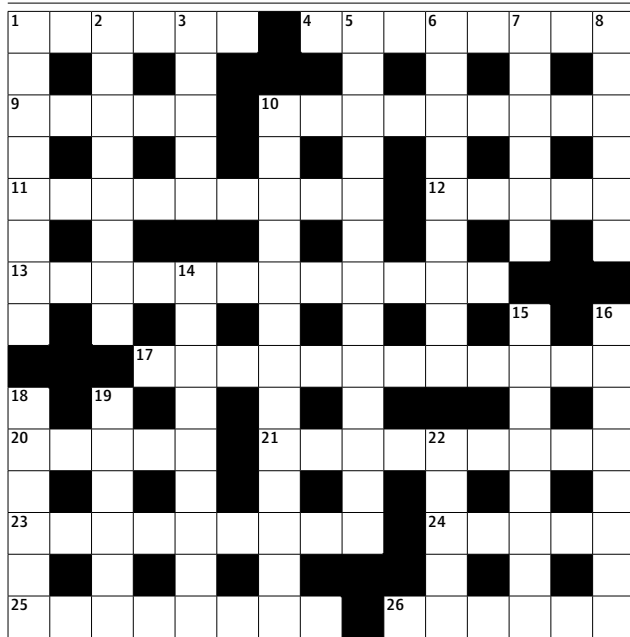


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1** Film star departed after officer's hostility (6)
4 Turkish commander runs with a fish in jelly (4-4)
9 Continually upright (2,3)
10 Brave staff to measure Latin Quarter (5,4)
11 Mr Salmon gets fish for six-footer (9)
12 Relative gives away article free (5)
13 Let's hand out £25 for a short ride (8,4)
17 Bob produces arty design (4,1,7)
20 Imagine putting last of ice in a drop of Scotch (5)
21 Commitments to curb corrosion by tenant at first are most reliable (9)
23 Alliance views shared link (5,4)
24 Excessive hesitation of fish-eater (5)
25 Farm animal given time provides cheap fare (8)
26 Creative work found in resort in Ancient Greece (6)

Down

- 1** Oscar in charge in case? That's best! (8)
2 Wife was sick? Sorry! (8)
3 Control rare condition (5)
5 Acquire art and have one's eyes opened (3,3,7)
6 Bootlegger's strange offshoot (3-6)
7 King George's German cavern (6)
8 Jacket for a smoker (6)
10 Odd starting point for a hobby (13)
14 Public official makes Mary drool (4,5)
15 One agreeing to make fool join (8)
16 Neurosis treated this year (8)
18 Changes inclined to cut publicity (6)
19 Wolf encircles English saint (6)
22 Soldiers' miserable time is up (5)

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