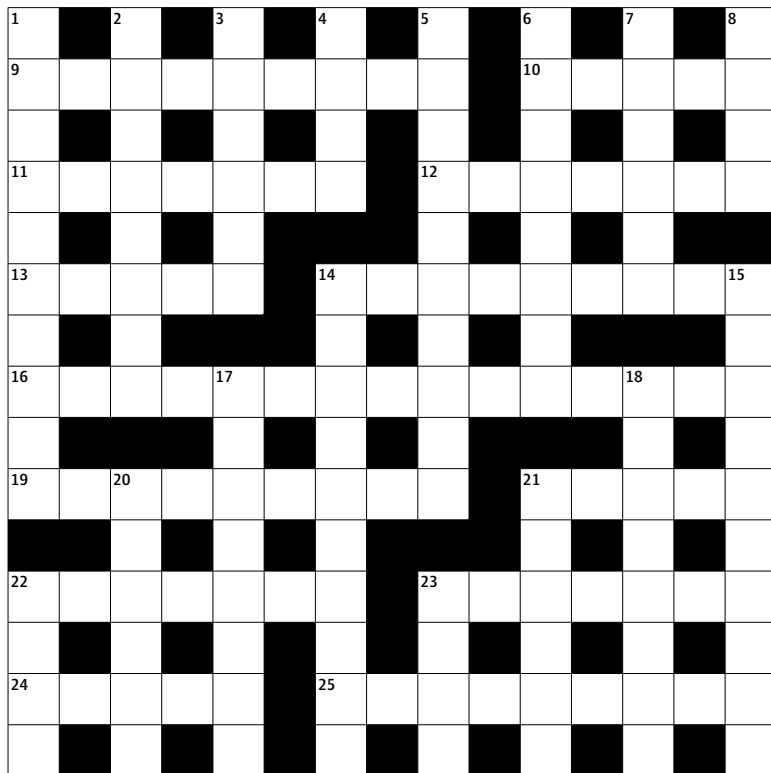


# Guardian cryptic crossword No 27,851 set by Qaos



21 June 2019: clue for 12 across has been corrected

### Across

- 9 Low partners pace around out-of-this-world scene (9)
- 10 Number one – extremely sorry it's loud (5)
- 11 Old father's place shows a lack of clearness (7)
- 12 Speed 100mph in Northamptonshire village (7)
- 13 Little and Large hit back after Syd's introduction (5)
- 14 Fish bites sister with drink problem (9)
- 16 Battle gear? (9,6)
- 19 Delighted to move, then dance (9)
- 21 Singer's taken aback during 4,1,3? (5)
- 22 Brother accommodates cat, one found outside club (7)
- 23 'They're preyed upon', two small boys start to say (7)
- 24 Scrooge is gripped by recall of sleep with dreams (5)
- 25 Generally fried lean bacon (2,7)

### Down

- 1 Hopeless politician enters No 10, well-advised to dismiss positions 2 and 3 (10)
- 2 It's my pleasure to write end-

- lessly on everything (3,2,3)
- 3 I was spinning on both sides, like an eddy (6)
- 4 Slow amateur grasps atomic number (4)
- 5 Circuit with a current in front helps one pick up? (7,3)
- 6 See Nina Simone's debut, jazzy to a limited extent (2,1,5)
- 7 Film the Queen for him (6)
- 8 Blue cheese, yoghurt and nuts for starters (4)
- 14 Initially, Calzaghe beat that boxer, one who talks a lot (10)
- 15 Scotsman turned locks into beds (10)
- 17 Heartless robbery follows accident in court (8)
- 18 Qaos books first and second hotel with 'non-smoker' references (8)
- 20 100 + 50 – complex sum? Yes, that's awkward (6)
- 21 Jerk raises deer with a gentle touch (6)
- 22 Male enters local – up for a jar? (4)
- 23 Feeling very independent: Britain's on top of Europe (4)

Solution No. 27,850

