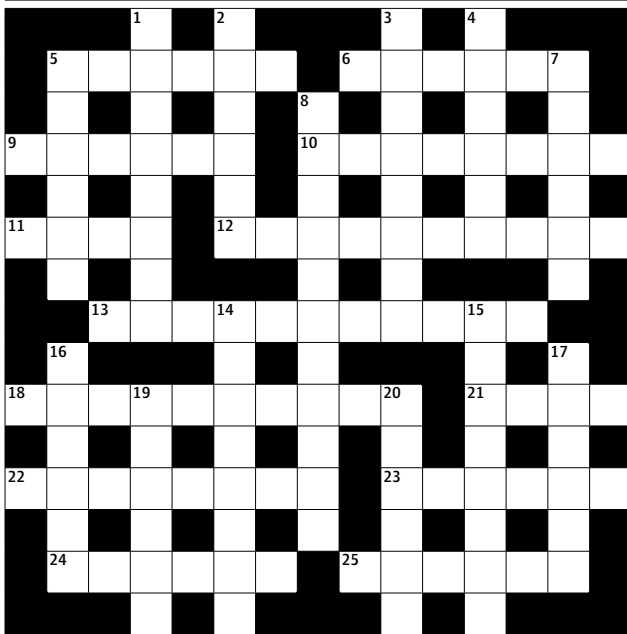


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,222 set by Brendan

Across

- 5 Plant left inside shelter (6)
- 6 Male with tie on that's reckoned to bring luck (6)
- 9 Kind of luck that we discover, finally, in charming schoolboy (6)
- 10 Supposedly lucky people seen in part of eye hospital (3,5)
- 11 Wrong about good omen (4)
- 12 Some of our leave disallowed, as 5 across occasionally is (4-6)
- 13,17 Fortuitously, in accordance with so-called lady's wishes (2,4,5,4,2)
- 18 A post, possibly, that you'll be lucky to get out of (1,5,4)
- 21 No-win situation, something that's decided by luck (4)
- 22 Chef initially discovers the truth about sweet dishes (8)
- 23 High score with dice, within maximum for Romans (6)
- 24 Pirate providing what fortune-teller requires in hand (6)
- 25 As part of genteel destiny, most like to succeed (6)

- 2 Get to know about male meeting places set up (4,2)
- 3 Major defeat later rectified in court (8)
- 4 Volcanic stuff found in southern Cairo, oddly (6)
- 5 It may contain your fortune – what eventuates is how this 22 (6)
- 7 Money-raising actions offering 50/50 chances of success (6)
- 8 Adopted a stance in court – speaks out of order (6,1,4)
- 14 Not cultivated prior to being guided (8)
- 15 Ran edition in unlucky position? (8)
- 16 Begins with supposed sources of luck – about time! (6)
- 17 See 13
- 19 Rely on luck being good on promenade (6)
- 20 A long shot for a better singer (6)

Down

- 1 Chance outcomes with respect to numbers (8)

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