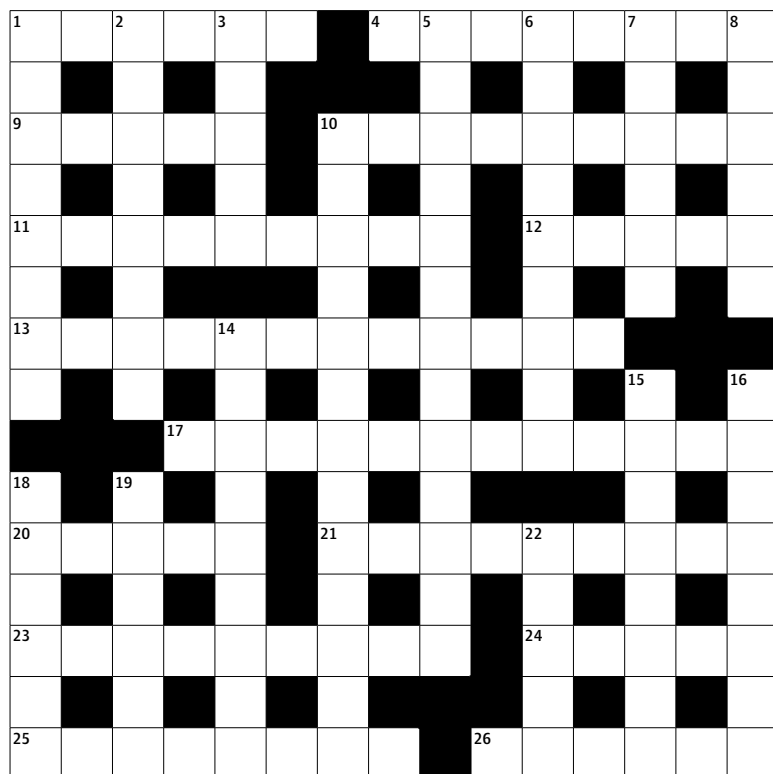


Guardian cryptic crossword No 29,443 set by Pasquale



Across

- 1 Copier, first character in school to cheat and first in exam (6)
- 4 Reprimanded for not having bare floorboards? (8)
- 9 Very happy performing song (2,3)
- 10 Pray during early hour of prayer (half dead!) (9)
- 11 Princess's hubby let loose to destroy? (9)
- 12 Woman with gun? Princess is holding one (5)
- 13 Across road you and I celebrate Cabinet member (3,9)
- 17 Enable addict to reform - healthy food and drink needed (8,4)
- 20 What 'oly people 'ave - bitter drug (5)
- 21 Old lover on horrible trip had to pull up (9)
- 23 Behaviour of fourth character less generous, we hear (9)
- 24 Material concealed by this criminal (5)
- 25 Manuscript containing silver edges (8)
- 26 Natural weapon of mammal? Insect left with little hesitation (6)

Down

- 1 What NI cartographer will do in confrontation? (8)
- 2 Mark again sees stars, being confused combatant finally

- knocked out (8)
- 3 British graduate goes round old city in old country (5)
- 5 Appraiser of work, awfully nice tat, welcomed by writer (13)
- 6 Had to do with red tape awkwardly restricting home (9)
- 7 No more after this - you show agreement, having missed nothing (3,3)
- 8 Thought this person would get caught in the act (6)
- 10 Like a couple suffering together in bohemian state, distraught (2,3,4,4)
- 14 Move to see somewhere else? (9)
- 15 A lab I run badly, as one who should be doubly listening? (8)
- 16 Flag in vessel crossing river (8)
- 18 Managed to perform music initially disorganised (6)
- 19 Yesteryear's traitor not popular (6)
- 22 Go wrong again with sticky stuff? (5)

Solution No. 29,442

