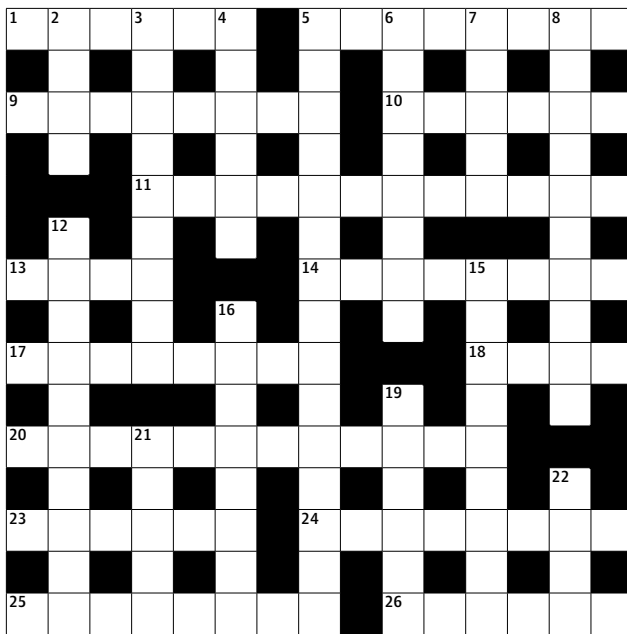


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 1 Sea snail from Turkey into paddling (6)
- 5 Cricketer catches hard ball at last, before England's opener can check (8)
- 9 Peter Pan, 'e carries fairy, regularly seen in orchard? (4-4)
- 10 Reject the origins of theory of mind? I have a reason (6)
- 11 Narnia? Um, is it about Christian doctrine? (12)
- 13 Vegetable for royal beer (4)
- 14 Bad weather that's most cold, right? (3,5)
- 17 He leaves the Beatles playing around to Hold Me Tight? (4,4)
- 18 Fairy king's vessel cap-sized (4)
- 20 How to get over the Beatles breaking up? (5,7)
- 23 Shakespearean character left Italy with a ... (6)
- 24 ... piece of music, emptied out those diamonds and ran! (8)
- 25 Terry manages the live charity event (8)
- 26 Fairy king has special robe on (6)

Down

- 2 Bird found in or near Headingley (4)
- 3 Posh French wine tipped over fast, making a mess (9)
- 4 Sea nymph: I need to swim around river (6)
- 5 He has a heavenly face (3,3,2,3,4)
- 6 Band-aid covered knee evenly and lasted (8)
- 7 Giant bird, one with green tail (5)
- 8 Infatuated fool exchanges I for U following scrabble solve (10)
- 12 Excellent channel for funky music? (4,6)
- 15 Merry Christmas begins with vigil, not with pudding (5,4)
- 16 Bill overwhelmed by threat to break nail again (8)
- 19 Summerhouse is roughly 83% double-glazed, polished, but not dull (6)
- 21 Separate union supported by 1 in 10, maybe? (5)
- 22 Nymph born thus (4)

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