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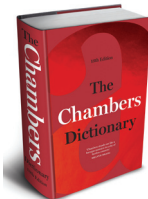
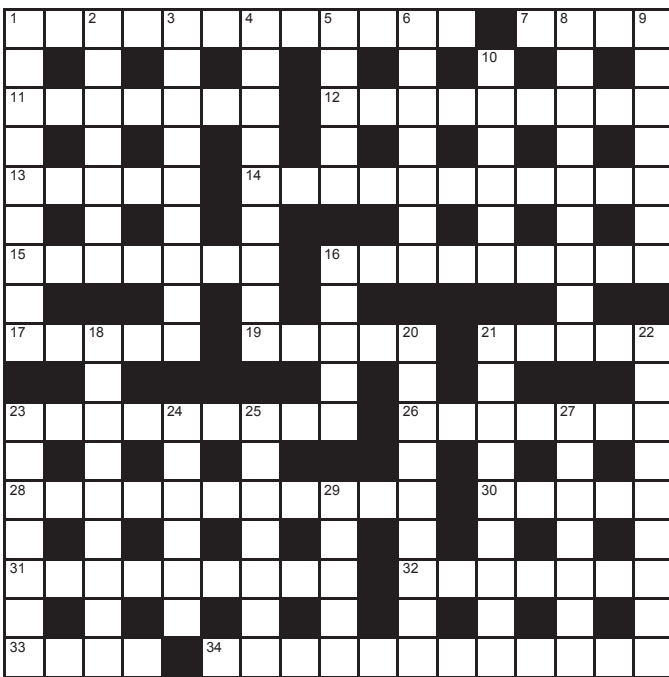
- 1 Plant genus of the arum family, named after the Italian botanist (12)
- 7 Of or pertaining to starch (4)
- 11 Dessert of fruit cooked in sugary syrup (7)
- 12 Heating of internal parts of the body by electric currents (9)
- 13 Jack, the top run-scorer in first-class cricket (5)
- 14 Series of fantasy books written by Mervyn Peake (11)
- 15 Empress of some east European countries (7)
- 16 Rich egg-based sauce, originating in south-west France (9)
- 17 The ----, magazine launched by Richard Ingrams in 1992 (5)
- 19 White heron, with long fine plumes during breeding season (5)
- 21 Philip, "minimalist" US composer (5)
- 23 Manchester suburb, birthplace of philanthropist Humphrey Chetham (9)
- 26 Ancient region in the western part of the Balkan Peninsula (7)
- 28 Of food, roasted or grilled on a skewer (2,9)
- 30 In the Book of Numbers, the son of Helon (5)
- 31 A visual design using the letters of a word (9)
- 32 Canadian writer of the novel *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz* (7)
- 33 Slang term for a young man, originally Irish and Welsh (4)
- 34 Hardy boreal flowering plant, *papaver nudicaule* (7,5)

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- 1 Small skullcap worn by Roman Catholic clergy (9)
- 2 Country whose capital is Windhoek (7)
- 3 Lively tune and dance in two-four time (9)
- 4 Large area of submerged marshland (9)
- 5 Durable, aromatic wood, used especially in furniture (5)
- 6 *The Girl from -----*, a 1964 bossa nova jazz song (7)
- 8 Tequila-based cocktail, often served in a salt-encrusted glass (9)
- 9 Complete set of clothing and accessories for a new baby (7)
- 10 Historical hereditary military governor of Japan (6)
- 16 Mineral of pegmatite deposits, often used as a gemstone (5)
- 18 Disease of cattle and sheep, marked by a distended abdomen (4-5)
- 20 Figure having three sides or faces (9)
- 21 Dorset cliffs, the highest point of England's south coast (6,3)
- 22 Tropical American tree or shrub, having saponaceous fruit (9)
- 23 Spacious four-wheel-drive vehicle used as a pick-up truck (4,3)
- 24 Salutation used in drinking toasts (6)
- 25 The official language of Ethiopia (7)
- 27 London suburb in the Borough of Hillingdon (7)
- 29 Member of a people of south-east India and part of Sri Lanka (5)



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