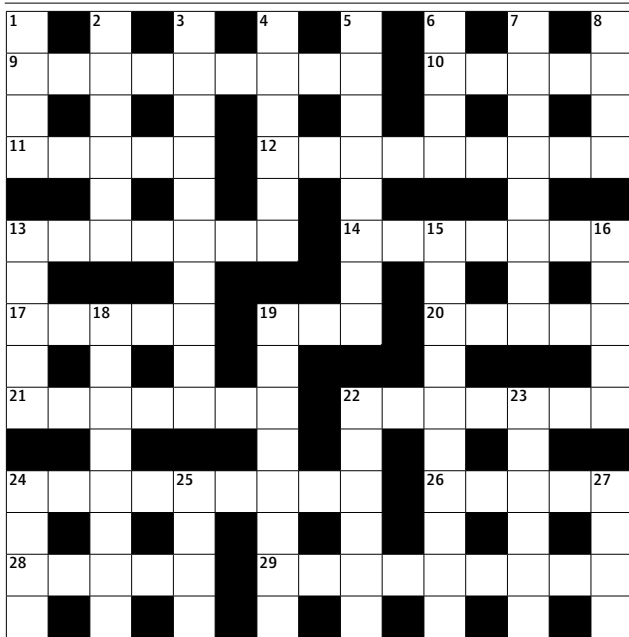


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,523 set by Arachne

## Across

- 9** Gloomy day, wasting time that's left (9)  
**10** Come to a farewell party (5)  
**11** They may be precious old friends (5)  
**12,19,28** Ex-Greek leader rudely treated large-hearted Texan (9,3,5)  
**13** A part of London's in blossom in advance (4,3)  
**14** Searching, hearing (7)  
**17** Beside Potsdam Central Station (5)  
**19** See 12  
**20** Acknowledge Bill's a monk when she's not there (5)  
**21** Explain complicated clue, a right puzzler initially! (5,2)  
**22** Impure, I quietly run away and sleep at home when he calls (7)  
**24** Perhaps 4 turned to assume a fighting attitude (6,3)  
**26** Sir Kay spent hours in darkness (5)  
**28** See 12  
**29** Compound of ochre salt or salts (9)

## Down

- 1** Non-aspirational, smells bad, getting court order (4)  
**2** Bout of illness whilst eating? (6)  
**3** What's cheeky, penetrating, comparatively bold and not at all salty? (10)  
**4** Get rid of a line involving 2 (6)

- 5** Broadcast regular extracts from the older Miami Vice (8)  
**6** Ganja, valium, sandwich, coffee (4)  
**7** Being woolly, may dread woolgathering (8)  
**8** Heckle comic heartlessly (4)  
**13** Doctor's love for Italian red wine (5)  
**15** Variable quanta? Err with variable, having 4 variables (10)  
**16** Artist drawing one mythological figure (5)  
**18** It's hard losing common services and networks (8)  
**19** Excellent time to work on degree (3-5)  
**22** Athenian's letter to female regularly filled envelope (6)  
**23** Cell mates making this? (6)  
**24** Brief attraction, wistful sound (4)  
**25** Dictator's court orders luxury! (4)  
**27** Monkey's way of deciding things (4)

Solution No. 25,522

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