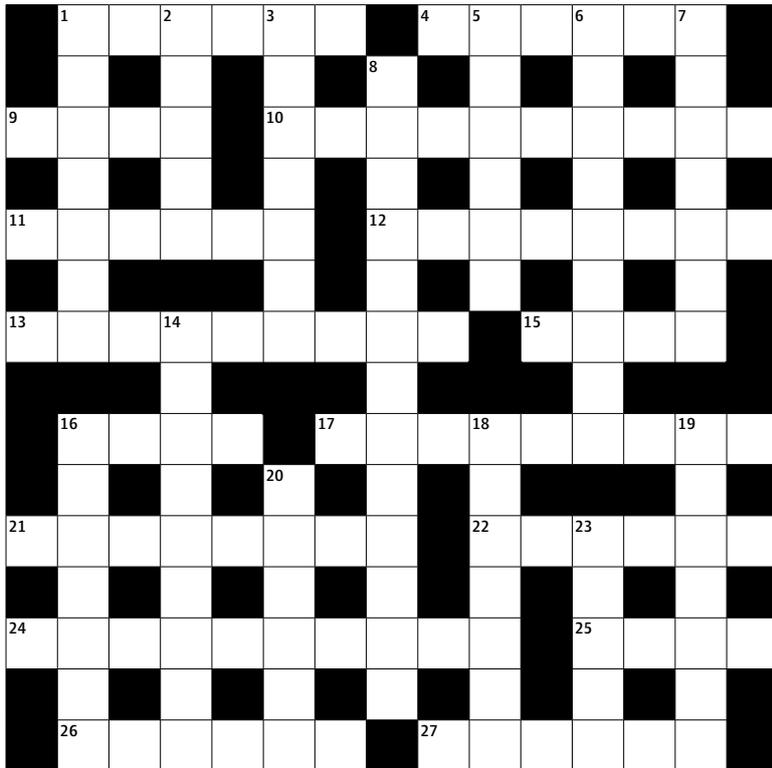


Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,345 set by Carpathian



Across

- 1 Revealed card is better (6)
- 4 Impede bad actor theatre rejected (6)
- 9 Lives with the French on Skye, perhaps (4)
- 10 Crib rails gape badly around infant's head (10)
- 11 Credit goddess for terrible situation (6)
- 12 Doctor taking fee cut (8)
- 13 Submission of plea involving Queen (9)
- 15 Name location on the radio (4)
- 16 Playful piece of music lacking intro (4)
- 17 Meet religious group to the east of Bury (9)
- 21 Piano and stringed instrument returned by worker complaining (8)
- 22 Go by plant (6)
- 24 Meticulous firm promises to hide identity (10)
- 25 Warning from heads of Ofsted mentioned extra numeracy (4)
- 26 Lucrative work student left out (6)
- 27 Agreement from number overwhelmed by strength (6)

- repeatedly leading to deadlock (7)
- 5 A dish church gives to each individually (6)
- 6 Pictures left by artist having oddly deficient vistas (9)
- 7 Prize setter trotting around ring (7)
- 8 Lobby people to accept unlimited lucid dream (13)
- 14 Leaderless troops oppose battle (9)
- 16 Over time, state becomes mean (7)
- 18 Displays old models (7)
- 19 Kind of glue covering bottom of label (7)
- 20 Worker left European stock (6)
- 23 Press release on individual is lying (5)

Down

- 1 Watch old boy wait (7)
- 2 Lock theatre's spare boxes (5)
- 3 Progress hampered by setter

Solution No. 28,338

