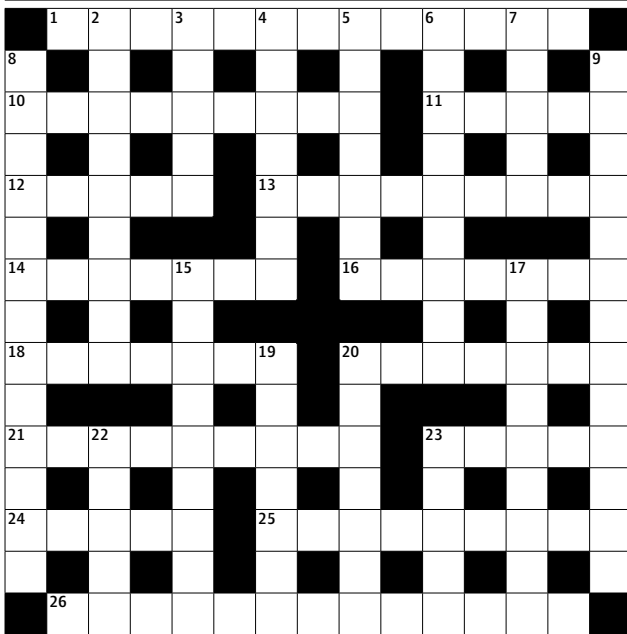


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,603 set by Philistine

Across

- 1** Type of roast with European's meticulous attention to presentation (4,3,6)
10 Monumental shell, however exploded, results in defeat (9)
11 Girl from Yorkshire needs ... (5)
12 ... the Yorkshire bread monster (5)
13 TV shows and quizzes about fancy lace (9)
14 CO₂? (7)
16 Sign so corporal is on 50% cut across the board (7)
18 Awake, went out rejuvenated (7)
20 One who's learned from church type of power circles (7)
21 Careful control in reporting what may be on line in Bangkok (5,4)
23 See 22
24 C-word upset many people (5)
25 Bitterness about extreme characters backing the wayward sovereign (9)
26 Wardrobe assistants Bronwyn and Ffion open cupboards and drawers (5,8)

Down

- 2** Did hesitation set back, if made earlier? (9)
3 Drier plaster can be applied with this right away (5)
4 Go after switching neon sign (2,5)
5 Spots an indication of strong emotion after 22 (7)
6 Perhaps ageless ethnological weave (9)
7 After 22 marches to fight or flight (5)
8 Done the crime? Now do the time! (6,7)
9 Fresh thyme's no use for feeling beat (5,2,6)
15 Poses for the first time, quietly showing many talents (9)
17 Predator bombed Pearl Harbor, recognising no limits (5,4)
19 Spitfire finally to fall in bank and dive in here (4,3)
20 Dawn of the student union (7)
22,23 across Bush transforming 14 into a 24 (10)
23 Top military support secret police (5)

Solution No. 25,602

S	L	A	C	K	S		C	R	A	M	P	O	N
K	P	I	S	L	N	A	O						
I	R	R	A	D	I	A	T	E	G	E	R	M	S
P	O	N	D	A	E	T	H						
P	A	N	D	A	D	O	V	E	R	S	O	L	E
E			P	L	E		W		D				
R	E	L	A	P	S	E	R	E	P	E	N	T	
	A	E					R	E					
	S	M	U	D	G	E	C	H	E	V	R	O	N
B	P		L	O	F		I						
A	B	S	T	I	N	E	N	T	E	G	R	E	T
N	H	S	G	T	R	U	R						
G	L	A	S	S	A	P	O	C	R	Y	P	H	A
U	D	U	N	N	E	E	T						
P	R	E	V	E	N	T		A	D	H	E	R	E