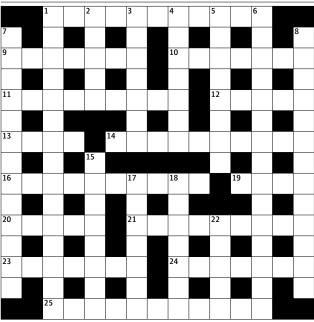
## **Guardian cryptic crossword**



No 25,983 set by Gordius

## **Across**

- 24 fortress and eastern state (11)
- Figure there's no horse working (7)
- Garment to beat Sir at work (4,3)
- 11 Repeating computer science with English tar (9)
- Boredom contributes to under-eighteen nuisance (5)
- Consider: short and spare (4)
- Complain after hackneyed performance by party leader – bully for you! (6,4)
- 24, author of family—you keeping good? (10)
- Act the same again, but it's dead (4)
- A tree about to be another (5)
- Could Bass be brewed for mixers? (4,5)
- 23 Keeping one's plate is a beast (7)
- 1 across or 16 (with or without typo) (7)
- Take a part, when put together (11)

## Down

Bog standard menu? (11,4)

- 2 Disgrace with loss of model character (5)
- I travel fast before finding a spot (7)
- Turn magnet around, it causes change (7)
- 12 nod off at subtle malicious comment (8)
- Relations across the Channel? (7,8)
- Disqualified from including what's wrong not to be missed (13)
- 1/4 annually based on dubious credit (5,5,3)
- They try metal like a detective writer (8)
- 17 Destroyers take position across the street(7)
- Even-tempered, just without it (7)
- Maybe broom to brush off (5)

Solution No. 25,982

