

**Across**

- 1** Very noisy, drunk giant lets rip... (3-9)  
**8** ...knocks over empty postprandial drinks bottles (7)  
**9** Worked in bomb disposal and came unstuck? (7)  
**11** Give off form team an E (7)  
**12** Individual choice (7)  
**13** Visitor starts to experience severe stomach cramps (5)  
**14** Aged brie, paté and apricot's kernels for pensioner (9)  
**16** Sheltered garden retreat in shed - small shed (9)

- 19** At first, many nuns and novices abandon mendicant order (5)  
**21** Starting to grow ganja? Discard all husks - it gets you higher (7)  
**23** Pie-eyed, Els collapses twice - absorbing golf! (7)  
**24** Exhaust brackets, striking top of sump, set alight (7)  
**25** Recount organised, backed by judge (7)  
**26** Met with opponents, pitching for adjournment (12)

**Down**

- 1** Reformed bootlegger denied right to make amends (7)  
**2** Depending on carpenter to turn up on time? (7)  
**3** Traveller - 'I don't know English - I'm not sure!' (9)  
**4** In Germany and America it's controlled by Asian banks (5)  
**5** Big returns on cheese cloth (7)  
**6** More cutting satire - it's antique shows being sent up (7)  
**7** Propped up, and might need rebuilding (12)

- 10** Grate encases tiled outlet (12)  
**15** Smell Communist victory and I withdraw from conflict (9)  
**17** Italian eats messily or is stuffing too much in (7)  
**18** Open sandwiches tips of asparagus and cured ham (7)  
**19** Overeat, being poor, large - but not bipolar? (7)  
**20** In court guards cut up rough (7)  
**22** Heads off to attend National Gala of Dance (5)