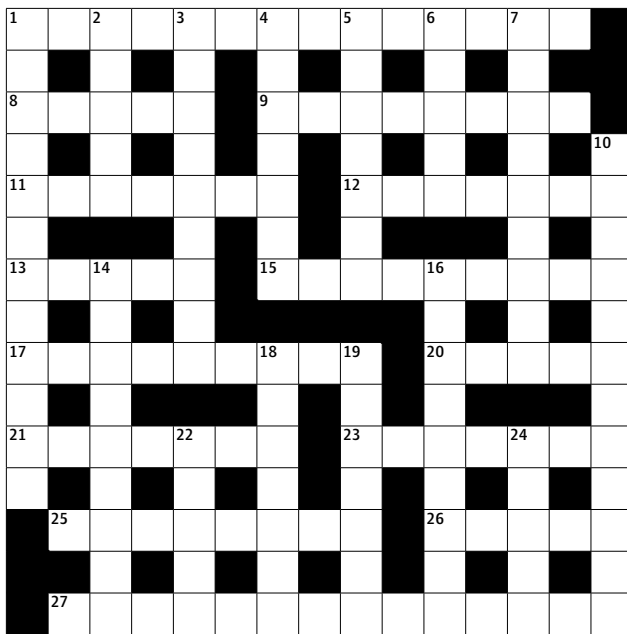


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,778 set by Nutmeg

Across

- 1 Finished dealing? It won't stop here (7,7)
- 8 Acclaim withdrawal of anti-Brit sentiment? (5)
- 9 He thinks he's Romeo, present on balcony (4,4)
- 11 Tip of tool piercing irregular hole in ancient artefact (7)
- 12 See you dispose of last two bits of Stilton, say, with port (7)
- 13 Farmer's work clothes with durable fabric (5)
- 15 Salesman wearing brown is bored in theatre (9)
- 17 On change of trade, factory offers tedious work (9)
- 20 Female artist's backing cut (5)
- 21 Seafood concession cut by demand (7)
- 23 He goes on to land after turning (7)
- 25 Sporting tours hosted by seven star players (8)
- 26 Local's first in to deliver soothing treatment (5)
- 27 Best of United's wingers running round Hearts scorer? (6,8)

Down

- 1 Carpeting and doing well at the job (6,2,4)
- 2 Cattle round-up was carried over (5)
- 3 Little cakes topped and iced with no training necessary (9)

- 4 Snobbish type going off before Derby, perhaps (4,3)
- 5 Root's declaring, with last pair going berserk (7)
- 6 Ultimately, if you sing, you make intricate music (5)
- 7 What's gathered within barrier engineers brought in (9)
- 10 "Goners' ledger" prepared here in London? (7,5)
- 14 Like 10 and 27, not all recurring (9)
- 16 Those deserving a lighter sentence? (9)
- 18 Cave in Spain, base for one male tramp (7)
- 19 Devious fellow circumventing island's criminals (3,4)
- 22 Future change required, with rise of pound (5)
- 24 Subordinate to roar half-heartedly (5)

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