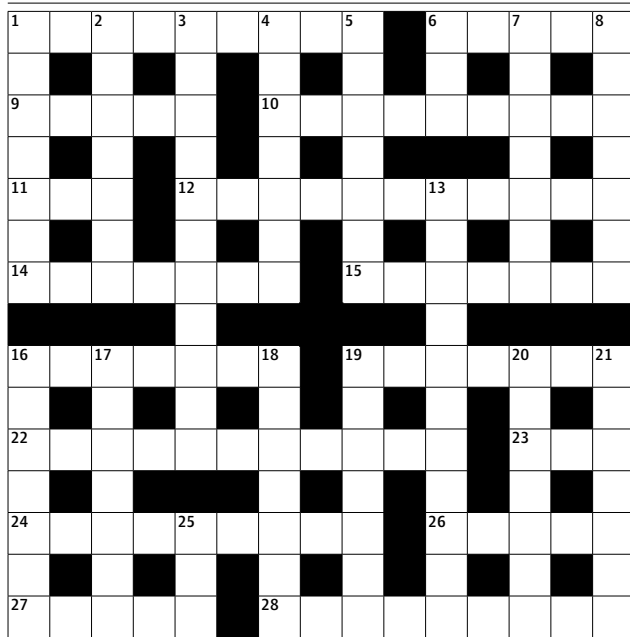


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,146 set by Gordius

## Across

- 1 Vehicle condition needs attention, back to front (6,3)
- 6 Relict without name to be seen through? (5)
- 9 Where to find soft material (5)
- 10 Tennis player who takes unfair advantage? (9)
- 11 It makes one fall, endlessly (3)
- 12 People go down with hard complaints in Somerset (6,5)
- 14 Shipmates upset on the Queen Elizabeth? (7)
- 15 See about student turning colour when getting on (7)
- 16 Foreign copper gets doctor free (7)
- 19 High point frequently in inferior backing (7)
- 22 Natural dwarfishness? (11)
- 23 Disordered, having been created short (3)
- 24 Spill the beans twice, when there's only one ... (9)
- 26 ... or none, which is comic (5)
- 27 Possibly loitering with intent – that's the girl! (5)
- 28 Rhubarb thrown away? (4,5)

## Down

- 1 Shows up former attitudes (7)
- 2 Student without one might be neater (7)
- 3 Mother accidentally encountered royalty with some measure of warmth (11)
- 4 Nothing in difficult situation can hold court (7)
- 5 Admit always rising over broken ice (7)
- 6 Questionable sound of a river? (3)
- 7 Dickens beginning with character of resident (7)
- 8 Lazy output by heartless Harry (4-3)
- 13 It can stop you from drinking (11)
- 16 Old Jew keeps us in deserts (7)
- 17 International body consumes water spirits (7)
- 18 Unreliable boy catches rodent (7)
- 19 Left wing, about to conquer, turns back (7)
- 20 Percussion gives boy awful pain (7)
- 21 Priest carries on as innkeeper (7)
- 25 General shelter (green in London) (3)

## Solution No. 26,145

