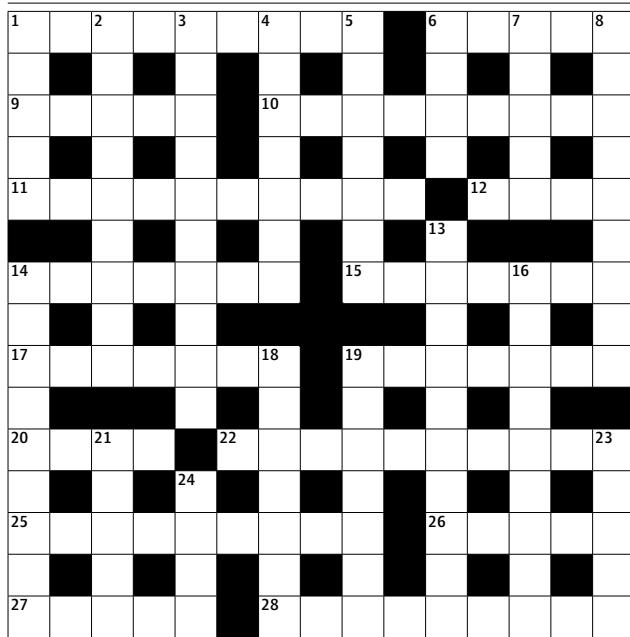


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,728 set by Orlando

## Across

- 1 Post letters for Switzerland in different nations (9)
- 6 Run male and female quarters (5)
- 9 Not the last reversal for queen and country (5)
- 10 Notice perch in extremely hard times (9)
- 11 Fawns walk in confined area (5,5)
- 12 Shoulder or stomach (4)
- 14 Mouth of smiley supporter (7)
- 15 Unhappy Social Democrat finally resigned (7)
- 17 Bone from tail of flightless bird? I'm not sure (7)
- 19 Simple soldiers at ease outside (7)
- 20 A lot of porridge or just a bowl of cherries? (4)
- 22 After quiet period artist produces exciting work (4-6)
- 25 Feeling sorry for Estonians (9)
- 26 Lancashire town providing support when king abdicates (5)
- 27 Role for Patrick Macnee's horse (5)
- 28 Fashion parades in which male's taken lead (9)

## Down

- 1 Issue one cent coins for circulation? Carrying on thus – within reason – I create a sort of boom (5)
- 2 Garage repaired tank entering compound (9)
- 3 Singer-songwriter in Wenceslas Square, finally? (6,4)
- 4 Current not carrying snake up the creek (2,1,4)
- 5 Potential nuns may be turned on by bad habits (7)
- 6 Divine consort from another age (4)
- 7 Rubbish ends in English river (5)
- 8 Office in springtime said to have emptied tea trolley (9)
- 13 What's yielding for bare bum? (4,6)
- 14 Hotel owner is seen with a thousand small lizards (9)
- 16 Liberace is disheartened after very bad record (9)
- 18 Wealth that is retained for those lacking generosity (7)
- 19 Slim Pickens finally entering church free from sin (7)
- 21 Criminal found with ring? (5)
- 23 Lightning strike brings in first of pickets (5)
- 24 Fish on film dropping a stick (4)



## Solution No. 25,727

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