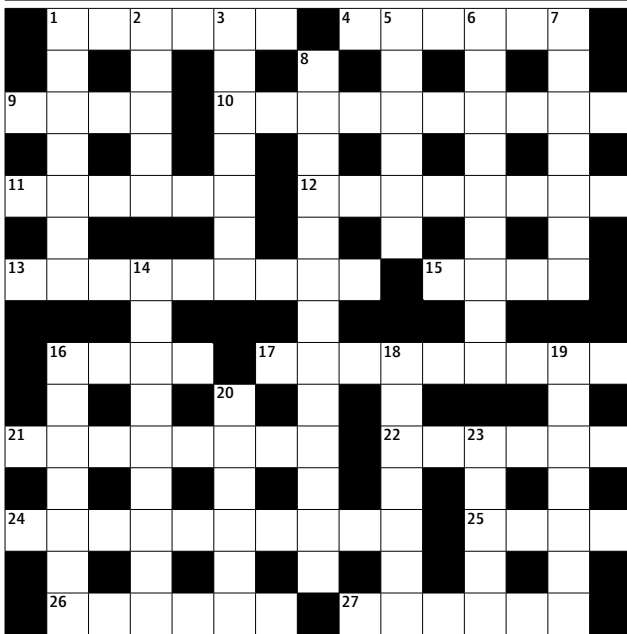


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Engineer in a car plant (6)
- 4 Setback after spring floods (6)
- 9 Bugs running risk (4)
- 10 Reserve disappearing with this vessel? (10)
- 11 Outlaw hugging a Big Apple tree (6)
- 12 Toad, ignoring Jack and Edward, chewed the fat (8)
- 13 Fighter pilot with boat crew (9)
- 15 Accommodation like leisure centre (4)
- 16 Drink that's put in the oven? (4)
- 17 Happy state suggests one with half of Guinness (9)
- 21 Worker not happy with reinforcement (6,2)
- 22 A lack of publicity about illness? That's OK (3,3)
- 24 Order to reps in certain retail outlet (10)
- 25 A bit of humidity in the south of France (4)
- 26 An ecclesiastic high-up like a llama? (6)
- 27 Copper reported parting words (3,3)

Down

- 1 Familiar ground following cut in postal service (7)

- 2 Cockney hurried, initially revealing name and rank (5)
- 3 Church leader in Ireland not in favour of red (7)
- 5 Do without current correspondence (6)
- 6 Actor takes time reading a play (9)
- 7 Cat basket finally grabbed by cardinals (7)
- 8 Jellied eels for starters – seafood devoured by male model (4,9)
- 14 Come to play cricket for Yorkshire city (9)
- 16 Break a saucer? Dash it! (7)
- 18 Not affected as engineers (7)
- 19 Animal in revolutionary American prison (7)
- 20 It supports lots of lines in port (6)
- 23 Private plaything entertaining same-sex couple? (5)

Solution No. 25,650

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