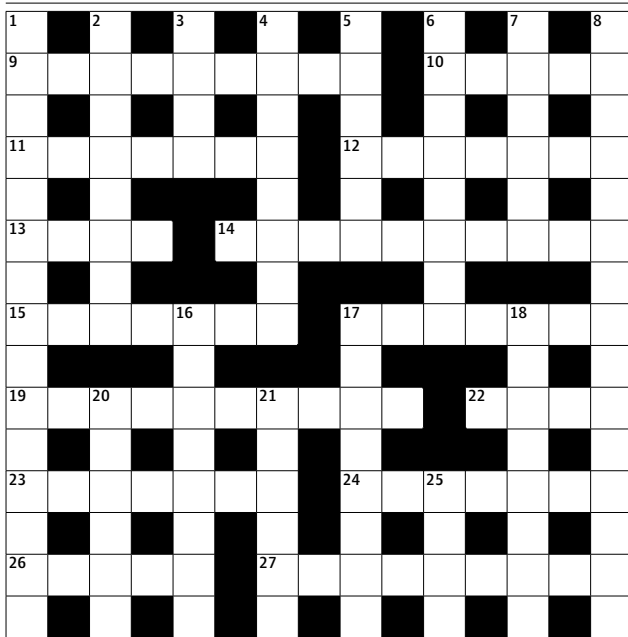


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,081 set by Brummie

Across

- 9** No subject gets trim in steel tempered by sun (9)
10 Spot large roomy place (5)
11 Rock 'n' roll classic clue stuffed with wicked content (7)
12 Superior aid distribution or rapid transport (7)
13,3 Fish-eater's brother close up (4,4)
14 Glowing with colour, one possibly cycles a bit (10)
15,25 Which might reveal one's inner thoughts of careless penmanship? (7,4)
17 China capped electric leads on memory micro-chip (7)
19 Not a straightforward critic of unrestricted, wide press coverage of Independent (10)
22 See 23
23,22 Record down in the charts? That can be a real pain (7,4)
24 Provisional playwright drops leading character: one is contracted (7)
26,5 Lives in Lille's changed together with a former immigration HQ (5,6)
27 Darn leisure activity? (9)

Down

- 1** Theoretically, it makes us universally central (9,6)
2 Maligned dove I can keep up in the air? (8)

3 See 13

- 4** Creature that's drained of water's, er, done for (5,3)
5 See 26
6 Jury briber supporters dividing capital return (8)
7 He wrote back to addressee, finally (6)
8 It makes Cyclops, cryptically, about the ultimate in crossword's unsubtle humour (9,6)
16 No more fencing for camp men about to retire? (4,4)
17 MASH director, who wants paying (8)
18 Man flu, old style, you could say, post operations here (8)
20 Doctor Sorrows is boring (6)
21 "Charge" contained by concise reference work? (6)
25 See 15

Solution No. 26,080

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