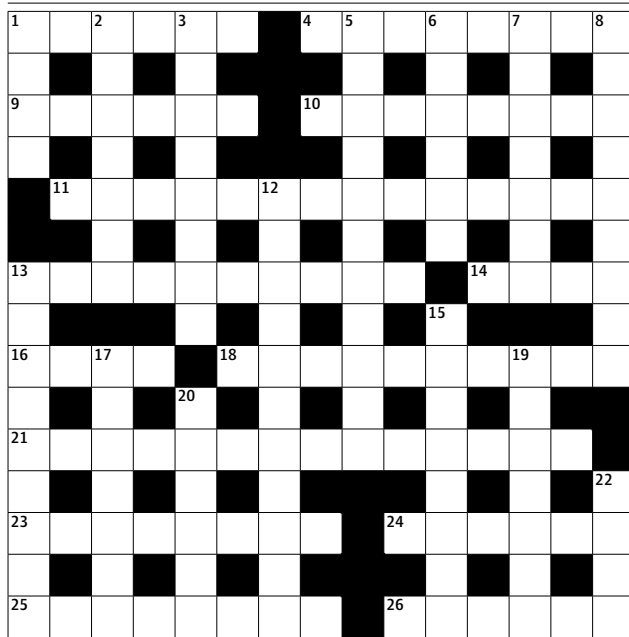


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,824 set by Chionie

## Across

- 1 Somebody keeps boy punctual (2,4)
- 4 Writer accepts match for colour (3,5)
- 9 Nervous when working with creep (2,4)
- 10 South Terrace has refuge that's most austere (8)
- 11 A star ashamed at disorder? Crazy! (2,3,2,1,6)
- 13 Uproar popular with union member creates a mess (6,4)
- 14 Charlie's full name (4)
- 16 Work in church making vestment (4)
- 18 Madness consumes a king – that's not conducive to health (10)
- 21 Don tries interrupting actual final run-through (5,9)
- 23 Hurried back, scored and told the tale (8)
- 24 Poor beheaded uncle? (6)
- 25 Request to dine in the lobby (8)
- 26 Intended to remove name from capital (6)
- 5 Jerry takes on minor role after hours to project from experience (11)
- 6 Shoot a north European (6)
- 7 Pick artist to portray vengeful daughter (7)
- 8 Of course aunt organised the motor race! (9)
- 12 Aren't German characters understanding? (11)
- 13 Corruption of French intonation (9)
- 15 Girl goes round the country for old PM (8)
- 17 Entertainer sees support collapse (7)
- 19 Leave a group playing (7)
- 20 Tea set damaged in car (6)
- 22 Gabrielle hid the cheese (4)

## Down

- 1 Player ought to wear decoration (4)
- 2 Senator organised act of betrayal (7)
- 3 Aircraft drop explosives initially in attack (8)

Solution No. 25,823

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