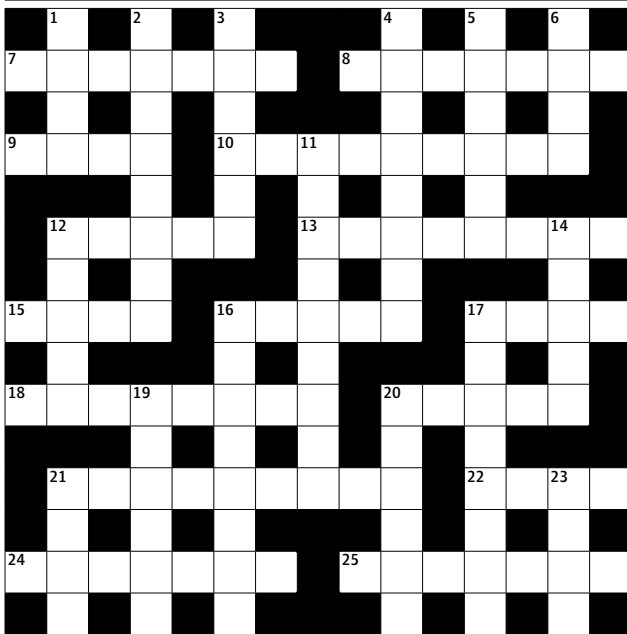


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,967 set by Arachne

## Across

- 7 Kisses Nurse Roe roughly, escapes without clothes and runs off (7)
- 8 Life is short: love your man (7)
- 9 Cherokee boxing champion (4)
- 10 Panda is to evolve in Darwinian processes (9)
- 12 Arachne's brains regularly obliterated by hard whiskey (5)
- 13 Brave child, for example, rebelling against head of orphanage (8)
- 15 New wine, which shouldn't be neglected (4)
- 16 Coe, perhaps, scratching front of Beamer (5)
- 17,20 Rocky grey miles where fossils are found (4,5)
- 18 Spooner's ringing repartee is tightly constructed (4-4)
- 20 See 17
- 21 Quiet, dedicated leader in America trained as emergency worker (9)
- 22 Live wire shot chief usher (4)
- 24 Decline to express different opinion on radio (7)
- 25 What people said that's welcomed by senior Indian (7)

## Down

- 1 If wet, he heads off for holiday (4)
- 2 Student probing eggs' substance (8)
- 3 Keeps interrupting woman from the floor to paraphrase (6)

- 4 Row about non-U voice is source of nervous laughter (8)
- 5 Oscar wearing Chanel's new wrap (6)
- 6 Siemens once evacuated Munich, returning thereafter (4)
- 11 Cornered gnu dealt a blow (9)
- 12 Hurt, Jack lost temper (5)
- 14 Concepts spread from individual to individual on Sunday (5)
- 16 Memorial United Nations put up in less than no time (8)
- 17 Lass is receiving protection to stop being criminal (8)
- 19 Antics of Cyril Knowles ultimately inspire words of popular song (6)
- 20 Consider knockers essentially funny (8)
- 21 Michael Portillo's entertaining ex post facto excuse (4)
- 23 Final word of boundless sorrow (4)

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