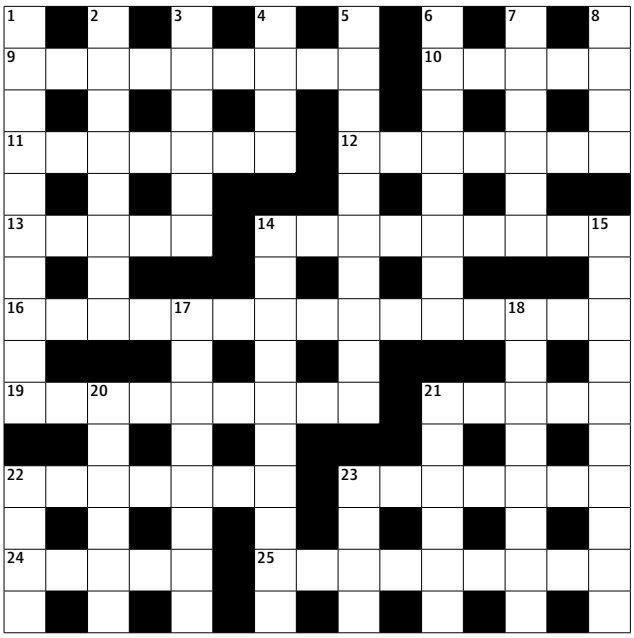
Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

9 Lively former queen? (9)
10 Reportedly drove squirrel away (5)
11 We watch them endlessly recount untruths (7)
12 Deny being close to manager O'Neill after reversal (7)
13 Conspicuous poverty traps (5)
14 Stop man at newspaper being fumigated (9)
16 Top man of high calibre? (5,10)
19 I bet voles, when excited, show signs of arousal (9)
21 Sadly, Hibs wingers dismissed as "unprepared" (2-3)
22 Answer needles terribly rude man in tights (7)
23 Perhaps top deck is better upholstered (7)
24 Beats Mo by seconds (5)
25 He's rotund rustic with jutting jaw (9)

Down

1 Work occupies troublesome Luther in cell (10)
2 Nine months packed with tension and hesitation (4,4)
3 Describe being free of fearsome old Scottish people? (6)
4 Regularly praises exam success (4)
5 Conservative succession secured by Nazi police plots (10)
6 Go up to the bar twice for Skol (4-4)
7 Lancaster House? (6)
8 Vain creep needing no introduction (4)
14 With which to shoot gnu? (10)
15 Careful doctor reeled a bit (10)
17 Guillotined European aristocrats (8)
18 None left, you can be sure of that (3,5)
20 City which is very pleasant after end of June (6)
21 Group travel document with two pages missing (6)
22 May I, perhaps, go out? (4)
23 Northumbrian monk hiding drug in obvious place (4)

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