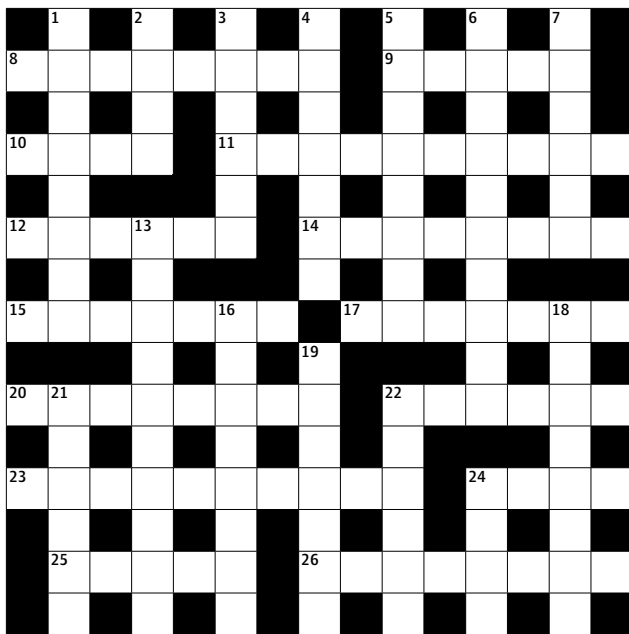


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Note 23 October 2014: A typo in the solution to 2 down has been corrected.

Across

- 8** Set out for a nice drink (4,4)
9 Stockings getting runs in clothes drier (5)
10 Devil can steal (4)
11 Soprano rejected term of ownership (10)
12 University College during religious festival is brilliant (6)
14 Restrained friend when crossing river (8)
15 Peacekeepers stay or come away (7)
17 Old jerk in time for peep show? (7)
20 Goddess keeps a bar in dance (8)
22 Boys eat – that is a convenience (6)
23 Cranium not broken? Hard-headed! (10)
24 Sanction tenor, one from eastern Europe (4)
25 Charlie cuts and bites (5)
26 Others smoke when having treatment (4,4)

Down

- 1** Cut train in error – it's withdrawn (8)
2 Shelter heaps of veg (4)
3 Dad's favourite little child (6)

- 4** Take for granted president has to start again (7)
5 Security device makes mum more embarrassed (8)
6 Disheartened when fighter aircraft with corrosion gets admired (10)
7 Others keep an alternative rendezvous (6)
13 More protection for fielder (5,5)
16 Clergyman having fool in church is in a deep hole (8)
18 Person shows cute rear when dancing (8)
19 Apprehension is likely during treatment (7)
21 American in car damaged plant (6)
22 Appetite overwhelms commander that will eat everything (6)
24 German composer short of good fortune (4)

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