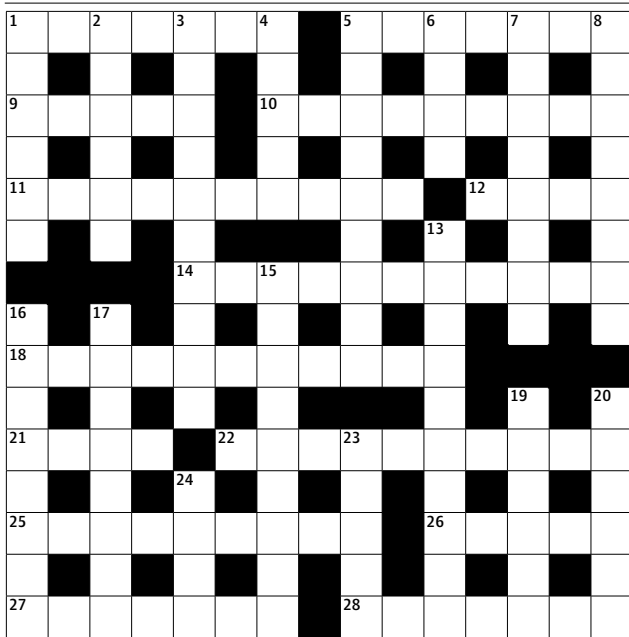


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Take home instrument boxes shaped like a crescent (7)
- 5 One in happy congregation responsible for ring (7)
- 9 Try to throw money over cross (5)
- 10 Backed protest about Brown, I thought (9)
- 11 Panic over river animal reaching inlet (5,5)
- 12 Number 2 pulled back zip (4)
- 14 Wreaths with two flowers worn at play (7,4)
- 18 Philosopher giving an American guitar to the 'appy couple? (11)
- 21 Christopher Lee finally developing into a high-flier (4)
- 22 Issue robot order to be rowdy (10)
- 25 Ancient flier on quiet Eurostar train (9)
- 26 Foolish fish may be trapped here endlessly (5)
- 27 Collide when I turn on switch (3,4)
- 28 Result of pesticide use on plant (7)
- 3 Cut bid for cat with twisted guts (10)
- 4 Record type of sausage hung up (5)
- 5 Be persuaded to wake up (4,5)
- 6 Musicians leave handkerchief for lady (4)
- 7 Plate carrying meat source is the cause of disease (8)
- 8 Traders fancy Middle Eastern bird (8)
- 13 Encouraging "X" to interrupt trial (10)
- 15 Lover flicking perfume into dresses (9)
- 16 Goad bird hovering over plant (8)
- 17 After start of play lady embraces man in the gods (8)
- 19 Protective covering also placed round fruit (6)
- 20 Hounds leader off property (6)
- 23 Rub hard with brush (5)
- 24 Horse managed to eat nothing (4)

Down

- 1 Posh Frenchman exploded (3,3)
- 2 Criticise girl entering Scottish town from the south (6)

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