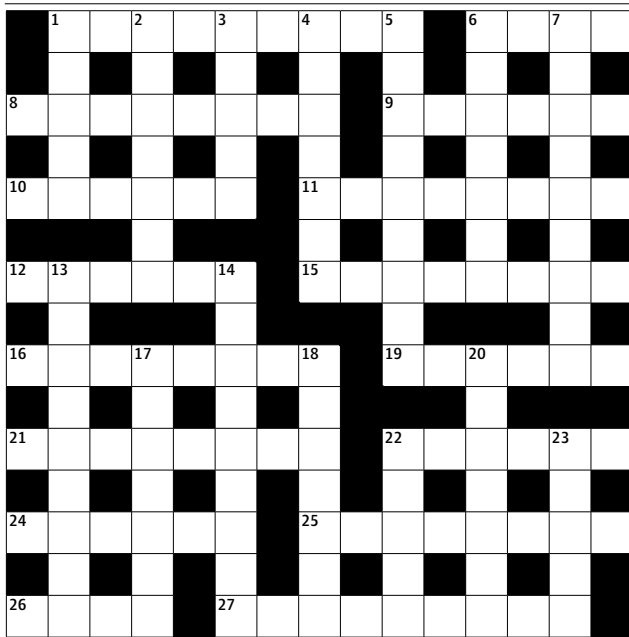


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,821 set by Rufus

Across

- 1 Knocked about a lot, as veteran campaigners? (2,3,4)
- 6 Painter's material (4)
- 8 Pulling up and filling up (8)
- 9 Wild parrot, a bird of prey (6)
- 10 Grinds away at university course, say (6)
- 11 Remote chance for a sniper? (4,4)
- 12 Ancient city's role in South Africa (6)
- 15 Abandon wickedness? Not this woman (3-5)
- 16 Clock at one perhaps? Have a drink (8)
- 19 Gift for producing story book in abbreviated form (6)
- 21 Try repeatedly to express approval (4,4)
- 22 Gun dog disturbed a mammal (6)
- 24 Staff, say, joining English riding school (6)
- 25 Graduate as a footballer? (8)
- 26 Small supports in the river (4)
- 27 Ships carrying right pennants (9)

Down

- 1 Put down as late (5)
- 2 He will have marked cards, of course (7)

- 3 Departures could be set about eleven (5)
- 4 Guardian supported by American in prayer (7)
- 5 Rigid line taken by hospital department (9)
- 6 So "Tripe" is silly retort (7)
- 7 In favour of moving to get a better job? (9)
- 13 Walk recollected in Arden poem (9)
- 14 Various news areas provide knowledge (9)
- 17 We hear officers are at the heart of things (7)
- 18 One staggering on all fours? (7)
- 20 Good characters are, for example, caught in wicked libel (7)
- 22 A current coastal issue (5)
- 23 Cuts with no sound (5)

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