

ACROSS

- 7 Fruit spread on Asian's tongue ring (8,6)
 9 Goes over line in running races (6)
 10 Useless personnel late, Olive or Hazel, perhaps (4,4)
 11 Grape growers welcoming space east of European capital (8)
 13 Grand time of year (6)
 14 Lady's man rejecting half of university learners (4)
 15 Verify American's payment method (5)
 16 Collide with male in hostelry after turning (4)
 17 Universal fuel's turned out to be handy (6)
 19 Gift almost guaranteed to be valuables (8)
 21 Strange entering in gym to play game (3,5)
 23 Coasts east side of Scotland with fissures (6)
 24 Dispute with Prime Minister, once, is meaty fare (4,10)

DOWN

- 1 Part of the gut silent, ailments rectified (5,9)
 2 You reported on local hooligan — that's not merited (8)
 3 Regularly helped to secure hoofed animal's burden (6)
 4 Order to acquire new tie (4)
 5 Implement that cuts tomato, not to peddle for sale (8)
 6 Bug to eavesdrop (6)
 8 Helpful people said Roman's toga is askew (4,10)
 12 Needing some seven trumpeters for occasion (5)
 15 Having more than one upright soldier, ordered men to pierce heart of Claudius (8)
 16 Foremost in boots helps players (8)
 18 Remote not available after father has article removed (3-3)
 20 Eleven vacated row G, last bit (6)
 22 The old record makes you cry (4)

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