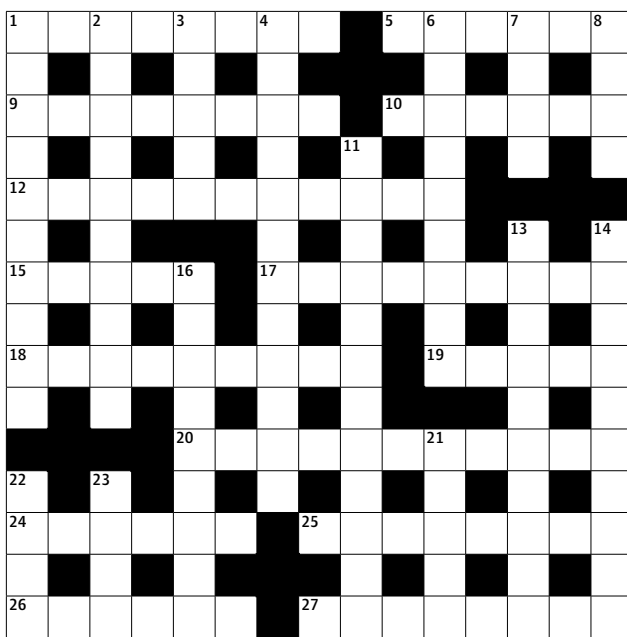


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,702 set by Bonxie

Across

- 1** Small wound up carpet unravels (5,3)
5 Probationer with a month to kill (6)
9 Caught several out preparing joints with these (8)
10 Sound effect always found in R&B (6)
12 State radio led with NHS reforms (5,6)
15 Woman left loud bar (5)
17 Impressive thing about iron-backed fasteners (4,5)
18 One working in hospital uniform given sweet substance (9)
19 Sing at the top of one's range? (5)
20 Pit queen against king for the title of "hearty eater" (11)
24 Relaxed after a pick-me-up (6)
25 Return to club across narrow valley, carrying a heavy load (8)
26 Popular holiday destination involving a particular activity (6)
27 Provides rating for a ship before winding turns (8)

Down

- 1** Literary type charges Kindle outside (10)

- 2** Only women admitted into mobile phone event (10)
3 Show survey to the audience (5)
4 Disorder precipitated when controls removed (12)
6 Fine to repeat old clue about diamonds (4-5)
7 Fancy a fish first? (4)
8 Spielberg's part for Hamburg banker (4)
11 Star spotters report reveals incorporation of US video system (6,6)
13 Relishes crunching second mint (10)
14 Litter mounts up after English Proms (10)
16 Be first to compound effect of exposure (9)
21 Nurse given money owed to invest with (5)
22 See 23
23,22 Links warning to players' prediction (8)

Solution No. 26,701

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