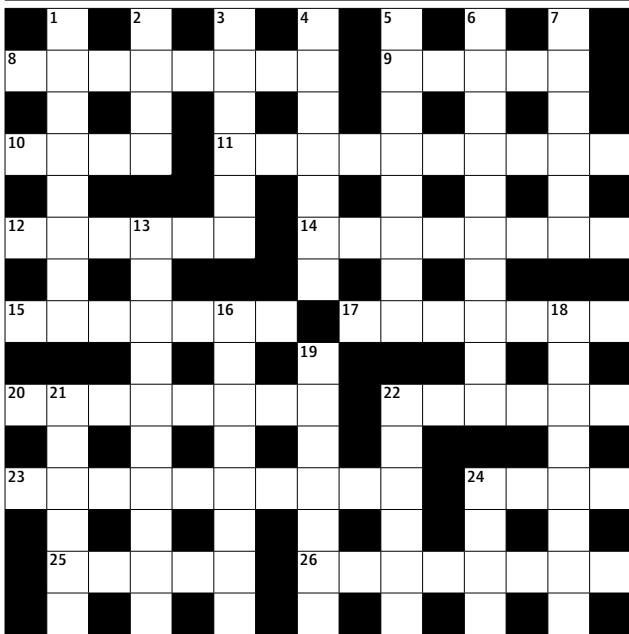


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Note added 28 May 2014: a typo in the solution to 6 down has been corrected.

Across

- 8 Complain inaudibly? (5,3)
- 9 Couple have nothing as a result of ... (3,2)
- 10 ... childish father's art movement (4)
- 11 Insecure favourite embraces a king (10)
- 12 Difficult to get on with youth leader (6)
- 14 Youth brewed green tea (8)
- 15 Cup-holding king gives a wave (7)
- 17 Mean to confine flower that's fibrous (7)
- 20 Force speculator to have a nap (8)
- 22 Light carriage initially badly laden (6)
- 23 Court poser upset court official (10)
- 24 Dog food (4)
- 25 Political leader promises to be dutiful (5)
- 26 Net value is adjusted – and that's final! (8)

Down

- 1 Rattle on about honour? That's insignificant! (2,6)
- 2 Old coin from an Asian nation (4)
- 3 Business gets millions to carry on and agree (6)
- 4 Achieve second gear (7)
- 5 Nowadays German approval takes money – that's touching! (8)
- 6 Remedy for cold found in good offices (10)
- 7 Book in bulk (6)
- 13 Prince not getting up for dance (10)
- 16 Get rid of tax without alternative (8)
- 18 See inside an Irish bay horse (8)
- 19 Priest swallows drug – it helps in flight (7)
- 21 A Parisian conceals cleavage that's not fully developed (6)
- 22 French horn collection stays (6)
- 24 Mention pronounced eyesore (4)

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