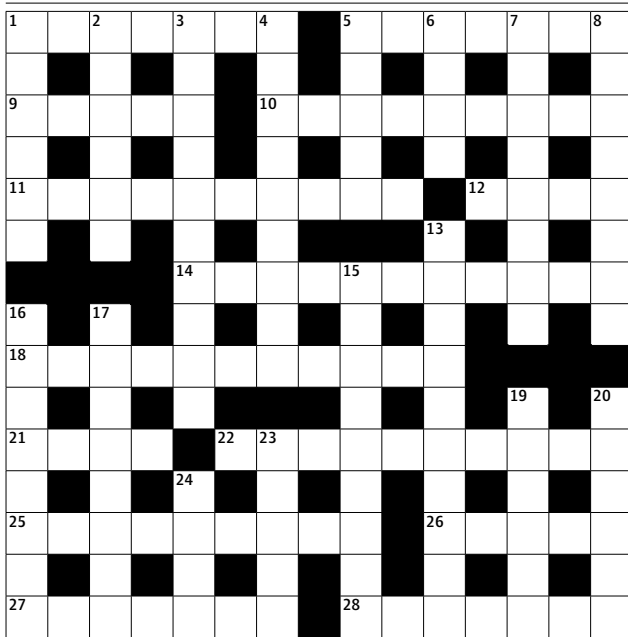


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,877 set by Picaroon

## Across

- 1 More than one cross about very loud gags (7)
- 5 Walkers eating bird from the right part of 16? (7)
- 9 Relative velocity departing Venice unexpectedly (5)
- 10 Those having 16 4 contemplating seconds (9)
- 11 English tail revolutionary running arms here (10)
- 12 Case for blocking expensive tuition (4)
- 14 Not a single right digit? Look back! Angles here ... (11)
- 18 ... converge – it somehow follows Euclid's first mathematical concept (11)
- 21 Periodical with foreign articles (4)
- 22 Acceptable to break into strong alcohol – well over eight bottles' worth (10)
- 25 What's achieved by a cleric dividing people? That would be telling! (9)
- 26 Eg New Statesman cutting that is fancy (5)
- 27 Delayed case concerning 16 4's creator (7)
- 28 See 13

## Down

- 1 Have 16? 10 will here (6)
- 2 See 24
- 3 Rank deception occupier maintains for all to see (10)
- 4 See 16
- 5 Topless Page Three girl, say, keeps up line dancing (5)

- 6 Low-down bit of eavesdropping? It reveals personal information (4)
- 7 He produced 13, 28 on a line about capital? (8)
- 8 Saintess suffering in poems (8)
- 13,28 Work inspires sensorium with 26 of 24 2? (10,7)
- 15 Ugly old woman's concealing part of face after time's drawn fine lines (9)
- 16,4 Husband tucking into potted eel and buns with ruder jeer: "It's a rather bare picnic!" (8,3,1'5)
- 17 Gun traded by officer getting odd currency (8)
- 19 Left Indian destroyer by American base (6)
- 20 Reportedly, vital energy's something to make you smile (6)
- 23 Evans became this endlessly worked up (5)
- 24,2 Bedraggled fawn in swamp is comic (4,6)

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