

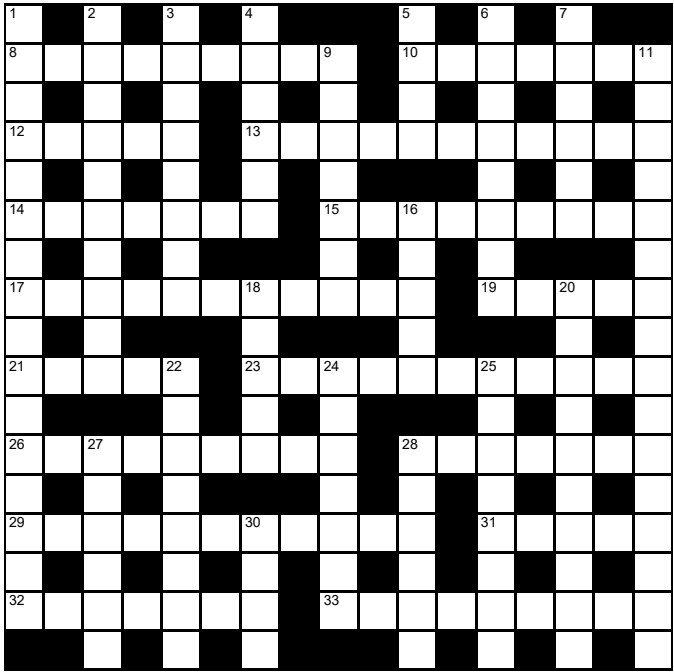
POLYMATH 1,325 by AARDVARK

ACROSS

- 8 Resembling blood (9)
10 Large cup, usually gold or silver, used for drinking wine in Holy Communion (7)
12 US Yiddish slang for a boring person or fool (5)
13 London-born comedian who co-wrote the 1991 stage play *An Evening with Gary Lineker* (6,5)
14 Australian ladybird beetle introduced elsewhere to control pests, especially scale insects (7)
15 In music, a subordinate instrumental part that must not be omitted (9)
17 Study or collection of coins, medals, etc (11)
19 Long-handled pan or bucket for holding and conveying molten metal (5)
21 Lofty nest of a bird of prey (5)
23 To talk the jargon of thieves (6,5)
26 In sport, a round in which losers of a previous round compete for a place in the next round (9)
28 Bond villain who runs the global criminal organisation SPECTRE (7)
29 Sir Leicester Dedlock's lawyer in Dickens' *Bleak House* (11)
31 Country whose flag is, uniquely, not rectangular in shape (5)
32 Extinct ancient language spoken in Asia Minor, deciphered from cuneiform inscriptions (7)
33 ___ Town FC, the first club to wear sponsorship on their shirts, in 1976 (9)

DOWN

- 1 1955 film starring Marilyn Monroe as The Girl (3,5,4,4)
2 Sea cucumber or trepang, eaten as a soup mainly in China (5-2-3)
3 Sword of ___, a thing or situation constantly threatening danger or misfortune (8)
4 First wife of Alexander the Great (6)
5 Unbleached linen, off-white or light greyish-brown in colour (4)
6 ___ Mountains, part of the Appalachian range in northern New York State (8)
7 1985 single by Elton John from the album *Ice on Fire* (6)
9 British flat racing Champion Jockey in 1994, 1995 and 2004 (7)
11 Study of communication in the language of everyday conversation (16)
16 To keep food moist with melted fat or butter when roasting (5)
18 Moonbase ___, main setting for the TV series *Space: 1999* (5)
20 Class of plants with stamens united by the filaments in two bundles (10)
22 Medicine that expels waste or abnormal matter from the body (8)
24 Nickname of the US actor and wrestler Dwayne Johnson (3,4)
25 Edible marine flatfish, the European variety also called fluke (8)



- 27 Originally Basque court sport using a basket-like racket to hurl a ball against a wall (6)
28 St ___ Hall, Oxford University institution whose wine cellar was donated to Blackfriars after its 2022 closure (6)
30 Artificially created hybrid of a goat and a sheep (4)

Solution 1,324

P	E	E	B	L	E	S		A	R	C	H	A	I	S	M	S
R		U		U		O		L		A		L		O		A
I	N	G		V	A	L	E	O	F	E	V	E	S	H	A	M
N		E		V		E		U		S		X				P
C	O	N	C	I	E	R	G	E		A	C	A	N	T	H	A
E		E		E				T		R		N		H		N
T	R	I	O	S	O	N	A	T	A	S		D	I	E	T	S
O		O			O			E		A		R		B		
N	I	N	O	R	O	T	A		U	L	L	A	P	O	O	L
		E		E		T		B		A				Y		A
N	O	S	E	D		I	S	A	K	D	I	N	E	S	E	N
E		C		G		N		S			A		I		D	
W	Y	O	M	I	N	G		S	C	R	I	V	E	N	E	R
H				A		H		I		E		A		B		A
A	F	F	E	N	P	I	N	S	C	H	E	R		L	E	I
R		E		T		L		T		A		R		U		L
T	H	R	O	S	T	L	E	S		B	E	E	G	E	E	S