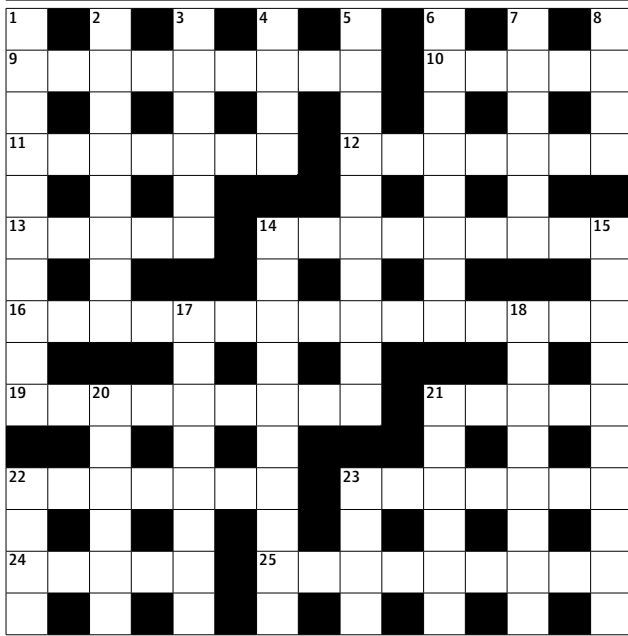


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,822 set by Bonxie

Across

- 9** Man enters dock, heading off for the country (9)
10 Contemptible person steals one from a woman (5)
11 Trespass in exchange for mould (7)
12 The place to give us capitalisation? (7)
13 "Praise first wife", many reflected (5)
14 Stroke uncle with a ruptured spleen (9)
16 The King's film shows soldiers holding hands, again and again (5,5,5)
19 Music maker is hurt tossing a coin (9)
21 Order back ruler ceding half an Arabian city (5)
22 Thorny fruit cut nurses tights, top to bottom (7)
23 Puzzle book – turn cover first (7)
24 Dim headlights when animal crosses (5)
25 Cut short street party building to a climax (9)
- 5** Dance on pitch before animal drops off parent (10)
6 Iris pursues a butterfly seen flying on some beaches (4,4)
7 Calendar guy? (6)
8 Great match – second half on top (4)
14 Tirades delivered after man snaps (10)
15 American state where dollars 'ave circulated since 2001 (2,8)
17 Wraps up old woman in smalls (8)
18 Groundsman extremely relieved, falling for a woman (8)
20 Tree south of Reading, for example, is looking more healthy (6)
21 Rising before noon, 10s reveal hostility (6)
22 Stone put in ground, the odd bits moving (4)
23 Learned judge gave millions to gain power, ultimately (4)

Down

- 1** On mine, you'll get this: "A bore has a big one" (10)
2 Georgia flicked it at soldiers, being a trouble-maker (8)
3 Obsessive about Homeric character in book (6)
4 Looking up a little, seeking victory (4)

Solution No. 25,821

