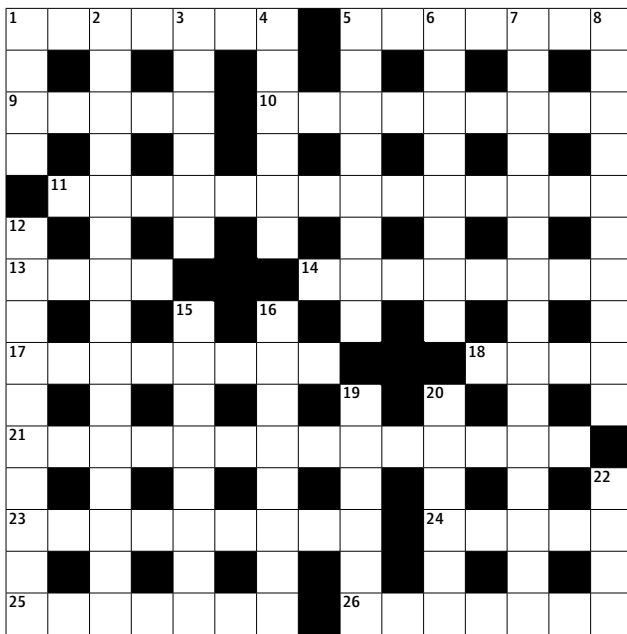


## Guardian cryptic crossword



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### Across

- 1 Killer back in work, one tied up on board (7)  
 5 Bank is reversing into bus garage (7)  
 9,11 I spill the beans, choked by surprisingly artful prisoners (5,6,8)  
 10 Thin person originally filling carriage; he ate all the pies! (6,3)  
 11 See 9  
 13 After looping the loop, Red Arrows fly from here (4)  
 14 Diagram showing the average to take to the left, gaining height (3,5)  
 17 Such a hotel might be in favour of accommodating bear scoffing last of breakfast (4-4)  
 18 River takes poem to river (4)  
 21 Clothes fasteners securing border bind poorly – whatever next! (3,4,7)  
 23 Again letting out? Yes! (9)  
 24 Cool, hot below (5)  
 25 Wonderful character getting thinner (7)  
 26 Ending in defeat, dabbler's move rubbish (7)

### Down

- 1 Some part of uninspired vegetarian's diet (4)  
 2 Drink gets the pub down, which is novel (11,4)

- 3 So positionally top-class crickets declare (6)  
 4 Big name for big toe? (6)  
 5 Hymn fades, one listener having turned up (4,4)  
 6 Psychiatrist's head gets back into anxious teaching (8)  
 7 How business works flexibly, joiner having called up daughter (6,3,6)  
 8 Ferocious swimmer good during rows? Listen! (5,5)  
 12 Antipodean machine with multiple teats of ice water malfunctioning (10)  
 15 A fool so upstanding given to repeated musical expression (8)  
 16 Get Paul's explosive (8)  
 19 Sound type wanted (6)  
 20 Zulu offering conclusions along with a nation (6)  
 22 Bottom off bicycle part, I'm running down the hill! (4)

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