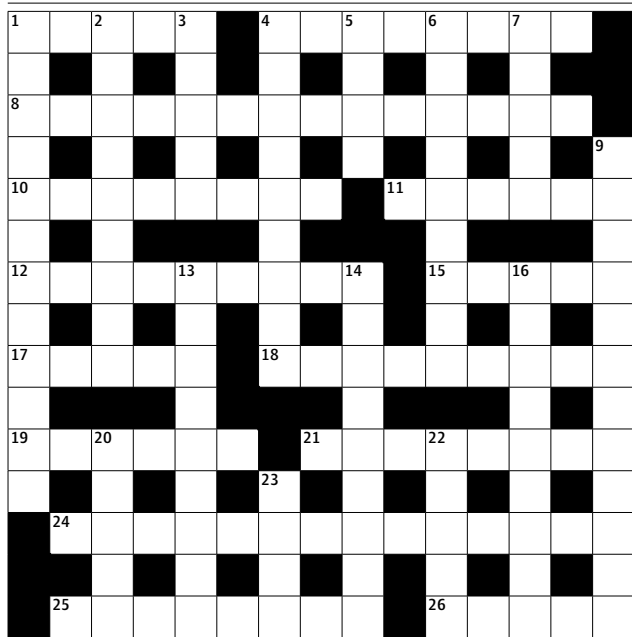


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 1 Shakespearean wind-up (5)
- 4 Catalogue not allowed, dead (8)
- 8 Those under trousers, though not under discussion? (14)
- 10 Come on, it's miserable – so get smiley? (8)
- 11 See 5
- 12 Musician's heartbreak? (5,4)
- 15 Odd bits from bush by this compiler's feet (5)
- 17 Partially motorised, a nursing chair carried (5)
- 18 Plant short grass alongside earth, perhaps (5,4)
- 19 Touring players given starter of ravioli in endless syrup (6)
- 21 Poor child's heading off to fill barrel to the sound of a cash register! (8)
- 24 Optical illusions with anagram – pathos, I gathered (14)
- 25 Pay to drink ale? On the contrary, don't pay! (8)
- 26 Romantic gift excites, but not you (5)

## Down

- 1 Octogenarian performer requiring check-up – perhaps he's forty? (5,7)
- 2 Born premier in Messiahs, encapsulated by animal (young animal), raised – as such? (4,2,3)
- 3 Fringes of party banned language (5)

- 4 Bald tyre initially attached, in suggestion work needed (4,2,3)
- 5,11 Novel where it's not entirely nuts to squeeze breasts? (10)
- 6 I trouble a revolutionary to become possible socialist? (9)
- 7 Comment from budgie to swallow, said swiftly? (5)
- 9 In confusion, forgets to collect daughter and young lady? It's not clear (7,5)
- 13 A few coppers agreeable, imprisoning Gateshead writer (9)
- 14 Possible arrangement to eat fish at Muslim's property (6,3)
- 16 Party like gunmen in war (5,4)
- 20 Different native beheaded (5)
- 22 Cloth, I see, going up in smoke (5)
- 23 County date that should appear as April 30? (4)

Solution No. 25,160

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