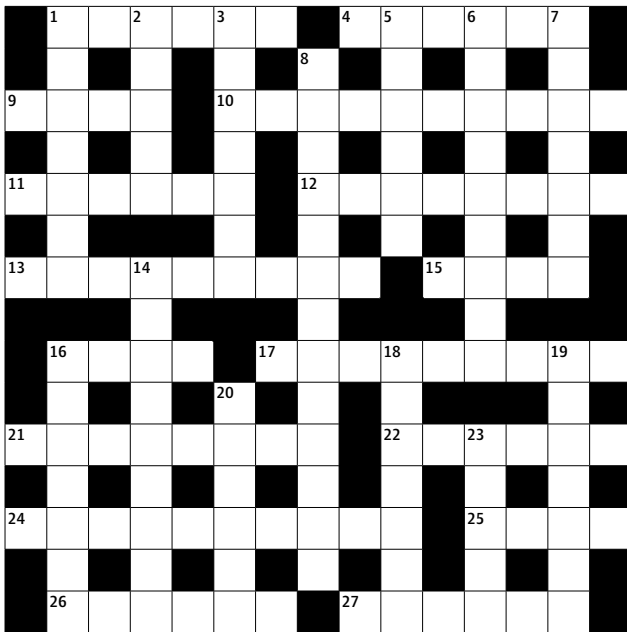


## Guardian cryptic crossword



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### Across

- 1 Particular variety of sheep's head and guts (6)
- 4 What shouldn't happen on a peninsula? (6)
- 9 Little cakes turned over – or up? (4)
- 10 Imposing boundaries on Mantel's last copy (10)
- 11 Interference with musical holding it back (6)
- 12 Surgeon, one formerly employed in telephone exchange (8)
- 13 Fuss after swindle involving return of supporter's diamond (9)
- 15 Part of India's left end (4)
- 16 Split up role (4)
- 17 Shout about barren waste yielding fruit (9)
- 21 Tom-tom heading off to Belgium for sacrifice (8)
- 22 Good antique, antiquely precious (6)
- 24 Backward glance sees traditional religious order originally held in esteem (10)
- 25 Backing instrument's border (4)
- 26 Redistribute booze to soprano dropped from higher accompaniment (6)
- 27 Decorate journalist receiving summons? On the contrary (6)

### Down

- 1 Artisan nobbled crooner (7)
- 2 Nick turned to automaton (5)
- 3 Bird, 51, cracked nut (7)
- 5 Lifted supermarket right off (6)
- 6 Help for addict swamp-ing party in gas (9)
- 7 Look into oxtail soup, fishing out one amphibian (7)
- 8 "Things beyond our ken ...": poem lesbian doctor's rewritten (13)
- 14 Second endlessly supporting bass solo about weight problems (9)
- 16 Falsely claim to nurse in advance? (7)
- 18 Close bond with something to sleep in (7)
- 19 Die, held up by mythical bird or stag (7)
- 20 Can Oriental money reduce restraint? (6)
- 23 Contract bridge opponents carrying field (5)

Solution No. 27,363

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