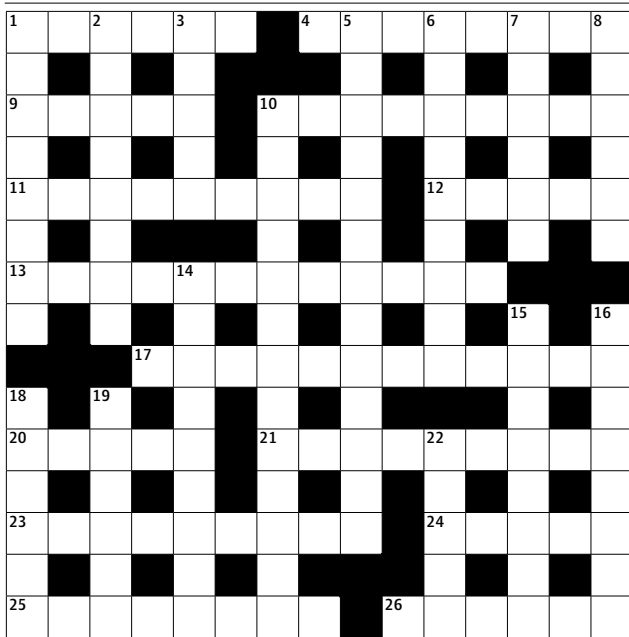


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,408 set by Paul

## Across

- 1 Go to grab bird that's little (6)
- 4 Alien killer zapping ghouls in the end (8)
- 9 Hideous creature filmed, one out of *Scream* (5)
- 10 Those hi-i-i-tting birds (3-6)
- 11 Redhead swimmer nets redheaded German boy (9)
- 12 Dish gobbled by Dionysus, hiccuping (5)
- 13 The bottle bottle? (5,7)
- 17 Bird back after season abroad, man's problem afoot? (6,6)
- 20 Turn out to see Navratilova's old rival? (5)
- 21 Butcherbird weeps for flycatcher (9)
- 23 Important to bandage knock for fruit that's purple (4,5)
- 24 One of twelve pence in currency, reversed (5)
- 25 Might one catch this one song, missing the middle's flowing quality (8)
- 26 Sporting arenas support all temporary staff, initially, in retirement (6)

## Down

- 1 So haddock the chipper's future then? English homes all have one (8)
- 2 Sweet to consider as salt (8)
- 3 Play about king having nothing as capital (5)
- 5 Given little time to get a great deal, participant rarely starts to appear attractive – in ... (3,10)
- 6 ... the firing line from him? Setter claiming leaderless strategy has us wound up! (4,5)
- 7 Fatty piece of cake found under girl, oddly (6)
- 8 Nation's sprinter, say (6)
- 10 Min? (10,3)
- 14 Revolutionary had learnt to find the centre ground (9)
- 15 See 18
- 16 Old queen there to be rung before tea, finally (8)
- 18,15 Fresh velvety cut or laminated edges for the buggers? (4,2,3,5)
- 19 Cuckoo due to circle island without a sense of familiarity (4,2)
- 22 So it's been repealed? That's perfect (5)



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