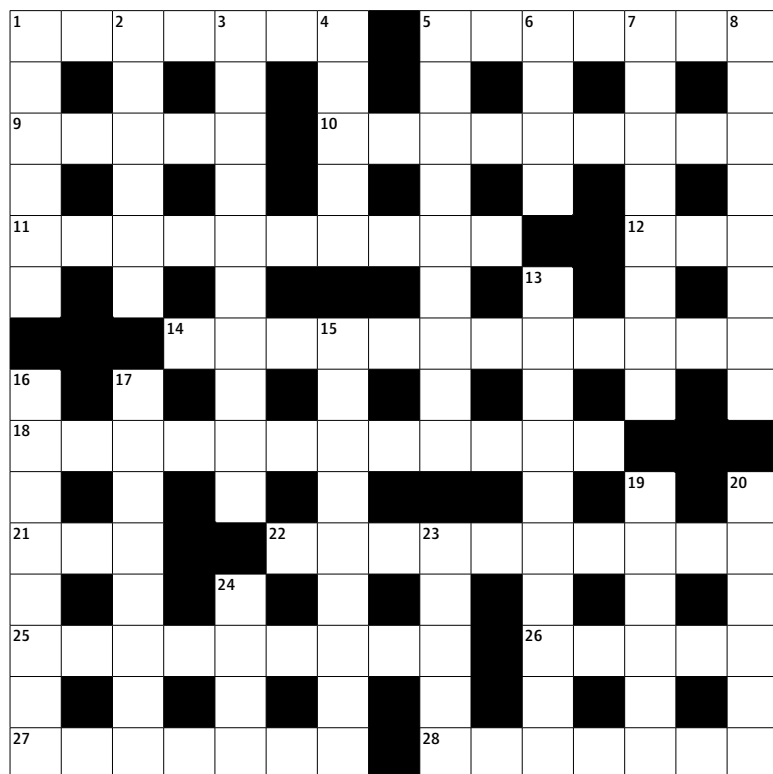


Guardian cryptic crossword No 27,509 set by Qaos



Across

- 1 Rules over Sweden, then quits (7)
- 5 Wanting egg, cook troubles servants (7)
- 9 House 21 (12 read backwards) (5)
- 10 Subject's alter ego leads plot: the ultimate robbery (9)
- 11 Styles of penmanship from wearing mittens, by the looks of it (10)
- 12 National Lottery grips everybody (3)
- 14 Where they scientifically test Corbyn's speeches? (12)
- 18 It makes more country sport, helping to protect champion boxers (12)
- 21 A number of Greek characters retired (3)
- 22 One in church works outside creating religious music (10)
- 25 Vice-captain won't worry about Wood not starting (6,3)
- 26 Noble misses kick-off for Dundee United game (5)
- 27 Told to raise the spirits, in a way (7)
- 28 Actor gets fine regarding fake name (7)

Down

- 1 First dogs on Mars? (6)
- 2 Liquidise drink and pour over naked belly (4,2)
- 3 Safety barriers on track? (10)

- 4 Author upset to receive government letter (5)
- 5 Show fat cats dancing (9)
- 6 Conservative's pointless lie (4)
- 7 Pies and mash prepared by weight (8)
- 8 Initially, sharp back pain, when getting onto girl's telescope (8)
- 13 Vehicle from space ascending over time takes an age (10)
- 15 Old plot to capture only Troy was made out of date by Americans (9)
- 16 Heading for rehabilitation, is one held within Pollsmoor's walls? (8)
- 17 Expert on IMAX flick left near the end (8)
- 19 Are two males protecting women's quarters? (6)
- 20 Infusion served up by shaman, as it pours (6)
- 23 Snooker mishap, provided no fellow is caught (2-3)
- 24 Telecom firm acquires another's plant (4)

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