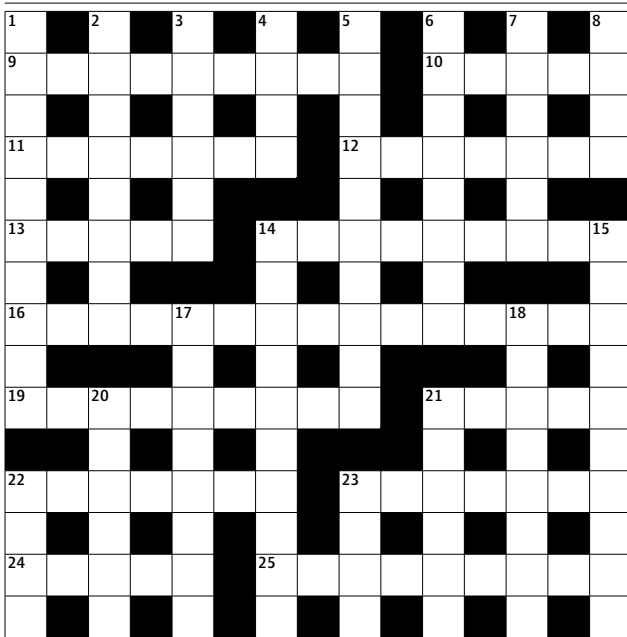


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,807 set by Paul

## Across

- 9** Person in training behind net, ultimately? (6,3)  
**10** PM: I stay, as opposed to this friend (5)  
**11** Register in solid German city (7)  
**12** Had accomplished director initially directed? (7)  
**13** Minister, one runs from US president (5)  
**14** See 17  
**16** Dumb rock causing upset, supposedly soothing entertainment (10,5)  
**19** Meat about right, that's right – more like bacon? (9)  
**21** Resort in the country (5)  
**22** Stand by the flames, one flaming in the mist (7)  
**23** Insect activity that's tested ... (7)  
**24** ... more of which old, almost entirely conventional (5)  
**25** Alien's six-inch ruler? (9)

## Down

- 1** Have 1 and 8, say, as cooking items (5,5)  
**2** Metropolis Turner brought about, subject to interpretation (8)  
**3** See 8  
**4** Weapon with some ease, we hear, catching perpetrator's head (4)  
**5** Speedy bird travelled, say, over river? (10)

- 6** Cold curry nearly served up with order for spice (8)  
**7** Chicken feed poorly invested in police (6)  
**8,3** Picture card's last, cutting the queen of clubs? (10)  
**14** Beginning to swoon, some bird held by some stallion, female strutting around (7,3)  
**15** Reagan got one back, not hard for the marines (6,4)  
**17,14across** Here, potential lovers take various girls out ad nauseam (8,9)  
**18** Stimulating postcard? (8)  
**20** Some hope to keep laughing, not an uncommon thing (6)  
**21** See 22  
**22,21** Bohemian Welshman, tear arising in suit (4,6)  
**23** Stop in Bordeaux, European city (4)

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