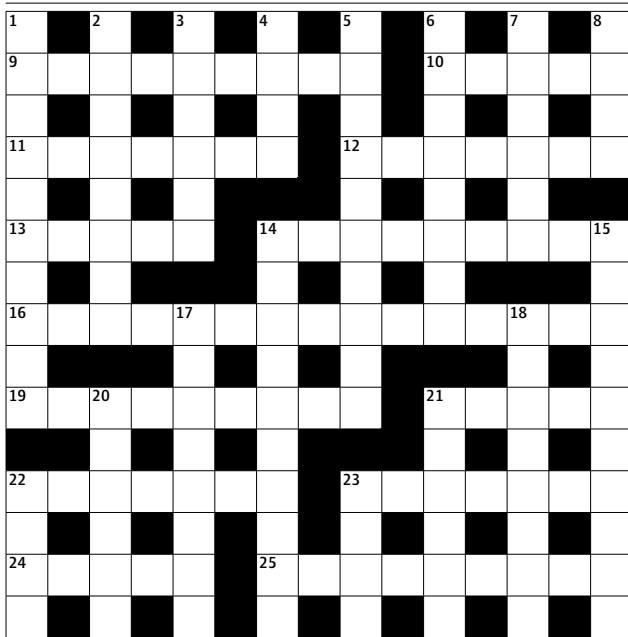


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 9 Big old crawler West Indian soldier deserts, in the red in business (9)
- 10 17 – this the direction taken in touring Norway? (5)
- 11 Once influential individual, he did 13 (3-4)
- 12 Mime character from the Sun – topless, like 16 ... (7)
- 13 ... 22 down, similarly, like Greer? (5)
- 14,18 When one's material's shot to pieces? No reply (3,6,2,1,5)
- 16 Disorder in persona medic's classified (5,10)
- 19 See 22 down
- 21 He's reluctant to speak about a single demand (5)
- 22 Work ethic in potentially dangerous base? (4,3)
- 23 They regulate flow over pond for positions mentioned (7)
- 24 Apparently constricted, the man leaves (5)
- 25 See 22 down
- 5 Change from krone needed to join Hellish Biker Club (10)
- 6 Wearing colours in combat one's taken up some blood? (3,5)
- 7 Second dodgy lbw traps Afridi in front – anarchy results (3,3)
- 8 'orrible character musical piece turns to jelly (4)
- 14 Tear with artistry across penalty area – play clearly viewed here? (7,3)
- 15 Top top man making double wing nuts (10)
- 17,3 Bad planning, is it? 17-doer canvassed (8,6)
- 18 See 14 across
- 20 2 x 10 = this? Not correct! (1,5)
- 21 Charges for 17 numbers (6)
- 22,25,19,2 14 across 18 to this 13-ing poser in play (2,2,2,3,2,2,4,2,3,8)
- 23 Good that 17 ought to pay (4)

## Down

- 1 Protection for those working in the heat? Help them out with it (4,6)
- 2 See 22
- 3 See 17
- 4 Top sculptor's god? (4)

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