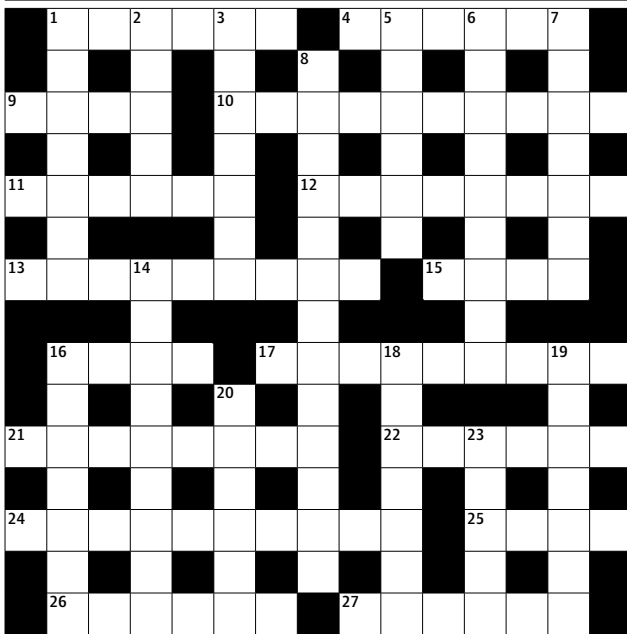


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Everyone in drag is fat (6)
- 4 Crash after stock's first issued (6)
- 9 Magazine articles from William Morris (4)
- 10 A crude mop's deployed – that stops water rising (4,6)
- 11 Brief encounter, at first, with one in Shropshire location (4,2)
- 12 Unreal Christmas visitors ate outside, refusing starter (8)
- 13 Convert writing? Only text without margins (9)
- 15 Skittles as stocking-fillers? (4)
- 16 School expelling good girl (4)
- 17 Hayek, say, giving English company clear conditions (9)
- 21 Backing last couple of singers in show (8)
- 22 Row made by curious cat with no tail (6)
- 24 Unison in a collapse (10)
- 25 1 down with Jack, in a bad way (4)
- 26 Going west, panache provided conclusion (6)
- 27 Scorched watercolour? (6)

Down

- 1 Cotton on back of weather glass (7)
- 2 Free love recurring in college (5)
- 3 One taken in by Orlando anagram? Not last but possibly first (7)
- 5 Jeremy's 100 for 10 in video game (3-3)
- 6 Metal I dropped over the Atlantic (9)
- 7 Leader of Girl Guides in Wells (7)
- 8 Waters I can omit? (8,5)
- 14 Junior minister abused working party (9)
- 16 Dance away, say, without apparent effort (4,3)
- 18 Seminarian and judge provide commentary? (7)
- 19 Unpleasant short story accepted by team (7)
- 20 Not quite missing line of stars (8)
- 23 Most important character in Fawlty Towers (5)

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