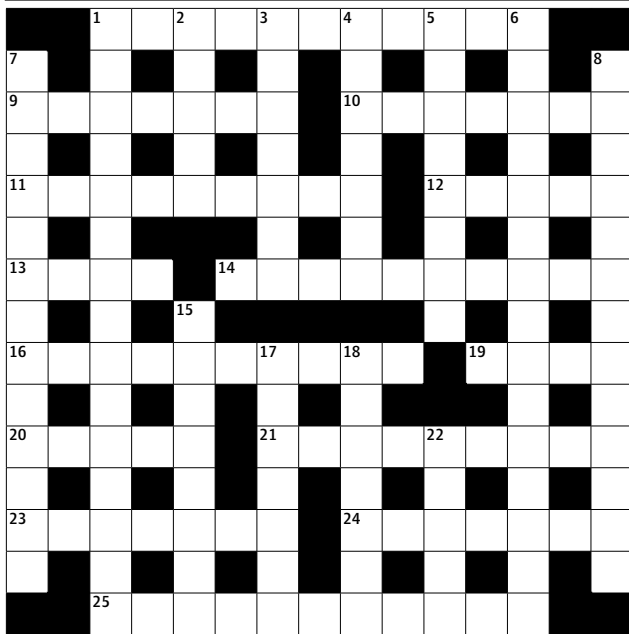


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,246 set by Quantum

## Across

- 1** US rep met VIP abroad, as expected (11)
- 9** Conquerors of history (standard answer) (7)
- 10** Stir too violently for this dish ... (7)
- 11** ... which is not asked for and not arranged (9)
- 12** Remains in supporting garment (5)
- 13** Trading centre returns vehicle (4)
- 14** Instrument for beating found in a kitchen? (10)
- 16** Old roof bar replaced to provide support from below (10)
- 19** Trees not quite in the front (4)
- 20** No new gang or criminal guilty of violent behaviour (5)
- 21** Removed from the song and not being broadcast (3,3,3)
- 23** Everyone turned up to meet the emperor, a plain cowboy (7)
- 24** A problem (mist) around the tops of the mountains (7)
- 25** A good time for the larks? (3,5,3)

## Down

- 1** Reason NT paragon's upset? He's unwelcome (7,3,5)

- 2** Animal's no good when removed from the country (5)
- 3** Pure sugar (60% refined) produces sudden growth (7)
- 4** Dior design in favourite gemstone (7)
- 5** The answer is positively demanded! (8)
- 6** Cricket score? Rory left India confused in an unusual way (15)
- 7** Can't be defended, having no grounds (13)
- 8** One who controls the charges (but not at Eton!) (13)
- 15** A round barrel manufactured from trees (8)
- 17** Performed sorrowfully without leader getting a drink (7)
- 18** Judge – typical, though not posh – producing a rejection (7)
- 22** Returned like a pigeon to house by the sea (5)

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