

Across

- 1 Large feline (6)
- 4 Admirably brave (6)
- **8** Translucent cartilage (7)
- **9** A fir (7)
- 11 Village on the Tyne with a beach (10)
- 12 Inferior, in poor taste (4)
- **13** Farther (5)
- **14** Next to (8)
- 16 Fish with a prehensile tail which swims upright (3,5)
- 18 Come out of an egg (5)
- 20 Move in water (4)
- **21** Change the time (10)
- 23 In East Linton it opened on 13 December (7)
- **24** Place where weapons are stored (7)
- 25 Something uncommon (6)

26 Secondary schools in France (6)

Down

- 1 Dried meat strips (5)
- 2 Young goose (7)
- 3 Crocodile (9)
- 5 Run off with lover (5)
- **6** Free from chemicals (7)
- 7 Small bird (9)
- 10 A state of prolonged rigid posture (9)
- 13 Joins the sea at Belhaven (4,5)
- 15 ELCV chairman (4,5)
- 17 Rodent popular as a pet (7)
- 19 Amphibious larva (7)
- 21 Place where birds rest (5)
- 22 Mischievous songbirds? (5)