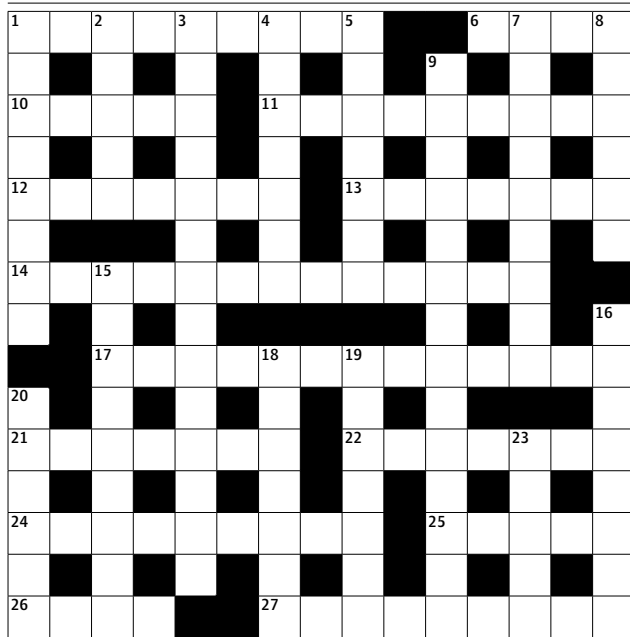


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,959 set by Shed

Across

- 1 Uppity tramp, devout, hogging entrance to temple (9)
- 6 Go mad backwards (4)
- 10 Surfeit of blood and guts originally included (5)
- 11 Dubious sources of early English texts, sacred and profane (9)
- 12 Statesman swapping energy for a mystic symbol (7)
- 13 Set out to be 22d by faithful steward (7)
- 14 Hat and belt converted into shady American bit of military hardware (7,6)
- 17 Par for Windsor flag? (5,8)
- 21 Huge flop – catastrophic – no good looking on the bright side (7)
- 22 Shed returning couple's gesture of affection (7)
- 24 Talking dog left eating hard black dumpling (9)
- 25 A Parisian twosome, almost de trop (5)
- 26 Wherewithal to get stoned or pissed? (4)
- 27 Old dykes from which ship's past can be reconstructed (9)

Down

- 1 Two-timer – big-time – taking in foreign friends (8)
- 2 Idiot and person of faith losing marbles, initially (5)

- 3,20,4 “Doth Hosea have thy date off?” – well dodgy Biblical location (3,6,2,3,6,2,5)
- 5 Soothes twisted tongue (7)
- 7 Eatery offering up tune with egregious skill (9)
- 8 Drink manufacturer's little brown jug (6)
- 9 Onset of sudden infatuation involving frottage with bishop's cleaning equipment (9,5)
- 15 Delight composer, backing virgin keeping quiet, finally (9)
- 16 Little man's insides corrupted by sloth? (8)
- 18 Teletubby introducing student to Poles' dialect (7)
- 19 Head lice possibly infesting cyclist's accoutrement (3,4)
- 20 See 3
- 23 Lofty peaks in African desert (5)

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