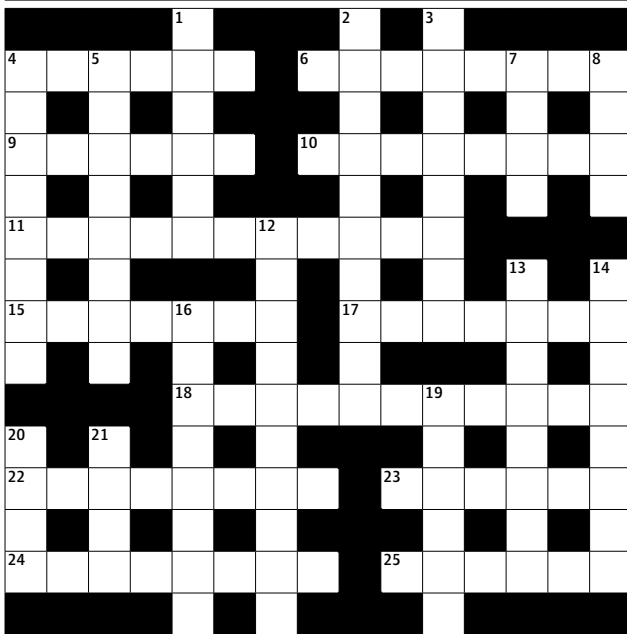


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,722 set by Audreus

Across

- 4** Besotted with acting, claims a bit of talent (6)
6 Inwardly unfeeling, succumbs to those that won't be moved (8)
9 For such short-sightedness I pay more outrageously – not again! (6)
10 Pretty big: when carrying drug can be taken by force (8)
11 Distinguished detective being sweet (7,4)
15 Welsh go dancing the cancan? (3-4)
17 Myself with mate following wordy book concerning loving mother (7)
18 View racket one way in part of northern Europe (11)
22 Constable imbibing 21 down: what did you say about being a mixture? (8)
23 Some poetry most Anzacs could deliver (6)
24 Complaint of individuals getting out of hospital (8)
25 Believe in tick? (6)

Down

- 1** Oil-producing nation (6)
2 Safe bet, said plausible gangster (10)
3 Wife greeting snoring youngster, a remarkable person (5-3)

- 4** Maybe some lads like old-fashioned girls (8)
5 Taking pains done with circulating job centre (8)
7 First boys to enter when teacher's around could be spare (4)
8 Cast of beginners to study hard, exercising daily (4)
12 Shabby dog's two orders? (4,2,4)
13 PS And I've managed to be afflicted with a swelling in a leg joint (8)
14 Poor man admits late starter's affable (8)
16 Historic town, lice infection over, guarded by witches (8)
19 Quality of a busy tea urn (6)
20 You get ninny turning up with tree from Java (4)
21 Good man's into first-class wine (4)

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