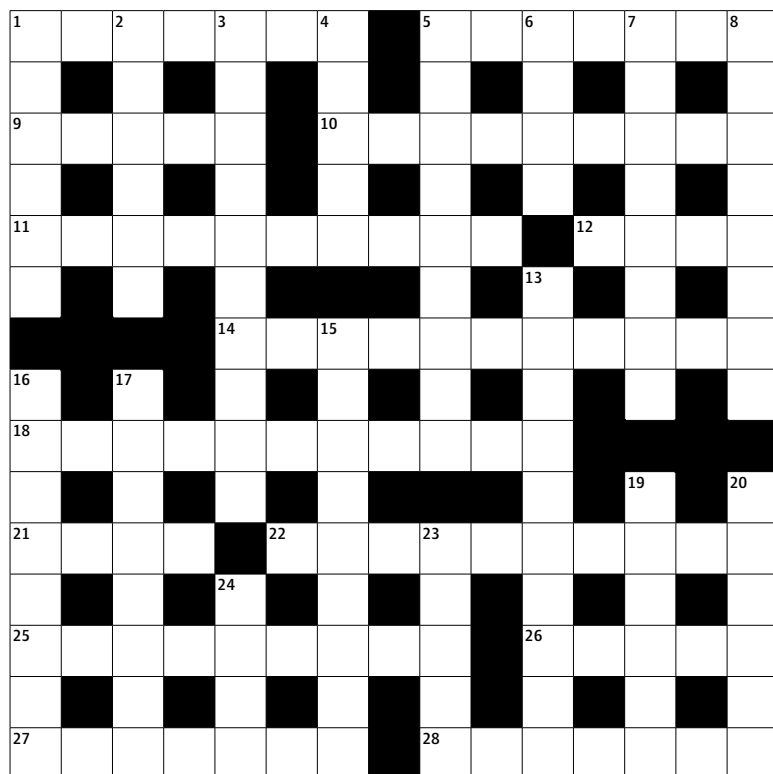


Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,328 set by Nutmeg



Across

- 1 'Crumbling gable' artist's symbolic subject (7)
- 5 Spot storyline with school setting (7)
- 9 Living accommodation north of the border (5)
- 10 First-rate access to attic? (3-6)
- 11 Secret hero, roughly sixty (10)
- 12 Figure from report incomplete (4)
- 14,7 Draw with number one in league to regain control (4,7,8)
- 18 Unit at large performing survey (11)
- 21 Rod's tipple laced with unknown ingredient (4)
- 22 Lots such as furniture maker might bid for? (1,5,4)
- 25 Canadian water hounds worried by horse (6,3)
- 26 Worker using kitchen roller about to leave (5)
- 27 Immense distance once covered by rodents from the East (7)
- 28 Times added to article about Queen using such means (7)

Down

- 1 Acknowledges obsolete currency in islands (6)
- 2 Groups retrospectively brought in by fare negotiators (6)
- 3 Dealing with buzzers sounding alert – I'm scared to enter (10)
- 4 Lark averse to cold? (5)

- 5 Stratford flower seller, America's rising star (9)
- 6 Two gents on air possibly a wonderful thing (4)
- 7 See 14
- 8 Mimic successfully adopting new technology to get on (3,2,3)
- 13 Cat beetled off before one's very eyes (10)
- 15 Lie about secure provision for the smarter patrons? (6,3)
- 16 Joins embassy staff (8)
- 17 Get caught after police knock off (8)
- 19 Shout down my left ear at first (6)
- 20 Conservative needs unusual sensitivity, ousting almost all ministers (6)
- 23 Anguish at heart of alien realm (5)
- 24 Fine bird, one for the table (4)

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