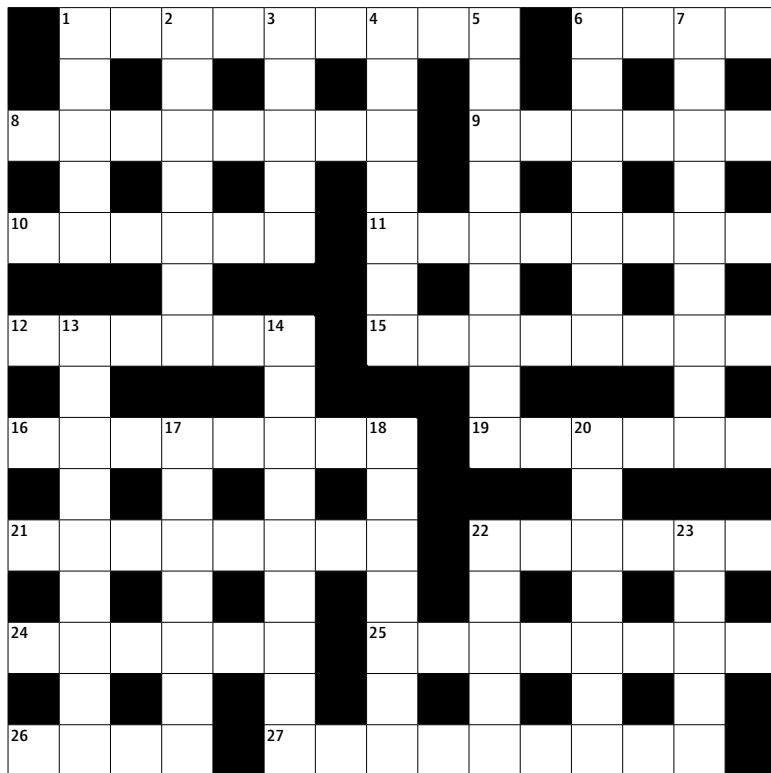


Guardian cryptic crossword No 29,551 set by Arachne



Across

- 1 Tackle bloke about right old carry-on (9)
- 6 Elite ground-breaking tool (4)
- 8 It soothes chaps suffering piles to swallow a clove regularly (8)
- 9 Drink case of lovely stout (6)
- 10 Part of this nameless, backward French city (2,4)
- 11 Nattering endlessly about computer system (8)
- 12 Origin of peppermint sweetie, or humbug (6)
- 15 Challenged, gets help (8)
- 16 Fellow contracted rash, or spots (8)
- 19 Wayward monarch drove Tesla (6)
- 21 Congenital criminal tucked into free lunch (8)
- 22 Starts to shame indolent mates with exercises (3-3)
- 24 Hide contents of garage, car and house (6)
- 25 Sadly, charisma is something very old-fashioned (8)
- 26 Periodically using 8 is key, for example (4)
- 27 Consequently losing face, Italian leaves crime for farming (9)

Down

- 1 Pachyderm dropping beginning to obstruct English river (5)
- 2 Pipeline is large-scale benefit,

- according to Spooner (3,4)
- 3 Reference work finally abridged (5)
- 4 Fluttering pigeon welcoming new dawn (7)
- 5 Some of them pat his elbow and show understanding (9)
- 6 That female cycling in hills, maybe? (7)
- 7 Galileo rudely interrupting extremely contrarian student (9)
- 8 She merits being represented as a recluse (9)
- 14 Cry of curtailed desire in buff (9)
- 17 Shift border dividing post-Soviet states and Europe (7)
- 18 Non-standard language is turning up in non-verbal messages (7)
- 20 Find yourself following well-worn track in area around Oakham (7)
- 22 Bones curve when seen from below (5)
- 23 Pale, tense boy ignoring personal hygiene problem (5)

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