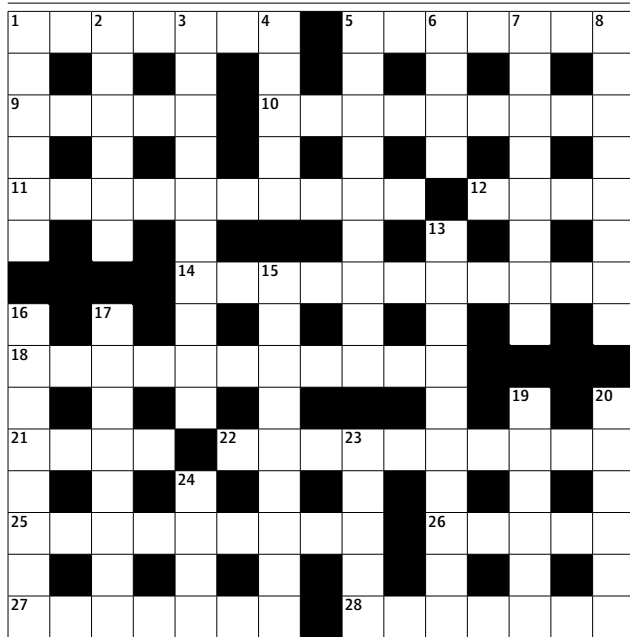


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Sign that Tommy's upset about Penny (7)
- 5 "Line the loft" (Energy Grid) (7)
- 9 A royal badger? (5)
- 10 Managers of the Stones swapping Elton John initially with the Modfather and Sabbath (9)
- 11 Note: money – 1,000 pounds for impressions (10)
- 12 Knight strips off outer layers to reveal inner woman (4)
- 14 Domestic appliances: the plate was his but the ____ (11)
- 18 Abolitionist deals fierce blow to suppress the onset of racism (11)
- 21 Miss Elizabeth enters study doing a pirouette (4)
- 22 Stomach of wasp I distracted with flower (10)
- 25 Violently separated from a racehorse? (9)
- 26 French monarch's solution? Fighting not fleeing (5)
- 27 King and queens imprison evil murderers (7)
- 28 Spooner's youthful environment produces oilseed (7)

Down

- 1 Fabulous creature puts hearts in a whirl with kiss (6)
- 2 Maybe Antonius, Roman consul under senate leaders? (6)
- 3 Plays idle or plays with action man, perhaps (3,7)
- 4 Officer's trouble over his men? (5)
- 5 Latin woman struggles with beard, regularly gets cutter (9)
- 6 In India, weight that's lifted a great deal (4)
- 7 Before a setter compiled, one goes from 1 to 2 to 3 ... (8)
- 8 Writer who claims S, perhaps, equals T? (8)
- 13 Ealing's first endless caper. Silly? Criminal? Very! (10)
- 15 Politicians and passengers love them (4,5)
- 16 Ex-England spin bowler knocks out no boundaries with two turns (4,4)
- 17 As a customer, I can't sell shears without spades (8)
- 19 Become familiar with ABBA's debut song on the radio (6)
- 20 Former chancellor was hopeless, dividing half the capital (6)
- 23 Following current, river delivered components (5)
- 24 Perhaps Earth's off limits for Superman's girlfriend (4)

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