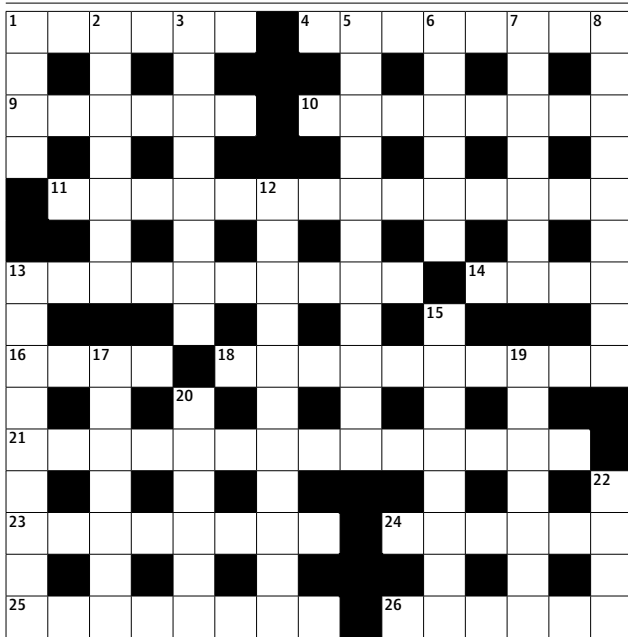


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,968 set by Pasquale

## Across

- 1 Part of the UK restricted by offensive discipline (6)
- 4 Farm animal in support bandage looking bad-tempered (8)
- 9 Some Californian wine? It's seen over time as rubbish (6)
- 10 Plant that's alien to be sure (8)
- 11 Pre-eminent Heather, the woman featured in tribute after game (6,3,5)
- 13 Horses shock ducks – aggressive group going in? (10)
- 14 Instrument not a provider of accurate information, we hear (4)
- 16 Struggle with material in short supply (4)
- 18 Breaker of promise, thrice ultimately (NT) (5,5)
- 21 Pasquale, inside working, using long obscure words (14)
- 23 Farmers managed half-hearted thanks (8)
- 24 One running up to man in helmet or hat? (6)
- 25 Painter has knocked back drink, belonging to a celebrated group (8)
- 26 Harmony's last thing on the shop floor (6)

## Down

- 1 Register one of those in the aviary? (4)
- 2 Call at table, suggesting preference for sirloin or T-bone? (2-5)
- 3 Treats mostly set up in glasses (8)
- 5 Made a loss and had to take one's medicine? (6,1,4)
- 6 The man on river in dry boat (6)
- 7 Is little woman full of love good for sexual union? (7)
- 8 Spooner's Sunday clothes? Not what would normally be seen in the pub (5,4)
- 12 Pastor doing wrong is far from completely OK (4,2,5)
- 13 Something to treat disease? It's carried up by a nurse, frenzied maiden (9)
- 15 Talk about bad flood! (5,3)
- 17 A sinner being troubled, more unstable (7)
- 19 Only clips a vehicle (7)
- 20 Exhausted, only 10% there at the end in capacity (6)
- 22 Victim of attack to ask for divine help, audibly (4)

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