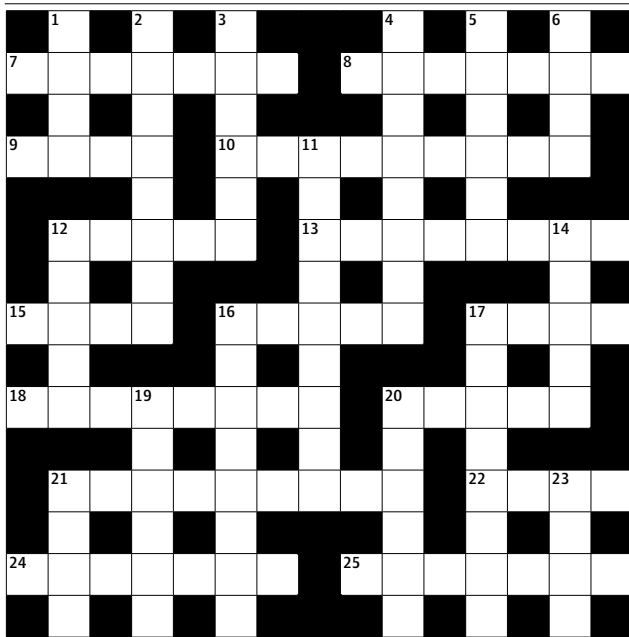


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,767 set by Audreus

Across

- 7 Obsessed when taking cab back, having dined out (7)
 8 Wonder if motor reverses within the distance (7)
 9 Some swear blind about bank (4)
 10 Arty suite redesigned for plain living (9)
 12 Parishioners come together (5)
 13 Against the current higher school grouping (8)
 15,16,17 Palm found in worker's accommodation? (4,2,3,4)
 18 One partly chosen for certain compelling qualities (8)
 20 Fellow claiming decoration lacks bite (5)
 21 Large gathering for Tory to give a damn about nothing (9)
 22 Being apt to turn, fat-head spat (4)
 24 Old-fashioned "please" becoming tripe, eh? (7)
 25 Leading ditherers back to cooker (7)

Down

- 1 Scoff up, kidder! (4)
 2 Opening supporter's proverbially third in secret (8)
 3 Right space on ancient vessel for observation (6)
 4 Uncommonly nice – else who would be a publican? (8)

- 5 Bishop holds one captivated by "Primate With Sword" (6)
 6 Playfully modest about 50? It can be a bit much (4)
 11 Bridge player at club showing hesitation to one who speaks incoherently (9)
 12 Cut down endlessly over one who breaks the law (5)
 14 Pester girl with Scottish grandchild (5)
 16 A butcher's examination? (4-4)
 17 Where I come from hot women get spoilt (4,4)
 19 Elaborate talk about opening night (6)
 20 Of whom 1 in 3 at the wedding were button-holed, poetically (6)
 21 Sure thing, if it's dead (4)
 23 Animal up for run (4)

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