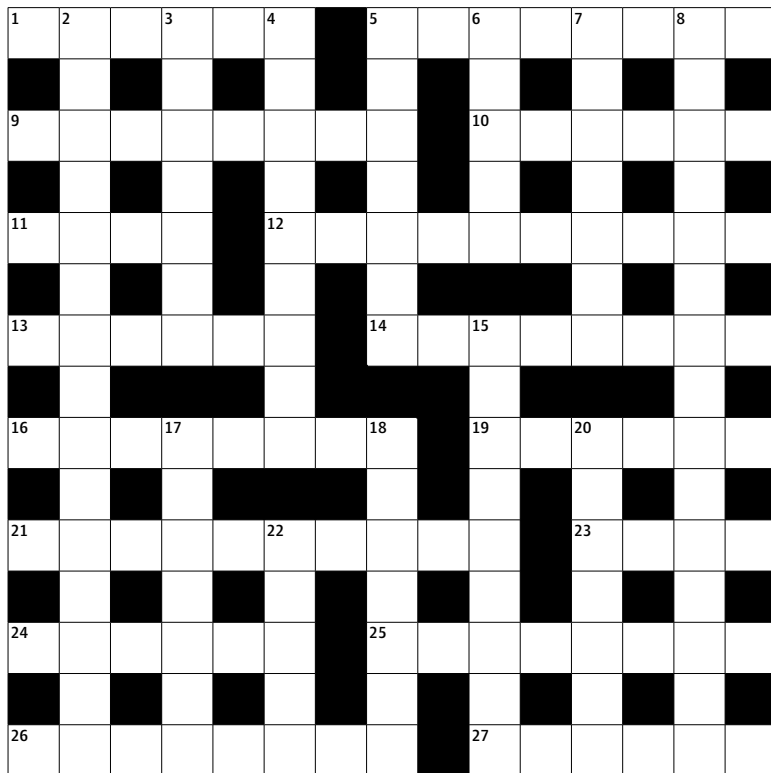


Guardian cryptic crossword No 30,039 set by Vulcan



Across

- 1 Special ceremony for fairy (6)
- 5 Hairy arrangement faced by harvester? (8)
- 9 Halfway through play perhaps catheter fails (3,5)
- 10 Such a case of conceitedness? (6)
- 11 Express pleasure, turning up with classy car (4)
- 12 Mortified, having to sing wordlessly to one particular backing (10)
- 13 In tin, weak fertiliser (6)
- 14 Pass reply to pollster (4,4)
- 16 Wounded hero accustomed to being moved elsewhere (8)
- 19 Arrogant but promoted - shame (6)
- 21 Drinking hole where one may buy round after round (10)
- 23 Farm animals' exploit recounted (4)
- 24 Tedious speech, a statement of belief by saint (6)
- 25 Yields items of jewellery to be thrown away? (6,2)
- 26 To seek computer assistance is to invite trouble (3,3,2)
- 27 Two types of earth, very wet (6)

- 4 US lawman perfects hearing aid (9)
- 5 Like some potatoes? Made huge fuss, denied starter (7)
- 6 Delight as joystick is pulled up (5)
- 7 Hurried with big bag for plunder (7)
- 8 Excitedly invite whore, then fail through inanition (6,2,3,4)
- 15 Ten years at the start of century? It's enough mess (9)
- 17 Me and my little helper? (7)
- 18 Special symbol indicating ingredients of pudding batter (7)
- 20 Paid across the counter as promised (7)
- 22 Monarch formerly eating fish and duck (5)

Down

- 2 Recover from shock of upsetting the board? (4,2,3,6)
- 3 During school time, accepting one is temporary (7)

Solution No. 30,032

