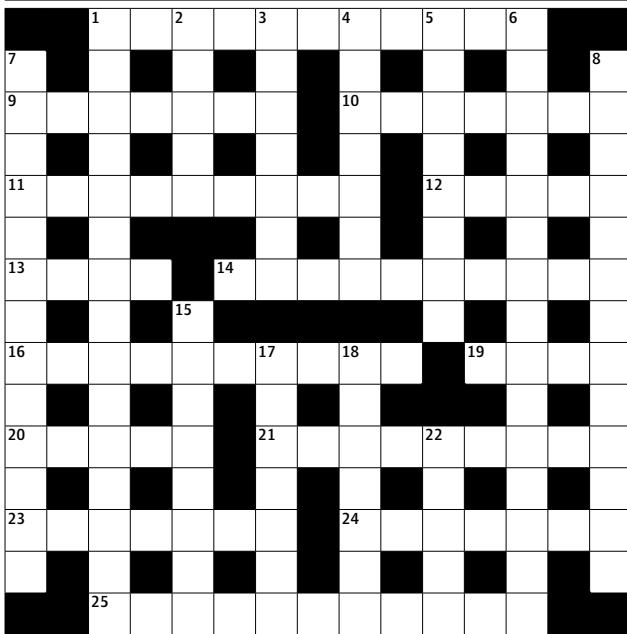


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,938 set by Araucaria

Across

- 1** Killer keeps awfully hot – do I not? – aiming for straight sets (11)
9 Morris – is she from Paris? (7)
10 Line – end of Central, start of Metropolitan – ascribed to the law (4,3)
11 Exaggerate what's no distance in Russia at a point (9)
12 Queen and prince coming after death (5)
13 Old currency gamble? (4)
14 Report of weakly cure embracing odd bod and lunatic (10)
16 People like Lolita – it's a difficult thing to do (3,7)
19 King of footballers? (4)
20 A word of comfort from another place (5)
21 In a way, left a lot of flowers for children's author (5,4)
23 Parthian shot in sketch? (7)
24 Premier destroyer of romance (7)
25 Holds forth about the purpose of posterity (11)

Down

- 1** See 2

- 2,1** 21's clue to self-hate? (5,2,3,10)
3 Too old for reporting of event? Not a hundred! (4,3)
4 Does lie perverted lead to rape? (7)
5 Fits of temper at time worker drinks? (8)
6 Diplomat accused of intrigues? (6,9)
7 Collapse of French work of art (13)
8 Water feature? I'm not sure – dubious parallel between books (8,5)
15 Emperor's clothes raised over half disease (8)
17 Re-enter formation of earth (7)
18 Subtle twist in Duncan Edwards' initiation (7)
22 Devil opening the show (5)

Solution No. 25,937

