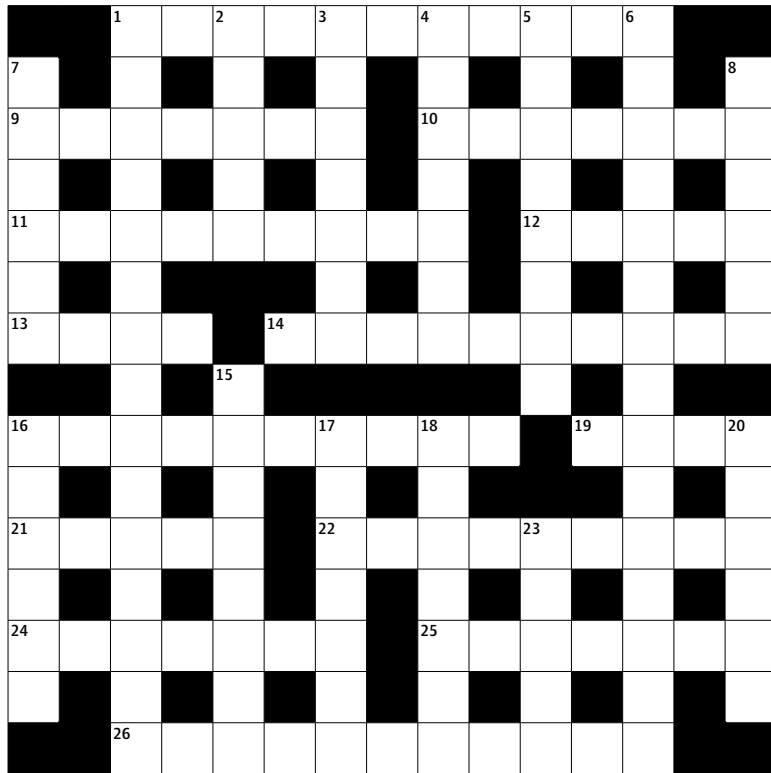


Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,342 set by Nutmeg



Across

- 1 Forced to serve jam and egg crackers (5-6)
- 9 Stream barred return of predatory beast (7)
- 10 Artist and writer among group trying not to drink coffee, potentially (7)
- 11 Corps put faith in security (4,5)
- 12 False teeth regularly scrubbed fast (5)
- 13 Queen to withdraw for this reason? (4)
- 14 Highly awed seamen ran into harbours (4-6)
- 16 Rough sketches outlining germ warfare devices of 1940s (10)
- 19 Go out to lunch when retired (4)
- 21 Maybe sharper children worry (5)
- 22 Most brawny supplier in business grabs last of range (9)
- 24 False clone claiming ambassador's rank (7)
- 25 Fancy tie? Here's one in hand for Democrat to wear (7)
- 26 Inmate welcoming Oscar back after recital here? (7,4)

Down

- 1 Assembling, as partners may be, on green? (7,8)
- 2 Brilliant display mounted in oriental centre (5)
- 3 Handyman's powder spotted above shower (7)

- 4 Leaders in acoustics designed more suitable connector (7)
- 5 Unauthorised artwork revolutionary provided in strongly Labour newspaper (8)
- 6 Made mad excursion, when put off by everyone (6,2,3,4)
- 7 Mass publication (6)
- 8 Note-writer's favourable report on Simpson Jr? (6)
- 15 Case for money secured by First Lord of Admiralty primarily for small 12 (8)
- 16 Invoice in pouch-like holder, with penny change (6)
- 17 Dog's home supported by judge in Ulster (7)
- 18 Portable bed intended for nursery? (7)
- 20 Risk taken by fish shop (6)
- 23 Family lawyer of sorts? (5)

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