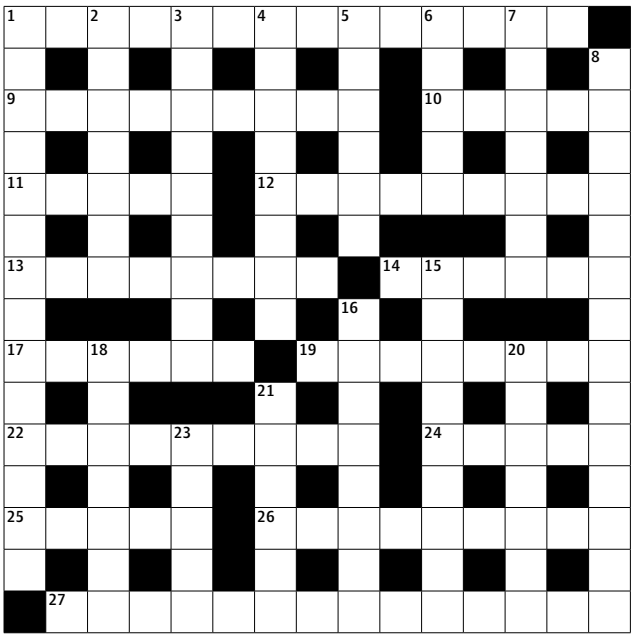
# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,028 set by Philistine

## Across

**1** Help stomach and bottom line initially coated with blusher, free for all (5,3,6)
**9** Minor problem with Gents: solver's outside (9)
**10** Pit bull terrier (stray one's gone) (5)
**11** Nonpareil de *Perfide Albion* (5)
**12** Style of 22, trimming tails to nail lizard by return (9)
**13** An awkward niggle surrounds gathering (8)
**14** 21 (not half) takes tea and cake (6)
**17** Coarse content of shoals, in more ways than one (6)
**19** Jezebel shorn (8)
**22** Bush is one occupying bar stool (5,4)
**24** Lament rejection of where to enter solutions online ... (5)
**25** ... in unpredictable order (5)
**26** Clinic ends telecast with "50% reductions for customers" (9)
**27** Traditional way of dumping pricey facilities by landlord (4,4,6)

## Down

**1** Rowing thus to have begun,
Off went the Olympic gun (7,7)
**2** Nice articles written after you heard this country's leading guitar (7)
**3** Greetings! Glad NHS treatment found in Scotland! (9)
**4** Pay attention: nobody welcomes the offbeat (4,4)
**5** Road junction to which beer enthusiasts return (6)
**6** I travel to the North from South Island, perhaps (5)
**7** Crude line art on its wall (7)
**8** Twice raise the admission to be last in (5,2,3,4)
**15** Plenty of cake served in a disco (9)
**16** Playing "A" strings, possibly scales (4,4)
**18** Hot fortnight perhaps on French island? (7)
**20** Rampant priest penetrates cheeky sexual deviant (7)
**21** Cowboy recovered from a cough (6)
**23** Queens provide (5)

**Solution No. 26,027**

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