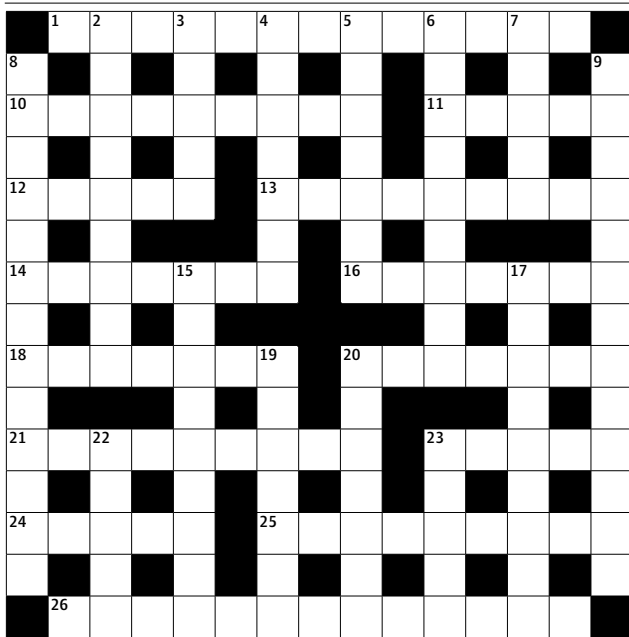


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,384 set by Gordius

Across

- 1 Unpleasant sound in old recording of ballet? (5-8)
- 10 Lifeless month with a solemn air (4,5)
- 11 Shalom, with a quarter in step (5)
- 12 Nick with radiators in order? Unknown! (5)
- 13 Are round table members complicated? (9)
- 14 Term with test contained in it? (7)
- 16 Language sounding like a vegetable when drunk (7)
- 18 Abstruse playwright working for a chippie (4-3)
- 20 Fruit said to be in season? (7)
- 21 Where a platter may be spoken of as "not one of us"? (9)
- 23 Which fabric to use, time will tell (5)
- 24 A classic car is back, of classic character (5)
- 25 Mother seduces chap from the Far East ... (9)
- 26 ... an expectant mother? (4-2-7)

Down

- 2 To dissect a very little matter is easy at first (9)
- 3 It's monotonous to speak about setter (5)
- 4 North Surrey growth centre (7)
- 5 Not Abraham, but his male issue (7)
- 6 Oil – expert refiner can make it profitable (9)
- 7 Headdress for one in old Irish royal seat (5)
- 8 Hazard for the learned? (8,5)
- 9 For a long shot, not else to help develop (9,4)
- 15 Soundly conclude to get a girl to hospital (9)
- 17 No one can get a nickel to overturn lassitude (9)
- 19 Maynard's confection for one in the Met? (7)
- 20 Mark up everything at the beginning of the month (7)
- 22 Church teaching could make you go mad (5)
- 23 Go on the street to arrange to meet (5)

Solution No. 25,383

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