

## ACROSS

- 1 Custard cream, eg (7)
- 5 Delicate shade of brown (5)
- 8 Marine distress signal (5)
- 9 Horse rider's foot-support (7)
- 10 Peers in years (3,5)
- 11 Before now (4)
- 13 Corkscrew (6)
- 15 Home help, usually from abroad (2,4)
- 18 Sponsor (4)
- 19 Arms (8)
- 22 Old Mongol and Turk warriors (7)
- 23 Belly button (5)
- 24 Place of access (5)
- 25 Shop's wire basket on wheels (7)

## DOWN

- 1 Large horned wild ox (7)
- 2 Frighten (5)
- 3 Far from deserved (8)
- 4 Disposable hanky (6)
- 5 Small mistake (4)
- 6 Ferocious river-fish (7)
- 7 More than enough (5)
- 12 Accidentally meet (4,4)
- 14 Short sample of a piece of writing (7)
- 16 Members of the monarchy (7)
- 17 Matching collection of cups and saucers (3,3)
- 18 Wash (5)
- 20 Extended work in prose (5)
- 21 Near the knuckle (4)

