Radler tried to construct a puzzle with all 26 letters around its perimeter. Unfortunately he didn’t quite succeed. However, after solving the puzzle you may notice that if he had replaced one of the answers with an anagram of itself, he would have achieved his aim.

What is the word he ought to have used?

**Across**

7 Karl’s overture: German half-heartedly plucked instrument (4)
9 Merited pupil did as pupil should, both of us taking the lead (4-6)
10 Force or velocity etc.? (6)
11 One exclamation of annoyance interrupting another special game (8)
12 Opposites, North and South may not mix (8)
13 One accepting one’s limited by high cost (5)
14 Location of Germany before a new and sudden change of direction? (6)
16 Twit(ch) (4)
17 I’m hurt, timid, restrained - just the opposite! (5)
18 Hillside in the North East, followed intermittently by road (4)
19 Italian island’s hip parts (6)
20 Hospital partner of Bow School (6)
21 K for Kir perhaps (8)
23 Inquisitive about America? Not Charlie’s interest, that’s excessive (8)
24 Shortlist (not short on reflection), it’s particularly fine (4)
25 With little delay, then working (4)

**Down**

1 Part impressed by old couple’s dancing technique (4)
2 Characteristic arrangement, Queen pulled up short trousers on youth leader (6)
3 Cycled pedal cycle dressed in clothes (4)
4 Nothing odd in Arthur Daley’s dodgy pageantry (8)
5 Beginning with nothing, forge one’s name (6)
6 Disappear, missing a mealtime? (4)
7 I’m hurt, timid, restrained - just the opposite! (5)
8 DeLorean crashed into small trees (9)
15 Cold unless aroused, I am not totally anti-men (9)
17 Fish understand froggy speech (3,5)
18 Including hard bits means getting aside from the main subject (2,3,3)
22 Czech Republic guards trace material (6)
20 Hospital partner of Bow School (6)