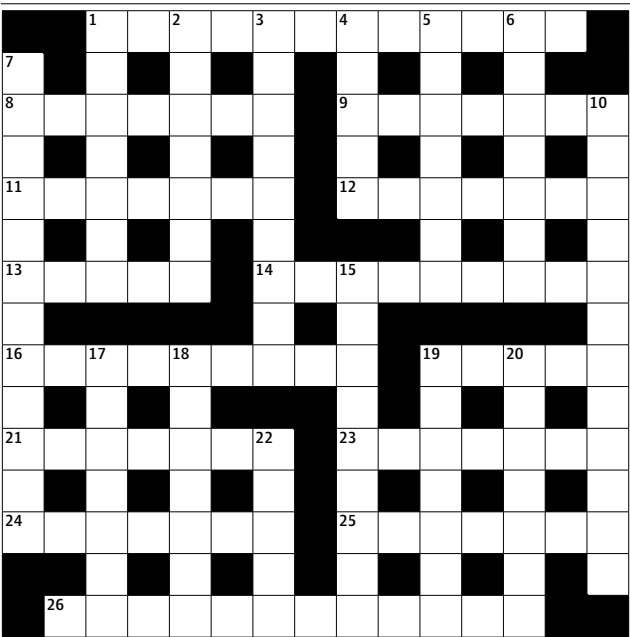


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,155 set by Rufus

Across

- 1 An advance order (7,5)
- 8 Current charges for what a solicitor does (7)
- 9 Termini switched for the time being (7)
- 11 Student of the past (7)
- 12 Often behind bars when captured, but may be paroled (7)
- 13 Losses from strikes (5)
- 14 An old man with the twitch won't join in the fun (9)
- 16 Somewhat eccentric rest facility? (3-6)
- 19 Not a bow – not even a smile, apparently (5)
- 21 Most women have this combination of give and take (7)
- 23 What this youngster's mother did? (4,3)
- 24 Embarrassment of companion ends with a smile (7)
- 25 Form of elation that may be cut short (7)
- 26 Noted all past blunders in one's lifetime (8,4)

Down

- 1 It's real, topless or not! (7)
- 2 Takes offence at gifts not being opened (7)
- 3 Help worker to find a mate? (9)

- 4 Not well, goes to doctor – that's the routine (5)
- 5 City that sent missionaries out to China (7)
- 6 Fruit ran short outside (7)
- 7 I catch pastor out in dire straits (12)
- 10 Doctors' dance held in the gymnasium? (8,4)
- 15 Put out account with wrong rebate to daughter (9)
- 17 Flier in a flat spin (7)
- 18 An order to stop amber changing to green? (7)
- 19 Mix a cocktail to revitalise people (5-2)
- 20 Can he, in disturbance, hold fast? (7)
- 22 DNA unit takes time to find in a cat-like animal (5)

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