

Polymath 1,257 Set by AARDVARK

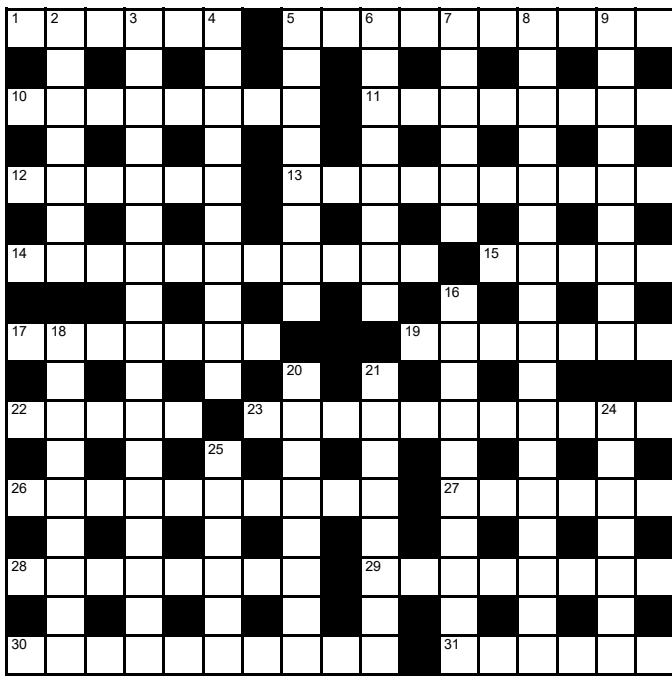
ACROSS

- 1** Alphabetic system for the transcription of Chinese, especially Mandarin (6)
- 5** Class of plants with stamens united by the filaments in two bundles (10)
- 10** Inflammation of the glands or lymph nodes (8)
- 11** Colourless, flammable hydrocarbon used in aviation fuel (8)
- 12** Underground dwelling of the Hobbits Bilbo and Frodo Baggins in the JRR Tolkien novels (3,3)
- 13** Scottish islet known as 'Paddy's milestone' (5,5)
- 14** Strait separating Asian Turkey from European Turkey (11)
- 15** John ____, Designer of the Year at the 1993 British Fashion Awards (5)
- 17** Spanish virtuoso classical guitarist, 1893-1987 (7)
- 19** Cathedral city and episcopal seat in Denbighshire, north Wales (2,5)
- 22** __ Matchmakers, brand of sports footwear founded by Barratts Shoes of Bradford, worn by George Best (5)
- 23** Nickname used in advertising campaigns for lager produced by Australian beer company Foster's (5,6)
- 26** Brand of surveying instrument which measures distances using a light beam (10)
- 27** Die loaded at one corner to favour certain numbers (6)
- 28** Winner of 1995 Open at St Andrews (4,4)
- 29** 1996 novel by Alex Garland adapted into a film directed by Danny Boyle (3,5)
- 30** Cognac which saved Pete Townshend's life because it was so expensive, according to sleeve notes of his album *Empty Glass* (4,6)

31 A spirit occupying position between gods and men (6)

DOWN

- 2** Robert ____, creator of the stacked typographical pop art image LOVE (7)
- 3** 1942 musical film starring James Cagney which includes the song *Give My Regards to Broadway* (6,6,5)
- 4** Genus of moths whose larvae have horn-like humps on the back (10)
- 5** British Prime Minister who proclaimed Queen Victoria as 'Empress of India' (8)
- 6** Archipelago, comprising two distinct groups, bordered by the Caribbean Sea, the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean (8)
- 7** Old Testament Hebrew prophet who was taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire (6)
- 8** Academic institution of Cambridge University whose alumni include the actor James Mason (10,7)
- 9** West Indian fast bowler who played for Derbyshire from 1989 to 1993 (3,6)
- 16** Lisa ____, winner of the national singing competition *Search for a Star* in 1980, aged fourteen (10)
- 18** Piece of steak cut from between two ribs (9)
- 20** Bluish violet quartz used as a gemstone, once supposed to prevent drunkenness (8)
- 21** Hormone secreted by the duodenum, that stimulates the liver and pancreas (8)
- 24** French commune, birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte (7)
- 25** African antelope with ridged, curved horns, capable of enormous leaps (6)



Solution 1,256

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