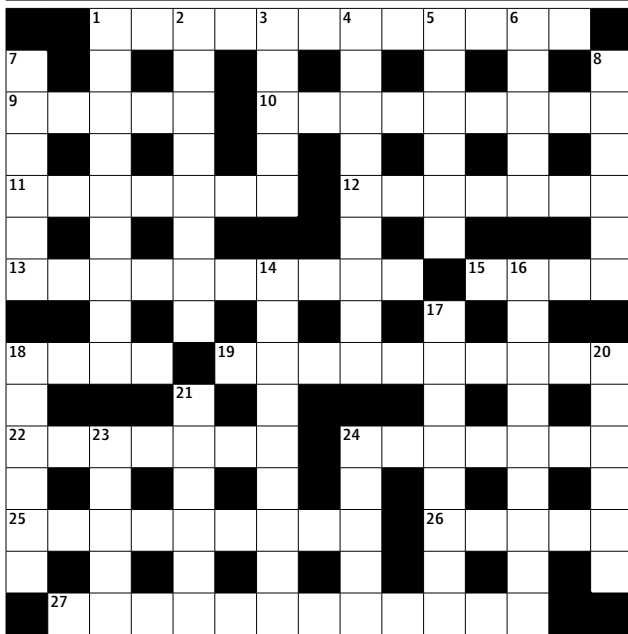


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,842 set by Araucaria

*Araucaria has 18 down of the 19, which is being treated with 13 15. This puzzle was first published in the December 2012 issue of the magazine 1 Across © and is reprinted here by kind permission.*

### Across

- 1 Subject to town hall causing milieu's panic (12)
- 9 Encounter dog's home (5)
- 10 Araucaria beginning to recite old poetry books, bringing Christmas cheer (9)
- 11 Man with a first having common sense? That's terrible (7)
- 12 Scouse blues go green in time for energy supplier (7)
- 13,15 Friendly (say) vicar at ease (say) with arrangement for coping with 18 down (10,4)
- 18 101° under the ice? (4)
- 19 Food transporter heard to gradually reduce an endless effusion (10)
- 22 Place(s) of non-vintage vintage? (7)
- 24 Food related to cake of soap? (4,3)
- 25 Complete very large reproduction with look at 19 etc (9)
- 26 See 1 down
- 27 Bargain keeping mum to deal with 18 down (12)

### Down

- 1,26 18 down worker gives coat to factory girl and father of archbishop's killer? (9,5)
- 2 Northern ocean hides love which could give ultimate 13 15 (8)
- 3 French writer passed, only first out of university (5)
- 4 Overplay muddle over old Frenchman (9)
- 5 Hang about to see the Queen of Italy? (6)
- 6 Scamp item to expand 19, for example (5)
- 7 Accident on motorway summit? (6)
- 8 Case lacking in posture (6)
- 14 Corrupt dealing with crime, the French abandoning the leader of the march? (9)
- 16 Gray's works (in two volumes?) contain opening of Byzantine controversy (4-5)
- 17 Plant reported to be enemy to skin complaint (8)
- 18 Sign of growth (6)
- 20 Fat round Poles at end of day (6)
- 21 Beast of Oz whose subject was cats (6)
- 23 Dimension accompanying outside number (5)
- 24 Cook said to be lawman and impresario (5)

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