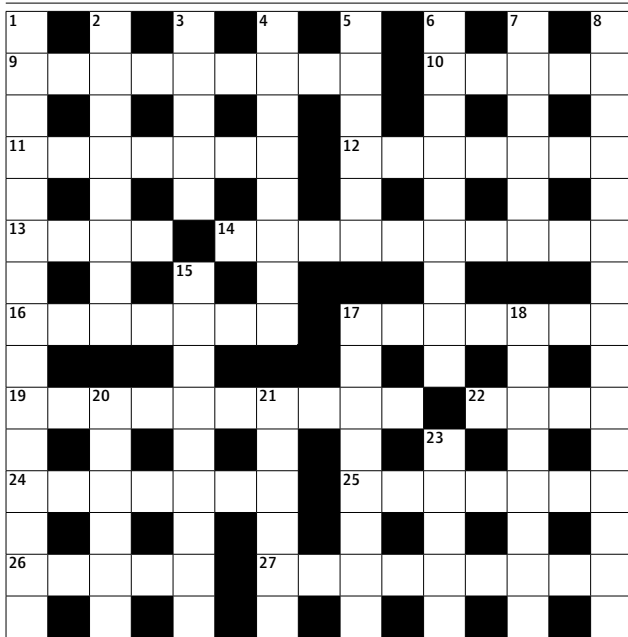


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 9** I'm no lunatic, coming in to reduce hate (9)
10 Fur would have been warmer after 3 (5)
11 One may be speeding either way (4,3)
12 Agent dines often on box (7)
13 If it's after 3, hang around for deliveries (4)
14 Bipolar disorder features everywhere (4,3,3)
16 Dude perhaps worried at the end of term (3,4)
17 Self-proclaimed bird-watcher? (7)
19 Traffic warden's note stated why I don't like this fine (7-3)
22 Shall I speak of which force is 4th? (4)
24 Island's fine, after a fashion? Not quite (7)
25 Dash a couple of final letters on food (7)
26 Peer of Tennyson's temper of heroic hearts (5)
27 Scientific investigator smashed china and left (9)

Down

- 1** 3 cooler cosmetic (4,11)
2 It's hard for prisoner on island (8)

- 3** A desire or aspiration (5)
4 Very thin 3 carrier recedes with time (8)
5 Home 3 home? (6)
6 Fellow compiler's half-written something positive (9)
7 Correspondent in Minnesota (2,4)
8 This angry expression by fox (9,6)
15 Last minute gathering to one side (9)
17 The last word of 14 in room making laborious progress (4,4)
18 Subtle difference is admitted to be a bother (8)
20 Result of seduction: getting end away, maybe (6)
21 The old stay out for bread and beer (6)
23 Lightweight single layer (5)

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