

ACROSS

- 1 Foretell the future by crystal-gazing (4)
4 Withdraw in a fight (4,4)
8 Talisman worn for protection (6)
9 Entice (6)
10 Chain armour (4)
11 Arab states (8)
13 RAF officer (4,9)
16 Failing to find something funny (8)
19 Archaeological excavations (4)
20 Collect (support) (6)
22 Business ability (6)
23 Turn off (a feature) on a computer menu (8)
24 Vehicle's petrol container (4)

DOWN

- 2 Friend or helper (9)
3 Festive chocolate cake (4,3)
4 Go for a swim (5)
5 Skull bones enclosing the brain (7)
6 Triangular river-mouth (5)
7 Major armed conflict (3)
12 Leaf-retaining tree (9)
14 Carefully watch (7)
15 Assuredly (2,5)
17 Ground meat used in shepherd's pie (5)
18 Blueprint (5)
21 High playing-card (3)

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