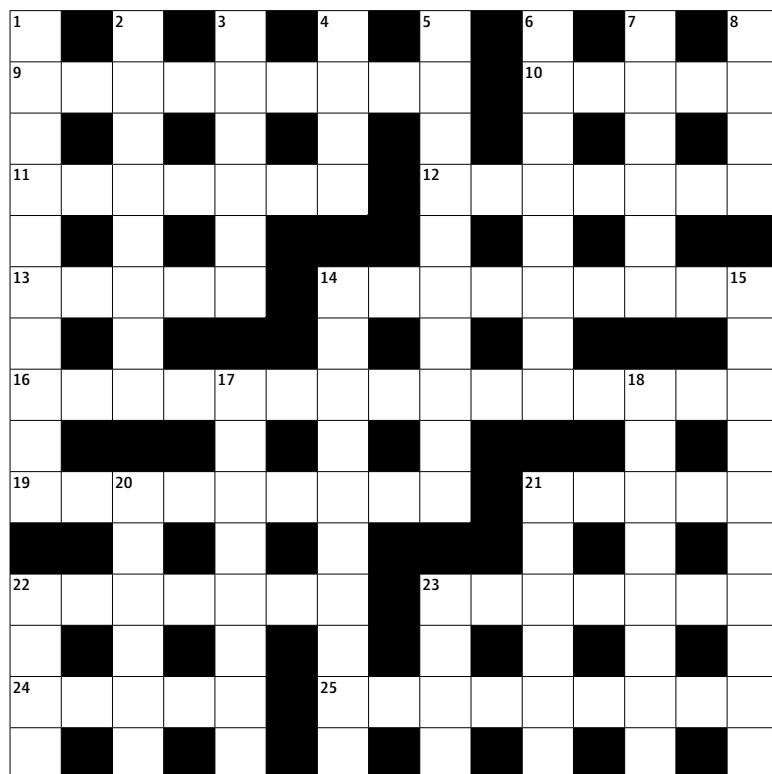


Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,281 set by Qaos



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)

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)

- 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)

Solution No. 28,280

