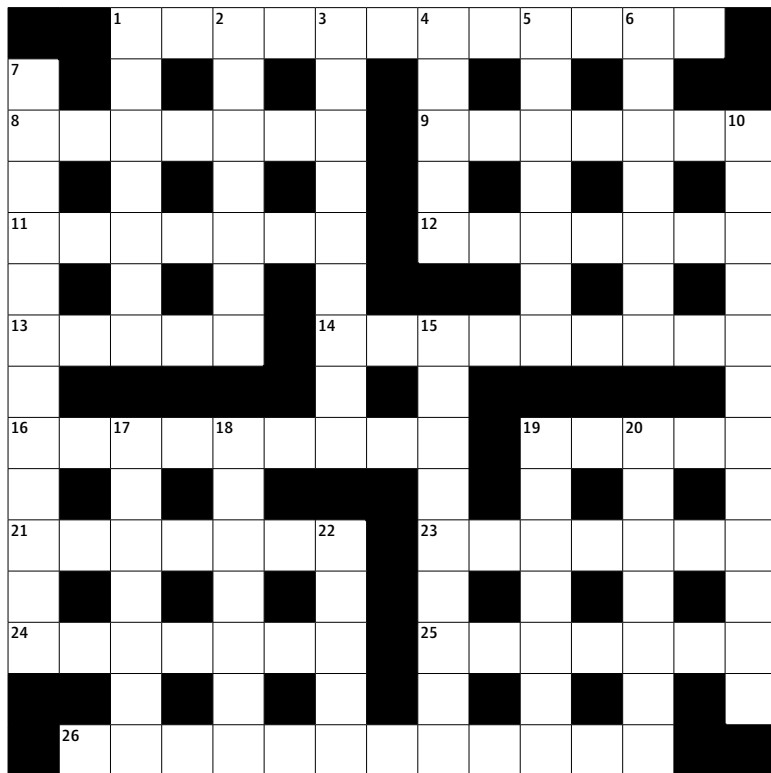


# Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,546 set by Imogen



## Across

- 1 The open road? (6,6)
- 8 In the end, Orwell's animals were inadequate (7)
- 9 Newgate, say, one leading hell (3,4)
- 11 Composer's new look (7)
- 12 Staff holding stuff to be ropy work (7)
- 13 No husband for more upper-class model (5)
- 14 Underwater structure needs real force to break (5,4)
- 16 Dissident sure to go crazy with knife (9)
- 19 Truth about crime finally comes to view (5)
- 21 Woman not a serious socialist? (7)
- 23 In distribution of cards, I'm backing clubs often split (7)
- 24 In senior moment initially thought one may be shot by officer (7)
- 25 Within limits, gives personal service (7)
- 26 What carries motorway, note, through separate part of mountain (6,6)

## Down

- 1 From small height, here perhaps drop bundles (7)
- 2 One involved in row last to leave washroom (7)
- 3 Men can support shopping centre

- 4 Special elite force about to take by assault (5)
- 5 Thorough review of a card I left (7)
- 6 Eastern governor shows pluck (7)
- 7 President stuck in part of trousers: ride to the rescue! (4,2,6)
- 10 Where one works out how to possess sexy Conservative girl (4-3,5)
- 15 Carefully examined and averred OK to distribute (5,4)
- 17 Proverbial risk of being too proud to need paying (4,3)
- 18 Get up reliable piece of information, shortly accepted (7)
- 19 Made sharp, if coach regularly employed (7)
- 20 One introducing policeman before arresting Mafia head (7)
- 22 Person of great energy from March to November (5)

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