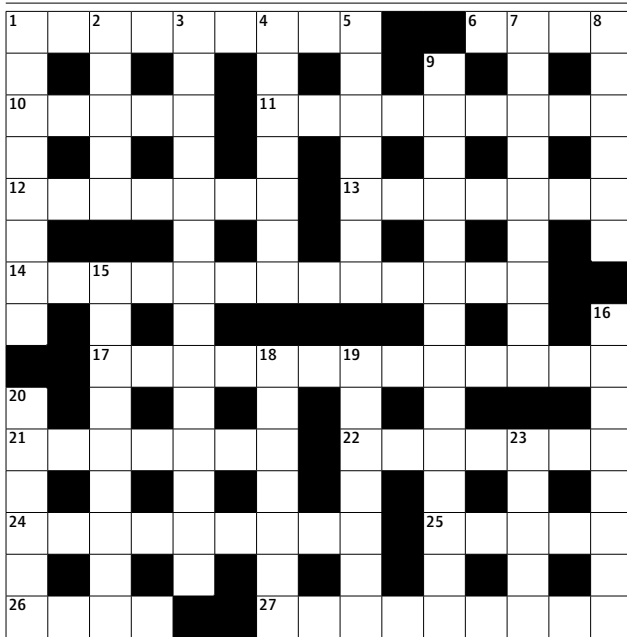


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,925 set by Araucaria

Across

- 1 Unseen and unenvied object has crazy upper class fool disappearing with cry of pain (6,3)
- 6,26 Strike-breaker and poet concealing weapon (8)
- 10 Sculptor with pickle? (5)
- 11 All my life – and that’s a lot – is about a Bond production (3,3,3)
- 12 Shelter in shady spot after end of March (7)
- 13 Look both ways to circumvent the tragedy (7)
- 14,17 Not a chance for Mick with Kate then? (1,7,5,7,2,4)
- 21 Payment to pope or crown – either way girl has setback (7)
- 22 Lighter dined with little stranger (7)
- 24 Home for deer since dispersal (9)
- 25 Entered with precious lump? (5)
- 26 See 6
- 27 All matter, including outback, is rich and splendid (9)

Down

- 1 Leave with greeting by an archer leaving? (8)
- 2 Additional comment being carried (5)
- 3 Parallel point in floor covering for 24 – it’s due for renewal (4,2,8)

- 4 Photographer endlessly performing? (7)
- 5 They shed light on computing frames (7)
- 7 Horsey gent caught having a good time with Love unfinished (9)
- 8 Children’s writer left in near heavyweight (6)
- 9 Collector of poems etc sees right to work retained by our student? (14)
- 15 Device for managing, correcting or erasing (9)
- 16 Dangerous stuff preferably used during an emergency call (8)
- 18 Ascetics found everywhere but the West? (7)
- 19 Title on the side, which is enlightening (7)
- 20 Capital of South Africa with tailless bird (6)
- 23 A horse, say, or other cause of trouble (5)

Solution No. 25,924

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