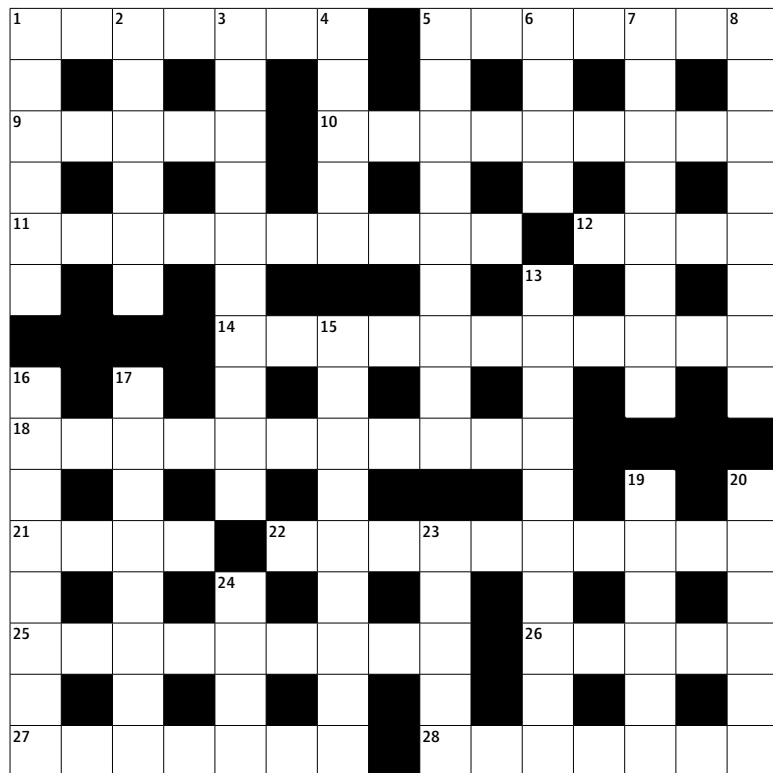


Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,554 set by Picaroon



Across

- 1 4 plus 9 minus 1 could give this number (7)
- 5 Female with useless fellow, flipping tool (7)
- 9 Run away from lovely Mickey Mouse (5)
- 10 Shaking cups in triumph, after eliminating clubs (9)
- 11 Catching in net at sea, seeking fish (10)
- 12 President has answer for specialists in assembly (4)
- 14 Call on General de Gaulle, for one (11)
- 18 Console Victoria, say, after large cuts in income (11)
- 21 Tablet yours truly had to swallow every year (4)
- 22 Shocked look is what Betty and Scott have, stripped naked (6,4)
- 25 Choreographed a sexed-up Boxing Day dance (3,2,4)
- 26 Piece of trout, rotten piece at the end (5)
- 27 V & A acquires ultimate piece of art (7)
- 28 Dressed football team like Liverpool (7)

Down

- 1 Innovator with logs raised an outstanding platform (6)
- 2 Charge around, returning to participate in revolution (6)
- 3 Main high jumper prone to interrupt fellows roughly (6,4)
- 4 Fresh head of lettuce after fifteen days? (5)
- 5 Deceit cut cocaine supply for mathematician (9)
- 6 Where to flog horse mounted by earl (4)
- 7 What drug dealer may do in kitchen vessel (8)
- 8 Traveller much easier on the eye, we hear (8)
- 13 Clean bumfluff? (6,4)
- 15 Puzzled man at home when the penny drops (3,6)
- 16 Green food: the thing in cooked apples (5,3)
- 17 It's close to Vietnam, place in eastern region (8)
- 19 Perhaps one's taken in drink (6)
- 20 See what's in **thus**? (6)
- 23 Steer north through curvy region with big curves (5)
- 24 Area covered by Scottish hill runner, perhaps (4)

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