ACROSS
7 They've stopped working on island with spades (8)
8 Thoracic adaptation partly identifies insect (6)
11 Officer in charge gets stomach pain (5)
12 A bad egg dish for starter served with a medium port (9)
13 Stand-up comic that may be required to clean up (7)
14 Disparage weak summary (3,4)
15 Very quickly approve of appreciative audience? (4,3,8)
18 Be hesitant about watts needed for loudspeaker (7)
20 Retiring salesman’s eating fish, a kipper (7)
22 She advises social worker to house a young criminal (5,4)
23 Engaged in a fight (5)
24 One is packing guns? That’s for mugs (6)
25 He composed Ring, resulting in pitched battle (8)

DOWN
1 Playing role, cad cries to fake grief (9,5)
2 Second on pitch, son means to walk tall? (6)
3 Expert flipping lid becomes crazy (8)
4 With tedious repetition suggesting clue for a rye, a rye? (4,2,4,3)
5 One bird or another needing weight, not power (6)
6 Liberal Democrat consumed by shame? No, sadly (8)
9 Notice car on street before helping management (14)
10 Cleansing procedure riles one swimming in Channel (13)
16 Almost prevent sweetheart’s collapse (4,4)
17 Perhaps wolf prowled, striking bird on a hill (8)
19 Tiresome scribbler finally stops drawing (6)
21 Tom has healthy advantage (6)

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A L A U A E V R
I S T H M U S T A C T I L E
T T M C A O A T
V I S I T A T I O N T O T
S C T L L D O Y
T H E L M A T E L E G R A M
E E E B D S U
A B O V E A L L I C O N I C
K N T I M E I H
H E W I N G O O D N I C K
O A N H S D E E H
U P T I G H T C H I C O R Y
S C E O N N M
E C H O C R O W N G R E E N