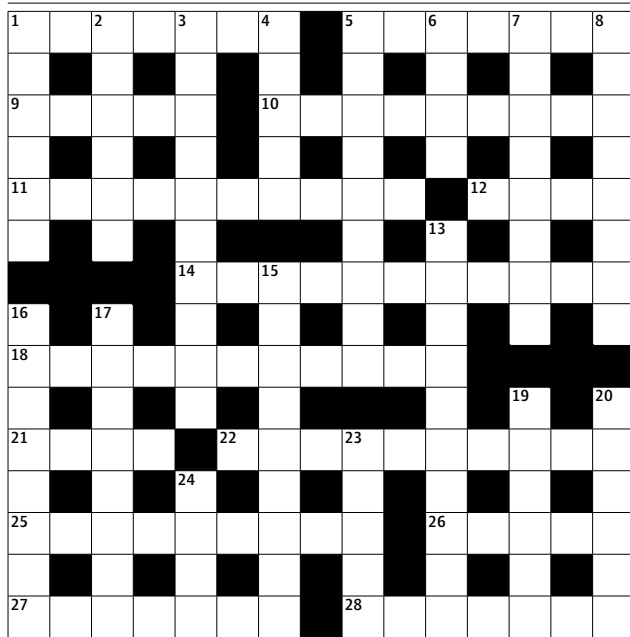


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,768 set by Shed

Across

- 1 Cleft in the German bum? (7)
- 5 Potentate ditching ambassador is leading character in Moslem religion (7)
- 9 Elegant wee hinny (man's or woman's – available to all!) (5)
- 10 Dominant savage worries about interrupting (9)
- 11 Reinforce Regent Street's conclusion with NHS reforms (10)
- 12 Objectionable progeny born to traitor (4)
- 14 Wimp's last quote I'm revising (11)
- 18 Town's sink grammar school given illicit puff (11)
- 21 Pretty Polly's slip (4)
- 22 What to do with an acute etc? (10)
- 25 Singer for whom each tune's different (9)
- 26 Fury about spacewoman (5)
- 27 Former member of vegetable kingdom carrying men beyond the fringe (7)
- 28 Labour to keep arbitrator in clover (7)

Down

- 1 Corrupt scholars in river (6)
- 2 Being one of 12 getting hurt (6)
- 3 Solicitor nabs service people, securing title in contest (10)

- 4 Appointed task – turning back the clock? (5)
- 5 Drawn-out tune (Tchaikovsky's first?) rearranged in mediocre setting (9)
- 6 Kingfisher ditching Queen's boat? (4)
- 7 Damned growth infecting broken nail (8)
- 8 Tell partner to keep Shed drunk (8)
- 13 Savvy East tires West out (10)
- 15 Parasite consuming castaway – it's on a road to nowhere (4,5)
- 16 Let jazz fans into joint, endlessly upset (8)
- 17 Sloping round pub, raised walking stick (8)
- 19 Apply sense of sight and smell to garden feature (6)
- 20 Have a good time, taking in a show ... (6)
- 23 ... happening while there's still time (5)
- 24 Complaint that's left out of fashion (4)

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