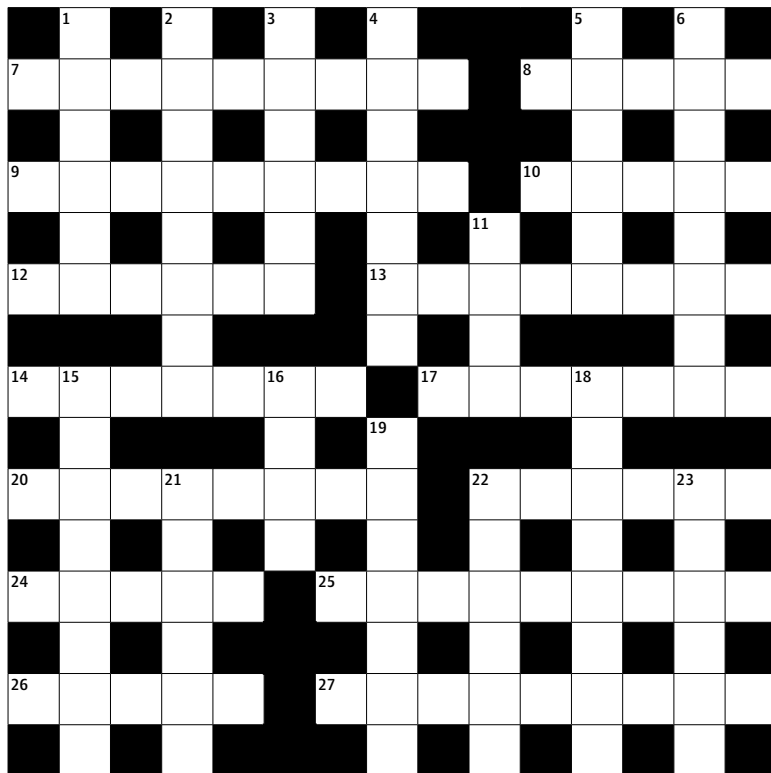


# Guardian cryptic crossword No 30,051 set by Caius



## Across

- 7 Island getting upset over EU operation (9)
- 8 Bird in bamboo across river (5)
- 9 I'm welcomed by chaps following soldiers in big groups (9)
- 10 Senseless, not sharp in the head, unbalanced (5)
- 12 Suited to perform services (6)
- 13 Worries, as wife's picked up tools (8)
- 14 Give up wearing a ring? (7)
- 17 Most stupid to try bucking trend first (7)
- 20 Teaching medic to withhold oxygen in first sign of emergency (8)
- 22 Someone like me puts tester to use (6)
- 24 'Kentish Spirit' is thin, watery liquid (5)
- 25 Of course, they are spectators! (9)
- 26 Some soave in small vessels (5)
- 27 Puts a new spin on horse-based air conditioning? (9)

## Down

- 1 Sweet treat dunked in senega tea, unusually (6)
- 2 Following write-up, I am able to take on one person skilled at thought (8)
- 3 Those in charge crushing a surreal rebellion (6)
- 4 Leader of group to sign and

- approve, please (7)
- 5 Leaves off career to retrain, and succeeds in the end (6)
- 6 Sunk in snow-drifts - is getting out what might cause difficulty? (8)
- 11 Really big game to play (4)
- 15 Facilitated purchase of very poor chianti? (8)
- 16 State how you might answer phone within two rings (4)
- 18 Having an depiction that's only skin-deep? (8)
- 19 Angrily berated one making an argument (7)
- 21 School leaver? (6)
- 22 Ms Hathaway is on the way up, Ms Miller (6)
- 23 Slips on slips? (6)

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