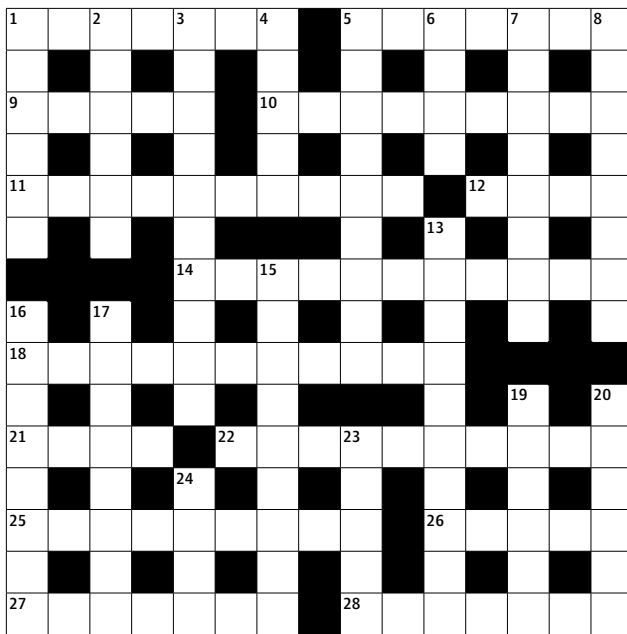


## Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,822 set by Qaos

### Across

- 1 News reader? (7)  
 5 Bean you are told to put in liqueur (7)  
 9 Anchor just lifted, ready for a journey (5)  
 10 Bore to babble about English goal (9)  
 11 Golf range played over par? Not by him! (4,6)  
 12 Language of email service without vowels (4)  
 14 Negotiator: I translate secrets into Norwegian (11)  
 18 Tramp's uberpuzzle – over a billion approve (6,5)  
 21 Told small joke (4)  
 22 Dog sprinted after socialist's bone for fruit (10)  
 25 "Defender's daughter kidnapped by young man" – by this paper (not the Scotsman) (9)  
 26 Hiding behind executive table (5)  
 27 With stream flowing, it's most relaxing (7)  
 28 Turn? I can't – it's enormous! (7)

### Down

- 1 Storm protection (6)  
 2 Hawk lifts royal sheep above the tops of elm trees (6)  
 3 Supplements that might cause grumbling? (10)  
 4 Great manager (5)  
 5 Fabulous creature presses on each star thistle, for example (9)  
 6 Schedule time and relaxation – otherwise heads roll! (4)  
 7 Correct a chess move – take it back! (8)  
 8 Ruler's sexy lover gets gold and diamonds (8)  
 13 Vegetable, green and sweet (10)  
 15 A cucubebe? (9)  
 16 This can shoot down Spooner's top boast (8)  
 17 It's more ridiculous – I'm lost for words after Australian has bowled Root (8)  
 19 Plot flirts with danger (6)  
 20 A vehicle with 50% engine capacity lacks motor co-ordination (6)  
 23 Trainee pet bites revolting little man (5)  
 24 Fit in baguette? (4)



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