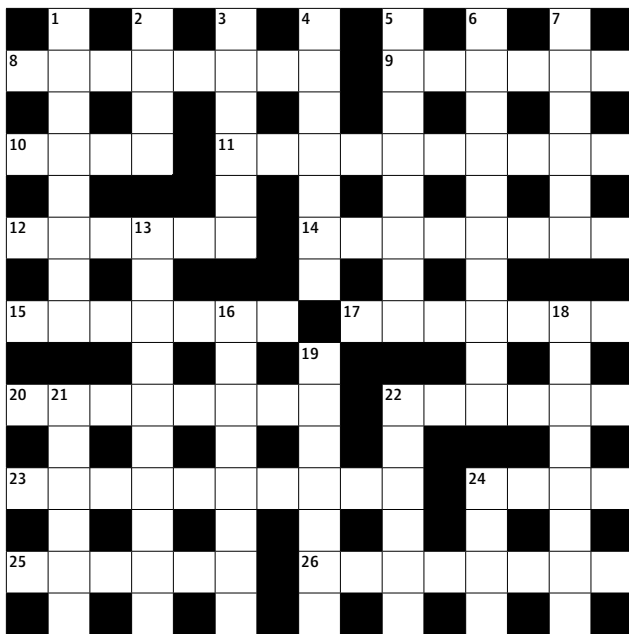


## Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,965 set by Qaos

### Across

- 8** It saves doctor a bit of leg, eradicating the onset of gangrene (8)  
**9** Reported to be stretched tight, as instructed (6)  
**10** Score book? (4)  
**11** Fireworks in the sky make Penny nervous, excited – even gassy (10)  
**12** Heroine, fair but no saint, covers up deception (6)  
**14** Alarmed, Pluto made move to bite Mickey's bottom! (8)  
**15** Caretaker: "I was taken in by Trojan hoax" (7)  
**17** Answer: can son leave bed for fruit? (7)  
**20** One installed in York, perhaps (8)  
**22** Rubbish film trip (6)  
**23** Indoor court reportedly 88 degrees (10)  
**24** Top 10 record gets a spin (4)  
**25** Enigma's output and what to do with it? (6)  
**26** English sailor monkeys about alone (8)

### Down

- 1** Author's upset with hitch over a tropical American tree (8)  
**2** Take a secret look around castle (4)  
**3** Blimey! TV reveals ladies' clothing (6)  
**4** Upright held by bolts and dolts (7)  
**5** Special bitter drink gets things going (6,2)  
**6** Computerised equipment puts gold in tomato soup (10)  
**7** Catchword wears thin on the radio (6)  
**13** Can I return? First, run away from helping Trigger (10)  
**16** Building great? Not according to plan (2,6)  
**18** Dish given to me – let tea be brought out (8)  
**19** Being against Twenty20 and ODI cricket, appeal (7)  
**21** Pressed feed? (6)  
**22** Mourinho's supported by local patriarch (6)  
**24** Port causes Daily Mail editor to blow his top (4)

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