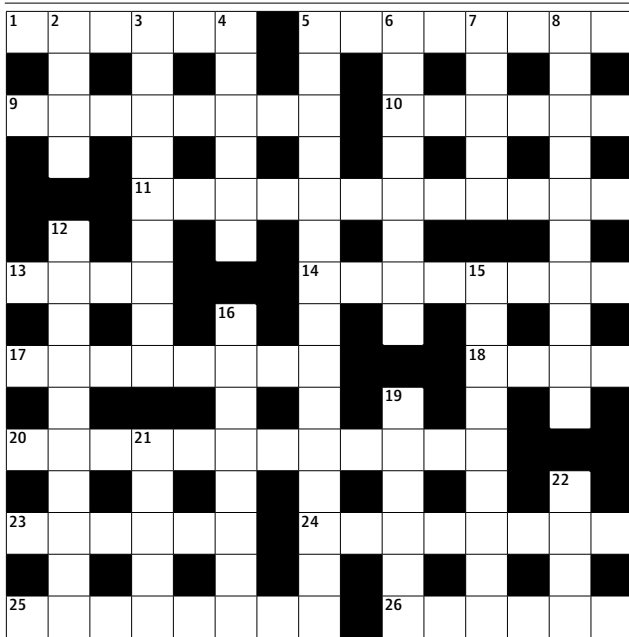


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,068 set by Audreus

Across

- 1 Twist, having the savvy to grab right man (6)
- 5 Wild trees of questionable identity, reportedly first encountered beside old railway line (4,4)
- 9 Hold sway over go-getter claiming what's not yours (8)
- 10 Two-fold dissembling by Iran (6)
- 11 Touching figures cast to charm Letitia? Is it art, Michael? (12)
- 13 Old sailor's preserve (4)
- 14 Mum's back, but cut short overdue walk (8)
- 17 Stout little girl grabs touslehead with skin blemish (8)
- 18 Nothing east of the river (4)
- 20 Research student in drag apt to use deception (12)
- 23 Stupid coming back to catch bishop with one: not nice (6)
- 24 Enchantress sent round lake, following directions to close in (8)
- 25 What someone destitute is on? (4-4)
- 26 Settles every quarter to hold party (6)

Down

- 2 Birdman? (4)
- 3 Diplomacy gives free entry to your first and last animal with three toes (9)
- 4 If it's closed, you can't see priest you once introduced to daughter (6)

- 5 Goodwill shown by getting close to pay attention about painting headland (15)
- 6 Like early morning hedges, with horse, very black, sheltered by soaring tree (8)
- 7 Somewhere between nuisances boredom sets in (5)
- 8 Trading jargon after Queen is swallowed by distance (10)
- 12 Person of taste of a sort uncomfortable with little fellow about (10)
- 15 When displayed are golden, as rabbits are (4-5)
- 16 Hot artist put up resistance to girl raised by an old witch (8)
- 19 Awkward, for example, upholding companion going after gold (6)
- 21 Stomach about 60 minutes of the Fringe (5)
- 22 Hurried off to voice complaint (4)

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