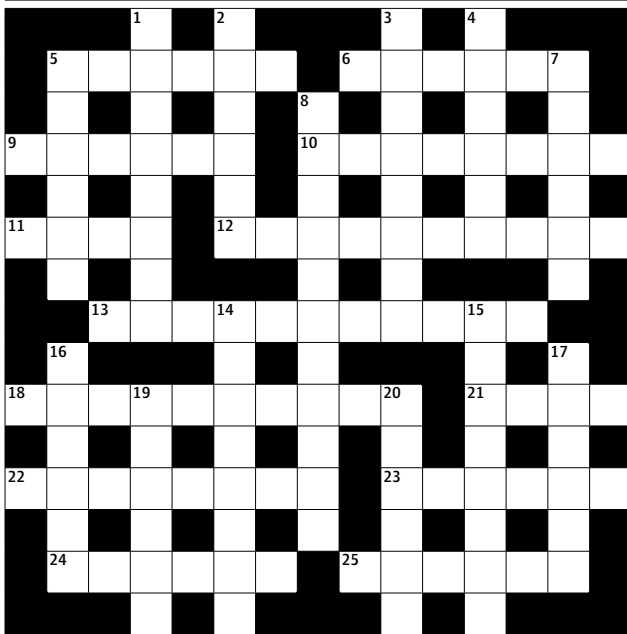


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,147 set by Pasquale

Across

- 5 Star getting votes of the top people, sign of something wrong (6)
- 6 Flirt in game, not right (6)
- 9 Composer with second-rate skill "satisfactory" (6)
- 10 Wretched home plant all stunted (8)
- 11 What's less than blaze, a little fire (4)
- 12 Waltz rhythm conveyed by Scott trumpeter? (6,4)
- 13 Supporters stupefied inside – old-fashioned types (4,7)
- 18 A brother we found devastated by conflict (3,4,3)
- 21 Hack wants initial hundred quid, maybe (4)
- 22 Like some insects snug in grass? (8)
- 23 Fine isn't stopping bad boy, ultimately (6)
- 24 Harshness voiced by fraudster? (6)
- 25 Conservative newspaper proprietor once a star (6)

Down

- 1 Several small vessels to fail badly crossing lakes (8)
- 2 Sloppy food? Get rid of it, we say (6)
- 3 Where you may see many a sporty drinker and driver? (4,4)

- 4 Expression of disapproval about upsetting sin – guns out of here? (6)
- 5 Energy input to something growing in the earth? (6)
- 7 What's distressing volunteers protecting room full of gold? (6)
- 8 See one old woman in game win lousy money that could be better (7,4)
- 14 Place I look to ascend, given encouragement to endure (4,2,2)
- 15 New price set to generate income (8)
- 16 Demonstrate, wanting Head of Sate to tumble down (6)
- 17 Aircraft's required course from very small city on hill (6)
- 19 Fabric such as nude will hide (6)
- 20 This plan again upset prison guard (6)

Solution No. 26,146

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