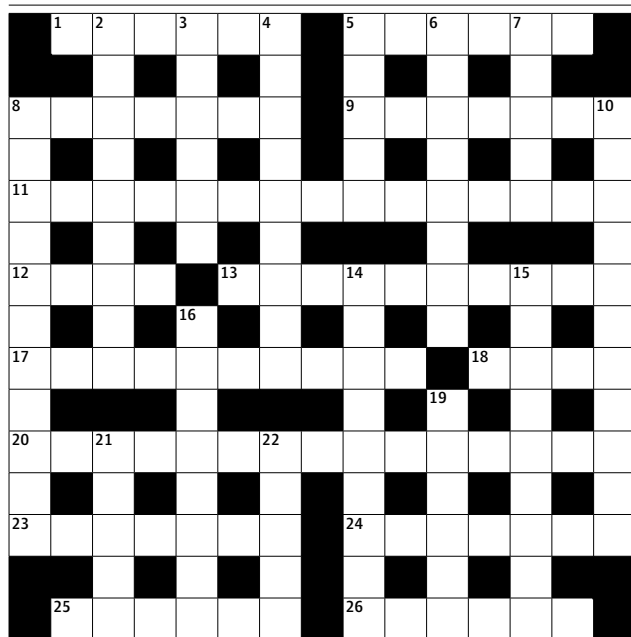


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,174 set by Nutmeg

Across

- 1 Only one Labour leader for us – Mr Miliband's ditched (6)
- 5 Cast from violent western short of energy (6)
- 8 Drop off small logs (7)
- 9 Anticipating endless warbling, son retires for a breather (7)
- 11 Clandestine subject to Basie about backing (5,3,7)
- 12 Posh hotel in eastern half of French resort (4)
- 13 Coarse flour is presumably not called for (10)
- 17 Island is in her itinerary, not entirely cut off (10)
- 18 Step up or down without a movement (4)
- 20 Austen's ultimate representation of rare bygone Bath? (10,5)
- 23 Sample last of lager in bar (7)
- 24 OAP guarded by senior army man (7)
- 25 Skirmish grips papers for 24 hours (6)
- 26 See "hate" in another form (6)

Down

- 2 Sister and boyfriend trapped in island swamps (9)
- 3 Sleeveless jacket and dull 'eadgear used up (6)
- 4 Possibly winning outsider ineligible for the Scots Greys? (4,5)
- 5 Boy in charge of sound ... (5)
- 6 ... rings those limiting EastEnders in series (8)
- 7 Least good material editor's disposed of (5)
- 8 A new church first raised in power in formal measure (6,5)
- 10 Biblical petition (Parry's older translation) (5,6)
- 14 Catholic film studios (9)
- 15 Found limited joy in running heats (9)
- 16 Job that's boring, boring and fixed at sea (8)
- 19 Eg the Guardian reported a bloomer (6)
- 21 Runner's livelier without one (5)
- 22 Mad mongrel decapitated in New York (5)

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