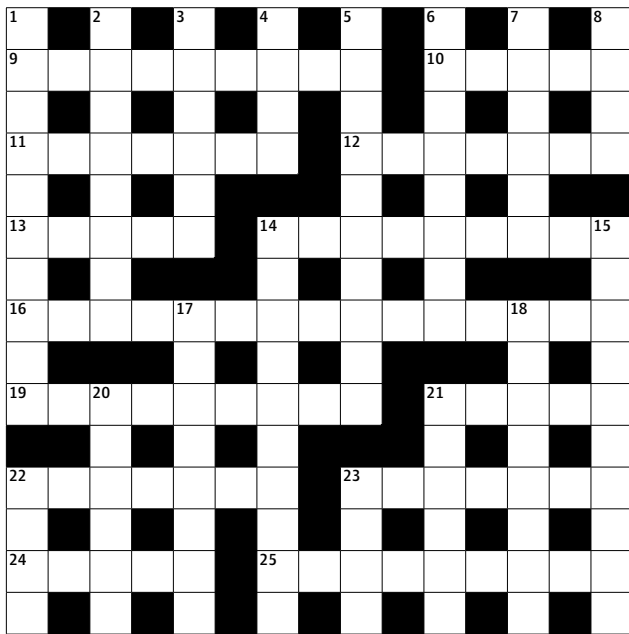


## Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,538 set by Shed

### Across

- 9** Instrument with which to damage a coin badly (9)  
**10** Eggs flipped to conceal bishop's booboo (5)  
**11** Sensitive bit of roof covering bit of drama (7)  
**12** Ruler accepting present from fly (7)  
**13** Nomad housed by dodgy psychiatrist (5)  
**14** Excrement a clairvoyant turned into garment (9)  
**16** Broadcast "Mr H Hippo" (cartoon animal, typically) (15)  
**19** Express affected by 8 8 (4-5)  
**21** A 19 car returns, fuelled by new 8 (5)  
**22** Star status initially accruing to gay slang (7)  
**23** Protagonist's 8s (7)  
**24** Not one to complain of Daedalus to Icarus (5)  
**25** Brave's not exceptionally orthodox (9)
- 6** Elegant overdressed Scotsman included? (8)  
**7** Perhaps Paddington's water contains sulphur (6)  
**8** Spike emerging from centre of Tudor hair-piece (4)  
**14** Poser dines out with black dog (10)  
**15** Bones guys take to US city (10)  
**17** Confine fool almost interrupting others (8)  
**18** Chinese 8 turned to Portugal's disadvantage (8)  
**20** Big ship dropping 8's unit of volume (6)  
**21** Soldiers wearing women's clothing upset Frenchman (6)  
**22** Decline to respond to come-on (4)  
**23** Mess with 8 (4)

Winners of prize puzzle 26,531

### Down

- 1** Penny, keen to return Jason's vessel to pub, gets shot (10)  
**2** 5 8s (8)  
**3** Proposed course making not entirely cold place very cold (6)  
**4** Order of magnitude sounds blue, reportedly (4)  
**5** Deranged poet embracing lord and master (7,3)

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