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ACROSS

- 1 Actor who plays Alfie Moon in the TV soap *EastEnders* (5,6)
- songwriter whose song *Wicked Game* featured in the 1990 film *Wild at Heart* (5)

7 Chris ____ , US singer-

- Wild at Heart (5)

 11 Heavy, unglazed, printed fabric used for curtains,
- upholstery, etc (8)

 12 Biblical captive, Hebrew name Azariah, who left
- name Azariah, who left Nebuchadnezzar's fiery furnace unharmed (8) 13 Ancient landmass which
- later formed northeast Asia (10) 14 Game of Scottish origin, derived from hurling, played by
- teams of 12 (6)

 15 Central supporting column of a winding staircase (5)
- 16 Downy or woolly tuft that covers unfledged birds (7)
- 18 Standard monetary unit of North and South Korea (3)21 Building material of
- interwoven twigs plastered, typically, with a mixture of clay, lime and water (6,3,4) 24 Level of proficiency in
- Japanese martial arts (3) **25** Castle in Gloucestershire, the final resting place of Henry
- VIII's sixth wife, Catherine Parr (7) **26** Mark ___, pen name of the
- US writer Samuel Langhorne Clemens (5) 29 Light yellow semi-hard
- cow's milk cheese of East Prussian origin (6) **30** Line of verse with four
- 30 Line of verse with four metrical feet (10)31 Skullcap worn by orthodox
- Jewish males, especially during prayers or ceremonial occasions (8)
- 32 Nationality of fashion model Linda Evangelista (8)
- **33** Capital city of the state of Bihar, northeast India (5)
- **34** Postulated species of hominid whose remains, found in Sussex in 1912, were later

exposed as fake (8,3)

DOWN

- 2 London borough which contains the entertainment venue Alexandra Palace (8)
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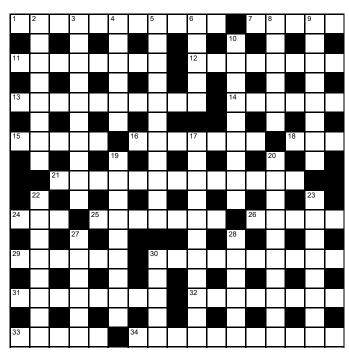
 3 Hypnotic and sedative drug
 taken mainly to relieve
 insomnia, whose brand names
- include Mogadon (10)

 4 Boat propelled by three
- rowers with four oars, the middle crewman pulling two (6)
- 5 Indented or zigzagging line of fortified entrenchment (11)6 Chamois that inhabits the
- Pyrenees mountains (5)

 8 Flat, braided cordage made of rope, straw or grass, used
- nautically (6)

 9 Metric unit used principally
- to measure the wavelength of electromagnetic radiation (8)
- 10 Album by The Beach Boys whose cover depicts the band members feeding goats (3,6)17 US river which flows
- through New England into the Long Island Sound at Old Saybrook (11) 19 Cornish town where actor
- John Nettles was born in 1943 (2,7) **20** Editor of BBC TV arts
- programme *Monitor* in 1958-62 (3,7)

 22 Peruvian shrub or small tree
- whose bark produces quinine
 (8)
 23 Method of film projection
- on a wide curved screen to give a three-dimensional effect (8) 27 Kevin ___, professional quiz player who won *Mastermind* in 1995, scoring a record 41 points in his heat (6) 28 Kobbie ___, Stockport-born
- footballer who made his full England debut in 2024, aged 18 (6) **30** Especially in Indian cookery.
- a set meal of various small dishes, or the metal plate on which it is served (5)



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