Crossword 2544: Fives by Doc

Clues lead to 5-letter solutions. Each set of ten clues is presented in alphabetical order of the solutions. Correct positioning in the grid of each set and the insertion of the appropriate letter in the central square will reveal six 11-letter words not otherwise clued. The 5-letter solutions to the four numbered clues are to be placed where indicated in the grid.

Copying recording, but missing start
Whisper on pop record's principal song
Play with tot – auntie's first!
Durham miss regularly tipples
Pitman is the setter's king
Exemplary display
Heavy drinker returned to transfer plants
Check round son's gum
Cubic measure that doesn't

auite cover hi-fi

Old settler's fish

Article 6: article about birds
Entirely honest
The End is nigh
Is paid pots, we hear
Apple from a tree
Don't take a holiday
Small coins damaged plate
Mask censers raised, revealing
kisses
An eye for a drink?

Trying to catch past
Old beers passed round –
they're bitter
Garnett keeps two ducks ap
Flower rates poorly

Meat skewer, say

Garnett keeps two ducks apart Flower rates poorly Assess old burner right away Limerick, perhaps, shortened to make an impression

Woo with ring, in short Capital prosecutor accepts a volume

The retreat from Moscow? Maybe Arab runs in socks

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Before midday, I leave friend
Acid from Naomi
Worry about stag night, at first
Discharge, for example, is in
French
Laughter from an Eastern
ruler cycling (hyphened)
Oasis and Nirvana dropping
Ecstasy
He'll pay anger in time
He followed FitzRoy to the
Arctic
Black stuff, hot, in truth
Domineering woman ignoring
a sign

1 Down Age and weight
2 Across Deal with wind
3 Across With nous, make it confidential
4 Down Club has no parking, say

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