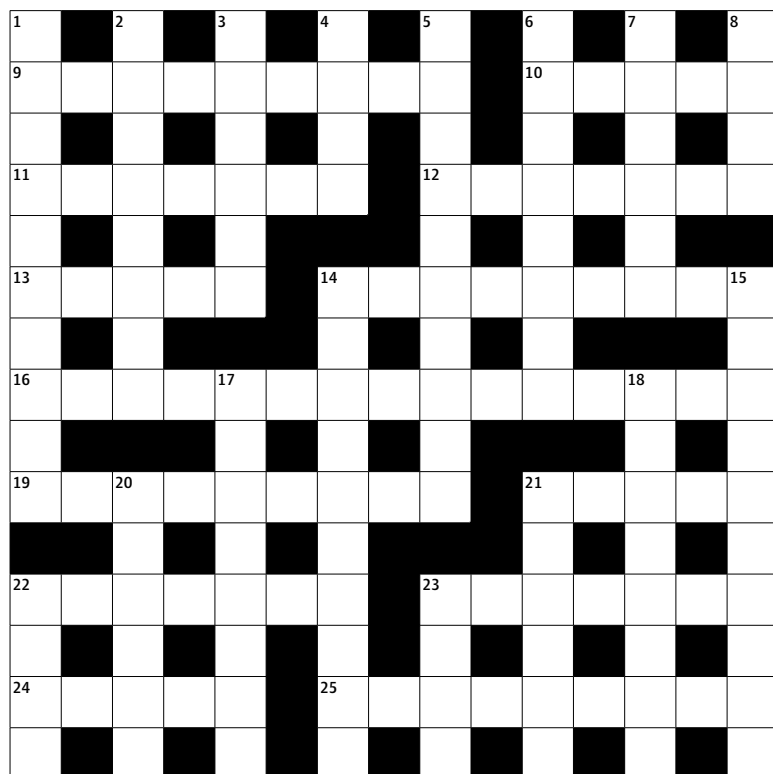


Guardian cryptic crossword No 28,372 set by Vlad



Across

- 9 Wake father – am getting worried about time (9)
- 10 Ginger gets glasses at the going rate (5)
- 11 Rejection of Thatcher that is unlimited (4,3)
- 12 Thanks to exercise, looking hot and sweaty but gradually got thinner (7)
- 13 Ruling country's in talks (5)
- 14 Under restriction – swine keeps on vilifying leaders (5,4)
- 16 Read nothing – that, he felt, could be Trump's area of expertise? (3,3,2,3,4)
- 19 Allen at the start breaks cue and rest (9)
- 21 Wine bar stocks old (5)
- 22 Conference venue spitting feathers – bar knocked back (7)
- 23 Grumble incessantly about watch (7)
- 24 Beg editor to withdraw material (5)
- 25 Neared solution after official votes (9)

Down

- 1 Do no more about problems raised by Queen (4,6)
- 2 'Time that was gone', as the middle dropped out (5,3)
- 3 Show signs of annoyance in bedroom – useless? (6)

- 4 Book by president is dear (4)
- 5 Photograph club athlete (4-6)
- 6 Mate finally scored during match (8)
- 7 Unprepared stuff the writer's both for and against (6)
- 8 Told off, Charlie kept out of sight (4)
- 14 Drink? Rare politician maintains resistance (6,4)
- 15 Containing infection initially difficult for leader – this way's less hassle (6,4)
- 17 Present-day worker drops precious recording (8)
- 18 Tough no longer playing (8)
- 20 Count carrying more weight after transitioning (6)
- 21 Start to straighten sheets for escort, as a gentleman does (6)
- 22 Heard about US writer's affectation (4)
- 23 Strike during scuffle (4)

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