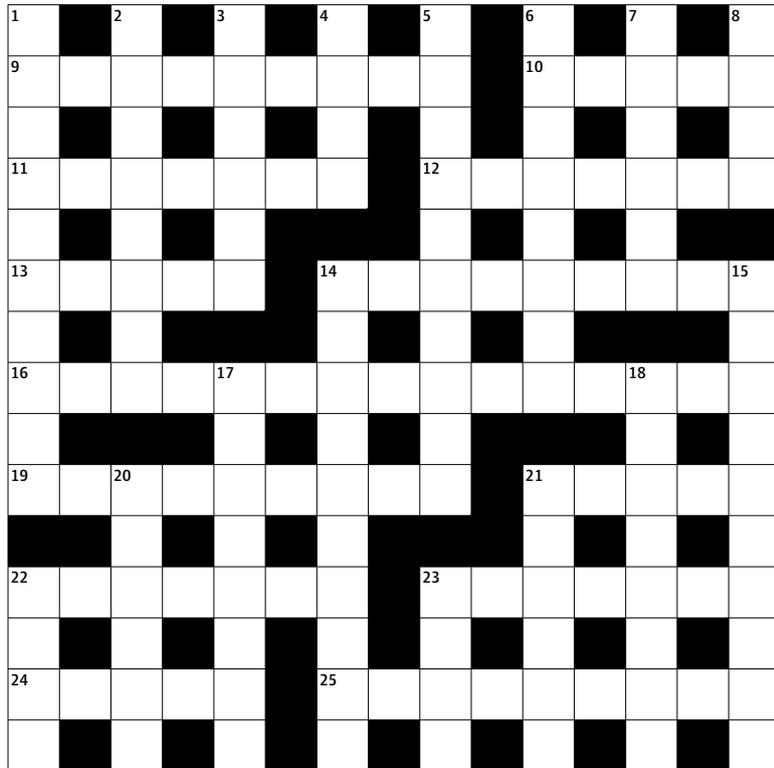


**Guardian cryptic crossword** No 28,281 set by Qaos



**Across**

- 9 Islander's rum and raisin (9)
- 10 Not a single person went topless after inhaling unknown gas (5)
- 11 I see bird over shipping hazard (7)
- 12 100 came, 5 went and passed (7)
- 13 Suspicious criminal activity near White House ends in trouble (5)
- 14 Interdependent mob – is city rioting? (9)
- 16 Familiar from birth with line from Hamlet (2,3,6,4)
- 19 Brave person swims about outside with small figures (9)
- 21 Biblical town's beer comes in two sizes (5)
- 22 Managing to turn pub into bar (7)
- 23 Distinguished knight's armour? (7)
- 24 First bit from jazz musician to go far (5)
- 25 American author takes in quiet marginal note (9)

- 6 About the Guardian's row with royal attendant (8)
- 7 Red squirrels often viewed in England's tree tops (6)
- 8 Very large cups hold endless French water (4)
- 14 Spooner's turning instrument into closing material (7,3)
- 15 One viewing big screen icon excited to keep up sport with Queen (10)
- 17 Even repair inventions on time, most in advance (8)
- 18 Oi! Michael Caine character gave up acting then left director's boring location (8)
- 20 Name of composer's recital (6)
- 21 Changes dresses (6)
- 22 Told to wander about capital (4)
- 23 It's a deadly sin with husband leaving Gap (4)

**Down**

- 1 Black singer's uplifting set follows big swings (10)
- 2 Endless energy produced on New York time is most eco-friendly (8)
- 3 Yes, I'm unhappy to take in a bit of recreation (6)
- 4 Ruler, to some extent, back in geometry (4)
- 5 Can men test out performances? (10)

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