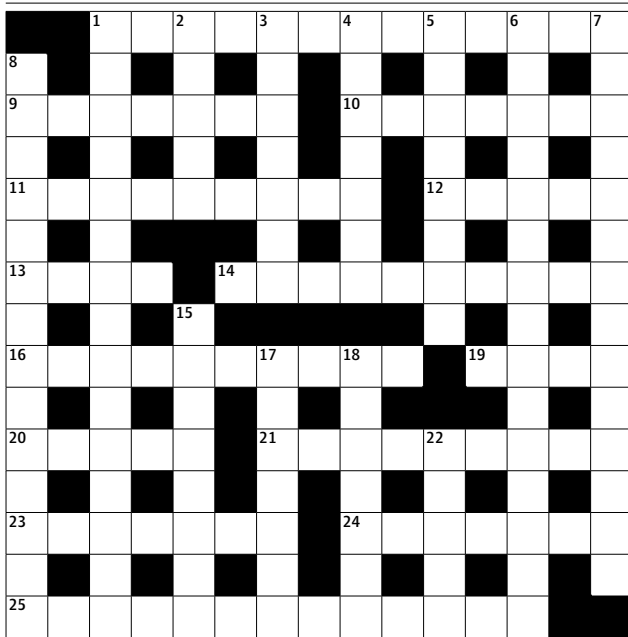


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,757 set by Philistine

Across

- 1** Ministry reversal of rule on not skating (7,6)
9 Sausage is beginning to cook, as far as one can see? Not quite (7)
10 Kind of memory that returns to engulf a little fighter (7)
11 Copy topless constraint (9)
12 Spikes on shoes (5)
13,19 Be patient and join me in serving diners (4,4)
14 Writer involved in a recent riot shows remorse (10)
16 In reality time after time follows small preference for the last course (5,5)
19 See 13
20 Elizabeth I certainly demonstrates this principle (5)
21 Fancy bathing costume with broken thong missing came out of Merseyside (4,5)
23 Abandon lease, having found a small tear, perhaps (7)
24 Acts of robbery cause delays (4-3)
25 A tall nut – aren't nuts a gift? (7,6)

Down

- 1** Husky voice of lover, when swallowed by Miss Piggy? (4,2,3,6)
2 Yoghurt from Austria leaving us confused (5)
3 Love vow lies shattered (7)
4 I'm on an upwards course, born to be a candidate (7)
5 Pointlessness of fuse? (8)
6 Dine out on little money, since sailor reported crime (8,7)
7 This perhaps occupies fully Mr Little Englander? (14)
8 Sick in pain with East Enders, finish on weak spot (8,6)
15 Pedant has left in the price tag (8)
17 Going round in circles, Tony Blair ignores the base of UN resolution (7)
18 Put up paintings, accepting pain in the neck (7)
22 Give me shelter from the riot (5)

Solution No. 25,756

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