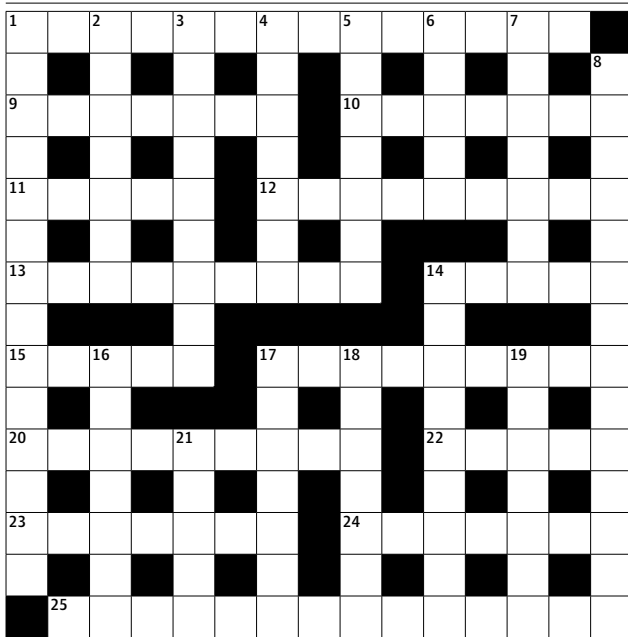


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Bob cut cloth back, stitching around upper part (14)
- 9 Popular teacher of French introduced to privileged dealer (7)
- 10 Native putting this mouldy lot of cheese first (7)
- 11 Pick up good, nutritious meat (5)
- 12 Vegetable pigment breaking free with 11 (4-5)
- 13 Old regulars meeting for starters in local, demanding consistency (9)
- 14 Texts university faculty turned outside (5)
- 15 Bar from doing otherwise (5)
- 17 American parent adopting dysfunctional minor's religion (9)
- 20 Mutual support for boys? I miss out (9)
- 22 Babe getting right into Republicans' comeback (5)
- 23 Channel turning minister 1 down part 2 (7)
- 24 Stroller's fishy funeral (7)
- 25 Dance queen (Bausch) maintains edge on a dance queen (5,9)

Down

- 1 Egg ant's time on duty, drinking double spirit dry (8,6)
- 2 Stick with original scientist (7)

- 3 Greyish-brown hairdo let outside, wasting space (9)
- 4 Composer to get up in worse health? (7)
- 5 Offence taken at bird drinking 7 Up (7)
- 6 Object to 11, first to last? (5)
- 7 Intend to line ripped costume (7)
- 8 Premier holds county without a marketplace, securing one set of special effects (14)
- 14 Winter scene featuring cattle head to tail in Suffolk village (9)
- 16 Female Ibsen character embracing male one of Dostoevsky's (7)
- 17 Prohibitionist's last ambush wrecked brewer's equipment (4-3)
- 18 Agitate, fluster, calm (7)
- 19 Citizen raising 21s, typist's occupational hazard (7)
- 21 Currency secreted in compiler's gut (5)

Solution No. 26,064

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