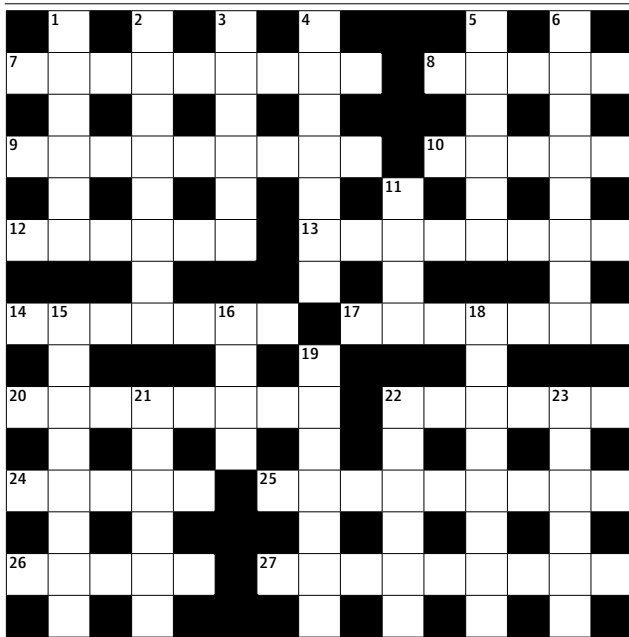


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,479 set by Rufus

## Across

- 7 Organise strike that will achieve aim unerringly (6,3)
- 8 Conduct British band (5)
- 9 Winning by rendering defenceless? (9)
- 10 Fish appeared to be off (5)
- 12 They involve a shift in one's beliefs (6)
- 13 Hold a show trial (8)
- 14 Major transaction sarcastically acclaimed! (3,4)
- 17 He's unpopular, having dismissed the actors (7)
- 20 Scotsman has his brief moment of masculine glory (8)
- 22 Managed football team without love for autocratic foreigner (6)
- 24 They guide southern sailors (5)
- 25 Fairy with opportunity for looking around (9)
- 26 He sculpted man embracing girl (5)
- 27 Purge has racist components (9)

## Down

- 1 Note article cannot be reduced (6)
- 2 Started out late (8)
- 3 Must fix rider's wooden legs (6)

- 4 Soldier's stood up girl and married woman abroad (7)
- 5 Misdeed on a battleground (6)
- 6 Snail, say, is about to show determination (8)
- 11 It became you (4)
- 15 Idleness seen at work (8)
- 16 In addition a number's coming to zero (4)
- 18 Opening lines in court (8)
- 19 Odd name for gang leader (7)
- 21 Horse on hire, having been broken (6)
- 22 Escape of fifty during battle (6)
- 23 A round game, perhaps (3,3)

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