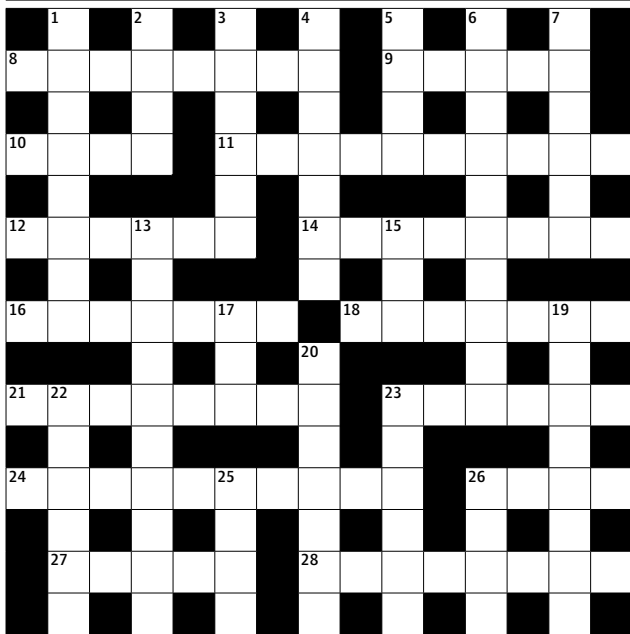


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,914 set by Brummie

Across

- 8** Setting off, I move north, capturing Charlie One (8)
9 Noble matter (5)
10 South African leader has no end of blue material (4)
11 Cycling in a seaport the next phase after 9 + 26 down, 8 and 2-15? (10)
12 Reckless Dawn, according to Mr Ross, goes topless? (6)
14 Tyres may be so aerated, having to go over a regular route (5-3)
16 Fish nets with stairs section (7)
18 Respected person's euphemistic expletive limit: one (7)
21 Revered ring for ace is sunken (8)
23,26down Band secures place with "Blue", the main climax on return from 28, say (10)
24 Law-abiding bores vexed former secretary of state (10)
26 See 17
27 Prudence, cherishing independence, understood (5)
28 Smooth moves, the high-light after ... 11, 22 and 16? (8)

Down

- 1** Oboe's entrance in Enigma Variations – one's feeling one's all that matters (8)
2,15 Start to rise and flit, crossword setter style (4-3)

- 3** See 5
4 Small creature captures heart of support vet (7)
5,3 Aftermath of surgery's video link affair? (4,6)
6 Fair since spring, which is fortunate (4,2,4)
7 Constitutional Senate leader's an ugly thing (6)
13 Clue ending with "shift", a luxury one's allowed (10)
15 See 2
17,26across Roosevelt's policy not used by Wood (3,4)
19 Old PM ousted finally by the like of Netanyahu? (8)
20 Benign tumour has you rising in a mad frenzy (7)
22 Fields of influence in Bristol: not large but diverse (6)
23 "I'm off", as poker player might seek to end a round? (3,3)
25 Second and last switch in Poll's bar (4)
26 See 23 across

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