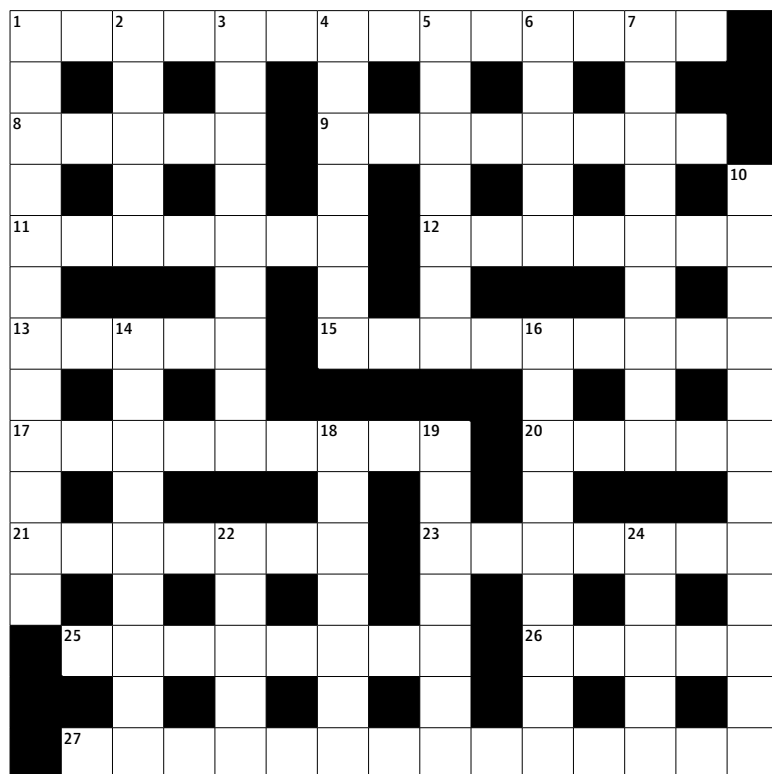


# Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,840 set by Brendan



## Across

- 1 Audition viably arranged, characteristic of a certain event (14)
- 8 Horizontal surface in which line meets side (5)
- 9 Ridicule resolution to replace Conservative by monarch (8)
- 11 Designs in place of words repeatedly found in mathematics (7)
- 12 Using modified ten iron, his pitch changes little (7)
- 13 Measure of interest in group of islands, or one (5)
- 15 Activity at club following being swamped in 8-0 disaster (9)
- 17 Like woeful number produced by adding constant to one third, oddly (9)
- 20 For this cube, what's subtracted from vertical measurement when it's minimised? (5)
- 21 Marine creature's head swallowed by old fish (7)
- 23 Writer of nonsensical verse both sides repeated in song (7)
- 25 Reordered mini, alternating with sailor, to drive (8)
- 26 Numbers around end of score (for bigger numbers under score) (5)
- 27 They can handle distraction as well as 25, 1 down, and 9, according to 23 (14)

## Down

- 1 Things look bad after this fruit lies around area (12)
- 2 Calculating type found in snakes and ladders? (5)
- 3 Possibility, over time, for job in theatre (9)
- 4 Oxford mathematician is evasive about subtracting transcendental number (7)
- 5 Save man on board threatened by mate that's crazy (7)
- 6 Learner isn't turning one letter around for composer (5)
- 7 Decisive defeat in ring – count out (9)
- 10 Circle and lines artist arranged for some language experts (12)
- 14 Send carriage that's turned up for one not fully engaged (4-5)
- 16 Article concerning appetite heartlessly impractical (9)
- 18 Revolutionary movement putting barrier around platform (7)
- 19 Fair target after company falsified count (7)
- 22 Use digit or what may be between digits (5)
- 24 Nothing tops excellent end of series (5)

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