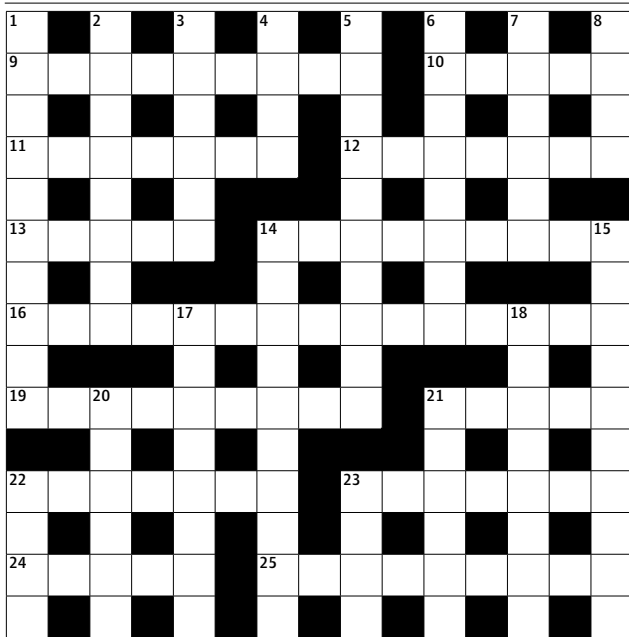


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,368 set by Gordius

## Across

- 9** Monarch in total chaos gets a reproof (7,2)  
**10** A small piece of land has a tenant (5)  
**11** Compound frequency of head infection? (7)  
**12** Town with unrefined smell at first (7)  
**13** Burn that's not left one alone (5)  
**14** Decaff? It's designed to put you off (9)  
**16** Money back from the government? Would it were! (6,3,6)  
**19** Easy time goes a long way (5,4)  
**21** Vast territory summarised in main diagonal (5)  
**22** Where to find bones – some of old king and some of his mistress? (7)  
**23** Endure cultivation of English ground (7)  
**24** Expire in gold vale (5)  
**25** It's unlikely to get worn out (9)

## Down

- 1** Puts up with checkout hold-up (10)  
**2** Latin cop working after Greek philosopher (8)  
**3** Centre rank turns up in line at the end (6)  
**4** Eye Lego building (4)

- 5** Cop having sex or otherwise with adolescent girl (5-5)  
**6** Atmosphere upset flier with small arm (3,5)  
**7** Movement involving student as part of contract (6)  
**8** Eat away without starting to bring back (4)  
**14** Monica called for when required here (6,4)  
**15** Boiled mutton at an equivalent valuation (10)  
**17** Can Open University add up without being rebellious? (8)  
**18** Current could be wet round about (8)  
**20** Macbeth's title is fascinating at first (6)  
**21** Salt that's Toad's undoing (6)  
**22** Weep over a southeast river (4)  
**23** Impulse to take up, say, sport (4)

Solution No. 25,367

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