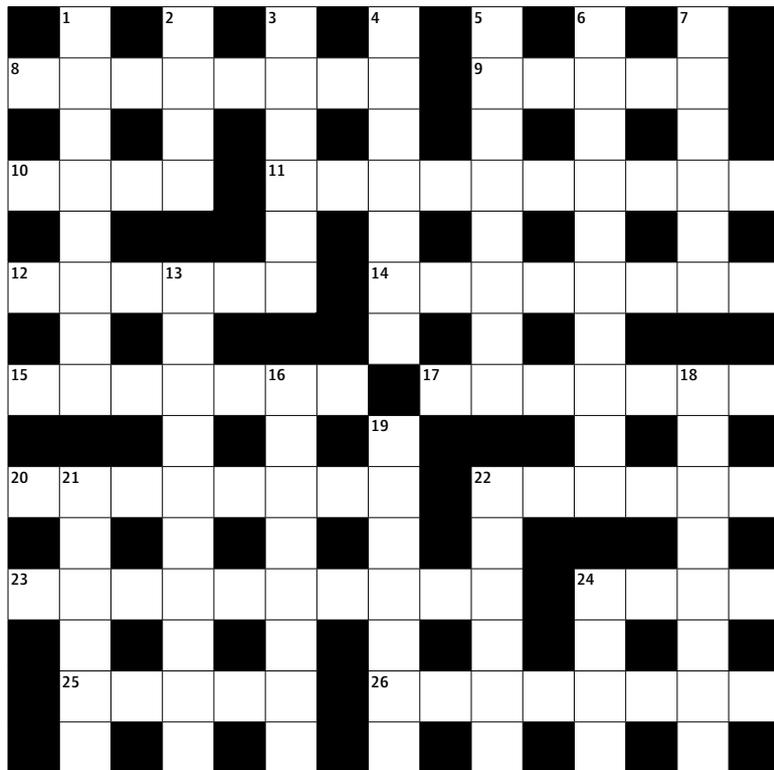


Guardian cryptic crossword No 27937 set by Picaroon



Across

- 8 Traitor in Paris who has basic weapon (8)
- 9 Not all in bureau re-invested coins (5)
- 10 Can containing one hundred bananas (4)
- 11 Sixties' approach of westerners in pool: sit with kit off (10)
- 12 Met radical in Congress, which is explosive (6)
- 14 Follow fashion rule in women's clothing (8)
- 15 Italian footballers spoke vacuously amongst themselves (5,2)
- 17 Plague overtakes woman, one likely to wail (7)
- 20 West African church lacks good atmosphere (8)
- 22 Appropriately placed university not very funny (2,4)
- 23 Very successful young person with sub-species? (10)
- 24 Settler right behind City institution (4)
- 25 A Spanish female with appeal? This'll get hot (5)
- 26 Fear Gypsies dropping back a short distance (8)
- 3 Sexually fluid reporter not half cross to get trinkets (6)
- 4 Player's instruction is a grunt, rubbish on ball (7)
- 5 Officer, almost 51, about to provide pottery (8)
- 6 French writing experts start from bad track records (10)
- 7 Note fake news for all to see in context (6)
- 13 Film screened by Lean, director with odd post-war story (3,3,4)
- 16 Performed musical works without opening drinks (8)
- 18 Lose rent rebuilding mezzanine (8)
- 19 Kind of complex reference work, one on China (7)
- 21 Sweet pout, maintaining smiles on the outside (6)
- 22 Enjoying popularity, like old colour (6)
- 24 Character's whisker, as some say? (4)

Down

- 1 Like the origin of all solutions here, maybe a pure one (8)
- 2 Endless protest in capital (4)

Solution No. 27,936

