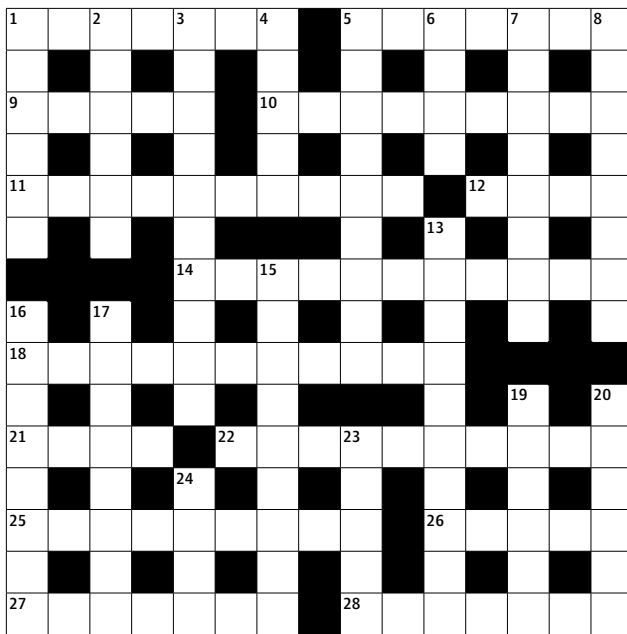


## Guardian cryptic crossword



No 27,369 set by Qaos

### Across

- 1 Joe wanders around lavish old city (7)
- 5 Swimmer to open Guinness bottles (7)
- 9 Criminal act caught out after strong drink (5)
- 10 Prior calculations of stars orbiting around Earth by the 100 (9)
- 11 "Muslim leaders reject onion" – sure that's the answer? (10)
- 12 Team follows reserves by car (4)
- 14 Indian flower scared to travel a great deal with us (6,5)
- 18 Original one gave a mint to chew around lunch-time (11)
- 21 Disco suit (4)
- 22 Like a cup, Mr, of icy lacquer? Some sent back (10)
- 25 Maybe too much salt is dangerous (9)
- 26 Cancel book – it's missing second page (5)
- 27 Vehicle reverses by king, queen and huntsman (7)
- 28 Short newspaper item on blown-up air-beds (7)

### Down

- 1 Great deliveries of oranges (6)
- 2 Keen to pirouette over good music (6)
- 3 "Ban porn and chess!", I raged (10)
- 4 US labour leader once blowing his top over large amount of waste (5)

- 5 Father is cheater, surprisingly, but not at board game (9)
- 6 No 1 church in France? (4)
- 7 Social climbers at college have quiche during the weekend (8)
- 8 Most awful new wine is French (8)
- 13 Trouble brewing not to get one group honour (4,6)
- 15 Quality tea time during a competition run (9)
- 16 Noble's wayward cousin hugged by retired transvestite (8)
- 17 1980 pop song, sung to grandmother (8)
- 19 To socialise, tramp hugs knight and bishop (6)
- 20 One walking, one talking without end (6)
- 23 Get up – finally Christmas! Too busy to play with toys (5)
- 24 Poet not at home to have fun (4)

Solution No. 27,368

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