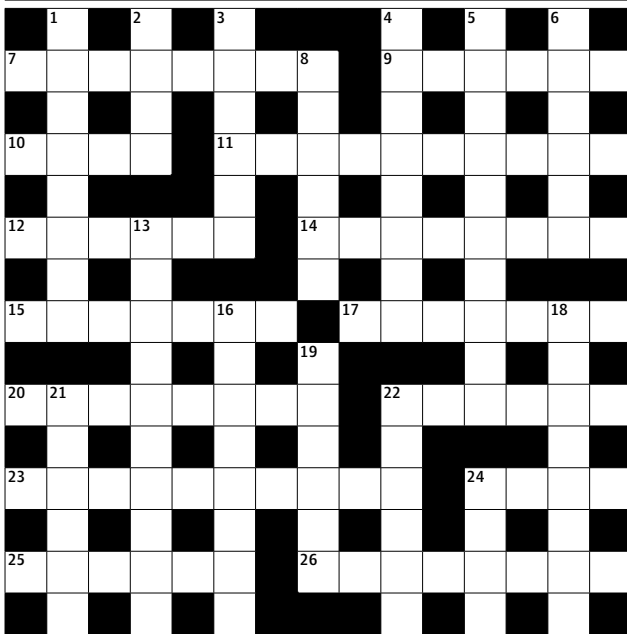


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,037 set by Gordius

Across

- 7 Moderation, yet Boris might achieve it (8)
- 9 Maybe a group of bankers all at sea? (6)
- 10 It's like baking without gas (4)
- 11 Boy hugs girl in Essex (10)
- 12 Wed without children? Nits! (6)
- 14 How Rees becomes the foreman? (8)
- 15 Hide endless Mediterranean island (7)
- 17 With apprehension of little boys at arm's length (7)
- 20 Break up with plunge over reflected failure (8)
- 22 Well this is a bit rich! (6)
- 23 Where to get off colour in cloth (10)
- 24 Ineffectual character died with a short prayer (4)
- 25 Insect let out another (6)
- 26 Encounter that's not just pettish? (8)

Down

- 1 You can't Adam and Eve it! (5,3)
- 2 Architect seen to be right in new erection (4)
- 3 College accommodates a large number here in Gloucestershire (6)

- 4 Spring flower Spooner calls unadorned misery (8)
- 5 Tories rise to be sprayed with spit (10)
- 6 Something quite clear can easily become mysterious (6)
- 8 Shout with painful cry and colour (6)
- 13 Tories' rule broken, lacking purpose ... (10)
- 16 ... thanks to fast party leader with ability (8)
- 18 Military order (excluding front rank) that makes sense (8)
- 19 It helps to do them wrong (6)
- 21 One grows up and blooms (6)
- 22 Where one lives without a good reverence for one's superior? (6)
- 24 Something raised short of a bloomer (4)

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