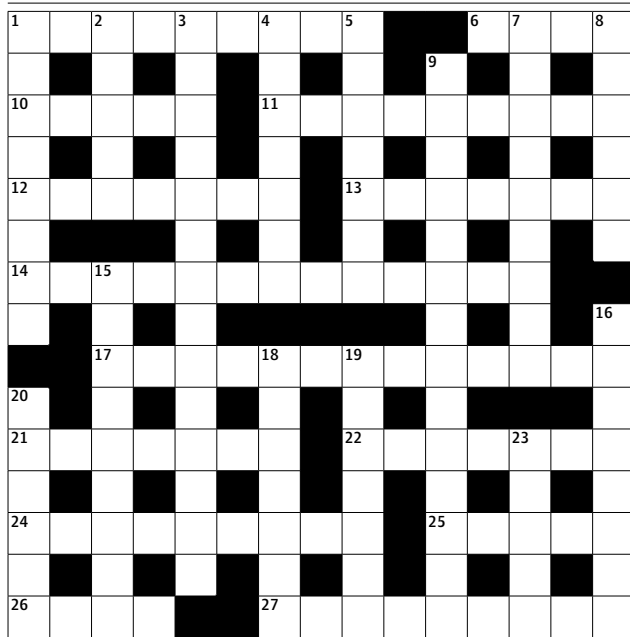


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1** Ray, perhaps, not entirely mean to eat morsel of food, a scrap (4,5)
6 Fraud no PCs will back (4)
10 Ancient, somewhat wizened looking from the rear (5)
11 Debt of £1 on gift (9)
12 God welcoming national state (7)
13 Force out old terrorist leader, boorish (7)
14 Fair to wash hand (8,5)
17 Drink in hemlock, it's poisonous as sweet (4,9)
21 Frank, a cause of irritation (7)
22 Cap removed from element by GP, one releases medicine (7)
24 Reversible fasteners pinning baker, European (9)
25 Priest managed to screen scrummy entertainment? (5)
26 Look to get sound from woofer (4)
27 List including unlimited dance music, OK (9)

Down

- 1** Succeed, like something powdery? (8)
2 Biblical city like this, with kind of effect half erased (5)
3 Pink organ inelastic, if man excited (9,5)
4 Climbing back into pig monster (7)
5 Tiny thing bagged for a nicker? (3,4)
7 Vital force left out of dance, doubly for ankle-biter (9)
8 Chaos, with one of twelve on the brink (6)
9 Flit suggested – so take flight, then? (4,3,2,5)
15 Bad manners with old twins a prominent feature (5,4)
16 Ask Dickensian to feel resentment (8)
18 Vehicle in which cups and saucers might be thrown around? (7)
19 Maybe second test outlines racket? (7)
20 Wildcat taking drink is naughty (4,2)
23 Second fruit? Exactly (5)

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