ACROSS
1 John, for one, a powerless former president (7)
5 Butts or tails? (3-4)
9 It expanded into hate mail with virtue – oddly perverse (7,8)
10 Profits from paper when leader is cut (5)
11 Drunken old coves keeping too much aside (5,4)
12 It will disappoint very little wife in large chair (5,4)
14 Fibre glass one broke – that’s no good (5)
15 Tired bishop’s obstinate and obsessive (5)
16 Southern critters chewed hampers (9)
18 Ligature getting caught damaged part of sight (9)
21 Call up first lady to accept fine (5)
22 Pets commonly on lead caught in sheet (4,4,3,4)
23 One teasing old queen, perhaps, about obesity in a heartless manner (7)
24 After not much time, noble French city joined by commoner? (5,2)

DOWN
1 Bond – finish off dodgy agent (7)
2 Operation tails one having left estate (15)