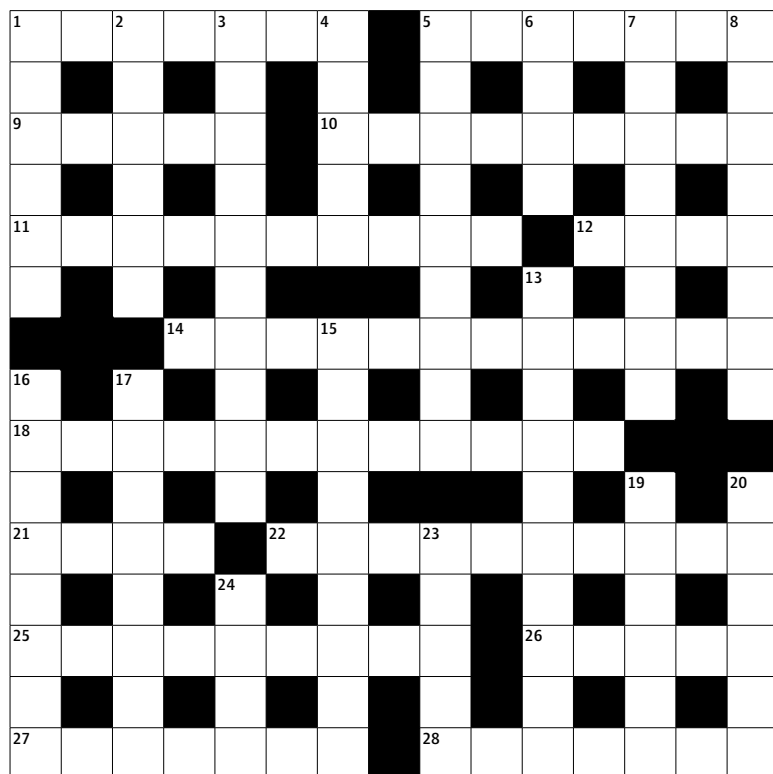


Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,074 set by Qaos



Across

- 1 Political theory backing strike – is money after a vote? (7)
- 5 Laurel’s immersed in international books for a moment (7)
- 9 Met over coffee (5)
- 10 Brew fierce tea, but not with this! (9)
- 11 Like a good poker player’s bad handwriting? (10)
- 12 Stories of heartless people (4)
- 14 Hell, belonging to a firm is immaterial (12)
- 18 1-2000 doctors losing out to medical specialist (12)
- 21 Anatolian country follows Trump’s lead over head of Russia (4)
- 22 Muesli prepared with fire and food additive (10)
- 25 High church member’s ‘Spiritual Is Theological’ piece (9)
- 26 President exchanges vote for new fabric (5)
- 27 Appreciate case of red knocked back at home with family (5,2)
- 28 Hair found in Keith’s ale? Yes, it’s returned (7)
- 4 Brown tea, after a second (5)
- 5 Independent fun girl, over 50, wearing ceremonial clothes (2,4,3)
- 6 Places alien on board (4)
- 7 Queen kidnapped by disturbed maniac, one from abroad? (8)
- 8 She hates revision for a series of tests (3,5)
- 13 Discipline at the bottom of Tory superego (10)
- 15 I’m a cool fan touring Britain, north and south 7 (9)
- 16 2 down grasps theory, oddly strained (8)
- 17 Are they a treat I’m chewing? (8)
- 19 Logician grasps 1 across in capital (6)
- 20 How one might kiss Dawn? (6)
- 23 27 Italy’s past includes Tango (5)
- 24 Hard to understand when BBC drama axes the first three characters (4)

Down

- 1 Psychic found between Little and Large (6)
- 2 Single file (6)
- 3 Run away from fair lot brawling in pubs, causing swellings (10)

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