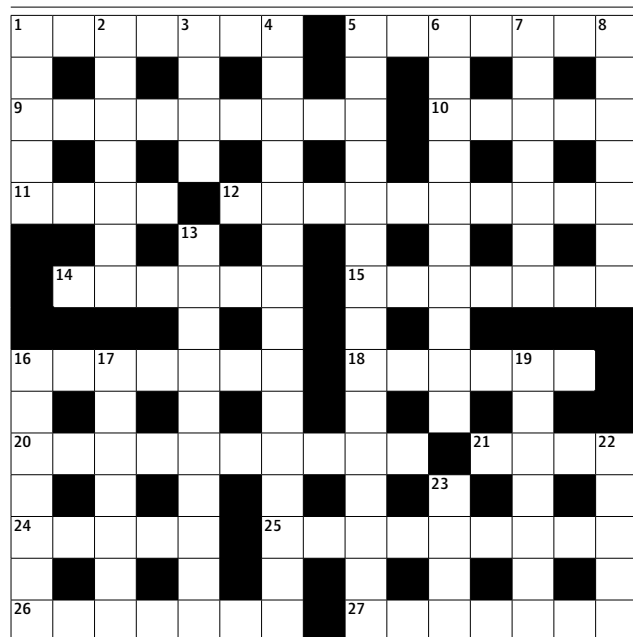


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,884 set by Pasquale

Across

- 1 Spooner's awful misty weather? Hearth's the place for one to be (7)
- 5 Reveal peacekeepers wanting sudden improvement across society (7)
- 9 Officer and ordinary soldiers locked in toilet (9)
- 10 Force back partner's head in dance (5)
- 11 Endless sweet cake is wrong (4)
- 12 What may produce bangs that could be supersonic (10)
- 14 Sun has to be demeaning to women? (6)
- 15 Film in San Marino not so bad (4,3)
- 16 Liberal held in derision, making one cross (7)
- 18 Party order – two articles delivered outside (2-4)
- 20 Where you may find shrubs pruned raggedly – just some! (4,6)
- 21 Weary one falling before end of walk – a long one (4)
- 24 Compass shows north, needed in storm (5)
- 25 Single island in setting that's not spoilt (9)
- 26 Best man seen round back of hotel, drunk (7)
- 27 Denies entrance into cosy home, when time has passed (7)

Down

- 1 This person did the work and put on a false show, we hear (5)
- 2 Some err, wanting new direction – feeling this? (7)
- 3 Give up work, when under the doctor (4)
- 4 What to do for pre-match security? Look at the issues (2,4,3,6)
- 5 Crusade going wrong with surprising lameness – do they want to put the clock back? (4,3,8)
- 6 Vessels, any number, in bay for time of celebration (5,5)
- 7 Thus Greek character's beginning to make specious argument (7)
- 8 Colouring matter – minute dash goes in (7)
- 13 Bed chamber? (6,4)
- 16 Old boy has hesitation during drink – needing to do this? (5,2)
- 17 Lecturer, a figure in mathematics, brief and to the point (7)
- 19 One could create max. stir, maybe? (7)
- 22 Praise message of indifference to nation? The reverse! (5)
- 23 Puff? Puff perhaps, when legless (4)

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