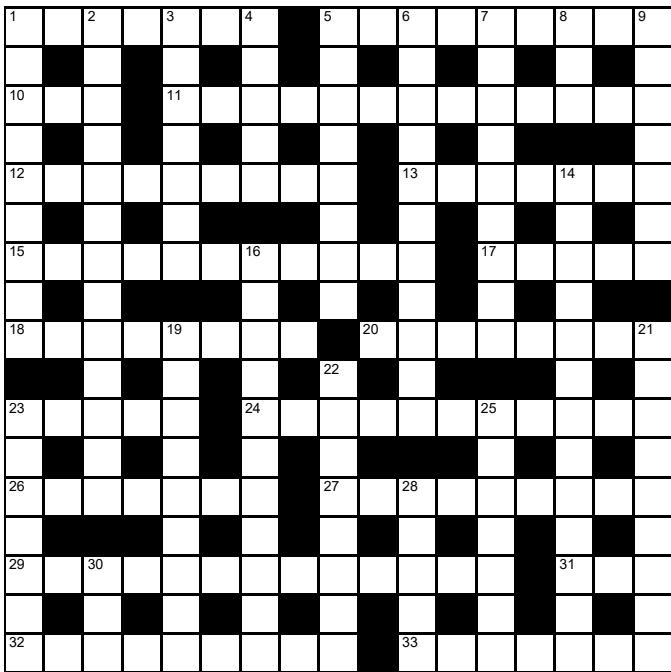


POLYMATH 1,324 by GOZO

ACROSS

- 1** Former royal burgh and county town in the Scottish Borders (7)
5 Words or phrases no longer in common usage (9)
10 In Northern England, a meadow by a lake (3)
11 Worcestershire market gardening area (4,2,7)
12 Caretaker in a block of flats, especially in France (9)
13 A thorn or prickly or spiny growth (7)
15 Major chamber music compositions of the Baroque era, often for two violins and a cello (4,7)
17 Formal assemblies of the Holy Roman Empire, such as Nuremberg and Worms (5)
18 Italian composer, noted for his scores for films by Fellini and Visconti (4,4)
20 Fishing port on Loch Broom, founded by the British Fisheries Society in 1788 (8)
23 Nuzzled or pried (5)
24 English pen-name of Danish short story writer Karen Blixen (4,7)
26 Three of the counties in this US state are Sublette, Sweetwater and Uinta (7)
27 He draws up contracts (9)
29 Small dog, related to the Brussels griffon, which has tufts of hair on its face (13)
31 Polynesian garland of flowers (3)
32 Song thrushes, or

- machines which draw, twist and wind fibres (9)
33 Pop group who had a number one hit with *Stayin' Alive* in 1978 (3,4)
DOWN
1 The Ivy League research university in New Jersey (9)
2 Romanian-born French playwright whose antiplay *The Bald Soprano* inspired the inauguration of the Theatre of the Absurd (6,7)
3 Pretentious or affected members of the entertainment industry (7)
4 Catalan composer (1729-83) and monk who was organist and maestro at the monastery of the Escorial (5)
5 French for 'skylark', which is described as 'gentile' in a children's song (8)
6 Lettuce, Parmesan cheese and croutons in an oil dressing (6,5)
7 The Honourable Lady Ogilvy (9)
8 Note represented as 'a needle pulling thread' in *The Sound of Music* song (3)
9 East Asian sailing boats (7)
14 Humorous name for the police or a Cannon and Ball film of 1982 (3,4,2,4)
16 1999 Richard Curtis film starring Julia Roberts and Hugh Grant (7,4)
19 Large stars of high luminosity (3,6)



- 21** Corncrakes (9)
22 Musicians such as Duff McKagan of Guns N' Roses and Paul McCartney (8)
23 Bob ____, US comedian (1929-2024), noted for his deadpan and stammering delivery (7)
25 Historic Basque area of Spain where Pamplona is situated (7)
28 Amy Winehouse's Record of the Year in 2008 (5)
30 Chemin de ____, card game, a variety of baccarat (3)

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