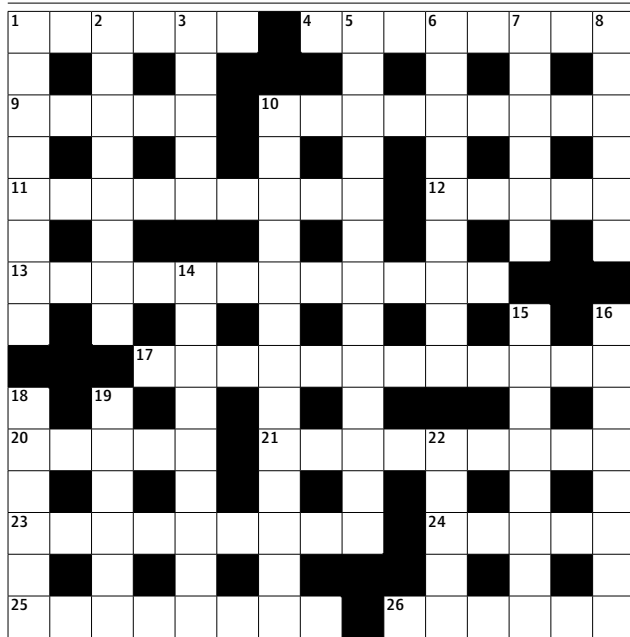


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Game of chance? Pay odds outside (6)
- 4 Yielding nothing crooked to cross pass (8)
- 9 Call for attention with a display, when drunk (5)
- 10 First group playing an instrument (9)
- 11 They came before playing 10 across (9)
- 12 Return note with grass blade (5)
- 13 A musical drama? (4,3,5)
- 17 Peer wearing band on cape for valour (12)
- 20 Change at noon? (5)
- 21 Mean drunk provides watery food (9)
- 23 Make fleeces with short back and tailored front (9)
- 24 Pulled a King from the river (5)
- 25 Gave emphasis to pushing leaves back across square (8)
- 26 Ladies at Glastonbury, say, give up rings at gate (6)

Down

- 1 A fall inside, but worker is bearing up well (8)
- 2 Removing tie and uniform, navy psychiatrist catches cold (8)
- 3 Praise for solving unfinished sudoku (5)
- 5 A display of balance by Kent batsmen at crease (4,9)
- 6 Flying moves provide a little excitement (4,5)
- 7 Bringing up medicine to a couple raised in the city (6)
- 8 Punk rock tried to embrace nihilism, initially (6)
- 10 Superb old rose hybrid shows sign of life (5,8)
- 14 They may be told to dance off with opponents (9)
- 15 Deposit crew in rising waters? (8)
- 16 Plant key behind reptile house (8)
- 18 Waste energy breaking mugs (6)
- 19 Bill given apple turnover (6)
- 22 Free bricks – around a tonne (3,2)

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