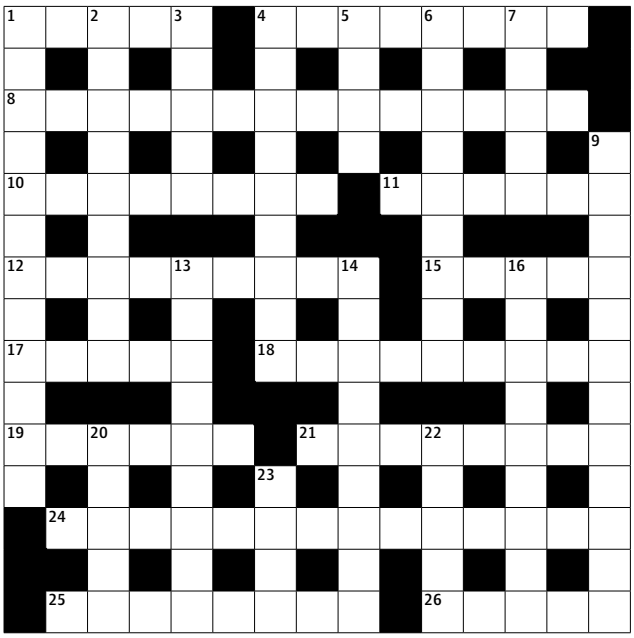
Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,259 set by Picaroon

Across

1 "Sun" follows this year's compulsive bed-hopper (5)
4 Break down without cover for Skoda vehicle? Correct! (8)
8 Listen, Picaroon needs treating like a caring person (2,4,8)
10 Ballsier, free progressives (8)
11 Polish rejecting English entertainment (6)
12 Two items of clothing for person in field (9)
15 Italian footballers spend cold months without women (5)
17 Tennis champ's trophy (5)
18 Nirvana's rock, blaring, has kicking intro (7-2)
19 Doctors put elementary wrapping around breaks (3-3)
21 Pan what a drug supplier may do (8)
24 Cheeky sort of paparazzo pursuing person tanning (14)
25 Carpeted with soft design over boring crimson (8)
26 Member of religious sect can prove who he is (5)

Down

1 Falter with asinine witticism when drunk? (6-6)
2 Half-cut, Tony Blair's wife hides £50 where payment is due (9)
3 Bishop holds good service, one that flies by (5)
4 Strips down and regularly does gentle exercise (9)
5 We're told the coast is clear (4)
6 Man, lousy bum, gin's making insensitive (9)
7 More self-conscious person having a fling? (5)
9 Subdued Balls and Miliband welcoming upright head of state (12)
13 Rubbish penned by cryptic setter – it should make you think (4,5)
14 Forced to admit routine is rehearsed (9)
16 Dogs consuming bit of fruit – beginning to eat, they expel gas in America (9)
20 It's said tea garden borders a US lake (5)
22 Don't go with change, defending Latin (5)
23 Fuel very Marxist uprising (4)

Solution No. 26,258

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