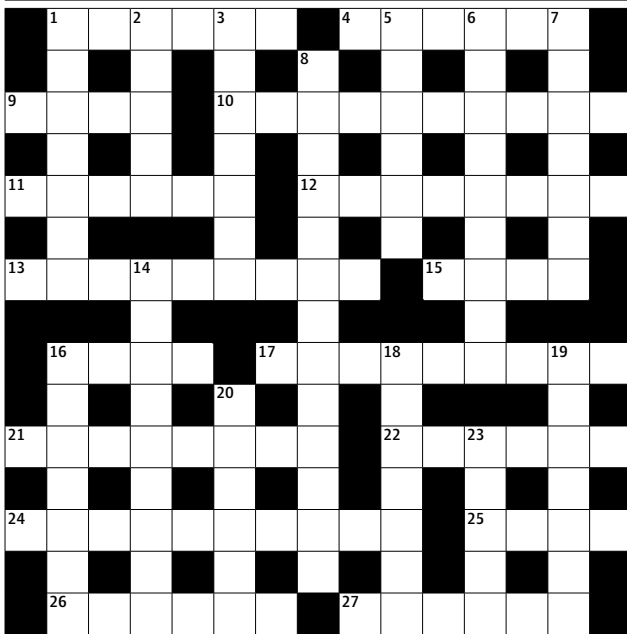


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Offer covered by crude oil drive (6)
- 4 Archaic treatment of shy bats captured in photo (6)
- 9 City's answer – good god! (4)
- 10 Needle skipped with Nail's boozy song (6,4)
- 11 Check legionnaires housing barrack (6)
- 12 Changing to more modern, out-of-bed sort of romantic activity? (8)
- 13 Being born in phase of Scorpio's an outstanding feature (9)
- 15 Game runner falls back (4)
- 16 A long way from Guy swapping one for another one (4)
- 17 Carrier bag for which Nigel gets little recognition? (9)
- 21 Lives away from one's house with Rex and four flipping good players (8)
- 22 Articulated bicycle worker/seller (6)
- 24 Gore, the presenter: "Here's a classic comedy episode" (5,5)
- 25 Red light area of selective Toronto (4)
- 26 Intellectual greats giving stupid person curt response? (6)
- 27 Songbird's prestigious transport (6)

Down

- 1 Stocking Evelyn Waugh's Back Entrances in large display? (7)
- 2 Very gloomy game opponent (5)
- 3 Fools, being put on, depressed things? (7)
- 5 Hot vent attached to social beehive? (6)
- 6 Dissident revolutionary is outside (9)
- 7 Gully, its centre replaced, becomes death-like (7)
- 8 2 +15's display of examples of bookish monks' work? (13)
- 14 Fish rubbish annoying woman (4,5)
- 16 Dancer's habit of setting up band brother with Destiny (7)
- 18 Pears lost to grass (7)
- 19 Ship's circle collared by tosser (7)
- 20 Superb sort of force from an earlier age (6)
- 23 Was raised to be a cheeky type (5)

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