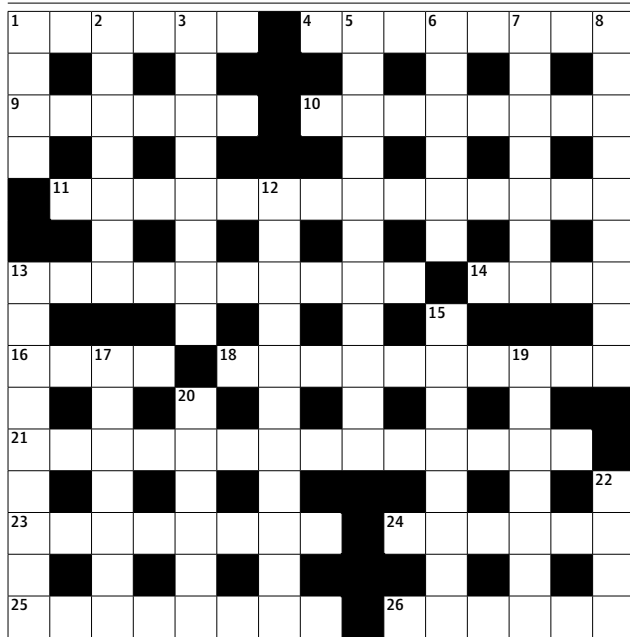


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,169 set by Pasquale

Across

- 1 Grave individual, fellow with the stuffing knocked out (6)
- 4 Philosophical outlook I peddle is mad, not of our era (8)
- 9 Power of inspiring person engaging class (6)
- 10 Four participating in sensual merriment (8)
- 11 Male is part of the group arranged to provide lies (14)
- 13 Well-placed religious institution that's pleasant, not cold, inside (10)
- 14 That place not right for you (4)
- 16 Revolutionary to spoil mark on ballot paper (4)
- 18 Good humour shown by 19 22 against English in game (10)
- 21 Government agency working undercover, say, with unknown number involved (8,6)
- 23 Idiot hugging tree, expressing a load of nonsense? (8)
- 24 Mathematical info about old animals (6)
- 25 What scientific theory may be established in columnar layout? (8)
- 26 Dog mess lazy one leaves (6)

Down

- 1 Depression with pounds lost in financially challenging time (4)
- 2 Man facing endless prejudice when finally revealed as gay (7)
- 3 Fashion designer – a black-looking fellow, inwardly bad (8)
- 5 Doubles from boring bods in the belfry? (4,7)
- 6 Plant book promoted before Christmas? (6)
- 7 Rail taking home very small number, losing time (7)
- 8 The old woman hangs around and pretends to be ill (9)
- 12 Foolish chat about educational establishment (5,6)
- 13 Abandon computers and suchlike? You must be joking! (4,3,2)
- 15 Show words inside book? (8)
- 17 More than one puzzle rangles, spread across days and days (7)
- 19,22 Land across the water in which you may see leader smile (7,4)
- 20 Picture maker arrived – famous painter? (6)
- 22 See 19

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