

POLYMATH 1,297 by AARDVARK

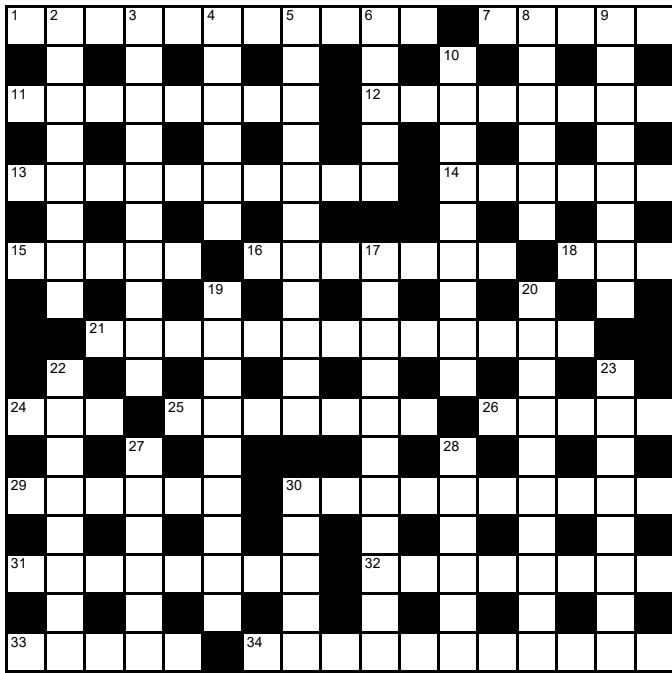
ACROSS

- 1** Edwardian villa in Ayot St Lawrence, Hertfordshire, now a National Trust museum (5,6)
7 Final stage of an insect's development after metamorphosis (5)
11 Inflammation of the spinal cord or of the bone marrow (8)
12 Rare silvery-white metallic element, atomic number 21 (8)
13 In Tolkien's fictional world, the highest peak of the Pelori mountains (10)
14 Primitive type of fish having thick bony scales with a shiny covering (6)
15 Pen name of the Belgian comic strip artist who created the *The Adventures of Tintin* (5)
16 Name of the street in Camden, London, known as Britain's Tin Pan Alley (7)
18 Large horned African antelope with a long tufted tail (3)
21 Poet Laureate from 1930 to 1967 (4,9)
24 Either of the two Muslim festivals held after Ramadan (3)
25 Metrical foot of two long syllables (7)
26 US golfer, 1912-2002, famed for his exemplary swing (5)
29 British publishing company formed in 1972 as Spare Rib Books (6)
30 Lively dance, in triple time, with a leap starting each measure (10)
31 Port city in Apulia, Italy, a centre for the Crusades in the Middle Ages (8)
32 Undue favouritism to relatives or close friends, especially by those in power (8)

- 33** Roman goddess of agriculture, equivalent to the Greek Demeter (5)
34 1972 album by Stevie Wonder that includes the single *You are the Sunshine of My Life* (7,4)

DOWN

- 2** In boxing, a wild swinging powerful punch (8)
3 Sussex village featuring the Long Man, a chalk figure about seventy metres tall (10)
4 Cord made from animal intestines used for violin and racket strings, surgical ligatures, etc (6)
5 Author whose 1989 novel *Restoration* was shortlisted for the Booker Prize (4,7)
6 Short-lived brand of Ford motor car, named after the son of company founder Henry (5)
8 In north African cities, the ancient, native quarter (6)
9 Rudolph ____, the mayor of New York from 1994 to 2001 (8)
10 Coolness, composure, self-possession, literally 'cold blood' in French (9)
17 Maurice ____, Belgian writer awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1911 (11)
19 Southern African genus of the lily family, also called the red-hot poker (9)
20 Presenter of the BBC One arts series *Imagine* since its inception in 2003 (4,6)
22 Delicate, convoluted, ornamental gold and silver lacework (8)
23 Second-largest satellite of Jupiter (8)
27 1964 Hitchcock film starring Tippi Hedren and Sean Connery (6)
28 Small lightweight East



- Asian boat propelled by a sail or oars (6)
30 Bandage wrapped round an injured limb using figure-of-eight overlaps (5)

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