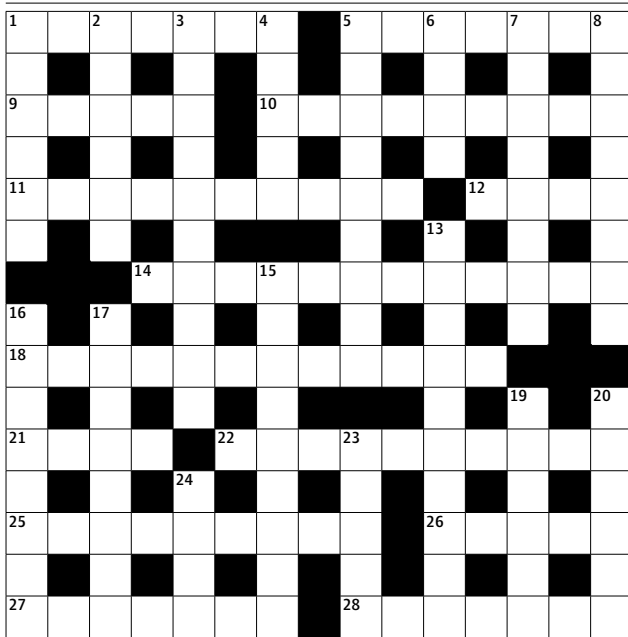


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,948 set by Paul

Across

- 1 Sound unit former Russian soldier sent back to claim Sark etc (7)
- 5 As to that extent, very deep then? (7)
- 9 I ramble when flipping over tongue (5)
- 10 Sister feeds fish odd question (9)
- 11 Lover has to fight for music-maker (10)
- 12 Story that's spun out? (4)
- 14 Disorganised son blames him for a total mess (12)
- 18 Blondie hit song, one's a gas (6,6)
- 21 Cross cut guarding a paw (4)
- 22 Potential financial catastrophe endured, not entirely good, unfortunately (10)
- 25 One's hit a racehorse on both sides of shin (5,4)
- 26 Tree yielding oil primarily, as it happens (5)
- 27 Zero in ten has to suffer for one in ten (7)
- 28 Government ultimately behind the privileged few – about right, one's gathered (7)

Down

- 1 Stop to request fabric (6)
- 2 Coptic leader and god in agreement (6)
- 3 Union supporter depends on mother to break proposal (10)
- 4 Customer initially going in to draw money (5)
- 5 Beefy stews obtain meat (3,6)
- 6 Green finally absorbed by blue to become greyish-yellow (4)
- 7 Classmate, according to protocol (8)
- 8 Catholic Asians among rampant extremists (8)
- 13 Male agent head-overheels in love for the current time (6,4)
- 15 Back of Robin Reliant damaged, rear of Subaru caught, parked up? (2,7)
- 16 Planet invaded by second alien simian (8)
- 17 Mate welcoming cryptic Paul into bird's home (8)
- 19 Notice depravity in suggestion (6)
- 20 Deposit lolly down underwear? (6)
- 23 Drive with speed beyond roundabouts? (5)
- 24 Gargantuan gastronome gaily guzzles (4)

Solution No. 25,947

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