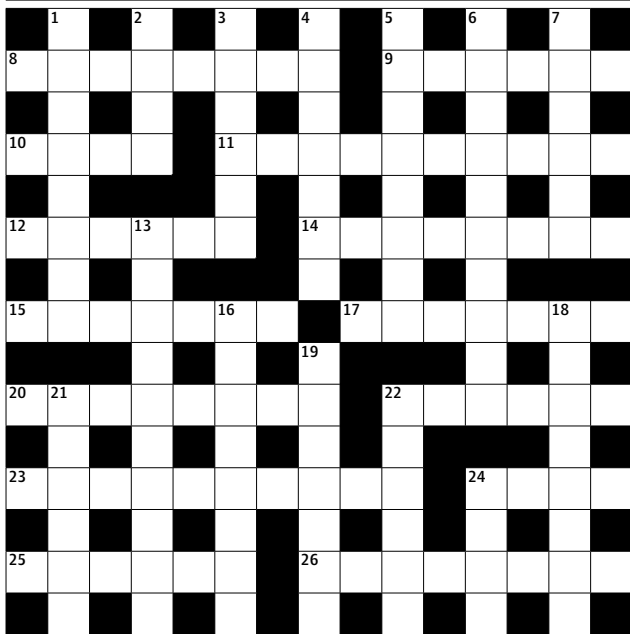


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 8 Man returning with endless capital, a very old European (8)
- 9 Speaker switching one and a half schedules (6)
- 10 Losing lead, cry for horse (4)
- 11 Flap by which sleazebag accesses toilets, dubiously (10)
- 12 Expert just cut into car, bumper dropping off (2,4)
- 14 Source of facts or otherwise in flier, text missing odd parts (8)
- 15 Writing crosswords is getting hard (7)
- 17 Entertainment with plenty of kicks, say, mum going in deep (3,4)
- 20 Small compartment in 'ouse with tight walls – something fishy about it? (8)
- 22 Shift dressing single bird (6)
- 23 One studying animal behaviour got hostile, wild (10)
- 24 Network free after midnight (4)
- 25 Volume Four behind books ending in marriage, in fulfilment of vows (6)
- 26 From the water and wine, only beginning to get through fat (8)

Down

- 1 Vegetarian food in flower, obsolete (3,2,3)
- 2 High time for a palindrome? (4)
- 3 Most senior school destroyed, though not all of it (6)
- 4 Requiring a kind of light and energy, it is an eye problem (7)
- 5 Spinner's game allowed to get in the way (8)
- 6 After disco dancing, made 2 and 3 from 6, perhaps? (10)
- 7 Gourmet's comment about oxygen, as element (6)
- 13 Splattered on my coat is a muscle protein (10)
- 16 Explosion of neon right after leakage of hydrogen gas (8)
- 18 Actress Dawn, one under actor Laurence (8)
- 19 Chef regularly cut herb with a French mark (7)
- 21 Former tax on certain things requiring one's inspection for starters (6)
- 22 Keen to see monster swallowing vessel (6)
- 24 Travel one way, then another, as a habit (4)

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