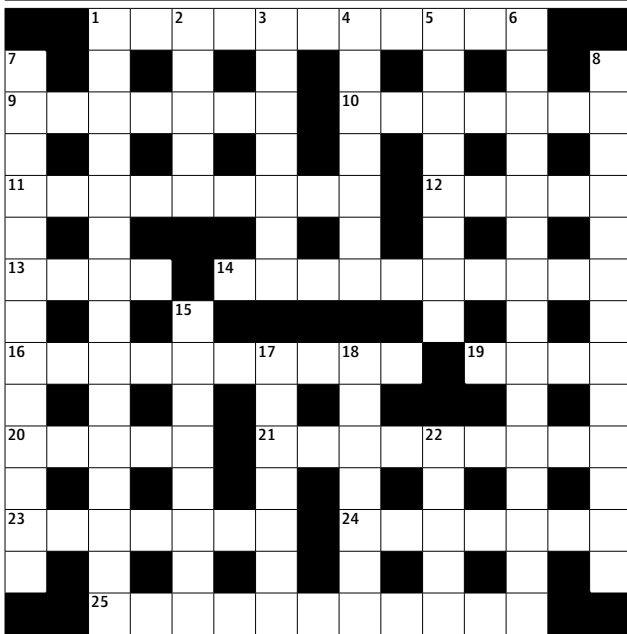


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,224 set by Nutmeg

Across

- 1 C-in-C's talked about provider of light transport (11)
- 9 A chap interrupting shuts up birds (7)
- 10 Old city dons a source of chocolate liqueur (7)
- 11 Confederate colonel with class (9)
- 12 Hold talks about blocking cheap goods (5)
- 13 Help – nothing's fair! (2-2)
- 14 Housing team on site at fault (10)
- 16 Catch folk wandering round area not fully prepared (2,4,4)
- 19 Apple not main fruit (4)
- 20 Presume more discriminating fellow's moving to the right (5)
- 21 With them you relish acceptable risks, backing in small amounts (5,4)
- 23 Queen has to struggle, cutting navy back with less assurance (7)
- 24 Statesman unfortunately known as "Nye", originally (7)
- 25 Agency worker almost the last word in saucy humour (11)

Down

- 1 On leaving dance, drunken serf hit monarch (7,3,5)
- 2 New man on board not first family member (5)
- 3 Obsessive nurses talk up Italian fare (7)
- 4 Shoots gulls (7)
- 5 Pain in rear starts slowing down worker (8)
- 6 What the clumsy window-cleaner did on departure? (6,3,6)
- 7 Here remote scientists work, as satanists cope badly (5,8)
- 8 Currently why children write to Santa? (3,3,7)
- 15 Gates may display this, a Latin platitude (8)
- 17 Scriptures give rise to anger in church faction (7)
- 18 Vehicle in Pedro's house a means of restoring motion? (7)
- 22 Cheer as Chronicle leader's cut (5)

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