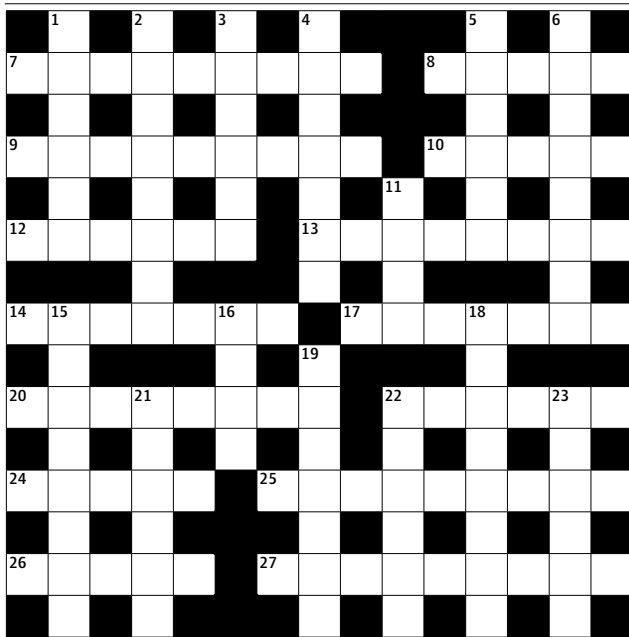


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,671 set by Rufus

Across

- 7 Attack thus with a long preparation (9)
- 8 Dismantle ruin collapsing with gravity (5)
- 9 He keeps records of matches (9)
- 10 Squadron loses fifty in battle (5)
- 12 Walk a little way – then go by bus? (6)
- 13 Marriage or adoption (8)
- 14 A huge pain for David's wife (7)
- 17 The only luggage one needs? (7)
- 20 Bet a long leaping stride is natural to it (8)
- 22 Is among those left to fight (6)
- 24 Fast getting chilly (5)
- 25 Kind of sale sought by potter (9)
- 26 Worker following church leaders in plainsong (5)
- 27 Sitting in garden in street by a railway (9)

Down

- 1 Turn up to find a number still outside (6)
- 2 Hitting a number in error (8)
- 3 Victorian rear extension sublet for redevelopment (6)
- 4 Like sheep are in a shed (7)

- 5 Unit is possibly Roman, naturally placed (2,4)
- 6 One that's drunk is off to dance (8)
- 11 Capable of scheming (2,2)
- 15 Chelsea versus Bath? (8)
- 16 Might be in or even out (4)
- 18 Dislike test said to be complicated (8)
- 19 Salesman is untruthful in his answers (7)
- 21 Become more relaxed when no longer criticised, we hear (6)
- 22 Are in debt, but managed to bring up the children (6)
- 23 It's safe to view, when dog is kept inside (6)

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