ACROSS

8 Brilliance (5)

- 9 Gorged oneself (7)
- **10** Fortress (7)
- **11** Apply, bring to bear (5)
- **12** Worker who renders walls (9)
- 14 Mismatched (3)
- **15** Decorate (a cake) (3)
- 16 Heated exchanges (9)
- **19** Village fairs (5)
- 21 Falcon-like bird (7)
- 23 Aquatic athlete (7)
- 24 Sharpened (5)

DOWN

- 1 Breakfast food holder (3-3)
- 2 Cord for tying footwear (8)
- 3 Manipulated (4)
- 4 Tall thin tree (6)
- 5 Old cable message (8)
- 6 Lounge around (4)
- 7 Examined or sampled (6)
- **13** Strengthening cross-bars (8)
- **14** Retailer's particular product (3,5)
- 15 Pervade or soak (6)
- **17** Low-powered racing car (2-4)
- **18** Food for a weaned baby (6)
- 20 Silly person (4)
- **22** London district (4)

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