

POLYMATH 1,364 by AARDVARK

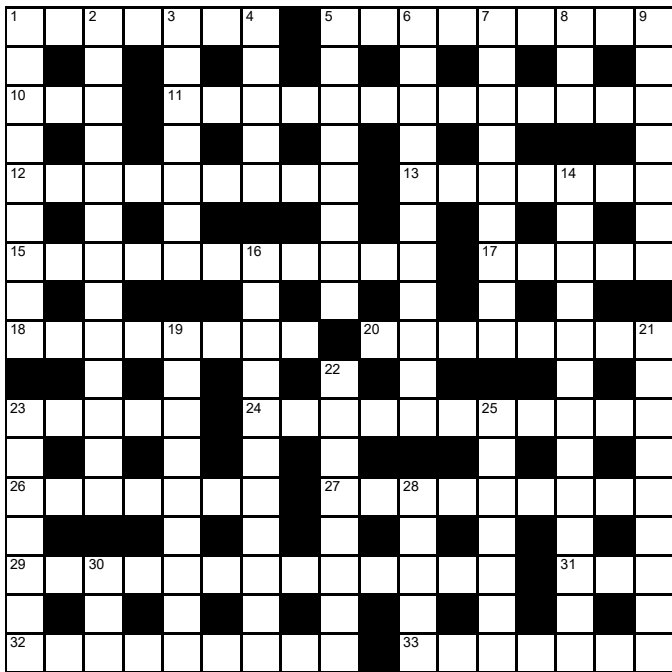
ACROSS

- 1 — Lee, lyric poem by Edgar Allan Poe published two days after his death in 1849 (7)  
5 Grey, waxy, strongly-scented substance secreted by the sperm whale, used in perfume-making (9)  
10 Sheep disease, also called sturdy, characterised by an unsteady gait (3)  
11 In cricket, a lesser batsman sent in to bat earlier, usually near close of play (5-8)  
12 Resort in north Wales, birthplace of Wilf Wooller, one of the country's greatest all-round sportsmen (4-2-3)  
13 Scottish Highlands location used for Hagrid's Hut in the *Harry Potter* film series (7)  
15 Especially in nautical use, a strong knot for joining two ropes by looping and interlacing the ends together (7,4)  
17 System of exercise, invented in the US, based on martial arts movements (3,2)  
18 — — Poms, nickname of the British citizens who migrated to the Antipodes after World War II (3,5)  
20 Original title of the musical based on Margaret Mitchell's 1936 novel *Gone with the Wind* (8)  
23 Philosophical belief in the existence of God as creator of the world, but not as an influence on human lives (5)  
24 Culinary term meaning 'cooked on a skewer' (2,9)  
26 In Greek, a symbol resembling an apostrophe placed over a contracted syllable (7)  
27 Strong espresso coffee made with less hot water than normal (9)

- 29 Extinct marine reptile of the Mesozoic era, with a fishlike body, paddle-shaped flippers and elongated snout (13)  
31 Standard monetary unit of Bulgaria, worth 100 stotinki (3)  
32 French composer who wrote the 1913 piano suite *Sketches and Exasperations of a Big Wooden Dummy* (4,5)  
33 Bar hanging from ropes on which an acrobat swings and performs skilful movements (7)

DOWN

- 1 Long-haired variety of feline, in Britain originating as a hybrid of Abyssinian and Siamese breeds (6,3)  
2 Periodic gap in the myelin sheath of a nerve fibre (4,2,7)  
3 US band who released the 1986 album *Slippery When Wet* (3,4)  
4 Largest city and former capital of Nigeria (5)  
5 Scaly —, the pangolin, a toothless mammal of Asia and Africa (8)  
6 Vain boastfulness, as characterised by the eponymous comic knight in Spenser's *The Faerie Queene* (11)  
7 US city where the Genesee river enters Lake Ontario (9)  
8 Island in the Inner Hebrides of Scotland containing Kinloch Castle (3)  
9 Italian town at the finish of cycling's annual 'Spring Classic' from Milan (7)  
14 Leader of the UK Labour Party 1935-55 (7,6)  
16 Derbyshire moorland plateau, the highest point in the Peak District (6,5)  
19 Sweet —, evergreen shrub



- native to southeast Asia, also called tea olive (9)  
21 Museum where the marble sculpture *Venus de Milo* is displayed (3,6)  
22 Kenyan National Park visited by Elizabeth II in 1952 when she became Queen upon George VI's death (8)  
23 Malleable, yielding, easily influenced (7)  
25 In North African cuisine, a hot paste or sauce of peppers, spices and olive oil (7)  
28 Very small European herring-like edible sea fish (5)  
30 In New Zealand, a social gathering, especially of Maoris (3)

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