

**Across**

- 1** Group of 12, 13a, 20 and 25, perhaps? (6)  
**4** Races king instead of bishop - on these? (6)  
**8** Let go of present (7)  
**9** Train? Make it a loco! (4,3)  
**11** Traversed 20a? No thank you! (4,6)  
**12** Turn the key of timepiece wanting a start (4)  
**13** Awful chess player (5)

- 14** He was often seen interviewing or returning when rubbish is collected (5,3)  
**16** Goes out and returns topless (8)  
**18** Noisy argument with dandy? (5)  
**20** Promise Germany fight is over (4)  
**21** Spa town where 100 men work with terrible health (10)  
**23** Tomato doesn't have to be found in school bread basket (7)  
**24** Tool was returned after unnecessary worry (7)

- 25** Second place for struggling Elvis to get the runs (6)

- 26** Shut and shut again? (6)

**Down**

- 1** Kidnapped? (5)  
**2** Leaves cold? (4,3)  
**3** Spooner notes fishes will get you high (4,5)  
**5** Arsenal risk removing the odd backs (5)  
**6** King repositioned Merlin to seat of government (7)  
**7** Bats inside cage? (4-5)  
**10** He sang a version of, 'I'm so sorry' in

English with nothing held back (9)

- 13** Large insects swallow all ages of talkative people (9)  
**15** Boss' hit upset Ron Burton (4,2,3)  
**17** Big Brother creator, George Orwell's finally getting new rally (7)  
**19** Shoe? Rugby player returns mine! (7)  
**21** Use a chopper? (5)  
**22** 25 in a turmoil once more (5)