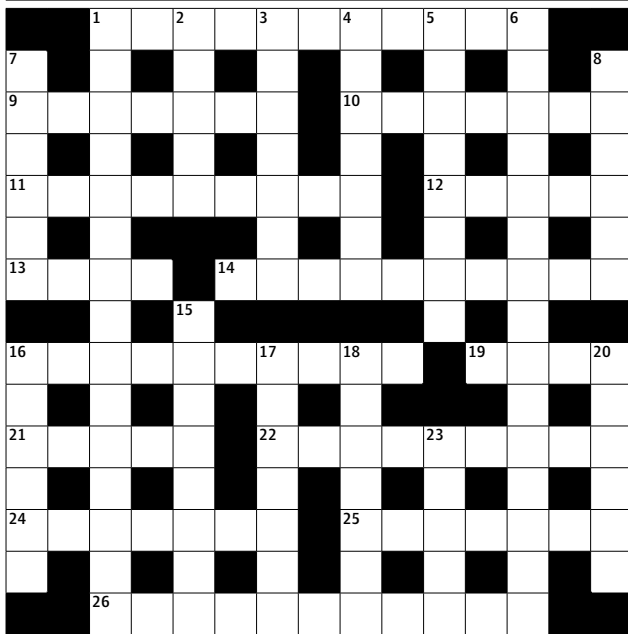


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,649 set by Pasquale

## Across

- 1 Town's serenades interrupting cook (11)
- 9 Original film with old boy knocking out a US criminal (7)
- 10 Trendy person of faith has rejected cathedral impressively (2,5)
- 11 Bird that's cold entering a hot nest after flying (9)
- 12 Big effort brings supreme happiness, all but (5)
- 13 Little girl facing the unknown in a place of great crisis (4)
- 14 No longer individual gets slated, being pronounced innocent (10)
- 16 Spread to excite gourmet and pal (10)
- 19 Pasquale's an artist, first to last! (4)
- 21 Glossy boats from stern to bow (5)
- 22 Oppose profits pocketed by stupid person? (2,7)
- 24 Nourishment from fruit worker's consumed (7)
- 25 Learn to have admirable scepticism when listening (4,3)
- 26 Andy rather than Grant providing ingredient for home-made wine? (11)

## Down

- 1 See me repeatedly boo a Britney pop song that she sings (4,3,4,4)
- 2 Bristly bits must be regularly extracted from sweet face (5)
- 3 Hurried up with the cross somewhere in church? (7)
- 4 In love and almost ecstatic holding hand (7)
- 5 Cell consisting of three round objects (8)
- 6 Baronet, hairy man, frightful beast on Greek mountain (11,4)
- 7 One's ending with muck around one – as a result of this? (6)
- 8 Support brilliant objective (6)
- 15 Spooner's ungainly person to fix down in part of ship (8)
- 16 Mathematician from China embracing a leading pair of scientists (6)
- 17 One may produce smile, not half, going about stage being funny (7)
- 18 Emotional rugby group left after meal (7)
- 20 Car with Spanish identification, say (6)
- 23 A set of directions hardly used (2,3)



Solution No. 25,648

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