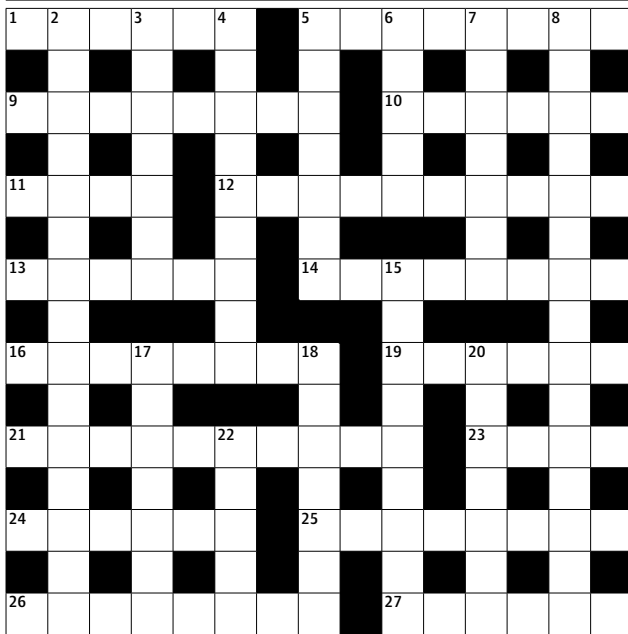


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,049 set by Gordius

## Across

- 1** Rector squared the circle? (6)  
**5** Coastal resort wherein time may be put by (3,5)  
**9** Died with violin play and forgetfulness (8)  
**10** Get one's own back from, say, Russian flower (6)  
**11** Leave that's fairly short (4)  
**12** Absence of French in English city outbreak (5,5)  
**13** Range said to be a sailing blunder (6)  
**14** Shelter in former educational establishment with power (8)  
**16** Fiddle somehow led to stand with legs apart (8)  
**19** Get excited? No! (4,2)  
**21** One doesn't much care to be without it (10)  
**23** High note needs drink (4)  
**24** Figure is about 80 chains (6)  
**25** Gland inclined to Erastianism? (8)  
**26** Bird that concludes with a period (8)  
**27** Last under English system (6)

## Down

- 2** Sweat – ie, invents work offering more jobs (6-9)  
**3** Noisy reveller for whom dawn herald gets one for nothing (7)  
**4** Reduce council item employees carry to look indispensable (9)  
**5** Illumination from paper could be unhealthy (7)  
**6** Course of time with torture (5)  
**7** Live in lustre at the boozier (7)  
**8** One who counts on his fingers? (7,8)  
**15** Fetish to ring in place of worship (5,4)  
**17** One without faith somehow hates it (7)  
**18** Pattern formerly sufficient (7)  
**20** Turned last of 15 round gallery (7)  
**22** Drinkers find some taste in a glass or mug (5)

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