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1 Writer of the 1969 sci-fi novel *The Andromeda Strain* (7,8)

9 Diacritical mark indicating a vowel change in some languages (6)

10 Opera by George Handel, first performed in 1726 (10) 11 Craze, or indiscriminate admiration, for Englishness (10)

13 Peninsula in the north Adriatic Sea belonging to Croatia and Slovenia (6) 14 Fibre made from coconut shells, used to make rope and

matting (4) 15 Area in Kensington, London,

which contains Leighton House Museum (7,4)

18 Francesco, Italian golfer who won the 2018 Open Championship (8)

19 Especially in ancient

Greece, a wooden statue with stone extremities (8)

21 Spiked helmet worn by Prussian and German soldiers (11)

23 Immortal spirit existing before Creation in JRR Tolkien's fictional universe (4)

25 Brand of British credit card, replaced by MasterCard in 1996 (6)

27 Highest peak in the Massif Central, France (3,2,5)

28 Large muscle at the front of the thigh which extends the leg (10)

30 _____ *Honey,* 1971 album by Van Morrison (6)

31 Tall, slender edible fungus with an umbrella-shaped cap (7,8) **1** Emblematic reminder of the inevitability of death, such as a skull (7.4)

2 Most populous city in the region of Wallonia, Belgium (9)

3 Cheyenne _____, 1964 US epic Western film starring Richard Widmark (6)

4 Measure of one hundred and twenty yards of cotton or silk (3)

5 First Cistercian monastery in the north of England, founded in 1132 (8,5)

6 Legal term for an assignee,

for example of property (10) 7 Close-fitting sleeveless pullover, usually with a low round neckline (4,3)

8 Italian architect, 1891-1979, renowned for his use of reinforced concrete (5)
12 Fashion model who released the 1994 album *Baby Woman* (5.8)

16 Small hook that joins an insect's forewing and hindwing during flight (11)

17 The science of projectiles and firearms (10)

20 Tibetan breed of small, long-haired dog (5,4)

22 _____ Water, the largest man-made lake in northern Europe (7)

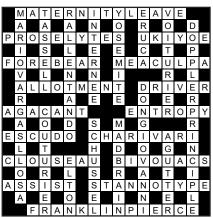
24 Surname of the Scottish singer-songwriter known as Donovan (6)

26 In military slang, the sound of an exploding bomb or shell (5)

29 Ancient French coin of very low value (3)

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