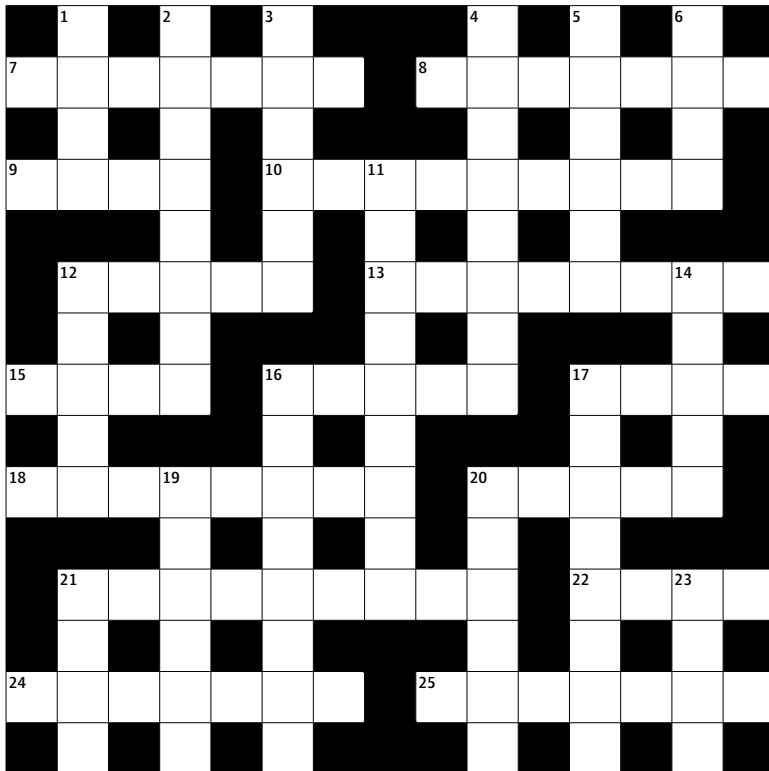


Guardian cryptic crossword No 27,524 set by Qaos



Across

- 7 King and Serena clash – one’s telling tales (7)
- 8 At front of shop: “51p for each runner” (7)
- 9 Rock, for example, is overweight (4)
- 10 Seize the day! Right, I’m off to tour short version in the country (4,5)
- 12 Feature about a group (5)
- 13 Elephant eloped with another beast (8)
- 15 Hybrid engine from Subaru still ends in trouble (4)
- 16 Criminal fears being more trustworthy (5)
- 17 Incline discs without rims (4)
- 18 Filter paper finally covered in coffee, perhaps? (8)
- 20 British car maker scraps bonnet for body part (5)
- 21 Conservative’s naughty romp – is journalist included? (9)
- 22 Mockumentary star casts off river vessel (4)
- 24 Sharp little boy follows conclusion (7)
- 25 Jack Goulding’s desserts (7)
- 3 Fire meat to seal in vitamin (6)
- 4 European travel accident involves old lift (8)
- 5 I slap cast over the finale of Oliver Twist (6)
- 6 Woman’s first expensive present (4)
- 11 Stands for manifestos (9)
- 12 Reportedly heard by many at Wimbledon? (5)
- 14 Groom quiet about knight pinching bride’s bottom (5)
- 16 They protect special openings (8)
- 17 Drink served at party at the top of the Empire State Building? (8)
- 19 Nut regularly falls, day after day (6)
- 20 Lots of Chinese food wants starter (6)
- 21 Block of wood supporting edge of cupboard (4)
- 23 Welsh boy has fourth beer? (4)

Down

- 1 English bowler won by some top spinning (4)
- 2 In two short months Yankee takes ecstasy and marijuana (4,4)

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