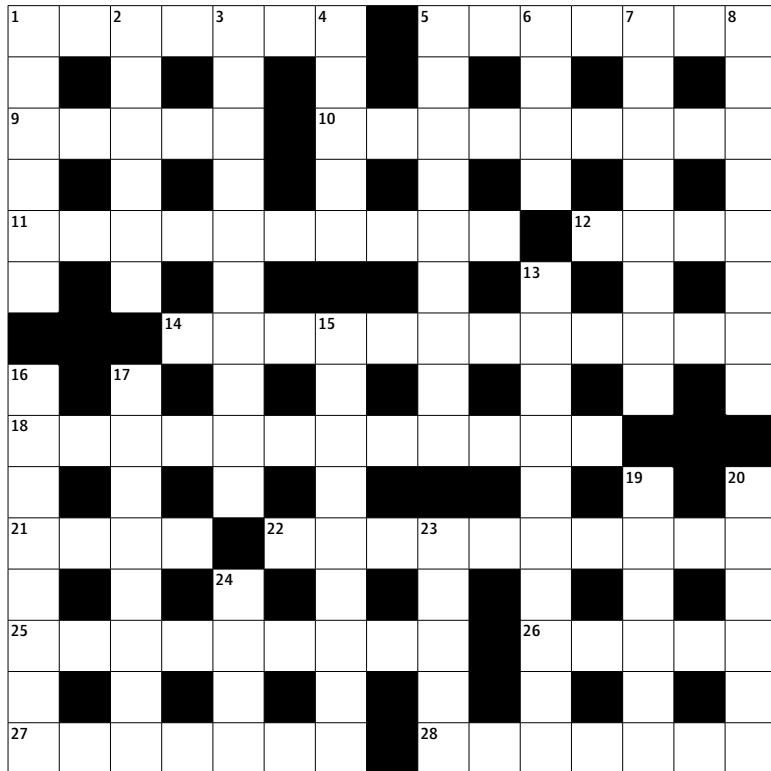


**Guardian cryptic crossword** No 27,438 set by Qaos



**Across**

- 1 Outer layer that's old, spurning new modern fashion (7)
- 5 Trade union strike, no adult left out to meddle (7)
- 9 Relative receives top grade – very well done! (5)
- 10 West Indian batsman steals silver? I'd go for plum (9)
- 11 Cry with pain, as scoundrel receives royal warning (6,4)
- 12 Liberal and Unionist revoke prime minister's block (4)
- 14 Shift hell's location? (12)
- 18 Drunk in order to get a measure of annihilation (12)
- 21 Tried cycling without energy? It's rubbish (4)
- 22 Ride in a devious way (10)
- 25 Most remote website regularly finishes 50, 1, 50, 1 (9)
- 26 Tease American over sweetheart (5)
- 27 Sign of gas returning? Have to go! (2,5)
- 28 Bothered to be equipped for winter travel? (7)

**Down**

- 1 Beginning of boy? Erm ... possibly (6)
- 2 Nothing clear about prophet (6)
- 3 They work with numbers, sin and cos – to me, it's gibberish (10)
- 4 Trick with ace (5)

- 5 Intoxicating Iberian brew, extremely neat (9)
- 6 Opponents tucking into dry wine (4)
- 7 Stubbs considered not being entertained (8)
- 8 Butterfly markings look square close up (8)
- 13 Soldiers use soap, all lathered up, for changes (10)
- 15 Deliberately sounding like an American dolphin? (9)
- 16 Influence and lobby Nobel prize winner (3,5)
- 17 Nightingale found in Italy (8)
- 19 Party girl hugs posh boy (6)
- 20 Kept touring Dorset (6)
- 23 Score heavily at first, after not getting caught (5)
- 24 Sluggish car going from 1 to 50? (4)

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