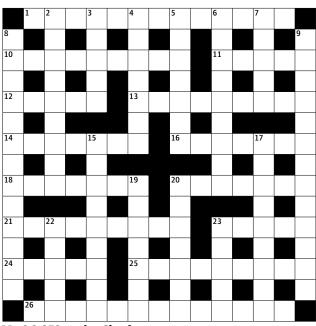
## **Guardian cryptic crossword**



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## **Across**

- 1 Unable to pass motion about phenomenon that's worth it (4-9)
- **10** Silvery toff I introduced to composer (9)
- 11 Slow start for legendary ship (5)
- **12** Linguistic habits from America disheartened Greece (5)
- 13 Latch onto undergarments with temerity (5,4)
- **14** Tire of guitar not entirely cast in iron (7)
- **16** Writer of notes on American hospital section's weaponcarrier (7)
- **18** Affliction of headless insects (7)
- **20** Where to queue for kiss on head (3,4)
- **21** Snack derived from no new origin (5,4)
- 23 Bearer of cable from some happy Londoners
- **24** Suppress cover within borders of Eire (5)
- **25** Trace (rope) designed to be fruitful (9)
- 26 Northern sister nursing young sow breaks perfumier's connection with mainland (7,6)

## Down

2 Tragic love is crazy and wild (9)

- **3** Suspicion of unrest in Germany (5)
- **4** Crumbling myth about Scripture (7)
- **5** English trees are rubbish! (7)
- **6** Cold calling for two little boys in river (9)
- **7** Bound over (say) cleric (5)
- **8** 1 exchange rate? (5,3,5)
- **9** Bird bath in turn consumed by dog (6,7)
- **15** Relation swallowing three pills, keeping note of vegetable (5,4)
- **17** Excite poorly-fed bird first (9)
- **19** Artistic effect of second drink (7)
- **20** Racist maybe securing return of hairy giant (7)
- 22 Nationality of Murdoch before her end? (5)
- 23 Former president from whom no traveller returns (5)

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