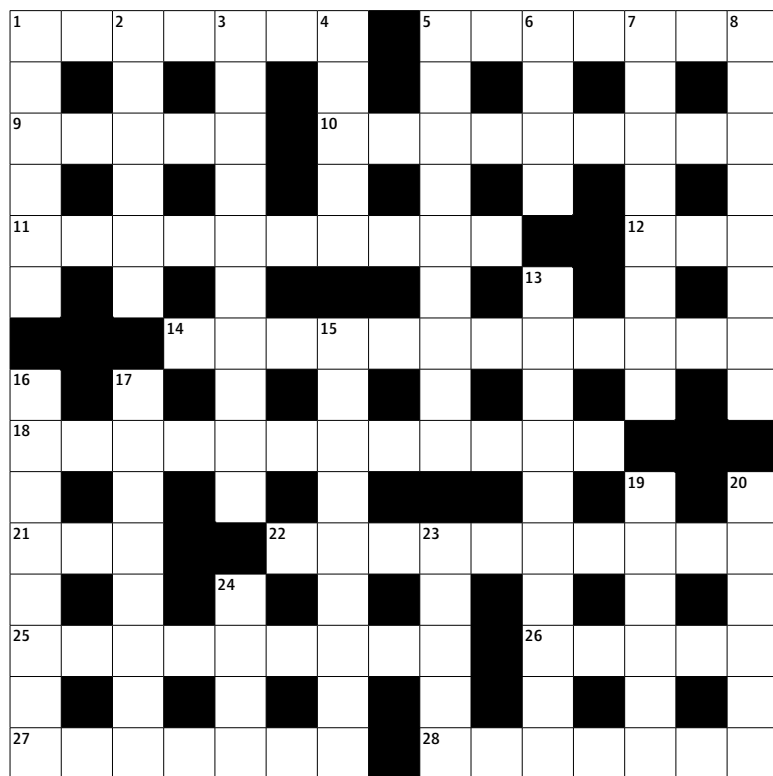


Guardian cryptic crossword No 27,739 set by Qaos



Across

- 1 Regular traveller close to lovely European capitals (7)
- 5 Idle adult joins retired mother's country (7)
- 9 Muddled socialist leader removed from seat (5)
- 10 Finding record's finished? Then ask why (9)
- 11 Project vehicle in Star Trek (10)
- 12 Wood has to be chopped up (3)
- 14 Aired ham? (5,7)
- 18 Spilt cod onto shirt? This may straighten things out (12)
- 21 Penny left cat with girl (3)
- 22 Singer kidnaps film-maker – good for rival (10)
- 25 Tough English soldiers deserted first and were killed (9)
- 26 Tory or pleb? Not even a metaphor (5)
- 27 As cryptic as solutions? (7)
- 28 Serious being in play by Wilde (7)

- 8 A New York wife's present at unknown location (8)
- 13 Fans then scream 'City!' (10)
- 15 Is drink carrier's bubble rising in lines of temperature? (9)
- 16 US district and country trades duck for uranium (8)
- 17 Titan carries books on island, a legendary one (8)
- 19 Disregard first engagement after ring's worn over another (6)
- 20 Holy man supporting Pope Romanus's cardinals, that is (6)
- 23 House deposit (5)
- 24 Woman admits love for footwear (4)

Down

- 1 Small steps to rooms (6)
- 2 At university, daughter cooked tea, which is news (6)
- 3 Teacher to shake hand of God (3,7)
- 4 Ancient tree (5)
- 5 Italian town? I'm lost with tense worker and aide (9)
- 6 Love 20% off ... oooo! (4)
- 7 It's time TV rejected repeats (8)

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