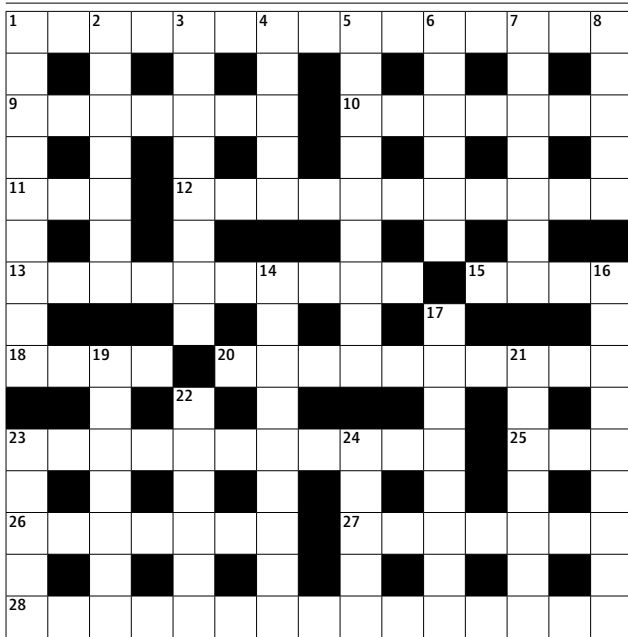


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,223 set by Tramp

## Across

- 1 Buffet snack served with wicked lunch (not cold) (7,8)
- 9 Branch where motor mechanics change body parts (7)
- 10 Good behaviour last month, no booze (7)
- 11 Know Clarke (or Clark cut short)? (3)
- 12 Low flyer's landing spot to limit helicopter? Not initially (5-6)
- 13 Grand with wealthy player's unbeatable hand? (5,5)
- 15 Exploited the Guardian journalist (4)
- 18 Doctor with tablet turning head of Michael Barrymore? (4)
- 20 Something blown well: blower gets behind America (10)
- 23 See 6
- 25 Short, firm president (3)
- 26 Starts to get excited – Ronnie's back, eyeing reds and making plant (7)
- 27 Fish nets close to whales mark one disturbance at sea (7)
- 28 Sweet products in set, refine Coco Pops (15)

## Down

- 1 Sex symbol of 10 – can king arise, tired? (9)
- 2 Feminine new piece's ugly, not good on the exterior (7)
- 3 Atonement had her sounding gallant (8)
- 4 Softened exams: education department primarily welcomes top grades (5)

- 5 A don, not working, prepares lectures (9)
- 6,23across,17 Introductory line for explorer in TV guide: "Mostly old Inspector Morse reruns" (6,11,1,7)
- 7 Breaks in Irish rugby union squad's first tackling exercise (7)
- 8 Cartoon character is a big hit in America (5)
- 14 Hurry! Ladies getting trade round back of park (4,5)
- 16 Pass on time – no hospital to standards for nutritional study (9)
- 17 See 6
- 19 Ring banks of Everton, mid-range club? (7)
- 21 Independent and i hold up small supplement – men at the top make paper work (7)
- 22 Partners and opponent, three times holding unknown hand, might catch this? (6)
- 23 Cut down one chapter to make deduction (5)
- 24 Top three characters for United in scoreless draw (5)

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