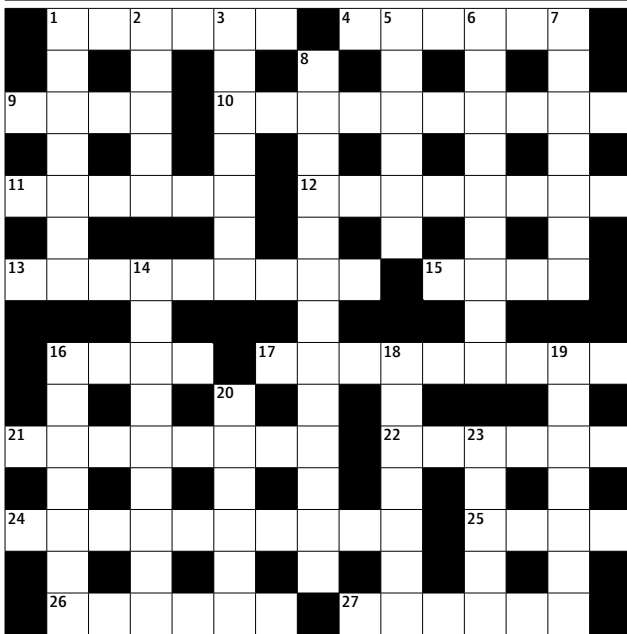


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,213 set by Picaroon

Across

- 1 No good making a mess of sweet food (6)
- 4 Old Testament sermoniser who's with his God? (6)
- 9 Open government Australia's brought back (4)
- 10 Initiator of frenzy – maniac's maddened with it (10)
- 11 Go without drug twice! Is it pot? (6)
- 12 Steady with the yoga – one's in a funny position (2,4,2)
- 13 10, say, has fresh air (3,6)
- 15 Tramp – one missing current English king (4)
- 16 Minnow from Conservative HQ (4)
- 17 I steer powerboat around Britain's old Scottish ground (5,4)
- 21 Romantic figures given increasingly sober, splendid clothes (8)
- 22 Like the rural upper classes getting back in hunt – pathetic! (6)
- 24 Footballer in red (4-6)
- 25 Clap, maybe, when welcoming university's boss (4)
- 26 Queen single's piercing beat is something that really gets into your head! (6)
- 27 One's played head of police in crime film (6)

Down

- 1 See 2

- 2,1 Legal exemption from fee juror came to settle (5,7)
- 3 Trendy pop for European royalty (7)
- 5 What could bore reading Twitter! (6)
- 6 Athlete's bits held up by this? (9)
- 7 Having pawned donkey, get cushion? (7)
- 8 In central London, stop men going on the game (13)
- 14 Bit of cash gambler finally raised for flirty girl (9)
- 16 Least macho punters here on trial (7)
- 18 Unacceptable prune's hard, protruding part (7)
- 19 Soldiers question the protection they have (7)
- 20 America, burning, cheers up invader (8)
- 23 Two characters, both Poles, in European city (5)

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