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## Across

1 - Old Bob's long expression of pain for drooping posture (6)

- 5 Drop in and explode (3)
- 7 Papal court combined copper with funny air (5)
- 8 Colour wizard and squashed ant (7)
- 9 Two aces stood outside royal English stadium (5)
- 10 Let me rap badly a common tropical sight? (4,4)
- 12 Jewel in number one sign (6)

14 - Love Connecticut housing light brown navigational instrument of old (6)

17 - Labels for books found alphabetically between M and O, we hear? (8)

- 18 Ida said to be a high-flyer (5)
- 20 Bail Ana messily from country (7)
- 21 Nudge the Spanish weapon (5)
- 22 Vehicle's about right (3)
- 23 Torrent of French winter sport (6)

## Down

- 2 Eagle flapping about a king's gradual escape (7)
- 3 Resolute conservative next to stone worker (8)
- 4 Song primarily about romance is awful (4)
- 5 A bone put down on proposal (7)
- 6 Defence trooper found before animal (7)
- 7 Arrived at Lima to find animal (5)
- 11 Dash off when ace involved in word game becomes ill at first(8)
- 12 Non-specific, endless energy broken up in charge (7)
- 13 Reid returns to Manchester United ground finally more dirty (7)
- 15 Winding up learner left wanting (7)
- 16 I tidied lawn for relative (2-3)
- 19 Clean unknown precious stone (4)