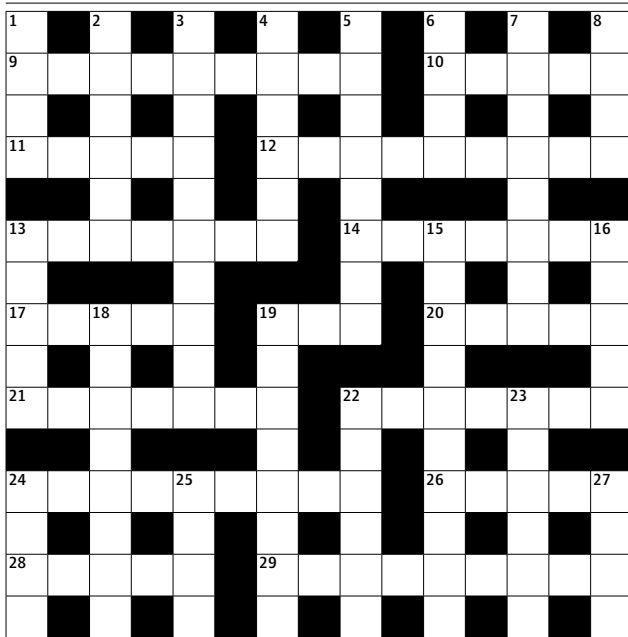


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,272 set by Boatman

Across

- 9 Was careful with sack full of duke's letters about love (6,3)
- 10 Meat dish made by adding sweet lolly (5)
- 11 Note strange reflection of artwork on wall (5)
- 12 Gobstopper in a mess, with bits of rock on ground (9)
- 13 Corrupt brief charged with drugs handout (7)
- 14 Sweet-loving six-footer (7)
- 17 No small islands around old port (5)
- 19 School has not one device to download or upload, even (3)
- 20 What's left, if I leave cold sweet? (5)
- 21 Keen to go wild, drink and party (5-2)
- 22 Empty sweet nothings by yard without showing any feeling (7)
- 24 Sweet (hard-boiled) on TV after nine? (9)
- 26 Where to put degrees for a dog: at the start? (5)
- 28 Enough maple fudge? (5)
- 29 Beyond queasy on two quarters of sweets (9)

Down

- 1 Type of rock, typically sweet (4)
- 2 Definitely short and sweet, perhaps (6)
- 3 Spooner's paunch over his trousers from sweets (5,5)
- 4 Secretly sweet on guest speaker (6)
- 5 Shot at in road by airmen, hit by metal and died (8)

- 6 Boatman left sweetheart empowered (4)
- 7 No right to release disc by one trendy and smart (4,4)
- 8 Had variable depth of focus, quick to change (4)
- 13 Sweet on little woman in dress (5)
- 15 Beneath name, corpse treated with oil found here (10)
- 16 Sweetly fragrant solver's on top of Boatman (5)
- 18 Superior branches of stores are not quiet: after indulgence, they say (8)
- 19 Hurries on short trips to uncle's premises (3,5)
- 22 One who likes to see suffering solvers, a devilish invention scrambling their heads (6)
- 23 Nasty lesion found beneath foot (6)
- 24 What makes you blue and sorrow'd, say? (4)
- 25 Regrets controls, a Liberal gone astray (4)
- 27 Humbug is licked into shape here (4)

Solution No. 26,271

