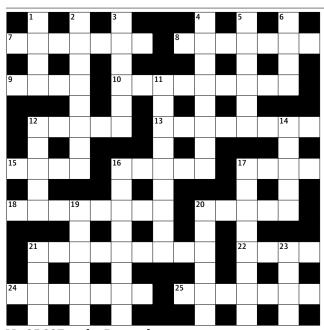
Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- **7** Drug that makes one live longer, reportedly (7)
- **8** A soak's ending? What, in summer month? Do this then! (4,3)
- **9** Place reached by sea passage, we hear (4)
- **10** Old chap eating lunch maybe, one to perk up (4,5)
- **12** Little house with people not half dull (2-3)
- **13** Fish gone off course, one no good for catching (8)
- **15,16,17** No rebel, hardworking student said to be on the ball (4,5,4)
- 18 Sixth sense employed to secure ring to be married (8)
- **20** Lousiest material editor's chucked out (5)
- 21 Splits from son, always being held in scorn (9)
- **22** Characters enthralled by the beautiful goddess (4)
- **24** African managed to seize rod of authority (7)
- **25** Be boisterous, turning bad in swaying motion (7)

Down

- **1,12,21** Achieves easy success, when not yielding to highwayman's request? (4,5,4)
- 2 Good old England wicketkeeper who worked for TV programme? (4,4)

- **3** Sort of business catastrophe to get caught up in (3-3)
- 4 Stars joining jail birds (8)
- **5** Top gymnast in Eastern city once (6)
- **6,14,23** Got lucre quickly with fancy backed a fat sum (4,1,4,4)
- 11 Go wrong dealing with pub drink – being taken short within walking distance? (9)
- **12** See 1
- **14** See 6
- **16** Like an old chapel in Wales Nye restored (8)
- 17 Underground passage undamaged with class heading off into it (8)
- 19 Duke or count he falls off gee-gee in middle of bog (6)
- 20 "Jammy" ladies going to wicked city with a loss of love and common sense (6)
- **21** See 1
- **23** See 6

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