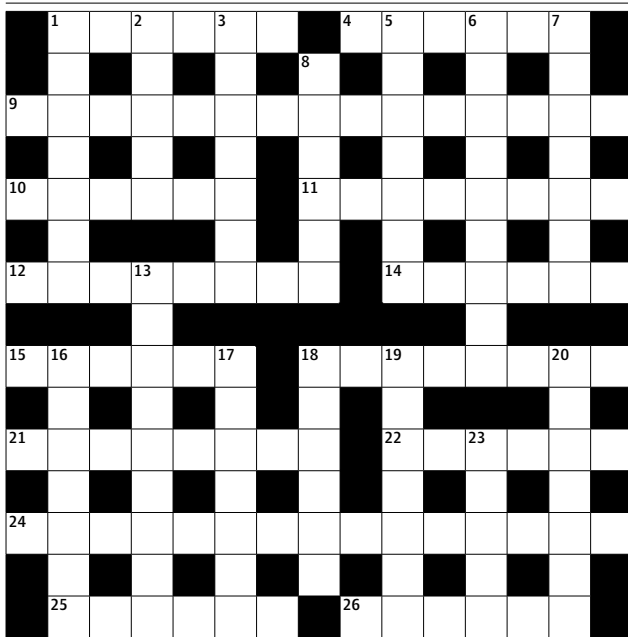


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,140 set by Chionie

## Across

- 1 Artist gets bowl for plant (6)
- 4 Old Bob impresses designs on seats (6)
- 9 Rules out nastier play in dangerous game (7,8)
- 10 Castigate solicitor after welcome (3,3)
- 11 Never house officials (8)
- 12 Support suspension of delivery (3,5)
- 14 Namibian capital undeveloped? Just about! (6)
- 15 Repair road that's long (6)
- 18 Laid out right-winger for time-wasting (8)
- 21 Old publican and sailor entertaining French writer (8)
- 22 Throw out Northern Ireland leaders found in party (6)
- 24 Do, in private, limit discourtesy (15)
- 25 River without end in Paris? Explain! (6)
- 26 Guarantee Poland's border (6)

## Down

- 1 Performance is popular, in a way (7)
- 2 Club in which the password is courage (5)

- 3 Surprise rattles Dicky (7)
- 5 Ridicule working in Somerset (7)
- 6 Respond immoderately and veto racer after crashing (9)
- 7 Meet flourishing poet (7)
- 8 Composer is candid, we hear (6)
- 13 Gambler out to become more wealthy (6,3)
- 16 Taught delinquent once about bad weather (7)
- 17 Help offspring involving active participation (5-2)
- 18 Scorn of French travel (6)
- 19 Braille representation for politician (7)
- 20 Teacher served up only item on the menu (7)
- 23 Letter on top of desk is prominent (5)

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