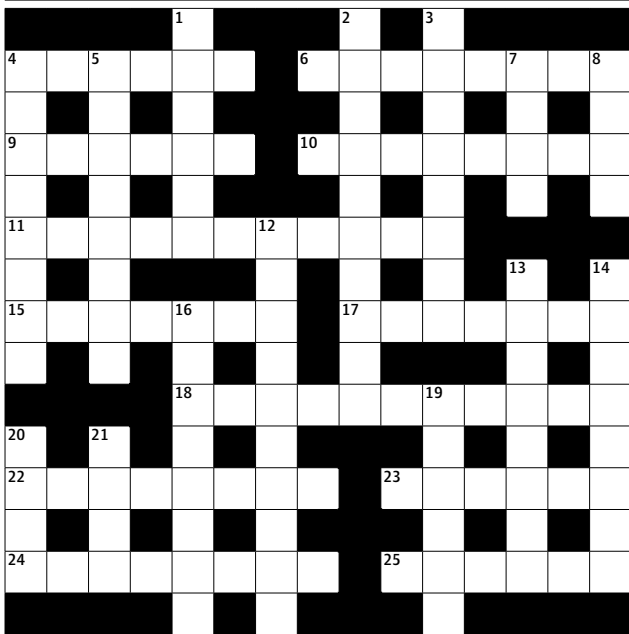


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,566 set by Araucaria

## Across

- 4,9** Bumble, before and after the box, to abandon abstaining from skating (4-2-6)  
**6** Note worried Sikhs in problem with scales (8)  
**9** See 4  
**10,21** Calculate spin given to ball and have new ideas with the box (5,7)  
**11** Twisting of a choir's tail that didn't really happen (11)  
**15** River birds that work with music (7)  
**17** Land-based American at sea honours English (7)  
**18** Write a line with thanks about river for the box (7,4)  
**22** Book about paints requiring hard work (8)  
**23** Fragile opener should be boxed (6)  
**24** Excuse a little colour without energy, maybe, on box (8)  
**25** See 7

## Down

- 1** Performed to a small house near Oxford (6)  
**2** Secondary establishment for stinking fish? (4,6)  
**3** Nasty problem with roofing tiles (8)  
**4** Danger of substituting topleps cat for love in joy (8)

- 5** Number of those made to pay money put in box (8)  
**7,25** Speed possible danger, demarcated by box (4,6)  
**8** Must be A, B, C, D, F, or G then? (4)  
**12** Ordered people to go back to junction with grudge (10)  
**13** Floppy disc initially needs ironing but stays floppy (3-5)  
**14** Repeat fix for one with a whistle and a gun (8)  
**16** Relevant order to take chair when primate's about (8)  
**19** One doing good service to solvers at sultanate (6)  
**20** Slight progress – bird all gone by Boxing Day commemoration (4)  
**21** See 10

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