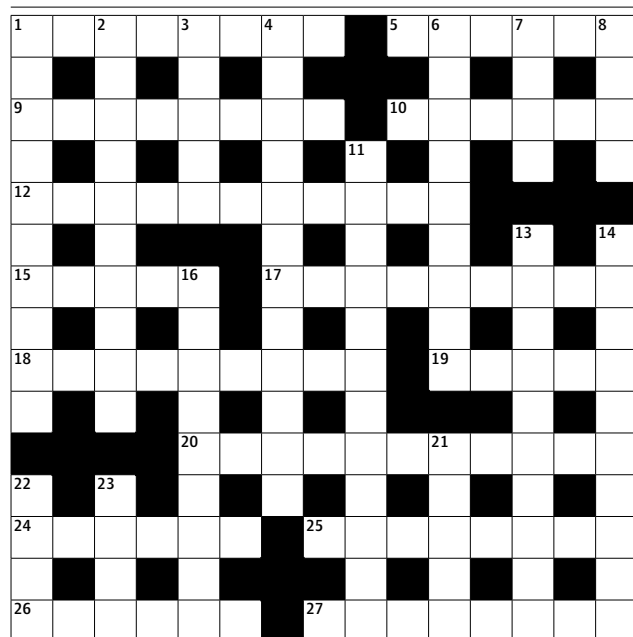


## Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,745 set by Orlando

### Across

- 1 Fish caught by hillbilly – one at home in the water (8)
- 5 Outspoken spoken passage (6)
- 9 Names forgotten by stonemason working majestically (8)
- 10 Dystopian author gets nothing right, fortunately (6)
- 12 Down drink? Whose ale for 21? (6,5)
- 15 Singer's knockouts? (5)
- 17 Bird in pool dropping back – one having wash (9)
- 18 Lofty's organised chaos (9)
- 19 Going west, drag empty coach in ravine (5)
- 20 Spotted animal trapped? Get latest info here (11)
- 24 Pipe for pirate with a head for heights (6)
- 25 Spot marker – it's outside leisure centre after Olympian lord avoids conflict (8)
- 26 Poet with the ancient mariner? (6)
- 27 Reactionary Russians – dire 5 with SS? (8)

### Down

- 1 "Go on with melody", nuts implore? (10)
- 2 There's always room in one part of pub or another (4,6)

- 3 Husband and mother of Artemis put up here? (5)
- 4 Officers plunder store for something to wear (7,5)
- 6 Credulous – but inwardly hard and assertive (9)
- 7 Lincoln with his first or second son (4)
- 8,22 Masefield's crafty request, Spooner's cover point (4,4)
- 11 Carrot cooked with safest sources of energy? (4,8)
- 13 Kippers on these? Mostly wan plonkers (10)
- 14 Chapelgoers force detective to probe consecrated bread (10)
- 16 New Year tends to make us inactive (9)
- 21 Packer's best friend? (5)
- 22 See 8
- 23 I say, parking place for poultry (4)

Solution No. 25,744

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