

Across

- 7. Midweek energy bill, post back in waxy envelope (9)
- 8. One out of seven supplying crack before heroin (5)
- 9. People employed to do menial tasks relishing work (9)
- 10. Holiday home by way of receiving large pound injection (5)
- 12. Align over opening, with one slotted in (6)
- 13. Light again, one therefore empty after spell on the throne (8)
- 14. Coppers at present time without a charge (7)
- 17. Gurus are grubs, small parasites (7)
- 20. Suggestion: introduce drug to unwind after pub (8)
- 22. Joint is almost ruptured, very loud (6)
- 24. Lukewarm favourite returns one monkey (5)
- 25. Travellers expressed reservations amidst switches (9)
- 26. Frenzy gets shoal turning, five eaten (5)
- 27. Note admits wrongdoing returning after method update (9)

Down

- 1. High ranking aces climbing, escorting one raw beginner (6)
- 2. Unseemly impression surrounding Church (8)
- 3. Member of quartet beginning to go and help (6)
- 4. Called before Queen's soldiers (7)
- 5. Not one excuse about Great Britain in literature (6)
- 6. Strapping inadequate, start off wrapping line (8)
- 11. Reading, for example short quote before end of eulogy (4)
- 15. Surplus is not manipulated by the sound of it (8)
- 16. Focused on screen displaying fellows (4)
- 18. Patient fee reduced, soldier enters hospital department (8)
- 19. Hunter, Labrador bounds around Tom in circles (7)
- 21. Cooperative set adrift after central mix-up (6)
- 22. Swift characters return in reddened dusk (6)
- 23. Woods, the most pro? (6)