



### Across

- 1 - Talks incoherently about northern crows (6)
- 5 - Fantasy creature found in torch edges away (3)
- 7 - Shines after initially gloomy depressions (5)
- 8 - Pastry in oddly salted surprise (7)
- 9 - Overall, article involves expert (5)
- 10 - One comic crazy but successful (8)
- 12 - Drive back without a cancellation (6)
- 14 - Antelope the French chew badly (6)
- 17 - Last month, setter's at English peak (8)
- 18 - Unconscious, ruined dreadfully: one's excused (5)
- 20 - Des randomly embraced cloak and took off (7)
- 21 - Note about right for singing voice (5)
- 22 - Scots, oddly, appeal for help (3)
- 23 - When is novel fairly novel? (6)

### Down

- 2 - Gold to signal prompt (7)
- 3 - Subject noun logical, but not right (8)
- 4 - Ipso facto, concealing couch (4)
- 5 - Bird lost without head? Splendid (7)
- 6 - Revolutionary embracing Spanish woman's language (7)
- 7 - Spirits ignite explosively (without first of TNT) (5)
- 11 - One cod swimming in lake is not very good (8)
- 12 - Queen goes back, spins and goes back (7)
- 13 - Masters jokes about deists regularly (7)
- 15 - See comedian incenses regularly (7)
- 16 - Chief tree (5)
- 19 - Maintains sprints (4)