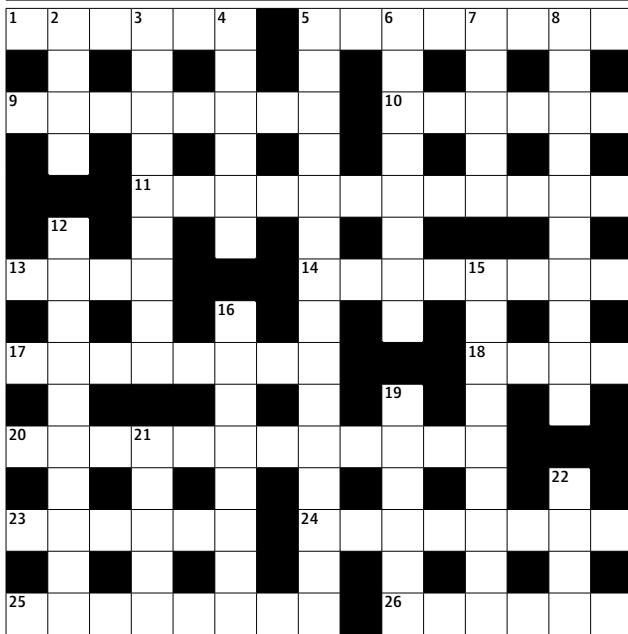


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,732 set by Bonxie

*Note added 7 September 2012: This puzzle contains new clues and solutions for 14 & 18 across and 15 down to correct an error in the originally published solution to 8 down.*

### Across

- 1 Humiliated band half-heartedly backing O'Connor (6)
- 5 Plant flower, heading off to record store (8)
- 9 Poet gets fish by a whisker (8)
- 10 Queen has note about wrong extension (6)
- 11 Quiet record gathers support shortly after meal (9,3)
- 13 Singer banned from listening (4)
- 14 Purify the Italian rejected from front of show (8)
- 17 Helps mount suspect images (8)
- 18 Crystal clear piece of mineral (4)
- 20 A holy day one month before writer returns with, say, gold (12)
- 23 Band member brought over a close relative of his (6)
- 24 Physicist has dreadful feeling in front of record store (8)
- 25 Becoming attached to band after getting head turned (8)
- 26 Right to include one in cultural curio (6)

### Down

- 2,22 Let slip that solicitor follows a band (5,3)
- 3 Planes move slowly by plant (4,5)
- 4 Ambitious band finally split (6)
- 5 Everything depends on band member harbouring female outlaw (3,5,7)
- 6 Most inadequate jockey agrees to board mount (8)
- 7 River animal mounting small steps (5)
- 8 Band of 6 topless models (3,7)
- 12 Band given minutes to produce music thus (4,6)
- 15 Corrupt president sent up theatre equipment (9)
- 16 Equipment given to one into cooking Italian food (8)
- 19 Shop where a band may be seen (6)
- 21 A metaphor, perhaps: "A band not suitable for all" (5)
- 22 See 2

Solution No. 25,731

