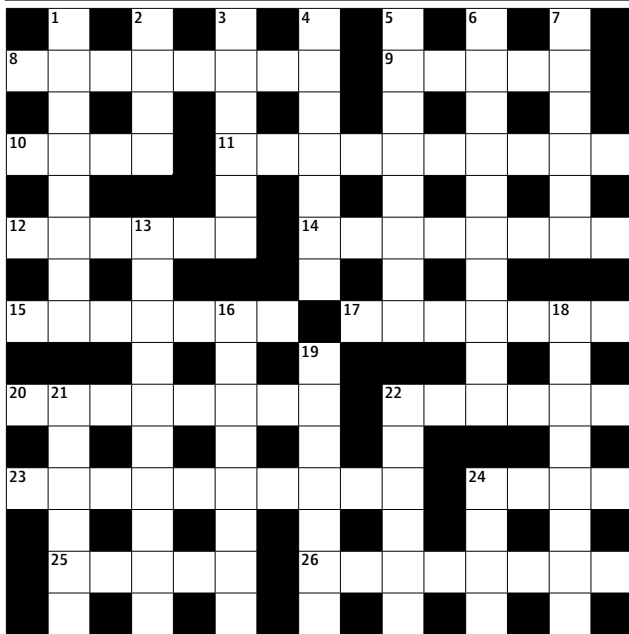


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 8** Creeping around is reptilian (8)
9 A threepenny performance? (5)
10 Something arborists care about? (4)
11 As in Egypt or the area around Jordan, say (6,4)
12 Admiral found in hold (6)
14 They listen to Chequers ... (8)
15 ... a quiet place for getting more rounds in? (7)
17 Like lords wearing – er! – denim? (7)
20 Acrobatic leap performed around Taunton, say (8)
22 Some birds in full flight? Wrong! (6)
23 They don't pull punches: one dying in hospital (10)
24 A defensive all-rounder (4)
25 Kelly's family inheritance? (5)
26 Woman sorts out the best players (8)

Down

- 1** I'd secret plan to be separate (8)
2 Old treasure, an old penny short (4)
3 Opera sung by Miranda? (6)
4 Cricketer, British spinner? No, the complete opposite! (7)
5 Miner clutches daughter, one involved in a crash (8)
6 Ordinary user of zebras (10)
7 Cabling her was awkward (6)
13 Green mineral found in winding track (10)
16 Criminal enjoying a blaze of publicity! (8)
18 Amulet or another one that matches (8)
19 Runners organised in some schools (7)
21 Royal house without an Aga? (6)
22 One of Chekhov's trio, first in short series (6)
24 Speck revealed by drug after test (4)

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