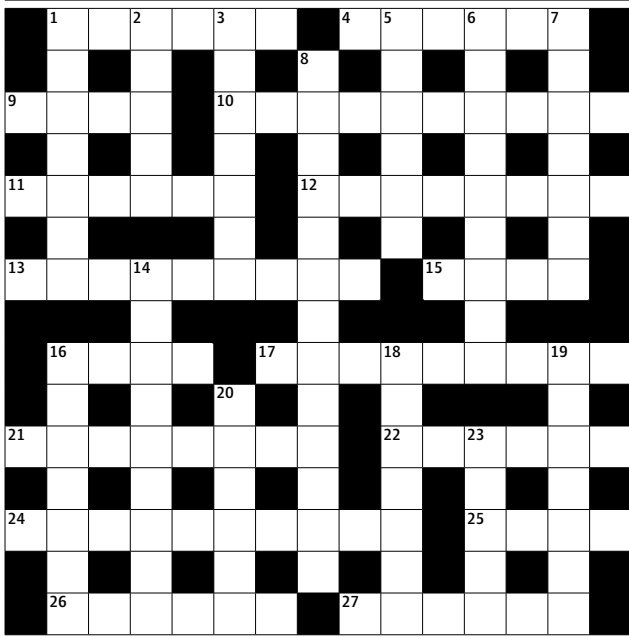


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,246 set by Philistine

Across

- 1,4** Shoe style on many performers in London (6,6)
9 Postman on the phone (4)
10 Fly down with courage (10)
11 Outdo “Vote for Clegg” on the radio (6)
12 If cheese eating course routinely ends a meal, for starters offer something else (3,5)
13 One taking pictures of Daddy snoring in the middle of karaoke (9)
15,17 Some wind back through clear gap used at site of battle (4,9)
16,25 Heather’s after hospital with treatment (8)
17 See 15
21 Anorak edges woven with winter clothing (8)
22 Be somebody, not so flipping Philistine (6)
24 “Ground Zero” cast I’d banished (10)
25 See 16
26 Cried, being deeply hurt (6)
27 Compiler likes men and women to live and drink (6)

Down

- 1** Instrument back in the middle of republican IRA conspiracy (7)

- 2** Lifelong imprisonment for criminal (5)
3 She cavorted with spy in cyberspace while her husband had a close shave (7)
5 Ciabatta may be said to be exclusively family-made (6)
6 Queens on wall heard thus? (9)
7 20 silver ointment boxes (7)
8 Chicken Shock picked up a prestigious award in America (8,5)
14 Sauna bath cures – all stripped naked (2,7)
16 Render sharp pen, being straight (7)
18 Immunity from holding up river (7)
19 Leisurely, for an Italian poet (7)
20 Greeks regularly need prompt salvation (6)
23 Endless seafood (5)

Solution No. 26,245

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