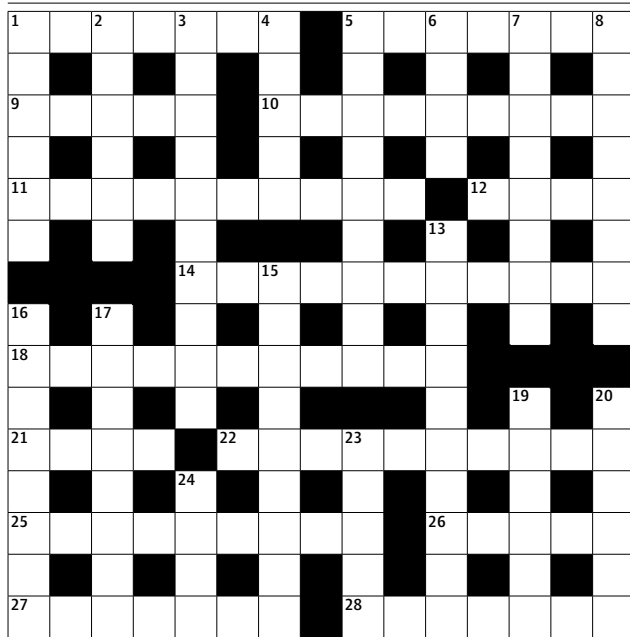


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,117 set by Paul

## Across

- 1 Plant containing plant fuel (4,3)
- 5 Novel instrument ends in celesta (7)
- 9 M. Ali's conversion – was to this? (5)
- 10 See 22
- 11 All may see the point, nothing to accomplish with unknown maverick (10)
- 12 Some ship in port (4)
- 14 Kinky man with ten elves in bondage (11)
- 18 See 1 down
- 21 Cool without water etc (4)
- 22,10 10 usually handled carelessly (3,7,3,6)
- 25 Expert waiting for someone prostrate in the trenches of northern France? (9)
- 26 Body's virtual middle (approximately) (5)
- 27 Antipodean port's riot on the beach? (7)
- 28 Following positive principle, I'm out of time rounding double bend, as a long-distance runner (7)

- 4 Hat has shifted right up (5)
- 5 Transmitter taking so long to receive mother in outskirts of Rabat (5,4)
- 6 Personal problem needs time for Danish physicist (4)
- 7 Visitor about to enter data source (8)
- 8 Sheer muscles overcoming minstrel's invocation? (8)
- 13 Twitter feeding county working for old London borough (10)
- 15 Extra large number one wrote in Swiss town (9)
- 16 Cyrano de Bergerac was playing God with Ibsen (3,5)
- 17 Flipping Vietnam War T-shirt claims no hero (5,3)
- 19 Middle East city where live wire cuts all borders off (6)
- 20 See 2
- 23 Extra large number? (5)
- 24 See 2

## Down

- 1,18 Backing release from prison, cue ugliest extremists, doubly stir crazy (6,11)
- 2,24,20 Song C, then \_\_ for spice? (3,3,4,2,4)
- 3 Article supporting a crossword setter in bloody competitive strategy (4,6)

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