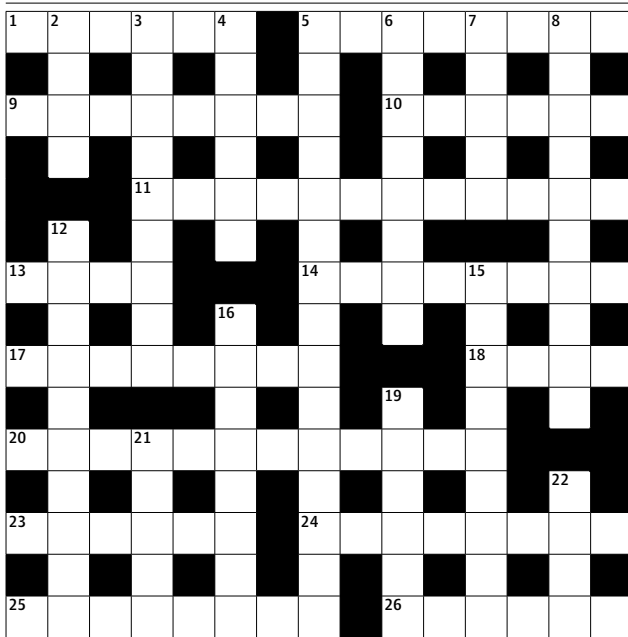


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,200 set by Imogen

Across

- 1** Are you Ben? Apparently not (6)
5 Bronz? (8)
9 Loaf taken from wrapper and chewed noisily (8)
10 Roar away on time to see 5 down here (2,4)
11 Very sad to find out what's popular on Twitter (5-7)
13 Cent remains legal tender (4)
14 Quiet delicacy in which I go to jug (8)
17 Circle Line trips are timed (8)
18,19 Your team bats, but ... dangerous topics! (10)
20 To play, I set up soccer for those who dislike union (12)
23 Show responsible attitude to how the cards may fall (4,2)
24 Appeared to have made a fag? (6,2)
25 Is going to increase the population? Extremely grave conditions (8)
26 Offensive breaks through peace line in village (6)

Down

- 2,22** Tweak what the barely literate can do? (8)

- 3** You struggle to gut two hens to feed the Queen's horse (9)
4 Wretch lying in the sun may cop it – the cane! (6)
5 Boxed games? (9,6)
6 Widening of appeal in a court, he resolved (8)
7 Ready for bed, attempted to move one along a bit (5)
8 Flat charge being made much smaller brought a tear (6,4)
12 Fix for rival to lose head, having drunk a little whisky? (10)
15 Spare tyre going down, not at first being inflated (9)
16 Have cannabis for sale: one could find a meal here, too (8)
19 See 18
21 Lover taken in secret? Yes and no (5)
22 See 2

Solution No. 26,199

