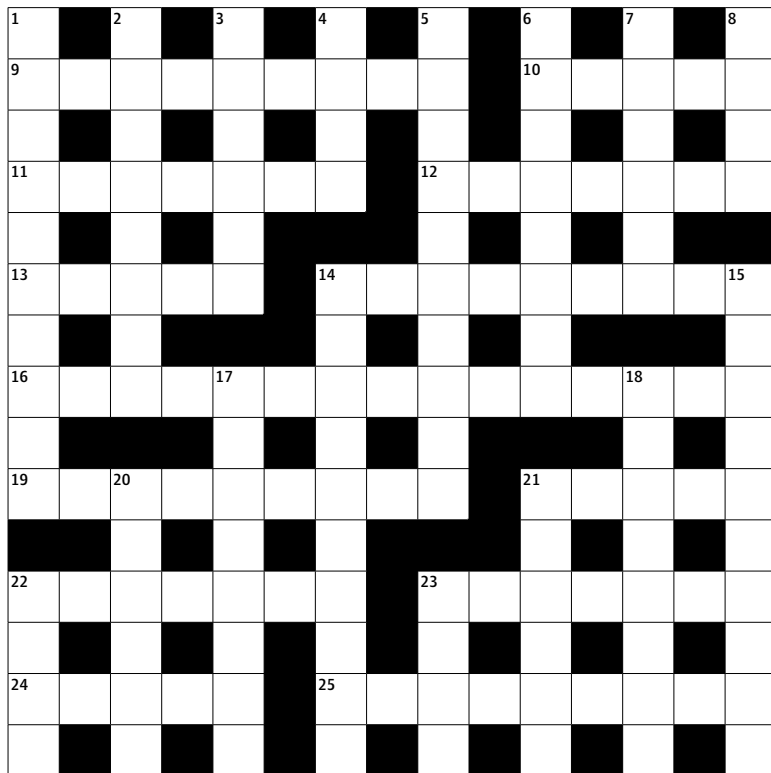


Guardian cryptic crossword No 27,839 set by Qaos



Across

- 9 Louvre – bad design, or the French way? (9)
- 10 Sound of car 8 (5)
- 11 It's said cool cat doesn't exist (7)
- 12 Opening hole on first round provided water – that's hard (7)
- 13 Work? Time for work (5)
- 14 One who sings Bach, or is terrific indoors (9)
- 16 Unusually minor actor playing laird with irony (15)
- 19 Sailor bitten by little rays (9)
- 21 Smooth at first and the others are bristly (5)
- 22 Old newspapers, say (7)
- 23 Party time holding balloon in both hands? Check (7)
- 24 Like Conservative to overturn place for meetings (5)
- 25 Players react badly with opponents on board (9)

- 6 Herb I can mostly see in church (8)
- 7 They can't stop Dad dancing, not even in city (6)
- 8 $50 + 0 + 5/2 = 0?$ (4)
- 14 King's vehicle: large, grand, posh, fast model (4,6)
- 15 Best hand in the throne room? (5,5)
- 17 Male's nit problem causes complaints (8)
- 18 Pursuit of profit (8)
- 20 Appearance of muscle, in a way (6)
- 21 Students upset group, at the end of the day (6)
- 22 Revolting boy takes English test (4)
- 23 Fans of whips? (4)

Down

- 1 Cardinal-bishop, university professor and nurses supply drugs (10)
- 2 Legal broker's underwater spy? (8)
- 3 Big German gun beginning to blast earth to pieces (6)
- 4 Friend gets married ... to a tree? (4)
- 5 Philosopher lies to God, I suspect (10)

Solution No. 27,838

