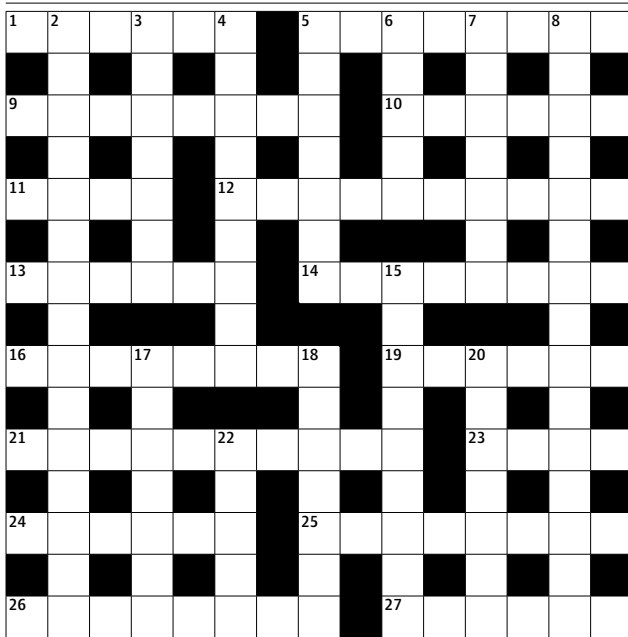


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,747 set by Pasquale

## Across

- 1** NT character, this person in Jerusalem (6)  
**5** Spooner's "enjoyable snack" turns out to be a grand party (8)  
**9,12** Mantra of 2012 with sporting arenas pioneering it (7,1,10)  
**10** Force-feeding provided – time to replace energy (6)  
**11,23** An indication of a division in high places (4,4)  
**12** See 9  
**13** Run through church past pillar (6)  
**14** Youngster carrying gun somewhere west of Newport (8)  
**16** Adult fails, admitting transgression's return – and worries a lot (8)  
**19** Expression of desires – any number will fade away (6)  
**21** Artist in European country joins volunteers to produce opera (2,8)  
**23** See 11  
**24** Eg misdialling to get Queen on phone (6)  
**25** Much less neglected (3,5)  
**26** Disciple of the modern era, the man torn apart (8)  
**27** Gloomy mug laid into by sergeant major (6)

## Down

- 2** Christening's a do to be made fun of, so \_\_\_? (2,7,6)

- 3** Ruler in angry mood over gold – tons gone missing (7)  
**4** Little boy upset birds – there's an absence of contrition (2,7)  
**5** Flannel from ex-PM, one gone with craving to be ascendant (7)  
**6** Lawson wanting a new direction, finally, for the country (5)  
**7** Outside body very involved in rioting – bad, not good (2,5)  
**8** Minutes at a meeting will be that important (4,2,3,6)  
**15** Bent judge pretended to protect what's right (9)  
**17** Soothing remedy never working, popular for swallowing (7)  
**18** Red mark that's deadly, not half (7)  
**20** The French occupying sheds or big buildings (7)  
**22** Very old visitor ignoring street fashion (5)

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