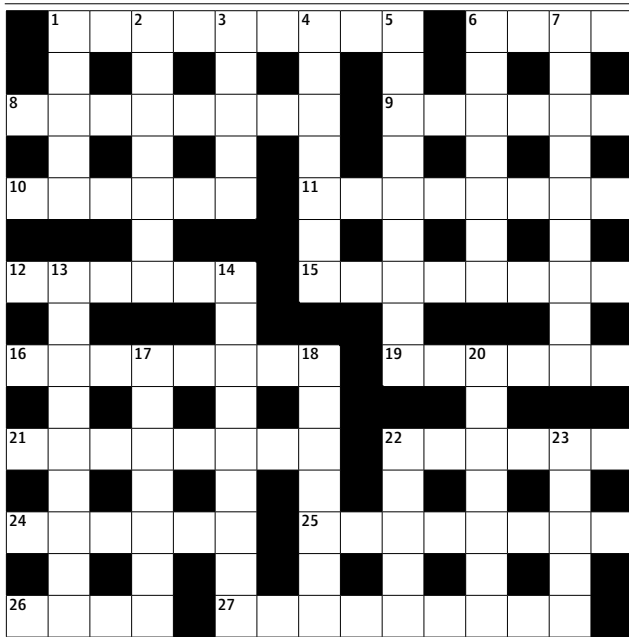


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,713 set by Rufus

## Across

- 1 Know-all rascal met with disaster (5,4)
- 6 Sticks around, looking complacent (4)
- 8 Here's hoping I spring a surprise (8)
- 9 Puts pressure on seamen aboard (6)
- 10 Going round the world is smashing opportunity for girl to take in (6)
- 11 Lovely girl, outwardly competent (8)
- 12 Help out with award, showing self-possession (6)
- 15 Careless mistakes by brick carrier (8)
- 16 Rouses proceedings with excruciatingly vile puns (6,2)
- 19 Currently it is moving between Dublin banks (6)
- 21 Range of freshly cooked crumpets (8)
- 22 They support parades with conscious pride (6)
- 24 Paid companion may show his age when confused (6)
- 25 Scores goal, gaining England's final point (5,3)
- 26 Shorter time for teaching? That's not on (4)
- 27 If you want to make it you will (9)

## Down

- 1 Maker of ropes and sails (5)

- 2 Can I provide a friendly solution? (7)
- 3 Hearing noisy neighbour could be one (5)
- 4 Record hold-ups in the timber trade (3,4)
- 5 Caught us to face this sort of sentence (9)
- 6 Bacon's lines (7)
- 7 Clue women possibly find displeasing (9)
- 13 Switch musical number (9)
- 14 Mischief-maker intended to limit one's credit (9)
- 17 Cuts out aerobics without hesitation (7)
- 18 Spots politician taken in by loads of money (7)
- 20 Anticipate charge for concealing minerals (7)
- 22 Worker in Salvation Army appears as Father Christmas (5)
- 23 Conviction that can be reversed? (5)

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