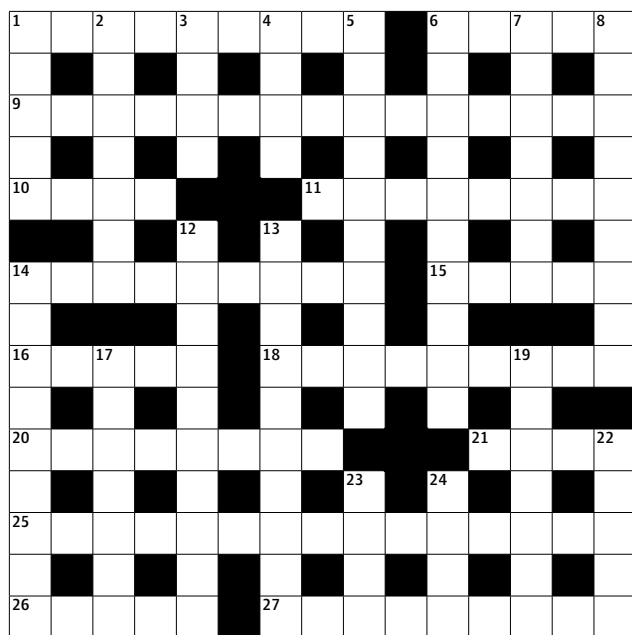


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,732 set by Vlad

Across

- 1 Country home completed – one's in it (9)
 6,9 Psst! Gather round – he'll easily work without one (1,4,2,4,5-4)
 10 Touch flesh in these shows (4)
 11 "Look stupid!" – Posh in metal (8)
 14 When sick, agree poor Norma could be seen by one (9)
 15 Notice nothing about her (5)
 16 Moved slowly – big end's conked out (5)
 18 Agreed to walk out, though highly thought of (9)
 20 Complaint about essentially nude pin-ups – they're ripped (8)
 21 Top male in pack's one (4)
 25 Bugged car so there's no privacy from the outset, right – with this (8,7)
 26 Sees said locations (5)
 27 Like to keep close to Mike – friend's very poorly (9)

Down

- 1 Like Joyce, a woman who has no boundaries (5)
 2 Wish to part over leading lady (7)
 3 Appearing around country makes sense (4)
 4 Work out cricket team's not old (4)

- 5 Cameron/Osborne's last three blunders – 11, 12 and 13, of course (4,6)
 6 After lengthy delay, strong man carries on – extremely grateful at time (2,4,4)
 7 What one thinks about super-religious head (7)
 8 Paradise Lost – man dared to play around (9)
 12 Constable's work mainly gets better with drugs (10)
 13 Another empty house to rent (about a thousand) – part of land divided (5,5)
 14 Doctor upset writer's taking "exercise" in people carriers (9)
 17 Go on date in US town during month abroad (4,3)
 19 Quote cut during actual performance (7)
 22 All but topless sooner than expected (5)
 23 Head down south, be away – it's painful! (4)
 24 China's money tree (4)

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