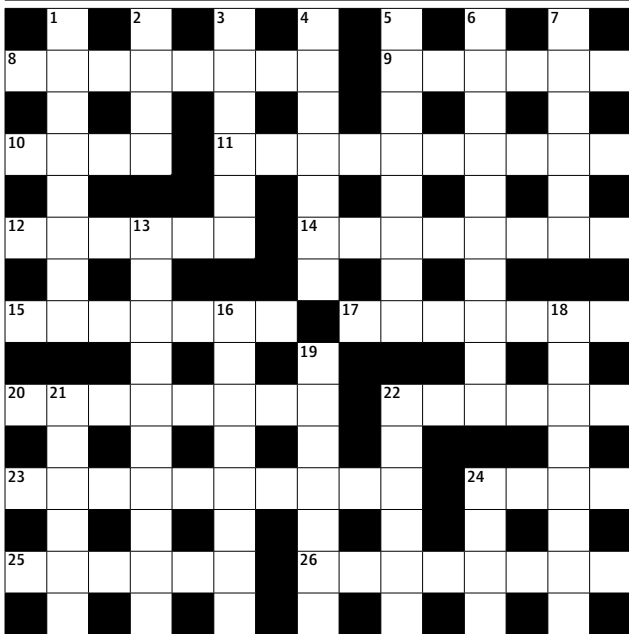


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,931 set by Paul

## Across

- 8,24down** Sonny didn't tremble \_\_, in view of East London? (8,4)  
**9** Able to get a handle on calculus, initially (6)  
**10** Lather moistens back (4)  
**11** Islander mangling soapy linen (10)  
**12** Bird collecting rent, returned over counter? (6)  
**14** Shoes back to front, one full of holes (8)  
**15** Most adventurous combination of underclothes (7)  
**17** Double letter with double letters spelled out as "fraud" (5-2)  
**20** Company of smokers inhaling good pile of poo (8)  
**22** Full-bodied burgundy offered for starters? Very well! (6)  
**23** Loud and doubly buoyant, one decorating Christmas tree (5,5)  
**24** Shell port (4)  
**25** Dog mounting sheep (6)  
**26** Marine gets to tell about end of voyage in the past (3-5)

## Down

- 1** Right person always producing sacred word in general (8)  
**2** Sark boatless, Jersey or Guernsey getting boat (4)  
**3** Vulnerable spot for church (6)  
**4** Save more pants! (7)  
**5** Situation as nice or nasty (8)  
**6** Poetry written about a hostile French city (10)  
**7** Plant's gender almost identical (6)  
**13** Unstable trio given a brace (10)  
**16** Avoid passage for vehicle (3-5)  
**18** Bad quality expensive jewellery? That's clumsy (8)  
**19** Poet right to pen first of sonnets in support of sweetheart (7)  
**21** Planet where anyone can see river close to a canal (6)  
**22** Give away chance to get some sun (6)  
**24** See 8



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