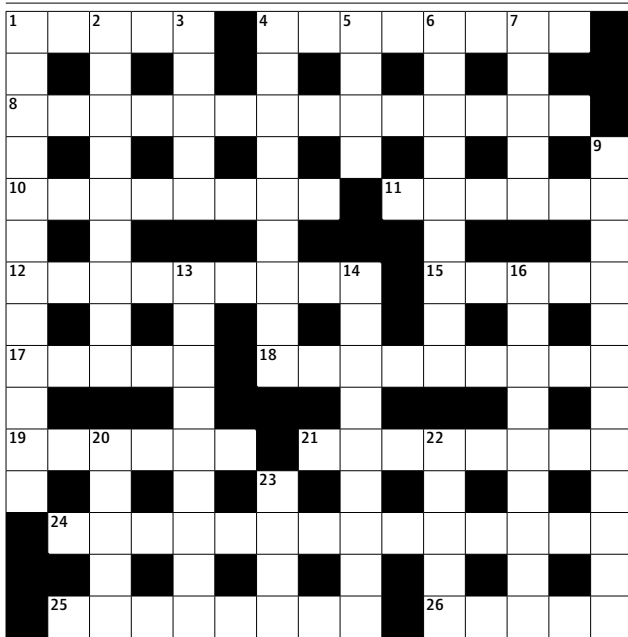


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,741 set by Gordius

Across

- 1 Newspaper staff cuts? (5)
- 4 Playing what instrument is found in the wood? (8)
- 8 Protracted wait may egg gentleman on to err (4,10)
- 10 Prayer for space agreement (8)
- 11 Lethargy sets back squaddies (6)
- 12 Probes due for condition the morning after? (7,2)
- 15 Time demands things to do (5)
- 17 Poetic work gets no backing at place of entertainment (5)
- 18 One whose quarry is sought and abused? (9)
- 19 He was involved in jail-break in biblical times (6)
- 21 Short prince adjusts blue vestment (8)
- 24 King moves into cash trade involving shady dealing (6,8)
- 25 Said to have erred, Catholicism is characteristic of a problem (8)
- 26 On reflection one's not quite resolute enough (5)

Down

- 1 Ye shall possibly appear on time, around 2061? (7,5)

- 2 An artist has to study horses (9)
- 3 European without married quarters (5)
- 4 Eights hid from influxes of water (4,5)
- 5 Contend for one's due? (4)
- 6 Marginal produce of sewer? (9)
- 7 Hurriedly appear prior to delivery (3-2)
- 9 Like a wolf in sheep's clothing (5-7)
- 13 Plundered and did a bunk before getting dismissed (9)
- 14 Where to indulge in bingo? (9)
- 16 The unsteady begin seeing with glasses (9)
- 20 Figure to press young beginner (5)
- 22 Calm for the working of the spirit? (5)
- 23 Tory disaster caused by one lacking experience (4)

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