

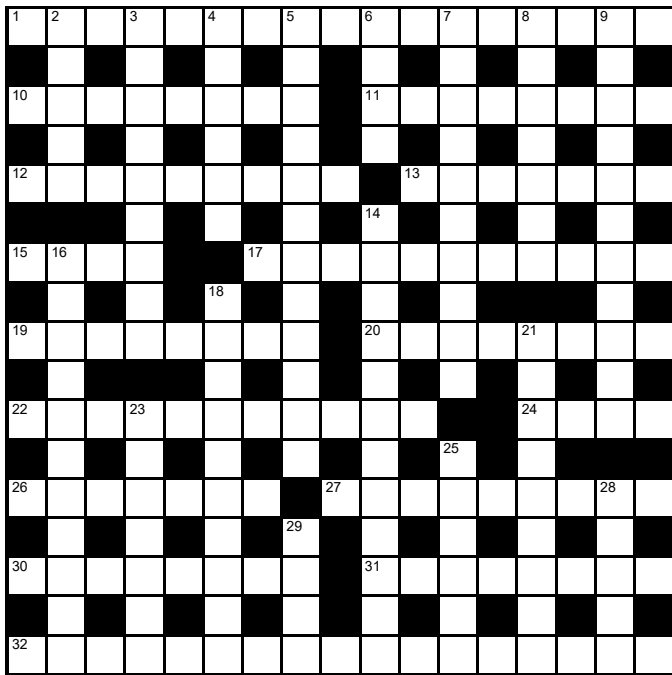
# POLYMATH 1,299 by GOZO

## ACROSS

- 1** Irrational fear of the number thirteen (17)  
**10** Stanzas of half-a-dozen lines (8)  
**11** Finishing point of the Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race (8)  
**12** Russian composer of the symphonic poem *Tamara* (9)  
**13** Glastonbury Festival's main stage (7)  
**15** Lump of crude ore or, colloquially, a bullet (4)  
**17** Florentine statesman (1469-1527) who wrote *The Prince*, a treatise on government (11)  
**19** Region of NE France with rich iron deposits and where Metz and Nancy are situated (8)  
**20** Old World bird of the genus *Otus* with a whistling call (5,3)  
**22** Patriotic poem by Robert Burns which was the unofficial national anthem (5,3,3)  
**24** Best-selling Irish solo artist, a member of Clannad and whose *Orinoco Flow* was an international hit (4)  
**26** Worcestershire vale famous for producing plums and asparagus (7)  
**27** Squeeze-box (9)  
**30** Viola player's pitch indicator (4,4)  
**31** Popular assembly in ancient Athens (8)  
**32** Exaltation of larks, gang of elk and charm of goldfinches, for example (5,2,10)

## DOWN

- 2** Indian dish of chopped cucumber in yoghurt (5)  
**3** Seaport and county town of Rogaland in Norway (9)  
**4** Epic poem by Virgil, in twelve books (6)  
**5** The brawny stubble-chinned westerner who eats cow-pie in the *Dandy* comic strip (9,3)  
**6** The god of love in Indian mythology (4)  
**7** Investigating lawyer in more than 80 novels by Erle Stanley Gardner played by Raymond Burr in the TV series (5,5)  
**8** Officially excused from work (2,5)  
**9** Ancient track from the Wash to the source of the river Kennet in Wiltshire (8,3)  
**14** Merseybeat pop group who had a Number One hit with *Sweets for my Sweet* in 1963 (3,9)  
**16** Italian composer of the opera *Pagliacci* (11)  
**18** Huntsman cry when the fox breaks cover (4-6)  
**21** Veronica, a small flower with blue or pinkish white petals (9)  
**23** Portuguese or Italian silver coin bearing a king's head (7)  
**25** Film such as *Bridget Jones's Diary* or *Notting Hill* (3-3)  
**28** Approving (5)  
**29** Dyke builder on the border of England and Wales (4)



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