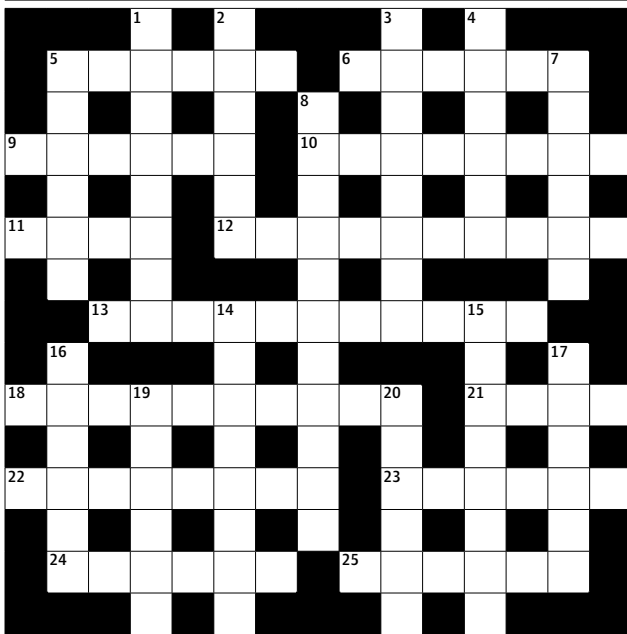


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,685 set by Pasquale

## Across

- 5 Europeans about to besiege a parliamentary house (6)
- 6 Home supporter on front of terrace, one expected to be childish (6)
- 9 A fellow overtakes third in marathon to get silver (6)
- 10 Crook named Ron held until trial (2,6)
- 11 Hit band in hurry (4)
- 12 Fish put on with no wine (10)
- 13 Checking people of fashion in English resort (11)
- 18 Gold place in which land is mined for mineral (10)
- 21 OT prophet brings me out as king (4)
- 22 Foremost crossword compiler, almost sweet (8)
- 23 Clever stratagem in operation? It may mean you pay less (6)
- 24 Maiden in love after party is likely to be dotty (6)
- 25 Ecstatic after a second blessing (6)

## Down

- 1 Dead soldiers being buried – then it's right for me to appear? (8)
- 2 Indian food cold? It can be extremely cold (6)

- 3 If darling gets left out in dance that's unbecoming (5,3)
- 4 People in pubs do this for a hen night (6)
- 5 One waiting for a computer (6)
- 7 Secret society wants a new language in the kingdom (6)
- 8 Primitive life form supporting an underground worker, if trapped (11)
- 14 Relation bitten by wild dog – almost frightening! (8)
- 15 Old boy's now out of bed, maybe, in darkness? (8)
- 16 Endless event with 'orses getting worn out (6)
- 17 An archaeological artefact may have been in shelter (6)
- 19 Don Pasquale? Primarily fool taking title of respect (6)
- 20 Tax cut (6)

Solution No. 25,684

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