

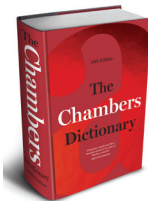
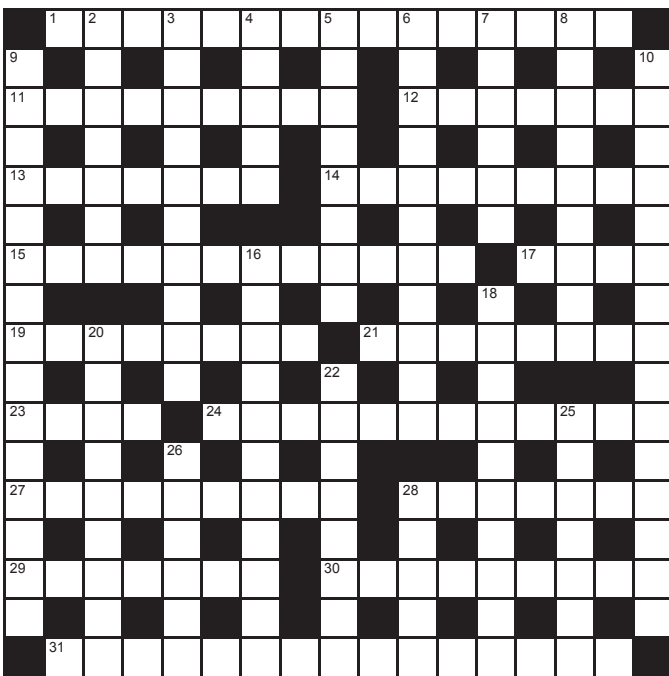
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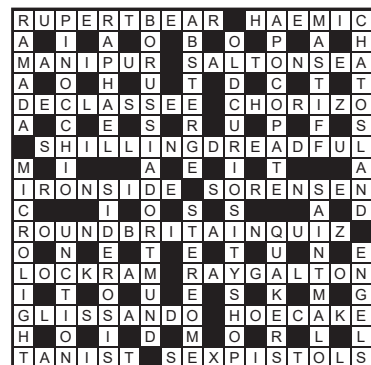
- 1** Philip Larkin's second collection of poetry published in 1955 (3,4,8)
11 A natural hazard in dry countries (4,5)
12 Honorary term for retired professors (7)
13 Croatian ultranationalist group that existed between 1929 and 1945 (7)
14 A neuron (5,4)
15 Tennis player who won his first Grand Slam singles title at Wimbledon in 2003 (5,7)
17 Roman emperor who succeeded Galba in AD69 (4)
19 *The Bonfire of the -----*, a 1987 satirical novel by US writer Tom Wolfe (8)
21 German-born scientist who won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1921 for his explanation of the photoelectric effect (8)
23 Paul, English midfielder nicknamed "The Guv'nor", whose clubs included Manchester United, Inter Milan and Liverpool (4)
24 The ability to sustain effort without flagging (7,5)
27 A thief (9)
28 Italian novelist who wrote the trilogy *Our Ancestors* (7)
29 A form of jazz music with highly syncopated melody (7)
30 A piece of ground let out for spare time cultivation (9)
31 Polish American architect who designed the Jewish Museum in Berlin (6,9)

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- 2** A word or phrase on Twitter used to denote the topic of a post (7)
3 Comedy by Aristophanes first published in 411BC (10)
4 English brand of pottery founded in 1767 (5)
5 To rule imperiously (8)
6 French nickname of the English King killed in 1199 (5,2,4)
7 Mountain goats with ridged, backward-curving horns (6)
8 It is directly over the point of origin of an earthquake (9)
9 French painter (1868-1940) associated with the Symbolist group the Nabis (7,8)
10 Politician seven times prime minister of Italy, who was the subject of the 2008 film *Il Divo* (6,9)
16 A fish of South America (8,3)
18 Old West German policy of seeking normal relations with eastern European countries (10)
20 Central American country whose currency is the cordoba (9)
22 A system of land tenure in India (8)
25 A candidate not on a ballot paper whose name is entered by a voter (5-2)
26 Banking family that ruled Florence (6)
28 To detach a glacier (5)



Solution Polymath 972



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