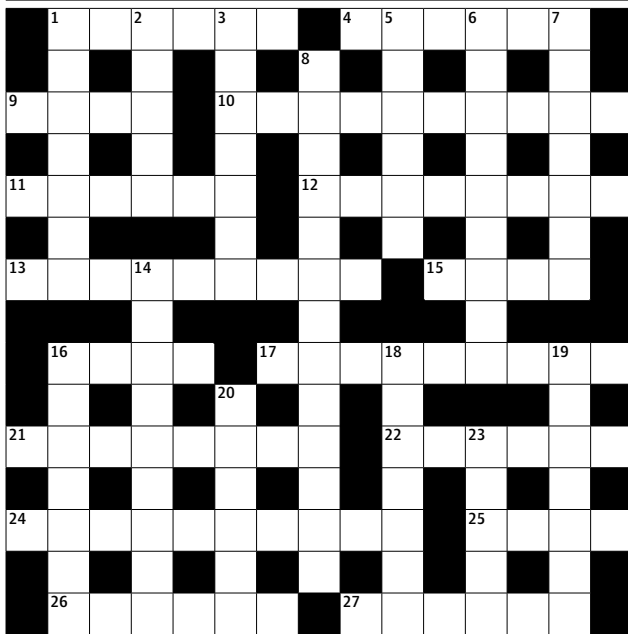


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,840 set by Audreus

Across

- 1 Blunt warning? (3-3)
- 4 First, little one's about to tell a story of flowers (6)
- 9 Impulse to say game should be turned round (4)
- 10 Health food gets extremely dry – picture a biscuit (6,4)
- 11 Quirky smile, going round the bend to start the day? (6)
- 12 Arrogant bird? Yes! (8)
- 13 Which person's the French girl with energy in large quantities (9)
- 15 Give credit for the pound's demise (4)
- 16 Ecstatic, when talking money (4)
- 17 Checks pitch at pavement's edge (9)
- 21 Fish taken out of American hard, black conveyance (8)
- 22 Carry on making space for operator to come round (6)
- 24 Largely off course about sanctimonious little man returning with plant (10)
- 25 While entertaining reverend gentleman tots will assuredly appear (4)
- 26 Romantic songs in silly riddle, after point for daughter (6)
- 27 Coming from abroad, am I chubby in the nude? (6)

Down

- 1 Hawkeshed, lying in a narrow depression, is in

telephone communication (7)

- 2 Being 6, dispel wrinkles (5)
- 3 Super water colourist caught opening sketching materials (7)
- 5 Having rashly cued in, bring it on! (6)
- 6 Concentrating on capturing one on board, compelling attention (9)
- 7 Marked Cliff, an ardent left-winger (7)
- 8 Heard to put artic into reverse at some degree (13)
- 14 Inlet much improved by midday? (9)
- 16 Pass round peacekeepers' quarters, offering advice (7)
- 18 Except for mum I would have a local job (7)
- 19 Typical manic do for this kind of life (7)
- 20 Joint I'd brought in to share (6)
- 23 Honeybunch? (5)

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