

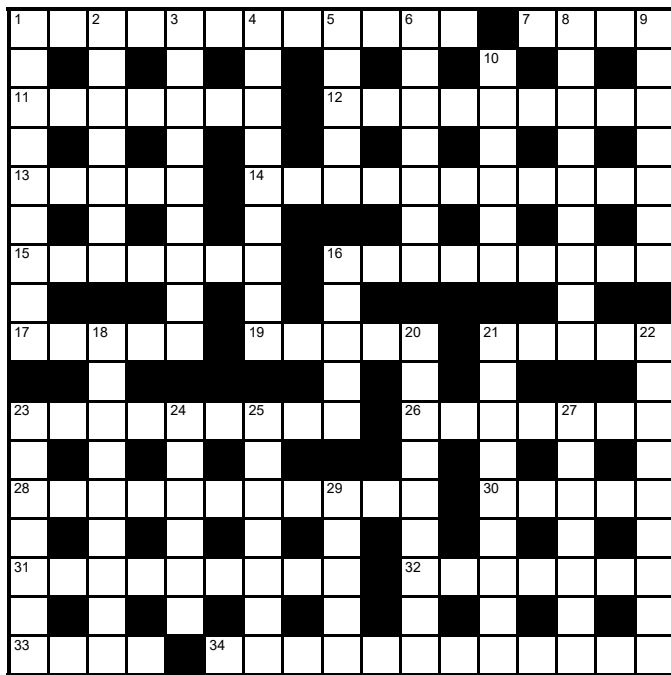
Polymath 1,253 Set by GOZO

ACROSS

- 1** Second largest and lowest of the stringed instruments, held between the knees when played (5,2,5)
7 Having no vowels, it attracts one's attention (4)
11 The northern constellation, the Lizard (7)
12 Inadequate flow of blood in the body (9)
13 Approving (2'3)
14 WW2 clandestine boat trips from Scottish isles to assist the Norwegian resistance movement (8,3)
15 One of the clusters of spots marking a leopard's fur (7)
16/17 Central church of the RAF situated on an island site in the Strand in London (2,7,5)
19 Turkish port and naval base on the Aegean Sea (5)
21 Short form for shorthand typist (5)
23 Roman coins originally worth 2 1/2 asses (9)
26 Relating to either of the two great arteries that supply blood to the head and neck (7)
28/30 The moon, as called by Highland cattle rustlers (11,5)
31 Fruit said to keep for two years which Shakespeare thought best when shrivelled and withered (5-4)
32 In heraldry, a star with wavy points (7)
33 Food, or a meal (4)
34 Brisbane Road's football team (6,6)

DOWN

- 1** Russian industrial city and port known as Tsaritsyn until 1925 (9)
2 Flowers which include the genera *Oncidium*, *Cattleya* and Ladies' tresses (7)
3 Claims as one's own (9)
4 Extra month of the Jewish year occurring about every three years (4,5)
5 In Irish legend, the greatest of all warrior women whose name means 'beauty' (5)
6 Of country life, rustic (7)
8 A whole note in US musicology (9)
9 First generation light commercial vehicle introduced in 1965 in the UK, replacing the Thames 400E (7)
10 A sand eel (6)
16 Greek island in the Aegean Sea which gives its name to a fine reddish-brown earthenware pottery (5)
18 French equivalent of the German 'nicht wahr' (4-2,3)
20 Seafood chef who features regularly on BBC TV (4,5)
21 Ferry port for the Orkneys, two miles from Thurso (9)
22 Ancient route connecting Clerkenwell and Shoreditch in London, first recorded around 1200 (3,6)
23 Ancient Celtic festival in November which celebrated the start of winter and a new year (7)
24 Formerly, a province of the Ottoman Empire (6)
25 A folded-over pizza (7)
27 Author of *The Once and Future King* (1,1,5)
29 Spohr's famous chamber work in F major, Op. 31 (5)



Solution 1,252



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