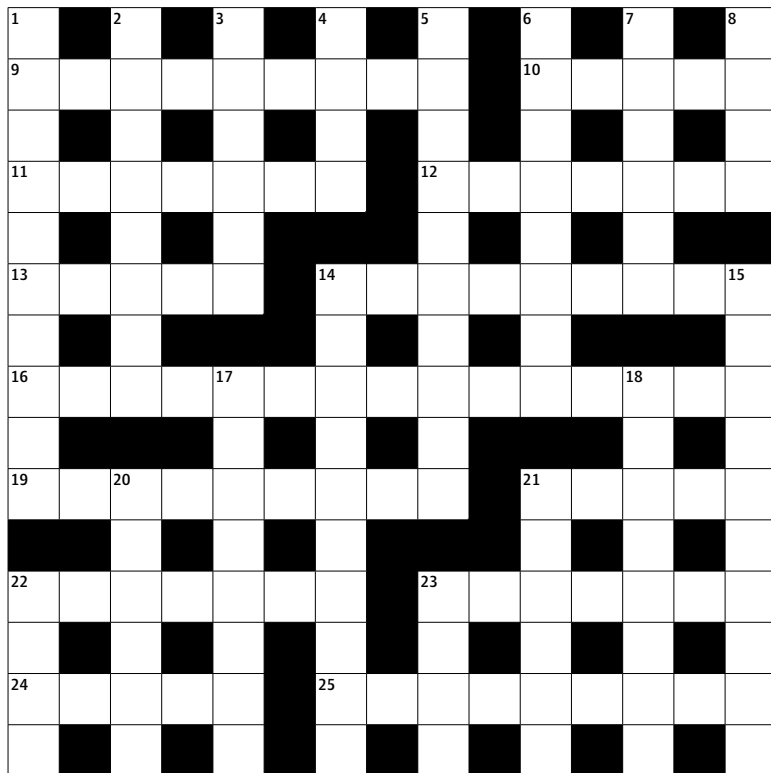


Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,259 set by Qaos



Across

- 9 Old queen's honest with diarist (4,5)
- 10 Core of world back to front (5)
- 11 Poet recounts fifth item found on beach (7)
- 12 Rolling Stone caught by Mr Big? Very! (7)
- 13 Reportedly, get lost pastry (5)
- 14 They're involved in father's Star Trek battle – once timeless (9)
- 16 Choose over Charlie or Michael involving a branch of science (15)
- 19 Director left at the end holding hard part of shoe (5,4)
- 21 Encounters aliens on Earth following Martian leader (5)
- 22 Revolutionary recalls loathing for large cat (7)
- 23 Starts to smoke, eventually saw someone tranquillised (7)
- 24 Doubles taken from physicist's mug (5)
- 25 To ensure sufficient funds remain below interest (9)

Down

- 1 Pillagers back up to eat snack prepared by Saxon's chief (10)
- 2 Change 11p over old cover? (8)
- 3 Alternative fuel overwhelms fellow with unknown discharge (6)
- 4 Woman to wed right away (4)
- 5 Heavens above! On another

- planet 2001 computer is law enforcer (3,7)
- 6 Has tan spoiled in afternoon shadow? (8)
- 7 Keep players on leg-side boundaries (6)
- 8 Teacher admits time in prison (4)
- 14 Titan unearthed in built-up Rome? The usual! (10)
- 15 Climbing mountains with quiet descent on landing (10)
- 17 During Great Revolt, we English can be using social media (8)
- 18 Animal around and about, adult male's lost (8)
- 20 Every so often big cheat began to drink (3,3)
- 21 Up-to-date style worn by sailors (6)
- 22 In court, large expense (4)
- 23 Rising troubles with this kind of bread (4)

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