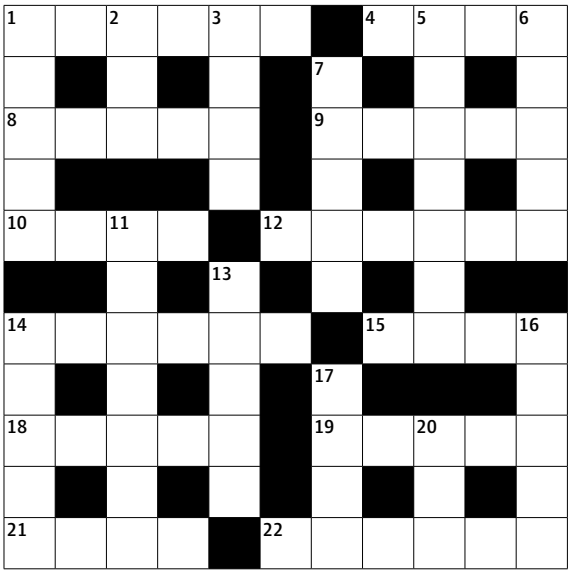
Guardian quick cryptic crossword

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Across

1 Make slow progress following second doctor's handwriting? (6)
4 Doctor owns white stuff (4)
8 No ace at sea – it's a huge expanse! (5)
9 Effortless brilliance (5)
10 Facebook's owner reformed team (4)
12 Reform rudest cleaner? (6)
14 Simpleton drawn in by cunning, in a self-satisfied way (6)
15 Message to turn on TV about ten (4)
18 Ecstasy partway through relieves trips (5)
19 Similar fancy academy is number one (5)
21 Member is after Whiskey cordial (4)
22 Extra pieces added for teacher training days (6)

Down

1 Hill involved in S&M disturbance (5)
2 Deer eggs? (3)
3 Spiral air movement (4)
5 Eight in tailor-made bedtime attire (7)
6 Fight about note: 'You must do this or Hyacinth might die'? (5)
7 Dim, noisy clubs coming out on top (5)
11 He'd turn off loud noise (7)
13 Drunk supporting son's sentimentality (5)
14 Team, initially square, do it? (5)
16 Ranks those joining (5)
17 Navy takes on first-class drips? (4)
20 Diamonds – a number for use in an emergency (3)

The entry at 19ac was corrected at 0842 on 31 October 2026.

TODAY'S TRICKS Clues begin or end with a definition of the answer. The rest is one of these:

Anagram Anagram of answer and hint that there's an anagram 'Senator arranged crime (7)' gives TREASON

Double definition Both halves are definitions! 'Search scrub (5)' gives SCOUR

Insertion One thing inside another makes answer 'In favour of republican entering Post Office (3)' gives PRO

This after that Swap components 'Japanese fighter's round, after all (4)' gives SUMO

Solution no 135

S	C	R	A	W	L	■	S	N	O	W
T	■	O	■	I	■	C	■	I	■	A
O	C	E	A	N	■	L	I	G	H	T
R	■	■	■	D	■	O	■	H	■	E
M	E	T	A	■	D	U	S	T	E	R
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