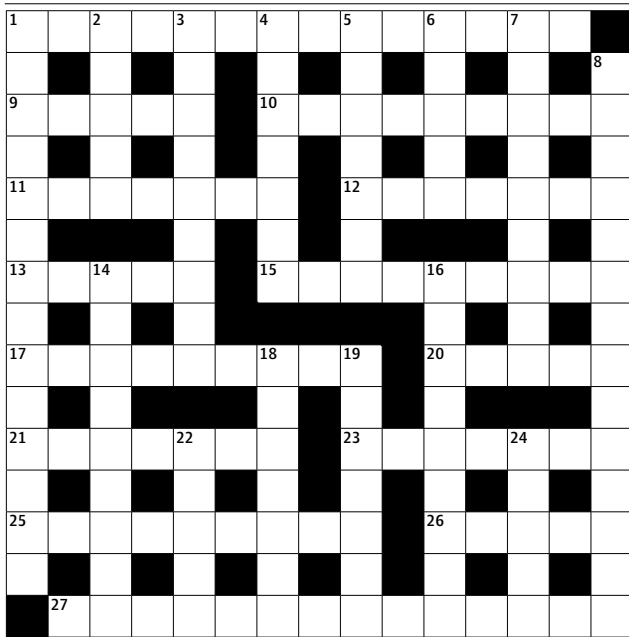


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,269 set by Rufus

Across

- 1** That quick prowling around to find cover (9,5)
9 Ideal stage for Pinafore? (5)
10 Dash of sugar? (9)
11 We yearn for change in 2015 (3,4)
12 Pilot reported to be abroad (7)
13 White wines that go with joints? (5)
15 Found habit less disturbing (9)
17 Problem is to learn a French instrument (9)
20 Rise late, about one will be right (3,2)
21 Enthusiasts may wax it (7)
23 Apes sobbing, maltreated (7)
25 Being chatty makes Kate vital (9)
26 Northern region about to hold sporting events (5)
27 Agreement in writing (14)

Down

- 1** It can be dark in bars (5,9)
2 Half of them brawl and hurl things! (5)
3 Dependants – those that are persistent (7-2)

- 4** Comment on what you see? (7)
5 Peek, perhaps, but don't go in (4,3)
6 Loose relative seen topless (5)
7 The water chute's dry counterpart? (9)
8 Pause for inspiration? (9,5)
14 She's used to getting low scores (9)
16 Advertising account presentation to directors (9)
18 King gains supporters and fights back (7)
19 An attractive item that has nothing of interest to a motorist (7)
22 Seat of learning (5)
24 Could be Indian form of canoe (5)

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