

Across

- 7 Twisted nose is comely in Scotland (6)
- **8** Palaver with no point primarily about about animals in an immature state (6)
- 9 One time idle fancy with energy would become the blaze of a fire (4)
- **10** Rice came unfortunately in sweet frozen food (3,5)
- 11 Dreams I falsely interpret wrongly (7)
- 13 Coats not in order in horse-racing venue (5)
- 15 Japan not beginning to produce a winning score in Judo (5)
- 17 No new style child is created to reduce the chance of slipping (7)
- 20 Day and night initially Geneva in a ferment in wine harvest (8)
- **21** Lean on inverted musical instrument (4)
- 23 Spanish sword or a spade remodelled (6)
- 24 Tree rat not oddly very endless plunderer (6)

Down

- 1 Festive season for a boy however you read it (4)
- 2 Taxmen holding one or other substance differing only in energy state and half life from another (6)
- **3** The French Mediterranean city returns notably creative (7)
- **4** Pleasingly smooth bottoms of ships returned (5)
- 5 Brothers in Geneva, liberated, embracing right, and ultimately courteous (6)
- 6 Marocain transformed into something fanciful and extravagant (8)
- 12 Politican in a drunken state in France with not a hint of veracity produces motto (8)
- 14 To prepare beforehand part of an upper limb (7)
- 16 Trying experience before old treatment(6)
- **18** Demented last gasp with no additional information in prison (6)
- 19 Want, we're told, to massage (5)
- 22 Drug addict's twisted ruse (4)