ACROSS
1 The nightjar (10)
6 Sirs, in short, in French (6)
11 Japanese art of folding paper into animals and birds (7)
12 To darken or bewilder (9)
13 2000 film directed by Ridley Scott, starring Russell Crowe as Maximus (9)
14 Chief executive officer of the Crown in a county who has predominantly ceremonial duties (7)
15 Romance by Vaughan Williams for violin and orchestra inspired by a Meredith poem (3,4,9)
17 Onondaga Indian chief credited with the organisation of the Five Nations (8)
19 Samuel Richardson's epistolary novel subtitled The History of a Young Lady (8)
22 English explorer and navigator who circumnavigated New Zealand (7,5,4)
26 In French, to open (curtains) or spread (arms or legs) (7)
27 Dukedom of Thomas Pelham-Holles, Whig PM twice between 1754 and 1762 (9)
28 Dorset village associated with “martyred” agricultural labourers (9)
29 Pertaining to the daughter of Tantalus, turned into stone after her children were slain (7)
30 US painter of “Light Earth and Blue” and “The Black and the Red” (6)
31 High-ranking diplomatic minister or an Austin family car launched in 1982, manufactured for only about two years (10)

DOWN
1 British prince who is third in line to the throne (6)
2 Town of ancient Palestine whence Saint Joseph (9)
3 Breed of dog which includes toy, Sussex, King Charles and Clumber varieties (7)
4 Stoke, Desborough and Burnham: their stewardship is applied for by an MP wishing to resign (8,8)
5 An environmentalist (8)
7 Native of Maine, Connecticut or New Hampshire, say (9)
8 Official language of Kenya and Tanzania (7)
9 Seven-times Wimbledon Single Ladies champion between 1989 and 1996 (6,4)
10 1988 jewel-heist comedy; the last film directed by Charles Crichton (1,4,6,5)
16 Cathedral city and county town of West Sussex (10)
18 Money earned quickly and not necessarily honestly (1,4,4)
20 A narrow win in a horse race (5,4)
21 Industrial German port at the confluence of the Rhine and the Neckar (8)
23 A sort stage work (7)
24 Sure-footed goat antelope with vertical horns inhabiting mountains of Europe and south-west Asia (7)
25 US songwriter and lyricist of My Fair Lady, Camelot and Gigi (6)

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