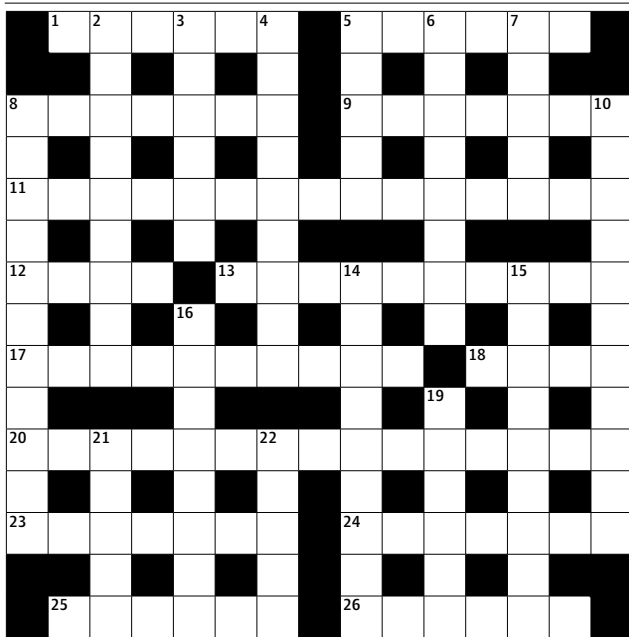


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 24,983 set by Gordius

Across

- 1 Get one out of despair, perhaps with a good meal (6)
- 5 A sneeze may call for it (6)
- 8 Support best Labour leader or else ... (7)
- 9 What's done with tip in order to make it sharp? (7)
- 11 Sidekick has pay curtailed – after getting tick fellow has a bit of debt (6,2,7)
- 12 Bear loses head in a whirl (4)
- 13 Selfish type not go for a hundred? He'd be an oddball (10)
- 17 Gosh! Big's no way to describe it, though it's important in theory (5,5)
- 18 Not in favour of infantile partiality? (4)
- 20 Lacking transparency, like a so-called public inquiry? (15)
- 23 One called up for floater in river (7)
- 24 Religious doctrine – go to get in it the same (7)
- 25 Wandered right out – as one might otherwise have done (6)
- 26 Memory with which anyone is inclined to wander (6)

Down

- 2 Filth may do good with this (6,3)

- 3 Unfold next compilation when editor's out (6)
- 4 It's intrepid to follow Wagner's work with the same (7-2)
- 5 Cancer? There's no right to make it a talking point (5)
- 6 Enlightenment for the masses? (8)
- 7 Extreme result rarely includes it (5)
- 8 Last of 2 finds advantage hard in spring (6,5)
- 10 Take off 4 and see with logic (11)
- 14 One might utter rich store of 21s (9)
- 15 Performance may be extraordinary and shameful (9)
- 16 I attempt to include part exchange without change (8)
- 19 Element of meal – except one taken with hesitation (6)
- 21 How church worker can offer praise? (5)
- 22 Turn over at Waterloo? (5)

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