

ACROSS

- 1 Brush's cleaning counterpart (7)
- 5 Puzzle, perplex (5)
- 8 Hairdresser's shop (5)
- 9 Jaffa or Seville fruits, eg (7)
- 10 Indicating position in a sequence (7)
- 11 Resembling a legless reptile (5)
- 12 Coat with a hood and toggles (6)
- 14 Straight (6)
- 18 Traditional saying (5)
- 20 Clearly (7)
- 22 Judicious, expedient (7)
- 23 Force (5)
- 24 Roadside pull-in (3-2)
- 25 Winsomely (7)

DOWN

- 1 Conflict (7)
- 2 Sturdy, well built (5)
- 3 Act of contrition (7)
- 4 Piece of ribbon-shaped pasta (6)
- 5 Luminous spheres in the sky (5)
- 6 Improve the quality of (7)
- 7 Over-assertive (5)
- 13 Weakliness (7)
- 15 Lean (7)
- 16 Kings, queens etc (7)
- 17 Loose trousers (6)
- 18 Horrify, dismay (5)
- 19 Competition attempt (5)
- 21 Bus garage (5)

