ACROSS
1 A hymn with words written by clergyman John Newton (7,5)
7 ---- and lot, a municipal tax facilitating franchise pre-1832 (4)
11 A canoe waterway in Brazil (7)
12 A cake of savoury food fried in breadcrumbs (9)
13 “Heartbreak-----”, an early hit for Elvis Presley (5)
14 In mythology, a snake with a head at each end of its body (11)
15 A dramatist of ancient Rome born in Greece (7)
16 A genus of mosquitoes (9)
19 The founding father of England’s folk-song revival in the early 20th century (5,5)
21 The Norse goddess of love (5)
23 Luxurious elegance (9)
26 Carl, Danish composer (1865-1931) (7)
28 -------- and Crayford, a parliamentary constituency in Kent (11)
30 A decree of a Muslim ruler (5)
31 The Bombay duck, dried and eaten as a relish (9)
32 The name of a wife of King David, also a lady’s-maid (7)
33 European river that flows northward through Germany into the North Sea (4)
34 The 17th Earl of Oxford, a courtier of the Elizabethan era (6,2,4)

DOWN
1 Having carbon atoms linked in open chains (9)
2 An obsolete word for a cattle thief (7)
3 A tennis champion who subsequently coached Andy Murray (4,5)
4 Situations in which it is difficult to make clear distinctions (4,5)
5 A summing up of the main points of a discourse (5)
6 A highly spiced sausage, originally from Spain (7)
8 Former name of a theatre, on London’s South Bank (9)
9 Saws once used for penetrating the skull (7)
10 A long loose outer garment worn by Muslims (6)
18 A therapeutic antibody used to treat some advanced cancers (9)
20 A stiff piece of paper once used for inputting computer data (5-4)
21 A system allowing employees to vary periods of work (9)
22 Female journalist and broadcaster born in 1941 (3,6)
23 A type of early three-stringed instrument, a crone (7)
24 A medicinal drug used as an emetic (6)
25 A bone in the human skull (7)
27 An edible marine plant (7)
29 A large Japanese breed of dog (5)
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34 The 17th Earl of Oxford, a courtier of the Elizabethan era (6,2,4)

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