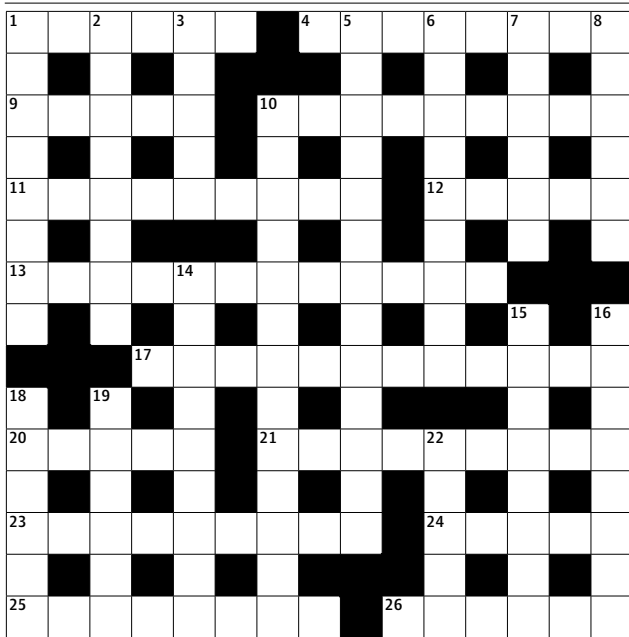


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Confrontation over a vehicle (6)
- 4 Plonk – new load got in is hot stuff (8)
- 9 Ox takes head off plant (5)
- 10 One can find a home in Oxford (4,5)
- 11 Such food’s origin can be suspicious (9)
- 12 Faithful, say, in economy with the truth (5)
- 13 They may constrain one’s liquid assets (5,7)
- 17 Coin featured in Schubert’s Octet? (5,2,5)
- 20 Rowan’s character: nothing comic (5)
- 21 Troops (or leading company) deployed in trenches (4,5)
- 23 Old stars, such as Marx and Engels ... (3,6)
- 24 ... Beth and more of the same (5)
- 25 Nellie, or other with fewer friends (8)
- 26 Cryptic advice for a clever solver to extract (6)

Down

- 1 Muse on everything one has to manage without (8)
- 2 Crawl out from penalty area? (3,5)
- 3 Show of indifference to quiet floor covering (5)

- 5 Our visits once turned on such as John the Baptist (13)
- 6 EU proceed tied up with traditional rules (9)
- 7 Greenwood tree featured by Hardy? (6)
- 8 Key player? (6)
- 10 Extremists responsible for one frantic lunge (7,6)
- 14 Article laid Tories almost in shreds (9)
- 15 A song about tourist information centre initially uncertain (8)
- 16 Device for one sense to intrude on another? (8)
- 18 Native with one drink going away from the mouth (6)
- 19 Keeper with Forest ... (6)
- 22 ... introduced a red-wood tree (5)

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