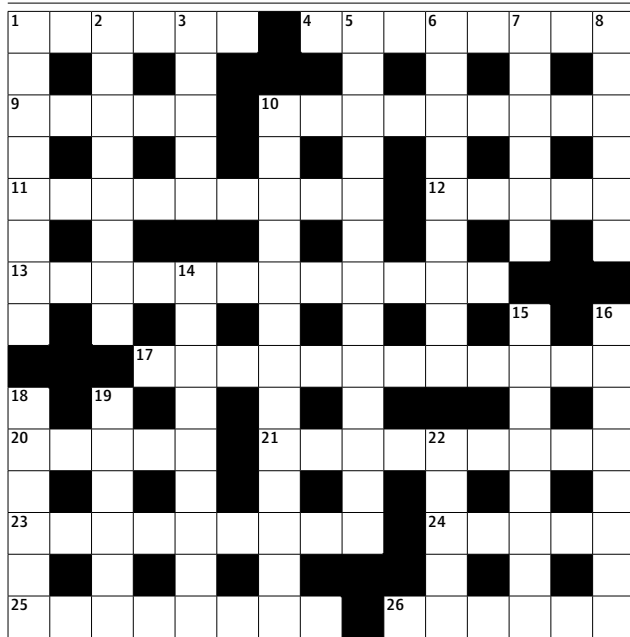


Guardian cryptic crossword



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*Note added 12 September:
The clue to 1 down has been
changed from the one origi-
nally published.*

Across

- 1 Phone home? (6)
- 4 Restraining orders pro-
tecting unruly set from
health hazard (8)
- 9 Oversized pair of soldiers
(5)
- 10 Stop short before plant
gets split up, disastrously
(9)
- 11 Sociable supplement
comprehending our
genus (9)
- 12 26's last of fruit drink (5)
- 13 Head of Treasury meeting
worker in Russian Mint
– one fomenting unrest?
(12)
- 17 Type of Tory member
(registered) involved in
seed planting (12)
- 20 Latterday Mesopotamian
infidel reviled a quiet
Israelite for starters (5)
- 21 Resolve to scatter straw
around – and fur (9)
- 23 Boar's head simmered,
stewed and cut up (9)
- 24 Unperceptive and over-
weight in Germany (5)
- 25 Senior politician's first to
interrupt labourer (8)
- 26 Undercover operation
securing heart of numeri-
cal sequence (6)

Down

- 1 Maybe get false memory?
(8)

- 2 Egghead's colour range
largely replacing centre of
Bronx (8)
- 3 Races into smallest room
for game of chance (5)
- 5 Novelist's hilarity at
Shakespeare's suicide
(4-9)
- 6 Raised weapon constrain-
ing song's eruption (9)
- 7 Matters of no conse-
quence right up one
Roman street (6)
- 8 Female monarch given
the Spanish monetary
unit (6)
- 10 A god read about in scrip-
ture is sure to rot (13)
- 14 Trees hugged by tramps
display irregular quality
(9)
- 15 Hot sauce summoning up
one tear, twice (4-4)
- 16 Cook insufficiently good:
not a likely winner (8)
- 18 Dim sow upset by what
she lacks? (6)
- 19 Boy pinching a tract from
strongman (6)
- 22 Disprove vegetable
growth's reversal (5)

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