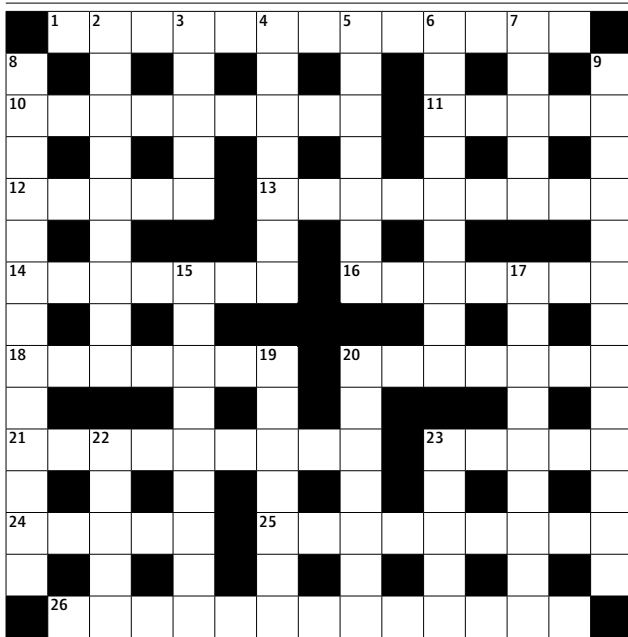


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,567 set by Shed

## Across

- 1 Bringing up a storybook character round about ancient city, getting into trouble (13)
- 10 Back door user to handle arrow, holding spearhead back (9)
- 11 Pathetic character wanting women to heave (5)
- 12 Such figures end in such a figure (5)
- 13 Recorder thrust right into bum (9)
- 14 Drinking place where bard reflected about tree (3,4)
- 16 Roundhead boarding weary compiler's boat (7)
- 18 Undistinguished home secured by blade (3-4)
- 20 Heroin embargo almost ruined part of Africa (7)
- 21 Fat European straddling Germany, having lost crown (9)
- 23 Max maintains love is a recurring theme (5)
- 24 Welsh valley spoken of in Spanish city (5)
- 25 So 10 almost bypasses most of county town (9)
- 26 ENO FAQs peed us off at one of their productions? (5,2,6)

## Down

- 2 Utter cry of delight about lots of Cajun cooking (9)
- 3 Bend, hang and invert (5)
- 4 It's sweet of Republicans to keep banging drum (7)
- 5 Drunk carrying on with Bernstein number (7)
- 6 Dynamic corrosion infecting object (9)
- 7 Piscivore and outrageous queen (5)
- 8 Raised squadron leader, concerned with Children In Need, to adopt Mr Nazi's bully-boys? (13)
- 9 One singer left in county; another on drug amid unknowns (7,6)
- 15 Favourite 20 once involving a death? RIP (3,6)
- 17 Screwed-up hero getting award from Little Englander? (9)
- 19 Old party spot on time in former capital (7)
- 20 Documents about crazy Dane – or his problem? (7)
- 22 Name written in the water – French or Austrian poet? (5)
- 23 Article on origins of troubled adolescent character (5)



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