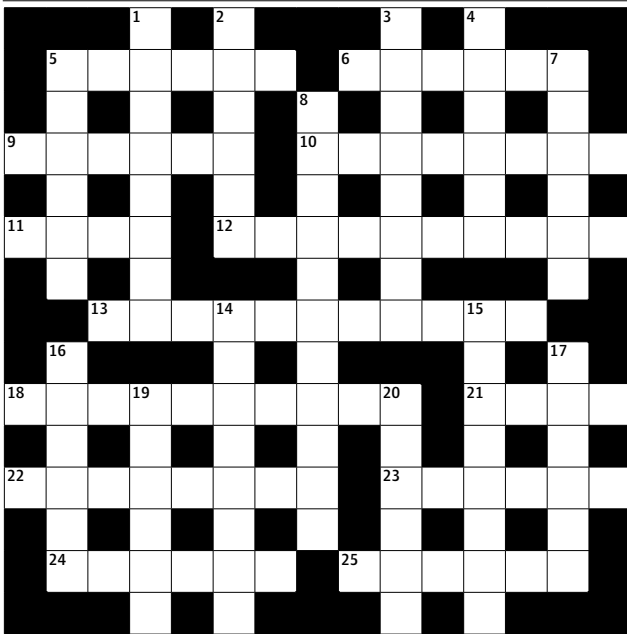


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,443 set by Rufus

Across

- 5 Seek to obtain funds to cover university entrance (6)
- 6 Criminals taken in hand by bishops (6)
- 9 Doctor in habit of fighting (6)
- 10 Many lads fancy being a success with females (5,3)
- 11 Hot time for wife of Zeus (4)
- 12 Remove vital parts of broken tea service (10)
- 13 Show how devil and saint rank in estimation (11)
- 18 Do see lunch is set out at the correct time (2,8)
- 21 Appeal to counsel (4)
- 22 Force to serve port (8)
- 23 Capital A followed by S? (6)
- 24 The slippery slope taken by some sportsmen (3,3)
- 25 More than one rock group? (6)

Down

- 1 Cheat to secure point in card game (8)
- 2 A loose word for the BBC (6)

- 3 Director has staff dressed in purple – king or queen coming (8)
- 4 He hopes to find you well (6)
- 5 Fake ring revealed by youth leader (6)
- 7 Sea air (6)
- 8 Pretty smart? Quite the reverse (5,6)
- 14 Service pass (8)
- 15 Moving about (8)
- 16 Moves slowly in unfinished game on board (6)
- 17 They may be after estate – amen! (6)
- 19 Open prison was adequate (6)
- 20 Raises new taxes, accepting pound (6)

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