

ACROSS

- 8 Tethers (7)
9 Leave of absence from college (5)
10 Give a gentle push (5)
11 Walk in an unsteady shuffling way (7)
12 In A to Z order (12)
16 Bus with no upstairs (6-6)
20 Insincere nonsense (7)
23 On edge, tense (5)
24 Misplaces (5)
25 Herb of the marjoram family (7)

DOWN

- 1 Sparkle (5)
2 Instrument like a lute (8)
3 Separate grain from (husks) (6)
4 Requests (4)
5 Take back (an opinion) (6)
6 Native of Belgrade, perhaps (4)
7 Absolutely (7)
13 Resting place (3)
14 Stretch of road allowing unhindered travel (8)
15 Bituminous substance (7)
17 Be in touch (6)
18 Scratch, delete (6)
19 Synthetic material (5)
21 Over-enthuse (4)
22 Horny part on a horse's foot (4)

