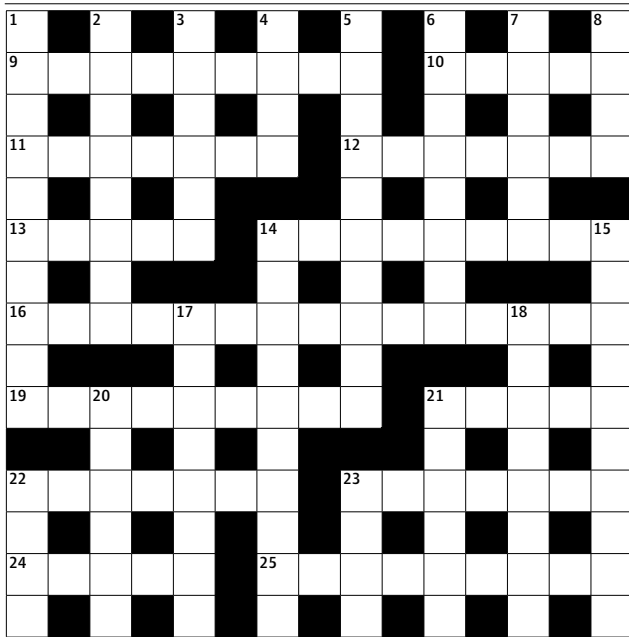


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,221 set by Rufus

Across

- 9 Generally where the seas are high (2,3,4)
- 10 Bohemian girl seen around a US resort (5)
- 11 Be ready to give support (5,2)
- 12 Listeners burning to get within hearing distance (7)
- 13 A huge sprawling city (5)
- 14 Case for building-up, ready for the maiden flight (9)
- 16 Roughly disturb canaries' nests that should be protected (4,11)
- 19 Playing around with males, she's quite brazen (9)
- 21 Weapon in sack (5)
- 22 Terribly grieved, draw apart (7)
- 23 A race – or the end of a race, say (7)
- 24 Breakfast food firm breaks an embargo (5)
- 25 Dismissing someone and discussing the matter no further (7,2)

Down

- 1 See girl on coach but fail to take opportunity (4,3,3)
- 2 Less familiar route followed by park official (8)
- 3 Jabber and annoy (6)
- 4 A large number – doesn't matter which large number (4)

- 5 Makes whole – or gets near it, perhaps (10)
- 6 First-class fare to Jupiter and Mars (8)
- 7 She has pain from one side to another (6)
- 8 A great deal of money not yet used (4)
- 14 She may be recalled in pantomime (10)
- 15 One of the family takes the veil in religious order (10)
- 17 Cutting off lady on telephone call (8)
- 18 Break popular with those on edge (8)
- 20 Publicity wrong for counsel (6)
- 21 It's to do with wrought-iron artist (6)
- 22 Experts in digitally-recorded evidence (4)
- 23 Lot of grease going on bearing (4)

Winners of prize puzzle 26,214

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