ACROSS
1 Aloof Piscean? (6)
4 Cooker turned on, first of bowls to mix (6)
8 Washing wet, it’s inferred, after liquid added for starters (7)
9 Square is next, triangle’s last to form (7)
11 Relative caught in embrace of teenager, I gathered (5-5)
12 Painful absorbing criticism, holding your heads (4)
13 Drawback in contract (5)
14 Appropriate number, jazz number (4,4)
16 Requiring correction, female taking shower (8)
18 Link that is preserved? (3-2)
20 Reversible kit for game (4)
21 Metal chains hold awfully clumsy boot (10)
23 Playwright embodying a creative type (7)
24 Leech, perhaps, queen stuck on cap (7)
25 Book in earnest he rewrote (6)
26 Odd bits of card game palatable, though dry (6)

DOWN
1 Broadcasting in Hungarian, obviously uplifting (2,3)
2 Beautiful pictures alongside appropriate frames (4,3)
3 Such nice new locks in back of car, lock security device (9)
5 1/6 woolly (5)
6 Less than an equal share? Absolutely! (3,4)
7 Composer has been touring close to Midhurst, Sussex town (9)
10 Time when women are expecting to age isn’t fantastic (9)
13 Fragile thing hit, fully conscious (9)
15 Military leader putting chamber before sovereign (9)
17 Case carrying cake component (7)
19 Squeeze once, squeeze not stopping (7)
21 Island certain to banish con (5)
22 Dinner originally provided within the confines of every school (5)

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