

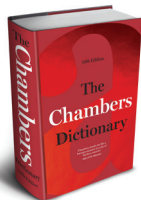
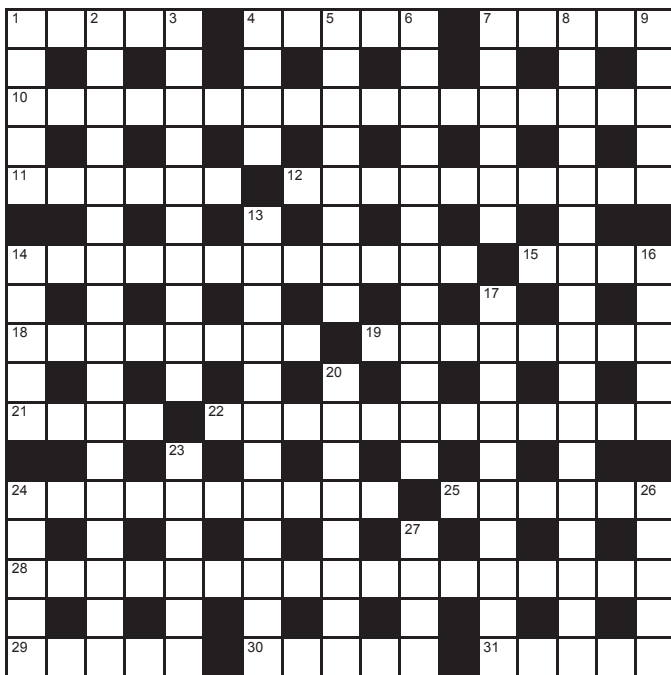
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ACROSS

- 1 Robert, Led Zeppelin's lead singer (5)
- 4 Form of jazz originating in the 1940s (5)
- 7 Brendan, author of the play *The Quare Fellow* (5)
- 10 Scotland Yard detective created by Arthur Conan Doyle (9,8)
- 11 Opera by Verdi (6)
- 12 John, winner of the 1932 Nobel Prize for Literature (10)
- 14 Mountain in Piedmont near the Italian-French border (12)
- 15 A king of Mercia (4)
- 18 Novel by Charlotte Brontë (4,4)
- 19 Monastery and palace built by Philip II of Spain (8)
- 21 Betty, animated cartoon character (4)
- 22 A fish glue or gelatine used as food or medicine (12)
- 24 Rare-earth element (10)
- 25 Enid, author of children's books (6)
- 28 Historic slate mining town in Wales (7,10)
- 29 Tex, animator, creator of Daffy Duck (5)
- 30 Otto, German pharmacologist and Nobel Prize winner (5)
- 31 John Millington, author of the play *The Playboy of the Western World* (5)

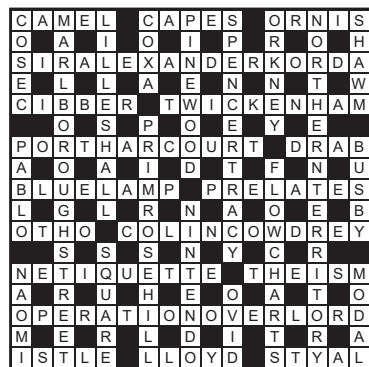
DOWN

- 1 Vincent, actor who played Professor Henry Jarrod in the 1953 film *House of Wax* (5)
- 2 1944 film starring Cary Grant as Mortimer Brewster (7,3,3,4)
- 3 1999 film starring Al Pacino and Russell Crowe (3,7)
- 4 Mike, composer of the Art Garfunkel hit "Bright Eyes" (4)
- 5 Jean-Louis, French actor, noted particularly as a mime (8)
- 6 A ranunculaceous plant with deep-red dark-centred flowers (9-3)
- 7 Nick, the weaver in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (6)
- 8 Edinburgh football club (5,2,10)
- 9 Blake, composer of the music for most of the episodes of the TV series *The Mentalist* (5)
- 13 Breed of cat with unusual ears (8,4)
- 14 The seventh month of the Muslim year (5)
- 16 The administrative centre of Clackmannanshire (5)
- 17 Long drink consisting of gin, lime or lemon juice, sugar or syrup, and soda water (3,7)
- 20 A spicy Cajun stew (8)
- 23 Tom, author of the novel *The Hunt for Red October* (6)
- 24 Type of electronic dance music (5)
- 26 Kel, winner of the Open at St Andrews in 1960 (5)
- 27 Enlarged cells, commonly elongated, in which usually eight spores are formed (4)



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