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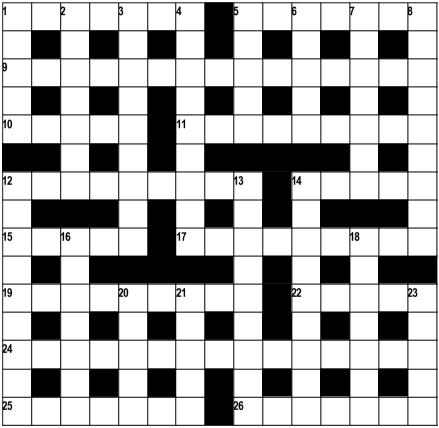
ACROSS

- Return of stolen property to container in which repairman may carry equipment (7)
- Forcibly move strong drink towards the left for Meanie (7)
- 9 Misplaced joy felt for TU, huh? Not all pubs could reopen on it (3,6,2,4)
- Small addition to drink, lacking P but getting pee... (5)
- ... and poo somewhere in the Down clues (6,3)
- Could this Cumbrian brewpub be an on-paper spoonerism of "Mum is going to..."? (9)
- Don PPE for the Cricketers! (3,2)
- Murderer's confession in Scottish brewery and source of whisky(5)
- In dew, dart excitedly for just one of those breezes from Cairngorm (5,4)
- Giving title to couple of points, no flashy stuff (9)
- 22 Support for work when treacherous person is beheaded (5)
- Shambolic CID needed a penny for 9 in the USA (12,3)
- So, Little Richard fails to finish describing process that in time will affect all around (7)
- Opening that aids breathability in chinos, trilby etc. (7)

DOWN

- 1 Salt, perhaps, when you and I objectively go after small songbird (5)
- The late Ms Lynn in Autumn sometime briefly showing what ham may do (7)
- Fraternal British railway shortly incorporating those not already mentioned (9)
- 18th-century French republican rising Dot misinterpreted (9)
- Biblical prophet, to some extent in a humane way (5)
- Blunder initially getting a few feeling embarrassed (5)
- A large cask senior journalist briefly was next to and maybe touched (7)
- 8 Subjected to Prohibition, jumped having lately added extra flavouring to beer (3-6)

- Middle-of-the-road feature of Kildwick pub bearing 45° not on (5,4)
- The shade of possibly a free glen (4,5)
- Before past and present, it may be said these aren't for real (9)
- Yearn to closely follow a Basingstoke brewery (not named after a dachshund!) (7)
- Privily informed person saying where appley flavours may be experienced (6)
- Man, for instance, primarily balances in positions elephants don't (5)
- Classical order causing wry amusement but no rib-tickler at first (5)
- 23 Showing constant support, pub near you exchanges the first bit of curry for the last (5)



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