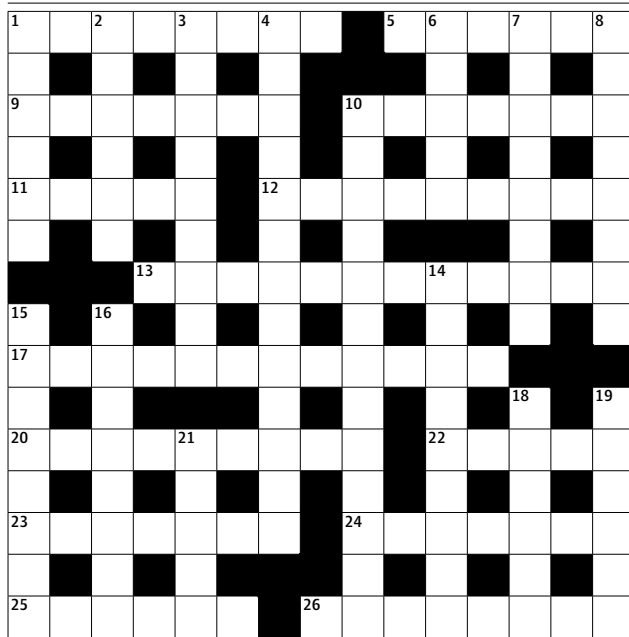


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,063 set by Pasquale

Across

- 1 Irish rebel catches novelist in surprise attack (8)
- 5 Composer joins extreme characters back in the capital (6)
- 9 Officer receiving cautionary signal from light unit (7)
- 10 Green English boy taken in by trick (7)
- 11 Bottle takes no time – after seconds it’s clean (5)
- 12 Spooner’s treasure bank – food (5,4)
- 13 Through which ships may, go taking direction without deviation, we hear (6,6)
- 17 Anarchy with credo disturbed church office (12)
- 20 Bit of poetry is translated with hi-tech program, ultimately (9)
- 22 A woman who does pickle (5)
- 23 Maybe we say the Established Church should go? (7)
- 24 A chapter within short read offers insights (7)
- 25 Moral quality associated with house group (3,3)
- 26 Blocking in passage when old-fashioned secretary and young girl meet (8)

Down

- 1 A pound in ready money secures carriage (6)
- 2 Man’s foremost god? (6)

- 3 Lead and fruit buried with the man in grave (9)
- 4 Put off married state, one’s bound to show firmness of mind (13)
- 6 Note the requirement of student looking for accommodation? (1,4)
- 7 Tree chopped up I removed to put in the back (3,5)
- 8 What may have been slashed, outburst of rage ensuing? (8)
- 10 Hater? Maybe he needs it (6,2,5)
- 14 “Caustic zone” – name of hell (9)
- 15 Little cottage in which there’s cheap, nasty ornamental container (8)
- 16 School matron’s first to exude gossip (8)
- 18 Hairy things producing upsets (6)
- 19 Emergencies mount in the Civil Service (6)
- 21 Shut up about OT character’s sin! (5)

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