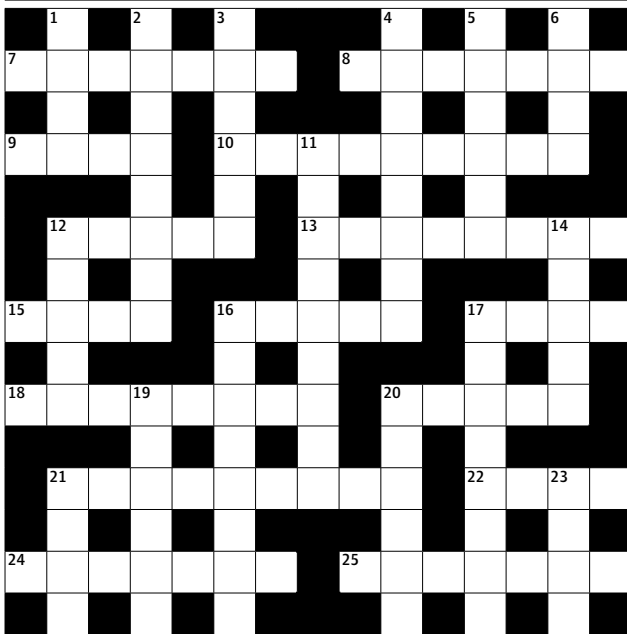


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,076 set by Arachne

## Across

- 7 Thin line crossed by source of information (7)
- 8 Put new gloss on a Pinter play? (7)
- 9 Beg leader to abandon witch-hunt (4)
- 10 Repairer of faulty listening equipment (9)
- 12 Date for one dictator's fall (5)
- 13 Just about to consider interning liberals by name (8)
- 15 GCHQ sees semi-redacted evidence of intelligence (4)
- 16 PRISM, for example, is old scheme (5)
- 17 Keep at a distance, listening in on bug (4)
- 18 Commander in NSA outfit taking time off in Asian city (8)
- 20 American nonsense about Manning regularly exposed in union declaration (5)
- 21 They rank with Troy in ruined greatness (9)
- 22 Ban centre-left at great cost (4)
- 24 During holiday you head off westward, away from normal environment (2,5)
- 25 Seasonal barman in Italy wearing very, very cheap chain (7)

## Down

- 1 Smear former Labour leader in Liverpool? (4)
- 2 Exposed implication of nice ruse (8)
- 3 Sinister financier getting hold of electronic information in cell (6)

- 4 Wrongly use double ef in "defiled" (8)
- 5 Helping informer, one is charged (6)
- 6 Badgering military alliance to upgrade base (2,2)
- 11 Completely surrounded by on-air broadcast, Nineteen Eighty-Four-style (9)
- 12 Had a chance to claim temporary residence in Russia (5)
- 14 Finally witnessing US vice leads to Edward Snowden making judgement (5)
- 16 Kate's put under surveillance (5,3)
- 17 Join Guardian, if rebellious (4-4)
- 19 US taxmen going over account after a bit of a breather (3,3)
- 20 He's in charge of rigging sterling over in Balkan region (6)
- 21 Starts to suspect Ingsoc Newspeak has hyperbolic function (4)
- 23 Helps head of Airstrip One kick stuffing out of dissidents (4)

Solution No. 26,075

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