

**Guardian cryptic crossword** 

No 26,156 set by Philistine

## Across

- 1 Attend tailor, me? Unlikely (14)
- **9** In high spirits once over German worker (9)
- 10 Prime cuts of beef rare and, very occasionally, well done (5)
- **11** To whom the mouse and the lion pose a problem (5)
- 12 In wrong gear? That's right, officer (9)
- 13 A case of home position (8)
- **14** Brief ascent with short cut to reach the top (6)
- **17** Tawdry trim with no end of ostentation (6)
- 19 Spread (eg butter) endlessly round a loaf of bread (8)
- 22 Rank by comparison of writer's novel (9)
- 24 Aim when holy and delicate for a key change (5)
- 25 No lover has a broken heart (5)
- 26 Covering party in spilt red wine (9)
- 27 Business that's promising to lose weight with sturdy exercise (6,8)

## Down

1,23 Spooner's embarrassing honest folk in play (3,6,2,3,5)

- 2 Examples of "stating the bleeding obvious" suit Mrs Faulty (7)
- 3 Models are not liable to have bottom wiped by Swedish bloke (9)
- 4 Ward problem (8) 5 Framework said to fol-
- low April Fools? (6)
- 6 Sign up to take part in bar billiards (5) 7 Mansion built for per-
- sonal pleasure (7)
- 8 Solver's old half-length cycle round ambassador (4,10)
- 15 Look up fish at university in France, a mythical creature (4-5)
- **16** Hard rain's gonna fall for 23 (8)
- 18 Morning caller's rest, woolly jumper on top (7)
- **20** What's warm? (4,3)
- 21 Advanced knot securing loose end (2-4) 23 See 1

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