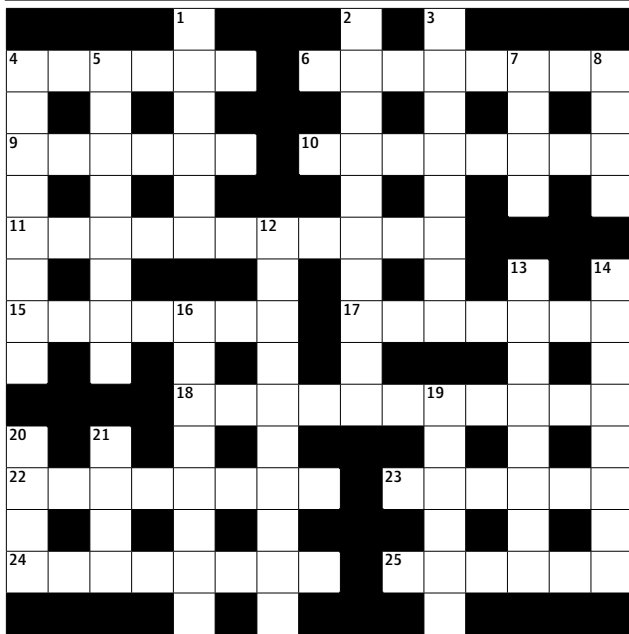


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 4** In honour of love, repeatedly exquisite (3,3)
6 Player's poor performance is filmed, oddly (8)
9 Complained as payment's taken back in retirement (6)
10 For 18 this issue starts on left here (8)
11 Able orator adapted a practice of religious work (3,2,6)
15 Revised section for reviews (7)
17 Eg Laertes, in final act, less sensitive about point (7)
18 A single player left in dishonour, quit so disgracefully (11)
22 Raced inside and verbally attacked (4,4)
23 Lacking parts for me? Never again! (2,4)
24 Present with most suitable ring, having successfully courted (6,2)
25 Time off for parties in secluded spot (6)

Down

- 1** Significance of short interval (6)
2 Like some waves in turbulent sound I sail (10)
3 Cricket side and coach not in action (8)
4 Prohibiting in West
 End a form of audience disapproval (8)

- 5** Gives inept performance done with woeful cast (8)
7 Player's departure from English team before start of tour (4)
8 Hamlet, for example, wavering and ultimately indecisive (4)
12 Pardon thus in purifying act (10)
13 European learning about evil in this scene of tragedy (8)
14 Troubles around queen, Claudius and Hamlet, say (8)
16 Press goes after theatrical group very hard (4-4)
19 Estimates – they include 1, 4 across, 10, 21 and 23 for 18 (6)
20 Raised clubs in attempt to wound (4)
21 Weapons taken as alternative to taking slings and arrows (4)

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