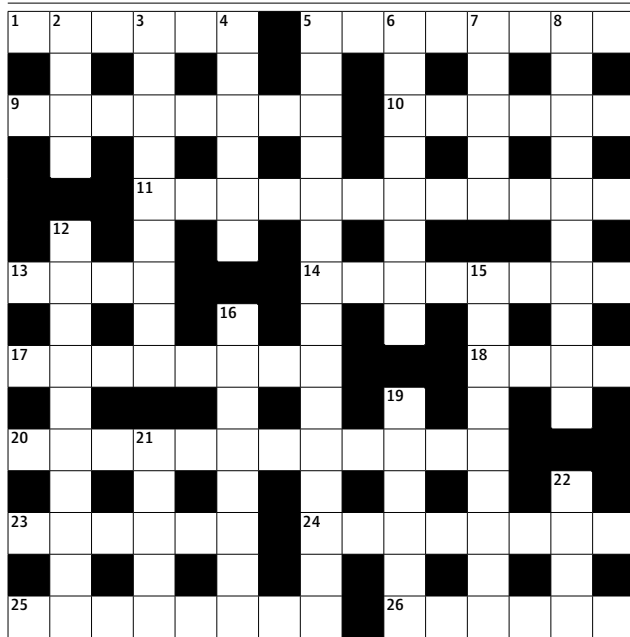


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The solutions to four partial clues are distinctly uncomplicated

Across

- 1 See 23
- 5 Recoil brings disadvantage (8)
- 9 Liar must reform to show generosity to others (8)
- 10 Religious type? In Paris I'll go to clubs, maybe! (6)
- 11 Grey old cinema somehow not right for classic film? (6,6)
- 13 Fish counter, Billingsgate's first (4)
- 14 In court, performing secretary maybe shows disdain for legal procedure (8)
- 17 Misleading tale about this place being heavenly (8)
- 18 Somewhere like Peterborough said to get wet through (4)
- 20 New pillows, white as seen in a strange night light (4-1-3-4)
- 23,1 The last thing a wedding guests expects to eat? (1,5,2,4)
- 24 See rebel entering spill drink? (3,5)
- 25 Good money? Continental money inadequate for magnificence (8)
- 26 See beautiful pattern, maybe around insect's wings (6)

Down

- 2 Deadly stretch of high ground (4)

- 3 Almost sick-looking sailor in drink is nice! (9)
- 4 To isolate some men is legitimate (6)
- 5 Character involved with Easter arrangement – intellect or a dim lunatic? (9,6)
- 6 A sort of host with great collection of books next door (8)
- 7 Where's the feeling that could make Maureen cry when upset (5)
- 8 The non-work element essential to early years development (6,4)
- 12 No case for this person making a short excursion (3,7)
- 15 Start of exercise, say, repeatedly cavorting round gym (4-5)
- 16 Tease the silly fellow with artistic pretensions (8)
- 19 Hollow son kicking daughter out (6)
- 21 Provision for exceptional bedtime story at home (3-2)
- 22 Rush leaves hanging over river (4)

Solution No. 26,016

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