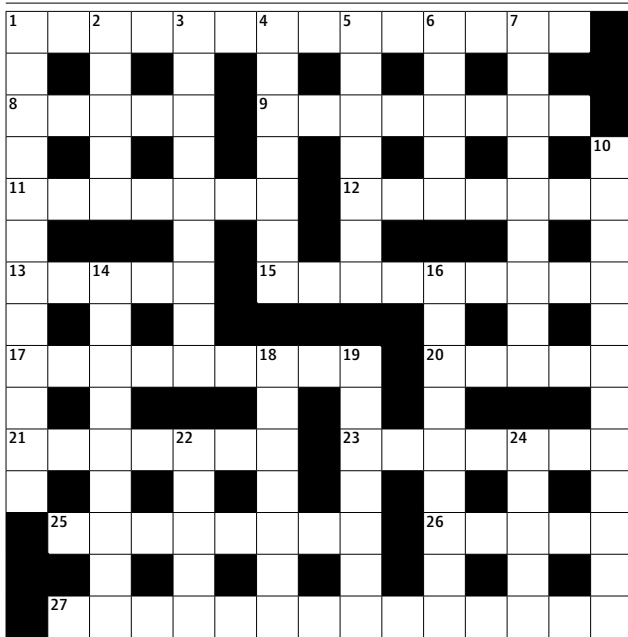


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1** Thrilled parasite was lethal! (7,2,5)
8 Cardboarded truck? (5)
9 Orbison's recording is visionary: minds are made up (2,6)
11 Duke leaving bird in boot again? (7)
12 Sign of life after sappers drive back (7)
13 Stop, say, before junction (5)
15 "National service morally wrong", admitted leaders in artillery and infantry (5,4)
17 Don Juan is one friend of Mary Poppins in work (9)
20 Way-out humour in part in Salad Days (5)
21 Transport Orlando with large hamper (7)
23 Metropolitan area announced ironic error (7)
25 Starters for two, using raw mushrooms, rice, nuts, curry powder (8)
26 Skip comes back with name for title role (5)
27 Rotten preacher? Nobody's perfect (6,8)

Down

- 1** Borough play – drag queen's providing cover (5,7)
2 Pens and cobs primarily, taking donkey's years (5)
3 Bomber's house (9)
4 Bum visible in boat? (7)
5 Well-organised Communist revolution in airport (7)
6 Lofty from EastEnders heard in study? (3,2)
7 I'm an adult working in Madras now (5,4)
10 One with nipper may be in financial difficulties (4,3,5)
14 Opening amber fluid OK (9)
16 Hairstyle's messed up when doffing cap for one who's not a nun in a nunnery (3,6)
18 Bride appearing drunk after drinking two litres is certainly not ladylike (3-4)
19 Each character in Friends left out as result of nagging? (7)
22 Doctor entertained by old chairman's dance (5)
24 Liberal with novel proposition (5)

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