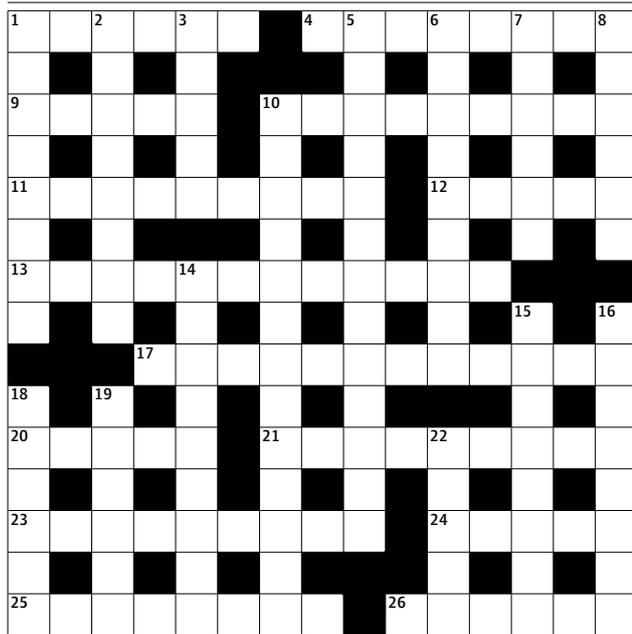


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,902 set by Araucaria

## Across

- 1 Call boy's takeover (6)
- 4 I finish the paper and don't say a word, getting more embarrassed (8)
- 9 Tax on part of capital suggested by one of the Greens? (5)
- 10 Guardian people personally bear being translated with spirits (9)
- 11,12 Jethro's accepted name for game with partners in place of the disgusted (9,5)
- 13 Sensational development of a lord and master in police force (first century) (12)
- 17 See 20
- 20,17 It's quite obvious you should give level ground urgently to Eisenhower and Co (5,2,1,9)
- 21 One location in which British king turns to Middle Easterner (9)
- 23 Knowledge obtained during golden break in friend's house (3-6)
- 24 Formerly called early supper, as they say? (5)
- 25 Revolutionary movement with wings? (8)
- 26 Engineer in 5 is frit (6)

## Down

- 1 Interval of third or seventh note? (4-4)
- 2 Young 'un, dance with a swing, if I were you, flower! (8)

- 3 Provide for pet corgi owner (5)

- 5 Rome's in trouble, besieged by cyber criminal on line with fish (5,8)
- 6 The Guardian is in Leeds, resolved to find white flower (9)
- 7 Are they responsible for many bad things? (6)
- 8 Among other things is "Don't comply" (6)
- 10 Veteran coped with alarming effect (3,10)
- 14 Sell shares small boy put up, not wearing a shirt? (9)
- 15 Claim to have illness caused by a gremlin (8)
- 16 Moved to be insincere (8)
- 18 Has another bath up from which he cannot climb? (6)
- 19 Witch doctor initially taking in mythical voyager to Mars (3,3)
- 22 Code for the thick-headed (5)

Solution No. 25,901

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