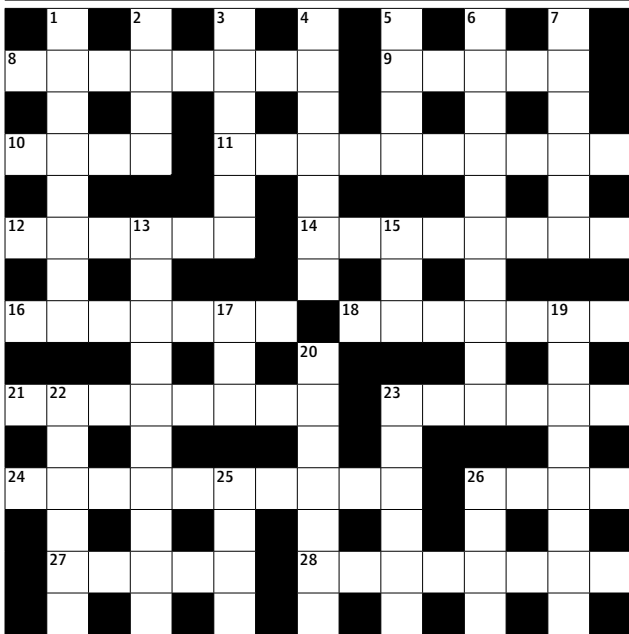


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,583 set by Brummie

## Across

- 8 Dramatic character making love in exotic villa, caught by doctor (8)
- 9 It's far from the gold route, start to finish (5)
- 10 Grant holds C sharp (4)
- 11 Crafty revolutionary move, terribly irksome, gaining last 75% of vote (6,4)
- 12 Operation cuts lives in extremely bloody medical procedure (6)
- 14 Crank cap, say, and chain for bird (8)
- 16 Caveman-speak about to be implanted in mutated Asian reptiles (7)
- 18 African warriors, revolutionary yet showing irreverence (7)
- 21 Tasteful circles restricting one with no time for medical openings (8)
- 23 Retired American, Mr Barlow Sweet? (6)
- 24 Verbal form of  $\pi$  reversed in electron, say (10)
- 26,4 Gigolo Don's dancing around all right, which is fair (4-7)
- 27,1 Keenly anticipating going-home time, like Westminster sightseers? (5-8)
- 28 Negative poles seen around hot air (8)

## Down

- 1 See 27
- 2 Poet's round – very one just cited (4)
- 3 Tired skin lifted in surgery – extremely (6)

- 4 See 26 across
- 5 Report which a sailor often has to avoid (4)
- 6 Astronomer's job, giving celebrity Georgia energy (10)
- 7 For movement tailless parasites leap about (8)
- 13 Pressure on national bats circling entrance to Tottenham's growing estate (10)
- 15 See 20
- 17,23 Nothing's outside the scope of one who is single and ale-besotted (3-6)
- 19 Shell carrier sounding stretched on French river (8)
- 20,15 After pint, change of tempo in eg one looking for sexual pleasure (7,3)
- 22 Make a horticultural graft, caused by chain reaction round tip of tuber (6)
- 23 See 17
- 25 Angelica kept as cover for this? (4)
- 26 Computer enthusiast's right to abandon language? (4)

Solution No. 25,582

A	R	O	U	S	A	L	H	A	N	G	M	A	N
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