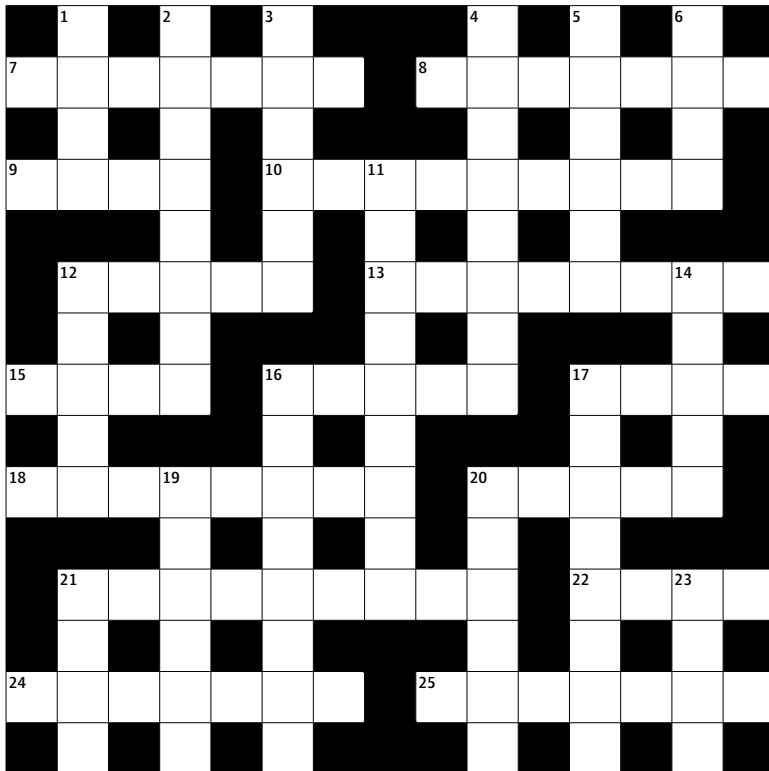


Guardian cryptic crossword No 29,426 set by Paul



Across

- 7 Something toxic with Plaid Cymru, and Liz Trussed? (7)
- 8 Country dispensing with old Conservative PM? (7)
- 9 Fossil fuel, Rishi's confessed addiction (4)
- 10 Looking to the left, further thought surely vital (9)
- 12 Mean Conservative, shabby, premier to go? (5)
- 13 Needing regeneration, Reeves leading the way - it's most brutal (8)
- 15 Party seeking Independence Day to wrap up a kind of election (4)
- 16 Horrifying thing not having capital for nurse (5)
- 17 Foot in door with pained expression, might one be slated? (4)
- 18 Politician snarky in speech? (8)
- 20 Shower elected, given keys to number ten (5)
- 21 On two wings, Tories and DUP labouring (9)
- 22 Trench dug, yah boo sucks! (2-2)
- 24 Leader befitting in marked man? (7)
- 25 Count endless data on card after opening of ballot (7)

Down

- 1 Currency in Europe's obsolete (4)
- 2 Party held in check, closer? (5,3)

- 3 Very exciting tomorrow, something Rishi deprived of? (6)
- 4 Tomorrow's headache, Matt? Member gone and Michael too - Labour's back! (8)
- 5 What things can only get for Rishi's campaign official? (6)
- 6 Rishi, say, tax-cutting leader of Opposition? (4)
- 11 Reform tries to react, sending those coming in away - certainly not my cup of tea! (9)
- 12 6 party, flat (5)
- 14 Knack lost by leader on the hustings - tribal language? (5)
- 16 Offensive plugging wind - what's the alternative? (5,3)
- 17 Astronomical effect in swing towards Labour? (3,5)
- 19 Rayner's moral responsibility with record investment? (6)
- 20 Brainwash, throwing up a little corporal: it's Nigel! (6)
- 21 When party leader took eve off? (1-3)
- 23 Debt: remove lid from jar (4)

Solution No. 29,425

