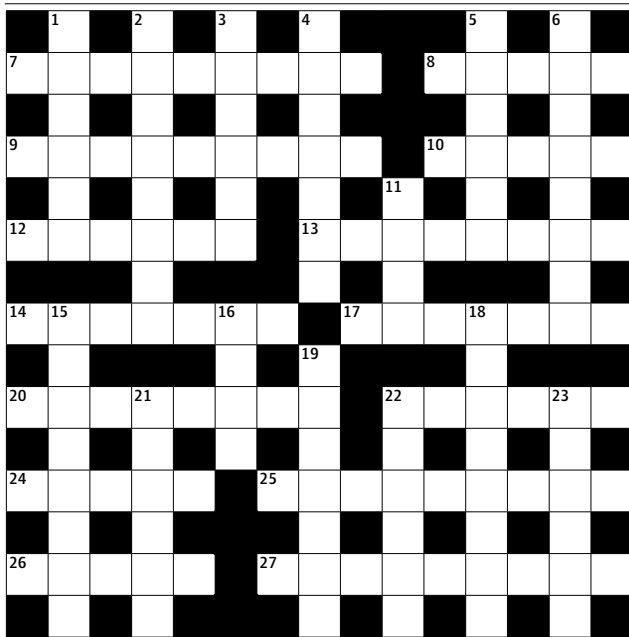


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,215 set by Rufus

## Across

- 7 Girl has an unusual idea of earthly paradise (7-2)
- 8 Agree the score (5)
- 9 University takes two scholars in exchange (4,5)
- 10 Go round twice at speed (5)
- 12 Darwin's crafty dog (6)
- 13 Gathering round about a friend (8)
- 14 A burnt-out pantomime character? (7)
- 17 A course in writing may bring fortune (7)
- 20 Criticise article about Rome's Hall of Fame (8)
- 22 Complete exposure of corruption in Dundee (6)
- 24 A picking-up point (5)
- 25 Allowing real distress (9)
- 26 Pushing forwards gets all-round credit (5)
- 27 Carried by lawyer for a short trial? (9)

## Down

- 1 Gradually descend to procrastination? (6)
- 2 Big finish about to be made bigger (8)
- 3 Talk about kitchen finally being decorated (6)
- 4 Fast scoring rate (7)

- 5 Flier eating chop and banger (6)
- 6 Granny, say, has problem on undergarment (8)
- 11 Call for energy in mountain climb (4)
- 15 One certain to be replaced immediately (2,1,5)
- 16 Grass blown in the wind? (4)
- 18 Close agreement (8)
- 19 Wreck aground, despite exercising caution (2,5)
- 21 Mouth organ held in silence (6)
- 22 It's challenged, if raised in a legal document (6)
- 23 Describing Hamlet and his difficulty (6)

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