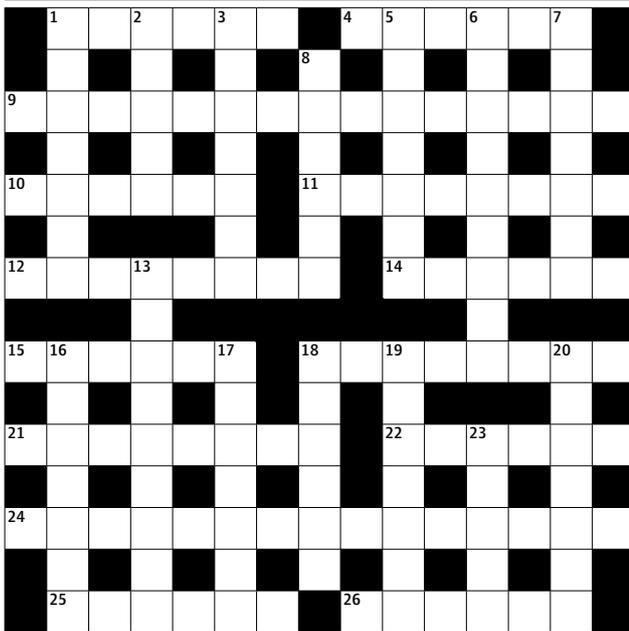


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,733 set by Chifonie

## Across

- 1 Instant support (6)
- 4 Booze or smack? (6)
- 9 Lacking reputation despite anything to the contrary (15)
- 10 Nationalist leader had gin cocktail (6)
- 11 Odds on getting good service (8)
- 12 Called into action, when out to lunch (8)
- 14 Romeo was sick, when criticised (6)
- 15 Bellini heroine left well-adjusted (6)
- 18 Look for the men of Smithfield (8)
- 21 Put off drinking? I am showing calibre! (8)
- 22 Reproach worker trapping vermin (6)
- 24 Cover trials only, perhaps, in a contentious way (15)
- 25 Wrinkled, being submerged about an hour (6)
- 26 Relative runs away from trouble (6)

## Down

- 1 Theatre adopts alternative accommodation (7)
- 2 Browbeaten officer got married (5)
- 3 Bagatelle overturned on night out (7)

- 5 Enthusiast accepted pal's posh recipe (7)
- 6 Female metalworker relieved in South Africa (9)
- 7 Zionist leader leaves Cornish town as act of atonement (7)
- 8 Mount fashionable dances (6)
- 13 Two masters introduced to change their own college (4,5)
- 16 Zero? Less than zero? About zero? That's unpromising! (7)
- 17 Tolerate drink that's a disappointment (3-4)
- 18 Hurtful counterplot? (6)
- 19 Sauce bachelor's put in Mexican food (7)
- 20 Chatterbox loses head when seeing snake (7)
- 23 Get to deliver a sermon, but not quietly (5)

Solution No. 25,732

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