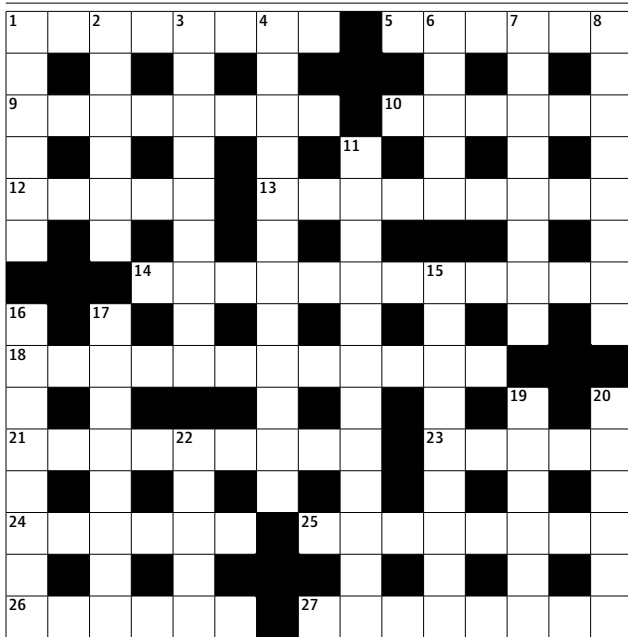


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1,5** Starts to revitalise crêperie “avec chef nouveau et ‘sexy’ menu nouveau” – pardonnez-moi! (6,2,6)
9 Breaking out in passion over long-legged bird (8)
10 It’s the ticket boy has in pocket (4-2)
12 Near the onset of the dark (5)
13 Artillery chap, one in food factory taking year off (9)
14 Nonetheless, Arsenal “Gooner” mutates to Chelsea aficionado (6,6)
18 I used to be ardent about farm machinery, but I’m cooler now (9,3)
21 Slower to progress, maybe reading new word in classic (9)
23 Strain to lift what’s reversed onto road (5)
24 Argue with bishop and rector about the “Son of God”? (6)
25 Budget? Divers can’t, cutting back (4-1-3)
26,27 Victorian battle orders to duke – so take care (6,8)

Down

- 1,16** Unconventional type manufacturing far better linen (6,8)
2 Completely fill military order (6)

- 3** Bright spark that is in work before afternoon (9)
4 Projector’s house set between two groups of three (5,7)
6 On for facsimile (5)
7 Well-seasoned teachers bomb, I’m surprised to have to admit (8)
8,20 Letters may be appended with it in respect of unpaid amount (8,6)
11 Looking back, awful Torres twisted muscle during international (2,10)
15 Unemotional way seen through a quote from down under? (9)
16 See 1
17 Scream at swerving vehicle (5,3)
19 Following college outside Europe, perhaps, front up for business (6)
20 See 8
22 Cause smoke for the audience (5)

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