

ACROSS

- 1 To boot (4)
 4 Act of disposal (8)
 8 Hidden, esoteric (6)
 9 Sore, wound (6)
 10 Motivate (4)
 11 Memory aid (8)
 13 Diplomacy, judiciousness (13)
 16 Striver after perfection (8)
 19 Barrel, cask (4)
 20 Of your clan (6)
 22 Of the sea, naval (6)
 23 Hang-up (8)
 24 Sunflower pip, eg (4)

DOWN

- 2 Cut deeply (9)
 3 Sumptuous (7)
 4 Blade of a helicopter (5)
 5 Difficult decision (7)
 6 Crime of burning property (5)
 7 Dove's call (3)
 12 Life (9)
 14 South ____, Tyneside town (7)
 15 Outskirts of a city (7)
 17 Traffic-light colour (5)
 18 *Hard* ____, Dickens novel (5)
 21 Fish eggs (3)

