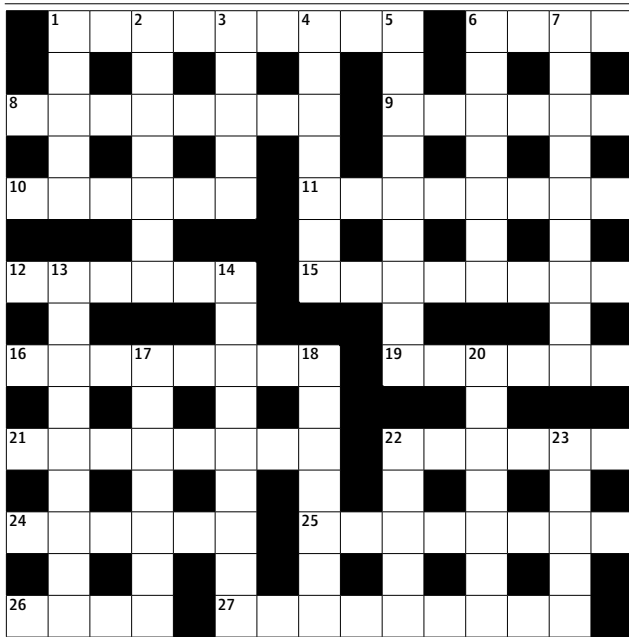


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,994 set by Rufus

## Across

- 1 The Church is after him, say, to deliver judgment (9)
- 6 It breaks and breaks around the West (4)
- 8 Criticism for decent chap leading strike (8)
- 9 German sub (6)
- 10 Nit-picker takes notes in exercise books (6)
- 11 You won't care if you lose it (8)
- 12 Noted and objected (6)
- 15 One with minor responsibilities in a newspaper (8)
- 16 Prank ceased being funny when father came in (8)
- 19 Not a person of substance, presumably (6)
- 21 Seizes egg collections (8)
- 22 Private doctor comes in this month (6)
- 24 Go back by air? (6)
- 25 Criminal who runs a 13 down business (8)
- 26 Indication that a writer's revision is not better (4)
- 27 I wondered about getting a bedcover (9)

## Down

- 1 Quietly fancy a witch-hunt (5)
- 2 Fruit supplier made love to cleaner in street (7)

- 3 Circulate gold coin (5)
- 4 Love to be on night shift (7)
- 5 Complaint as regards public transport (3,6)
- 6 Title in fact much wished for (7)
- 7 Oppose having a base (9)
- 13 Rude about vessel's prow being on the rocks (9)
- 14 Orders hay to be put out for this animal (4,5)
- 17 A pamphlet said to make a personal appeal (7)
- 18 Guaranteed safe, when in extremity (7)
- 20 Young Italian graduate doctor in love (7)
- 22 Experience part of the main current (5)
- 23 Grim end to a ship (5)

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