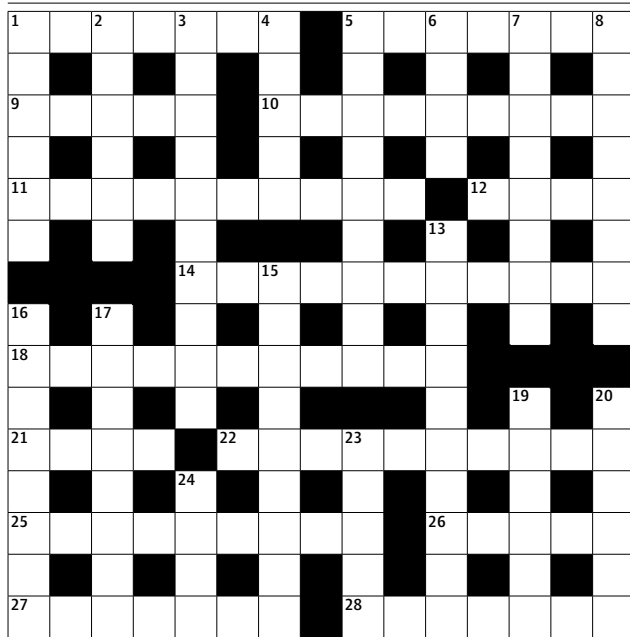


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,942 set by Brendan

## Across

- 1 Obstructed editors going after troublemaker (7)
- 5 House records for believers in complex systems (7)
- 9 Attempts to capture queen and rooks, perhaps (5)
- 10 Record supporter during play, having run wildly into disorderly battle (9)
- 11 Spotting part of problem is hinge (10)
- 12 Thing of little value – copy many answers here without a break (4)
- 14 Comic annual is hit for some Europeans (11)
- 18 Practical, as one is prone to be, facing garden? (4,2,5)
- 21 General name for group of plants as fuel, we hear (4)
- 22 What young man may do in spring or autumn with current novel's revision (4,2,4)
- 25 Sign pointing towards hotel not on? Absolutely (2,3,4)
- 26 Soundly beats it as a source of irritation (5)
- 27 Stops some who believe in creator taking son in (7)
- 28 Foreigner occupying street, striking (7)
- 4 Partner speaking slangily in European language (5)
- 5 A lot of grim vexation about university lecturer who's aggressive? (9)
- 6 Provides accommodation and reasons for reserving? (4)
- 7 Part of a reckoning, but a lot's going wrong (8)
- 8 Most pleasant minute in second trial (8)
- 13 Not appreciating multinational group taking a lot of fuel around hospital (10)
- 15 Ways of treating broken heart with culinary treats (9)
- 16 Learned gold coin in river turned up (8)
- 17 Centuries for MCC, for example (8)
- 19 Stick together with male in centre (6)
- 20 County with indefinable quality in which one may live (6)
- 23 Neighbours of 14 or 6, say (5)
- 24 Busy people in great musical trio, so-called (4)

## Down

- 1 Consume minute fish that is put outside (6)
- 2 Queen holding up one drink or another (6)
- 3 Whisky, for instance, I even now put in fruit (10)

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