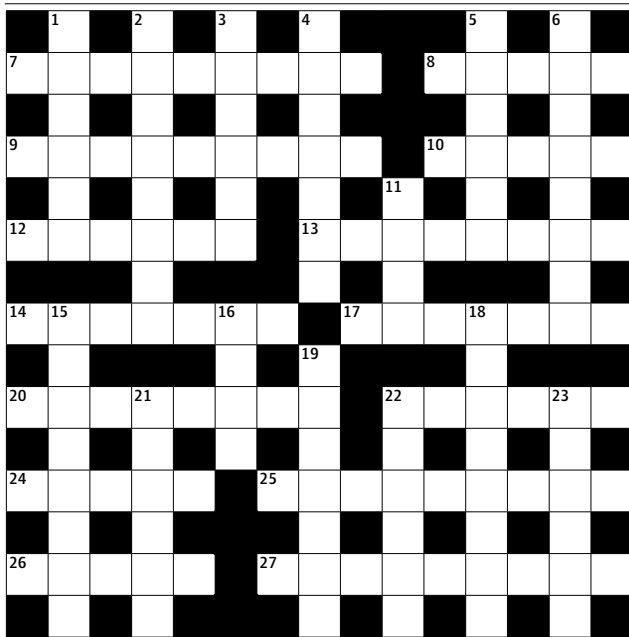


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,880 set by Rufus

## Across

- 7 You may get unusually late roses from these shrubs (9)  
 8 Rent a place in Croatia (5)  
 9 Fast mover's chores are arranged in orderly fashion (9)  
 10 One who stands up for another's rights (5)  
 12 Daniel's upset at rejection (6)  
 13 Too adventurous with series of deliveries completed, say (8)  
 14 It takes those attending outside to excite trouble (7)  
 17 Quietly withdraw and go before the others (7)  
 20 Guard the unruly girl (8)  
 22 Don't go and clip them in wet weather (6)  
 24 A party with sailors on deck (5)  
 25 A seven-stone pauper? (9)  
 26 Piped down? (5)  
 27 One who gives guidance to a raving lunatic (9)

## Down

- 1 Stick that's split? (6)  
 2 Brave pirate's superficial improvement (8)  
 3 Walk slowly along the street with a list (6)

4 Port or sherry? (7)

5 Father about to see doctor in confidence (6)

6 Beautiful lady in hat smeared unfairly (8)

11 Drop in rent (4)

15 The issue of offspring (8)

16 What the ballet dancer wore for the archbishop (4)

18 Scotsman comes up with a chap totally Welsh (8)

19 Reserve of strength in a football team (7)

21 Acquire husband (6)

22 Recover one's possession (6)

23 Lined up during altercation (2,1,3)

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