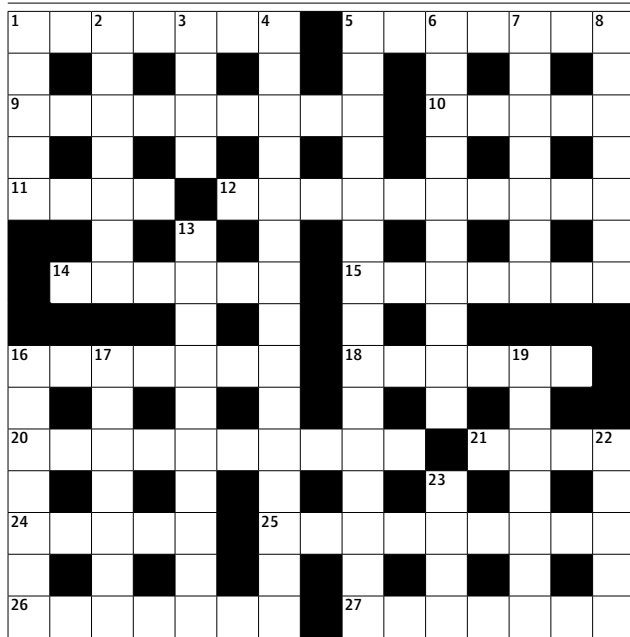


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,684 set by Philistine

Across

- 1 Arm extension from this moment, note (7)
- 5 Act possibly including nude content? (7)
- 9 Paper swaps leaders: one taken in can belong (9)
- 10 Wasn't happy with this bike (5)
- 11 What the cross symbolises is never forgotten, if 22 (4)
- 12 After the baby boom, if 4 in the making (10)
- 14 Relative sigh of relief after one fails to start (6)
- 15 Extremely deep-filled coffee or vanilla vessels offered by tender (7)
- 16 Books written about potential power found in Wales (7)
- 18 (Noise) (6)
- 20 Tony Davies shot film (5,5)
- 21 Scrap headless body (4)
- 24 Capital return or 1 across (5)
- 25 Compiler is to indulge in petulance (3,6)
- 26 They may be found in the outskirts of the Sistine Chapel and cloisters (7)
- 27 Striking stranger seen in street (7)

Down

- 1 A little music, of course (5)
- 2 Dead end for Philistine's old hat (7)

3 Audience does this in EastEnders (4)

4 Like a billet-doux? (6,4,1,4)

5 Buy rental car, set to become a classic (10,5)

6 Fish for explosive? Yes – and mind your head! (6,4)

7 Not the original one in suspect parcel (7)

8 Stupid gits, around 18, in the news (7)

13 Church room tidied so compiler, if 22,11 must be female with 2 of those (10)

16 What may be required of religious people before the final vows (7)

17 Many a playground prank ties knot around Maggie's bottom half (7)

19 Perfect example of pie, cooked and selfishly dedicated (7)

22 Top of trees, top of trees (5)

23 We say this is a gem of a stitch (4)

Solution No. 25,683

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