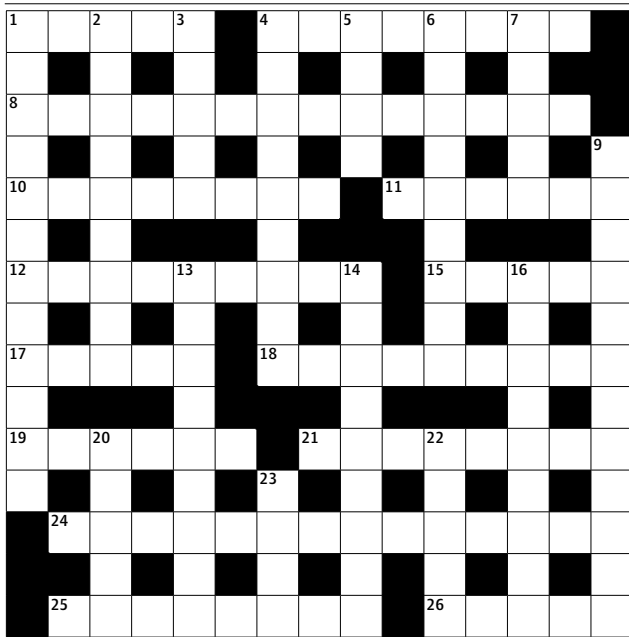


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,239 set by Rufus

Across

- 1 A random shot from a musketeer (5)
- 4 Rows about stray dogs (8)
- 8 Neither arrival nor departure is a problem (4,4,4,2)
- 10 Made fish pie for the hungry (8)
- 11 Good, when the glass is going up (6)
- 12 A vain fool in futile guise (2,2,5)
- 15 Two novices meet in skiing region (5)
- 17 Pen has the French way of writing (5)
- 18 Come in; it is not an infectious disease (9)
- 19 Agrees to take in scholar Gypsies (6)
- 21 Ruth is upset about politician achieving successes (8)
- 24 He plays in clubs and diamonds (8,6)
- 25 Solid achievements by men good at figures? (8)
- 26 Make a pot worth ordering (5)

Down

- 1 The time to say yes? (3,2,7)
- 2 The price of silence? (4,5)
- 3 They are used for hold- ing coal fires (5)
- 4 Self-restrained or con- sumed with anger? (9)
- 5 Knot sailors try to avoid (4)
- 6 Script one created for TV's "Morse"? (9)
- 7 Serve up a drink fit for a king (5)
- 9 Starts out in our police force, it's back- breaking! (3,4,5)
- 13 A change for the bet- ter? (9)
- 14 Really fired up the congregation about the end of the service (9)
- 16 One called upon to face a local charge (9)
- 20 An average sort of shirt is indicated (5)
- 22 One accepts student as dim (5)
- 23 Lady in a senile and repetitive state (4)

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