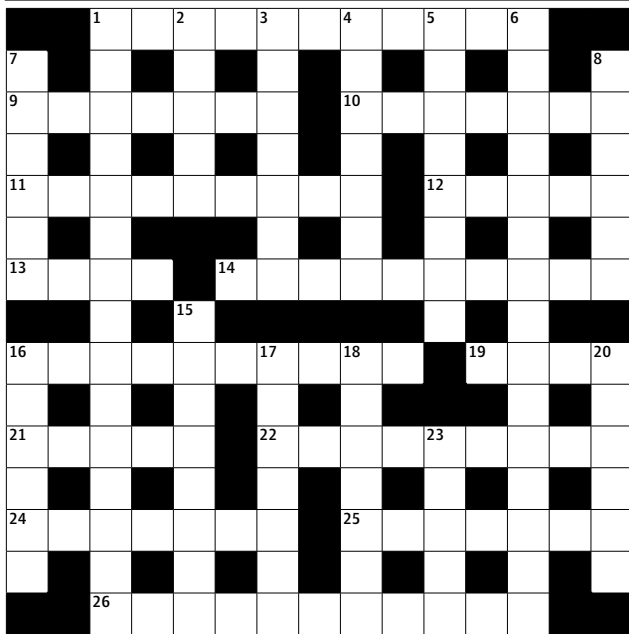


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 24,941 set by Gordius

## Across

- 1 They replace cesspit, installing reservoir (6,5)
- 9 Disgusting row without order (7)
- 10 Element in jovial element (7)
- 11 How long is milk round designed to be in France? (9)
- 12 When virtue held church leader back (5)
- 13 Mark Twain hero's relation to a bean (4)
- 14 Expert, such as Dr Arnold? (4,6)
- 16 Promise told to NHS patients is without substance (10)
- 19 Crooked party people dropped by playwright (4)
- 21 Future licensing laws retain an element of the past (5)
- 22 Blimey! It's made individual anti-inflammatory (9)
- 24 Dare to speak from script? (4,3)
- 25 When in fact was locally? (7)
- 26 Oxymoron of bank facility? (4,7)

## Down

- 1 Member of upper house, his aims will rely on reform (7,8)
- 2 Prelude to concert touring Europe (5)

- 3 Irate in amendment opposing motion (7)
- 4 Agency worker set off in bad weather (7)
- 5 As Fortinbras calls boy from the south (8)
- 6 Parking in hot summer often is difficult, when you have to grab your chance (4,2,3,6)
- 7 They may bite; short solution comes up – get a bird (6)
- 8 Enigmatic Variation of nonentity (6)
- 15 Writer told to mark attendance (5,3)
- 16 Religious publication suspicious about credit? (3,3)
- 17 How to turn “laced” to “placed”? (7)
- 18 Complement in drink may make one tight (5,2)
- 20 Belief is held among the many (6)
- 23 Theories cast aside (5)

Solution No. 24,940

