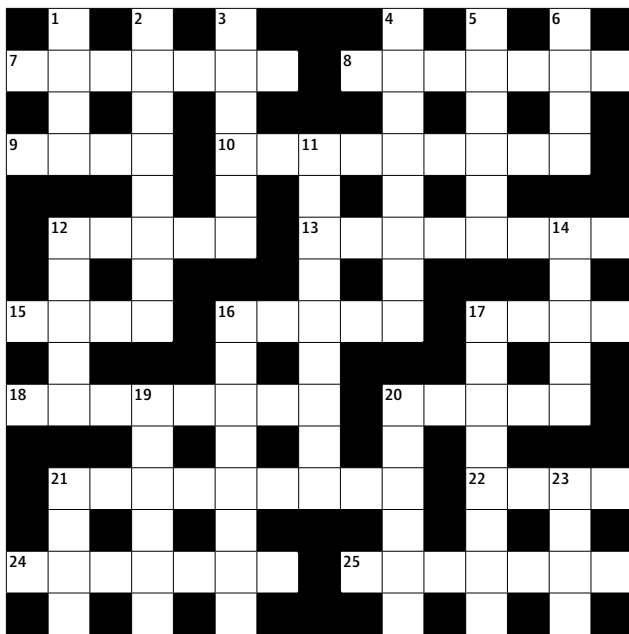


## Guardian cryptic crossword



No 27,146 set by Qaos

### Across

- 7 Excellent polishing (7)  
 8 Extremely sorry! Garfunkel's retiring after live shows (7)  
 9 Utter hovel gives rise to complaint (4)  
 10 Rulers abolish parking for locals (9)  
 12 1005001001000 – see? (5)  
 13 Food and fruit devoured by workers (8)  
 15 Extra roomy (4)  
 16 Bone found in food is mostly hard (5)  
 17 Argument about final bank job (4)  
 18 How to make Astley an MP? Sounds exciting (8)  
 20 Doctor John – a bringer of bad luck? (5)  
 21 Lasagne's gone off, I see – get some medicine (9)  
 22 If you refill petrol, ends thus? (4)  
 24 Divorced naked eccentric (7)  
 25 Transport over extra pizza toppings for takeaway? (7)

### Down

- 1 Bar Sweden's building (4)  
 2 11 fighting over 17 across case (8)  
 3 20 down or across, knight or a king (6)  
 4 Glad her form adopt upright school role (4,4)  
 5 No mountains are this colour (6)  
 6 Look up end of dictionary inside with these (4)  
 11 Gladiator's about to catch up with you and I (9)  
 12 After removing hat and Eros's coat, Greek hero gets cold (5)  
 14 Light displayed in fort or chapel (5)  
 16 Loan money or get swindled over silver (8)  
 17 Discover heat to exchange leads in energy plant (4,4)  
 19 Cameron initially produced Avatar without a tie (6)  
 20 Sleeve made from card and elephant skin (6)  
 21 Book about cats? (4)  
 23 Story about Venezuela's capital on right now (4)

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