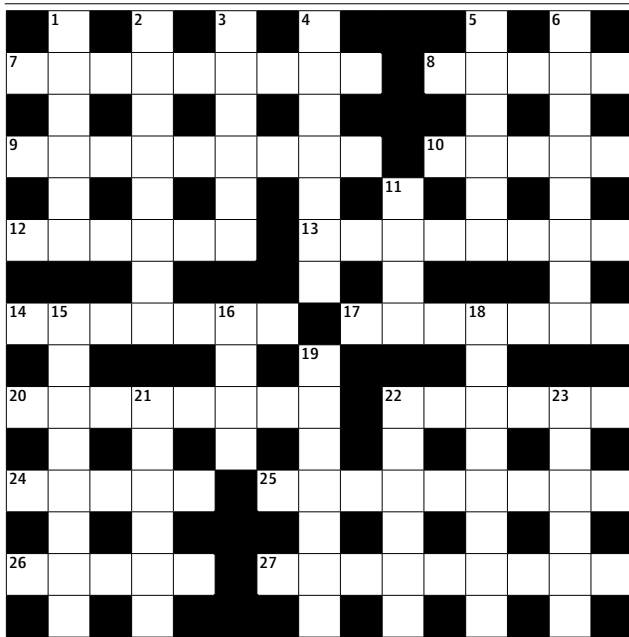


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,904 set by Rufus

Across

- 7 No beer left? That's the limit! (6,3)
- 8 A huge development in the city (5)
- 9 Worn at funerals and clubs, for example (5,4)
- 10 Southern stretch of water to satisfy one's desire (5)
- 12 Solicitor to go to work – or decide not to? (3,3)
- 13 A gin before opening may let an actor down (8)
- 14 It may be charged or one may be charged with it (7)
- 17 Trust company wrongly fined (7)
- 20 Look at coin with lens (8)
- 22 Get the game moving and thrash (4,2)
- 24 Skirt hem raised above the knee (5)
- 25 Reckless person's crazy road speed (9)
- 26 Caught fish – put right in this (5)
- 27 Agreeing to study issue with worker (9)

Down

- 1 Tablet providing uplift and stimulus (6)
- 2 Continue to be stubborn, so cane produced? (5,3)

- 3 Good health shown by professional model (6)
- 4 Concern of an eleven yet to be organised (7)
- 5 Annoyed about article, became abusive (6)
- 6 Poor diet on Asian vessel? (4,4)
- 11 A light headband (4)
- 15 New Year, when there's a situation of uncertainty (8)
- 16 Rush animal from below (4)
- 18 Below standard tirade is outrageous (8)
- 19 Elaborate blossom (7)
- 21 Girl on cricket side is not a true member (3,3)
- 22 Circumvent with the aid of permit (6)
- 23 Ruined but not executed (6)

Winners of prize puzzle 25,897

