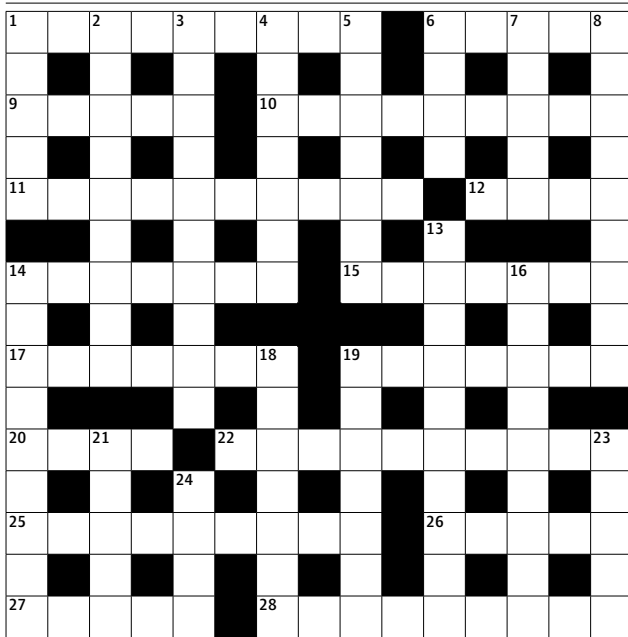


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,913 set by Araucaria

## Across

- 1** Austrian composer rendered in Montebello (9)  
**6** 24 to judge the judges (5)  
**9** Adjuration of neighbouring tree (2,3)  
**10** Groups require actions or else (9)  
**11** Journalist on the air gets cross with man of mystery (5,5)  
**12** Houseroom for 24 in silver (4)  
**14** Paid to be colonised? (7)  
**15** A set of players on leave (7)  
**17** Ireland's captured by Italian king put back into the water (2-5)  
**19,20** Successor and precursor of 24 – we can't wait! (4,3,4)  
**22** Without time to chew, work with whiskers? (6,4)  
**25** Nun involved with chapel from Atlantic to North Sea (2,7)  
**26** 24 to identify winds? (5)  
**27** Credit given to 24's a disgrace (5)  
**28** Privacy is demanded when the blessed Guides are 24-ed (9)

## Down

- 1** 27 furry antelope (5)  
**2** Whig characters in change of heart for 24 made by 20 (4-5)  
**3** Dangerous place for women alone? (2,4,4)

- 4** Beaten at cards playing deuce over time (7)  
**5** Visit Zambian town by boat (7)  
**6** 24 to find place for reserve (4)  
**7** Half of those present put up by little girl (5)  
**8** Old man with wrinkles given publicity (9)  
**13** Where Captain Mainwaring was backing law with good start in China (10)  
**14** Variety of rose with identifying 24, outstanding digital feature (4,5)  
**16** How quick to be unquick? (5,4)  
**18** One of 5 in 24 backing horses (7)  
**19** So called bird to turn to another with no tail (7)  
**21** Statements elevating model that's into LSD (5)  
**23** 24 that shows where library users can find things in a crowd (5)  
**24** Evangelistic see? (4)

Solution No. 25,912

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