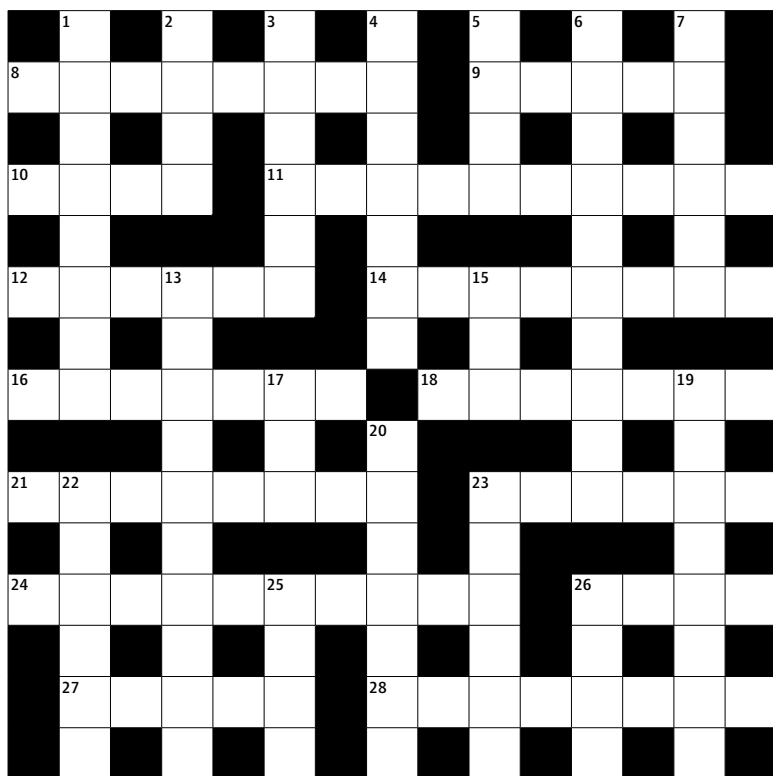


Guardian cryptic crossword No 30,052 set by Qaos



Across

- 8 Fine food store providing meals 50% off (8)
- 9 Wordplay by church magazine in the past (5)
- 10 Release knot after cycling (4)
- 11 50 leave prayers over 10 school punishments? (10)
- 12 Lord caught being unproductive (6)
- 14 Half of them plot to protect cricket match represented (8)
- 16 Prepare to deal in Harlem, maybe (7)
- 18 Ruler deports 1,000 to win vote, say (7)
- 21 Occasional cricket sides (3,3,2)
- 23 'Wearing white, England finally get 500 with sweep (6)
- 24 One in court sent in criminal to get shot (6,4)
- 26 Wide initially given following batting side (4)
- 27 Perhaps Hamlet seizes Claudius's crown in play (5)
- 28 'Beats drinking alcohol' - aristocrat on reflection with slice of lemon (4,4)
- 4 Iron Lady's bored by acting Tory leader's 'soft touch' (7)
- 5 Country rejects American PR (4)
- 6 10 hide under end of divan, trembling (10)
- 7 Transfer money (6)
- 13 Stopping official education ignoring tense (10)
- 15 Beauty product to go in container (3)
- 17 Guided light (3)
- 19 Foolish to steal ten pounds without a sound (8)
- 20 Take defensive position as grenade's thrown (2,5)
- 22 Demons? Companions, run away! (6)
- 23 Stop going both ways? (4-2)
- 25 Society backing favourite way to go up in the world (4)
- 26 Creature of indeterminate gender? (4)

Down

- 1 Scold or preach conversion (8)
- 2 Magazine's obligation to describe source of material (4)
- 3 What even number is divided by 5000? (6)

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