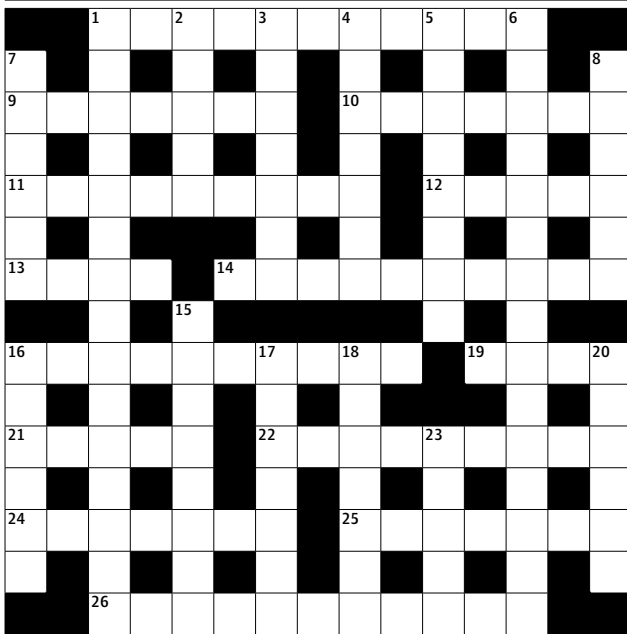


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,710 set by Gordius

Across

- 1 Pudding and veg may be served as a single item (5,6)
- 9 Artful paper that's folded? (7)
- 10 Model with swaying gait? Rubbish! (7)
- 11 Where varnish gets paid for in cash? (2,3,4)
- 12 Mysterious power of a soldier surrounded by decoration (5)
- 13 The unknown third parties? (4)
- 14 One may keep note on board (7,3)
- 16 Train Borg, a great Swedish player (5,5)
- 19 Animals chanted about? (4)
- 21 Directions for a girl to follow (5)
- 22 Munich let in chaos, when we could do with a break (9)
- 24 Palace hanger-on has no time for a messenger (7)
- 25 With mixed tennis a little bit of emotion can become strained (7)
- 26 Crop for fresh sergeant with club (5,6)

Down

- 1 Apostle's food served up in the city (5,10)
- 2 Take off Times Educational leader? (5)

- 3 There's nothing on top of Everest (4,3)
- 4 Owt foul when flushed down the pan? (7)
- 5 Gangster getting a rod can be unsettling (8)
- 6 One person that's glad with decrepitude? (3-3,9)
- 7 Withdraw from walk-over in contest (3,3)
- 8 Warning signal could be a trick (6)
- 15 A gel formulated in leaves? (8)
- 16 Country with a musical sound (6)
- 17 Flight controller in a role that's unusual (7)
- 18 Burns night? Is that when one gets lit up? (7)
- 20 Doctor's cure said in part to transfix? (6)
- 23 The male beast can become agitated (3,2)

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