7 Narrow escape when visiting the neighbours? (5,4)
- 13 Deliberately stirred purée briefly with spoon (2,7)
- 14 A day in dopey stupor, endlessly like t-h-i-s? (6,3)
- 17 Change name in secret (7)
- 18 Setter leaves South American country with something family will share (7)
- 20 Wind is up before doctor leaves the country (7)
- 22 Penny and the others put back what's moved during earthquake (5)
- 23 Cast finally look into naming group leaders (5)

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