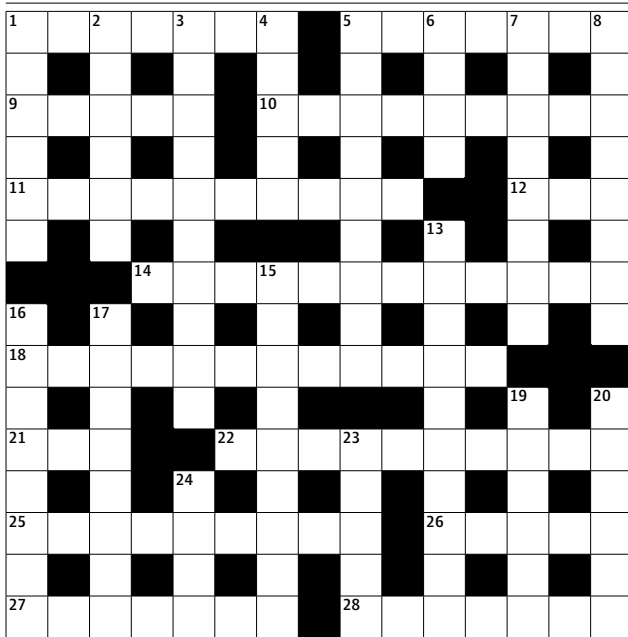


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Ricochets coming closer – cavalymen run away (7)
- 5 Golfer's shot home help (5,2)
- 9 Explosive chap who must retire for the good of France (5)
- 10 Deal with secret dicky bird (9)
- 11 Trojan wife for whom Charon made trip (10)
- 12 Evil humanoid residing in Windsor Castle (3)
- 14 Writer describing calendar somewhere in London (6,6)
- 18 More and more grain's nicely ground (12)
- 21 Freudian concept, say, associated with Oedipus, originally (3)
- 22 Drink from Lombardy you almost ordered (6,4)
- 25 Lady holding line for legion (9)
- 26 Titan finally falling short (5)
- 27 Chuck and Kitty providing frequent supper (7)
- 28 Jolly fish entered rough water (4,3)

Down

- 1 Ealing production that's good-humoured (6)
- 2 A community centre did command performance of early music (6)
- 3 Old queen united with dogs coming round for talks (10)
- 4 1 across at first supporting very fine capital (5)

- 5 Dolly's for females inside temple (9)
- 6 Starters for ten – university challenges kitchen to provide food (4)
- 7 Dances in show done up the pole (8)
- 8 Yuan finally extracted from curious Cantonese wallet (8)
- 13 French statesman and count protecting European currency (10)
- 15 Rude sign stops rude bankrupt (9)
- 16 Thrown cigarette end missing forest resident (5,3)
- 17 Poems representing 21's clue (8)
- 19 One required for bingo who may display ID? (6)
- 20 Heavy sleepers oversleep after vacation? Herbal medicine is the answer (6)
- 23 Start working with gel (5)
- 24 Second-best place for boarding (4)

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