

## ACROSS

- 3 Poorly (3)  
7 Money paid to free a hostage (6)  
8 Acquire (6)  
9 Support for a hinged barrier (8)  
10 Jokers (4)  
11 Withdraw (6)  
12 Account of an event (6)  
15 Interfere (6)  
18 Part of a shirt (6)  
20 Curved structure (4)  
22 Malicious fire-starter (8)  
23 Tooth's outer coating (6)  
24 Call for the repetition of a performance (6)  
25 Devour (3)

## DOWN

- 1 Sense of taste (6)  
2 Hard rocky or metal body that orbits the Sun (8)  
3 Encroach, force upon (6)  
4 Dawdle (6)  
5 Cotswolds market town, familiarly (4)  
6 Old-style soccer forward (6)  
11 Ewe's mate (3)  
13 High-collared jumper (4,4)  
14 West Country hill (3)  
16 Brief mission (6)  
17 Permit, make possible (6)  
18 Mollycoddle (6)  
19 Ridiculous (6)  
21 Low mound (4)

