THE SKELETON CROSSWORD – £325 in prizes

Last week's solution

1 M	A	2 L	L	O	3 W	■	4 O	■	5 H	I	P	6 P	O	7 S
A	■	O	■	■	8 O	D	D	L	Y	■	■	O	■	E
9 L	O	A	10 F	■	K	■	E	■	M	■	11 B	O	A	R
I	■	12 D	O	E	S	13 A	R	14 U	N	N	E	R	■	E
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15 G	A	F	F	E	R	S	■	16 B	R	A	W	L	E	D
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R	■	17 N	I	G	18 H	T	19 I	N	20 G	A	L	21 E	■	P
22 I	B	E	T	■	A	■	T	■	A	■	23 F	I	J	I
N	■	X	■	■	24 I	D	E	A	L	■	■	R	■	T
25 G	U	T	T	E	R	■	M	■	26 S	O	L	E	L	Y

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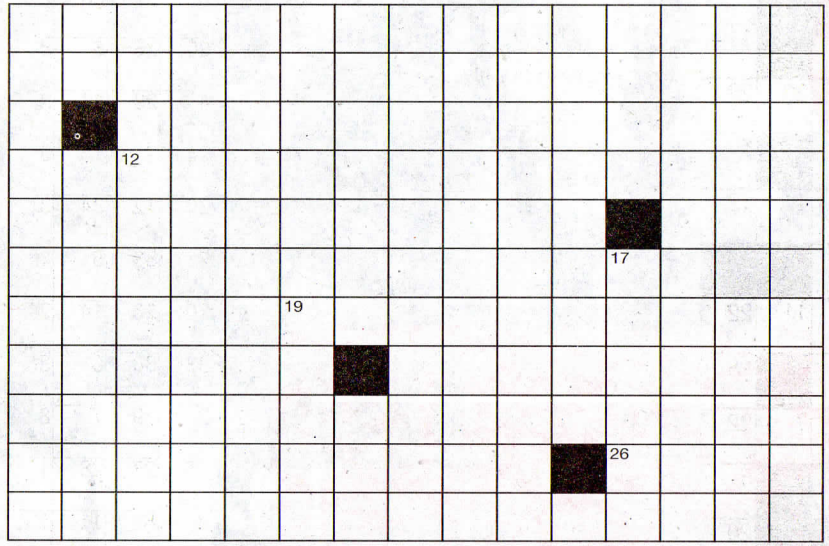

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ACROSS

2 Cheek issues can spread
8 Open German and Latino backer
9 Flower carpel Betsy hides
10 Inept code break reveals lie
11 Book character none follow in a period setting
13 A student taken around a valley
15 Revolving fan that sometimes faces rebels
16 Celebrity beginning to film medic's introduction in Casualty
17 Bird lower getting ever closer
18 Treatment that leaders put out repay
21 Cleaner wheels going around lighter hub
23 Insecure old copper about to improve
24 Decent promoter previously dealt with
25 A parting trimmed as well, sad to say
26 Water inside and out when the sun comes up
27 Dishy swimmer - great! (Hyphenated)

DOWN

1 Great swimmer will sound shallow
2 This lawyer carbonated water
3 A key for Rene and Sam, perhaps
4 I support godliness, having recanted initial vulgarity
5 Slave written about by English poet
6 Make something opening close
7 Park a coward notes randomly
12 Music odd band left half-finished
14 Leading lady reflected on date gone wrong
19 Teased chap content fellow (2 words)
20 Sauce on starter ending annoyance
22 Quiet following an artist spots
23 Looker mostly keeping theologian current

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