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¹⁶ A	B	S	T	R	A	C	T	A	R	T

Across

- 1** Goodie! Bill Spooner's one who messes up sentences (4,7)
 bird watcher (Bill (Oddie), one of the "Goodies" is a keen bird watcher - Spoonerism of WORD BOTCHER)
- 7** Specialist criminal has interference around southern old-town (11)
 connoisseur (Specialist - CON (criminal) + NOISE (interference) around S (southern) + UR (old town))
- 8** Pin number used by phone company led to collapse (6)
 needle (Pin - N (number) + EE (phone company) + LED* (anagram=to collapse))
- 9** Blue feather (4)
 down (Double definition)
- 11** Cebu adventure could be dicey (4)
 cube (Dicey - CEBU* (anagram=adventure))
- 12** Work that covers covering (3,3)
 top hat (Covering - OP (work) inside THAT (covers))
- 15** Pallbearer transported your first cereal (5,6)
 pearl barley (Cereal - PALLBEARER* (anagram=transported) + Y[our] (first letter))
- 16** Muscles almost follow sharp movement (8,3)
 abstract art (Movement - ABS (muscles) + TRAC[k] (almost follow) + TART (sharp, taste))

Down

- 1** Faith the fan-dancer could be rasher! (5)
 bacon (Double definition - Faith Bacon was a famous fan-dancer & bacon is a rasher)
- 2** Legumes give jogger energy (6,5)
 runner beans (Legumes - RUNNER (jogger) + BEANS (energy))
- 3** Altogether with a Christmas tree (6)
 wholly (Altogether - W (with) + HOLLY (a Christmas tree))
- 4** Tooth work takes a u-turn (4)
 tusk (Tooth - TASK (work) with A-U swap (turn))
- 5** Messy home with a Greek character turns sick with disease (11)
 haemophilia (Disease - Anagram (messy) of HOME & A + PHI (Greek character/letter) + reversal (turns) of AIL)
- 6** Err badly, French one to go again (5)
 rerun (Go again - ERR* (anagram=badly) + UN (French one))
- 10** Pattern of alopecia somehow held up (6)
 mosaic (Pattern - Hidden reversed word (held up) in [alope]CIA SOM[ehow])
- 11** Copper signed for tea (5)
 cuppa (Tea - CU (copper) + PPA ('signed for' abbreviation))
- 13** Attempt to undress wasted date (5)
 tryst (Date - TRY (attempt) + [wa]ST[ed] (undressed word))

14 Become hard to understand when having a short drink?
(4)

slur (Become hard to understand - SLUR[p] (a short-ened drink))