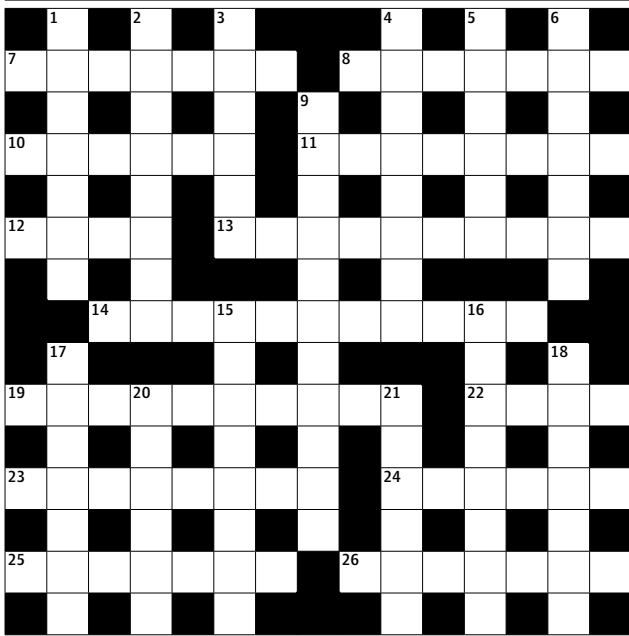


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Note added 3 October 2012: The originally published clue for 12 across has been amended.

Across

- 7 Taline, a kinky girl (7)
- 8 Girl with boy on board ship (7)
- 10 Losing home, original sinful girl (6)
- 11 Boy's swansong? (8)
- 12 Girl from Denmark shows where lad should go to find a forest clearing? (4)
- 13 Boy at last gets oiled (pint drunk) and things get out of shape from here (5,5)
- 14 Girl has one whiskey in 24 hours and is deprived of control (7,4)
- 19 Ceremonial occasions: a measure of our worth (4,6)
- 22 Boy is in denial, even (4)
- 23 Home of top theatre award: boy is shocked (8)
- 24 A place to drink spirits, say, and dance (6)
- 25 Boy initially free to win girl (7)
- 26 Girl in legend to return a god (7)

Down

- 1 Girl and dancing partner (7)
- 2 Girl going round cheese festival (8)
- 3 Forbidden love for overweight girl (6)
- 4 Girl said in legend to have warned about a girl (8)
- 5 Fateful girl in legend taking holy orders over love (6)
- 6 A place to drink in essence of a girl (7)
- 9 Not exactly easy, the Guardian admitted – a small legend, solvers agreed (3,3,2,3)
- 15 Famous owner defaulted about start of National (8)
- 16 Girl overweight in report (8)
- 17 Girl ran out of things to say about ...
- 18 ... Spooner's well-travelled boy (7)
- 20 Girl's last to put on uniform and lead army out of African capital (6)
- 21 Boy on royal staff list? (6)

Solution No. 25,751

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