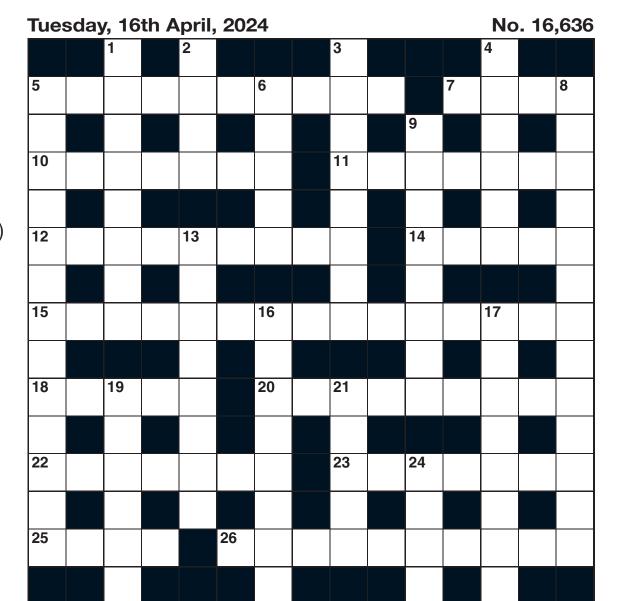
ACROSS

- 5 Cape for my French politician (10)
- 7 Take home catch ahead of time (4)
- 10 Such material makes wimp sober (4-3)
- **11** Grove, it turns, causing dizziness (7)
- 12 New lad Ron's upset person of property (9)
- **14** Sacred oath conceals something to believe in (5)
- **15** Modest escaper fled abroad with little noise (4-11)
- 18 Weird English lake (5)
- 20 Cheated by crooked piper before raise (6,3)
- 22 Wet items on spin (7)
- 23 Stumbling person's dog (7)
- 25 Bird in castle (4)
- 26 Creatures ruined the marrows (10)

DOWN

- 1 Imaginary lion, a ton to shift (8)
- 2 Amphibian noisily pulled along (4)
- 3 Party-goer among drunken set, cross (8)
- 4 Very English French resort and Italian city (6)
- 5 Build me a stepladder for boat (6,7)
- 6 Tory changes new test for garments (3,2)
- 8 In-depth transport costs for building roads (13)
- **9** Wife crashing with geek, car is write-off (8)
- 13 Weird blokes turn up street to have scraps (8)



- 16 Paternal possibly or maternal (8)
- 17 Hot-line to Herm is set up (8)
- 19 Animals' horns I treated (6)
- 21 Guide as far as the edge backwards (5)
- 24 Disputes lines (4)