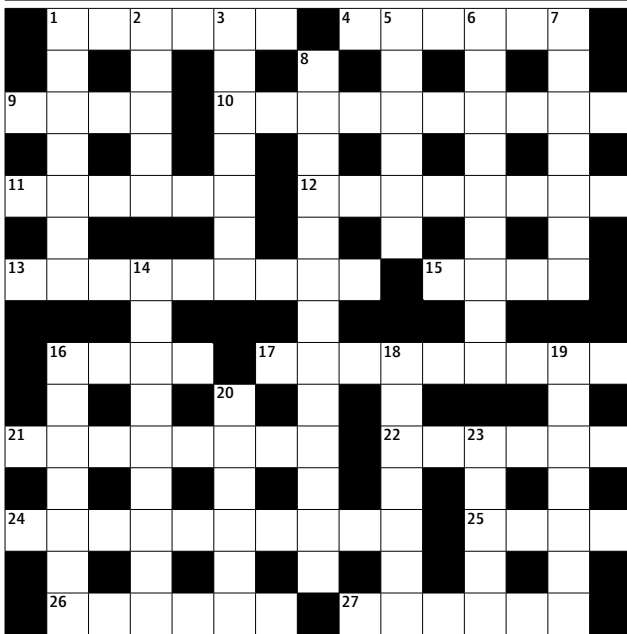


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,661 set by Arachne

## Across

- 1 Someone of fluid sexuality's bound to become a clergyman (6)
- 4 Albatrosses both taking turn to incubate brood (6)
- 9 Region made up of boundless warm seas (4)
- 10 Giant lime's monstrous pips (4,6)
- 11 It's of assistance to shepherd or miner, but not king (6)
- 12 Mills and Boon-style books in modern Greek (8)
- 13 One's up the duff in Room at the Top (9)
- 15 Lib Dem politician reportedly dealt sharp blows (4)
- 16 Lugs first of boats from harbours (4)
- 17 Answers to clues published when it's time to go to sleep (6,3)
- 21 Small island in river, short and narrow (8)
- 22 Male returning morning after morning with large-breasted creature (6)
- 24 Relative's entry into Britain's surprisingly supported by Labour and Tories? (10)
- 25 Bounder boxing hard as result of punch (4)
- 26 When you're caned, cane is something that grabs attention (6)
- 27 Arachne's nothing but crude (6)

## Down

- 1 Skin reportedly has lines and stripes in black and white (3,4)

- 2 Has ordered over fifties to make will (5)
- 3 Very busy, one then got off at last (2,3,2)
- 5 Imbecile finally promises end to continuous boom and bust (6)
- 6 Cockneys embracing new good causes (9)
- 7 Locate good woman, one in a hundred (7)
- 8 Is porn mimesis, acting, or an artistic movement? (13)
- 14 Severely criticised and curtailed American right to lock up men (4,5)
- 16 Requires guts? Run away! (7)
- 18 Funny ha-ha or funny peculiar? (7)
- 19 Juan was, we agree, regularly out in the dark (7)
- 20 Jacques Tati can't keep still (6)
- 23 Historian losing bet in gambler's paradise (5)

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