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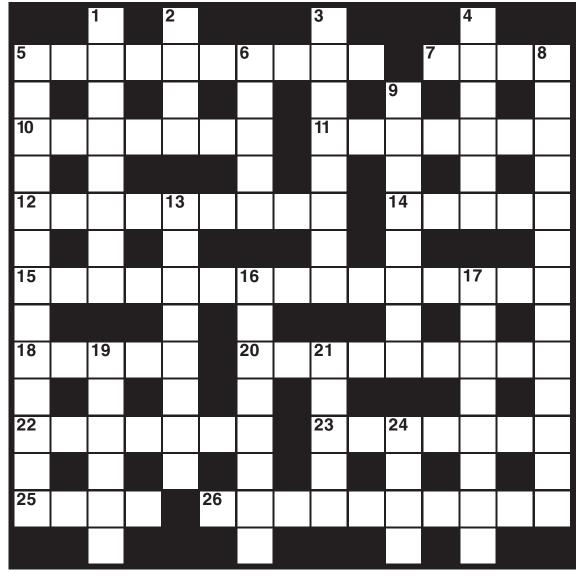
- **5** For French wine, US spies left in the country (10)
- **7** Responsibility held by non-user (4)
- 10 Foodstuff thrown at a mole (7)
- **11** Warm drink (7)
- 12 Seven, else otherwise for such a break? (9)
- **14** More casual actor (5)
- **15** Could be the shaggiest one, say, proverbially (2,3,6,4)
- **18** Resentment around, ring diplomat (5)
- 20 Job to be upset by this dummy (9)
- **22** Gem of an isle? (7)
- 23 Initially like recent changes to reading desk (7)
- 25 Look back at castle's tower (4)
- 26 Like an article that's ambiguous? (10)

DOWN

- 1 Most impressive neckwear found in attic (8)
- 2 Inner Hebrides journey (4)
- 3 Flowers for vain person (no saint!) (8)
- 4 Formally accuse country without a court (6)
- 5 Where, at sea, worried man proceeded to finish walk (9,4)
- 6 Quietens many with charitable gifts (5)
- 8 Can refuse lass developing her own confidence (4-9)
- 9 Notes quickly played at new opera gig (8)
- 13 Commonplace happening, seven times a week (8)

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- **16** Stress I'd be involved in a chance event (8)
- 17 Broadcasting vagaries of anti-hero (2,3,3)
- 19 One looking at girl given jug (6)
- 21 Some leeway when covering brawl (5)
- 24 Short note written during lunch, I think (4)