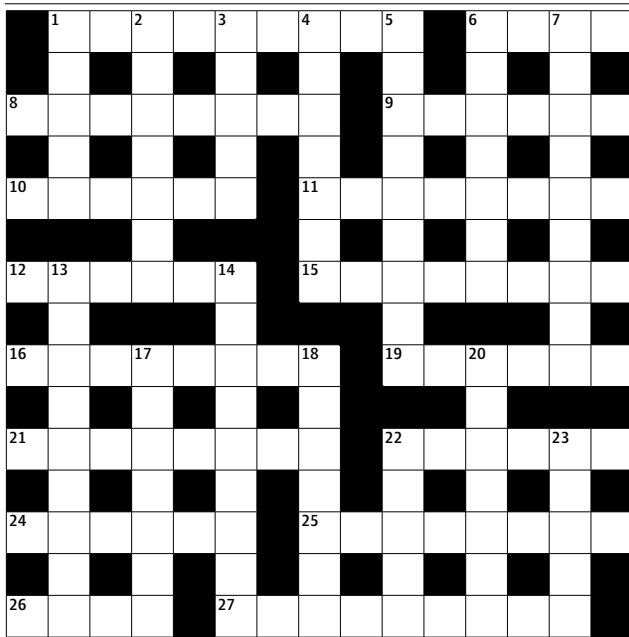


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,934 set by Rufus

## Across

- 1 People engaged in a welcome correspondence (9)
- 6 Outmoded tables may end up on the fire (4)
- 8 Lent on condition (8)
- 9 River shrew? (6)
- 10 Heartbroken number show ill will (6)
- 11 Determined to produce two notes on old instrument (8)
- 12 Sailor accustomed to being reviled (6)
- 15 A time when the populace is at cross-purposes? (8)
- 16 A sign of wrong and right, we hear, in puzzle (8)
- 19 Pulling to one side (6)
- 21 Came about Daphne possibly receiving exercise (8)
- 22 Open a damaged sun-roof (6)
- 24 Quietly get in foreign capital for Greek city (6)
- 25 Plea for Northeast to back contract (8)
- 26 Good man has a right to take the lead (4)
- 27 Lack of restriction enjoyed by Pinocchio (2,7)

## Down

- 1 Arterial way of vital importance (5)

- 2 Shows respect, or perhaps the reverse (7)
- 3 Concluded that many are in dire need (5)
- 4 Finish with terribly sore back (7)
- 5 Passing test, ran in all excited (9)
- 6 Tract of grassland left untidy (7)
- 7 A spirited community? Surely not! (5,4)
- 13 A Schubert composition? Capital! (9)
- 14 It need not give rise to punishment (9)
- 17 Running an exam in theory (2,5)
- 18 Clubs to beat? (7)
- 20 The navy get under way in short film (7)
- 22 Declare total (5)
- 23 Has to make professions of loyalty (5)

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