ACROSS
1 London-born admiral, a contemporary of Horatio Nelson (6,5)
7 (US) A prosperous residential area outside the city limits (5)
11 Of a voice, more typical of the English upper classes (8)
12 Immersed, say vegetables, briefly in boiling water (8)
13 One lacking in spirit or courage (5-5)
14 A mineral salt, hydrated sodium carbonate (6)
15 Horse that finished second to Red Rum in the 1973 Grand National (5)
16 A long, valveless wooden wind instrument (7)
18 To take advantage of free travel or entertainment (3)
21 Nautical term meaning backward or with difficulty (5-8)
24 See 19
25 Mexican shrub with silver leaves that yields latex (7)
26 Informal name for a shop permitted to sell beers, wines and spirits (5)
29 French poet whose birth surname was Grindel (6)
30 A lyrical poem with 19 lines with only two rhymes (10)
31 An oversized page in a magazine folded to the same size as the rest (8)
32 Relating to skiing away from established runs (3-5)
33 King of England 959-975AD (5)
34 2011 film starring Kristen Wiig (11)

DOWN
2 Scottish word meaning unattractive or ugly (3-5)
3 A strong religious or spiritual quality (10)
4 Japanese town, home of the Nikka whisky distillery (6)
5 Legendary enchantress who is said to have been King Arthur's half-sister (6,2,3)
6 The fourth month of the civil year in the Hebrew calendar (5)
7 A curry dish from Goa (6)
8 Eloquence, or (dated) grandiloquence (8)
9 A large computer (9)
10 One of the great comedy actors of the silent film era (6,5)
11, 24 1993 film starring Bill Murray (9,3)
12 Dance popular across Europe in the 16th century (8)
13 Of meat or fish, having been cut into boneless strips (8)
14 Novel by Samuel Richardson published in 1740 (6)
15 Jacket and trouser outfits worn by Chinese women (6)
16 In Norse mythology, the son of Odin and Grid (5)
17 One of the great comedy actors of the silent film era (6,5)
18 Gum obtained from a type of giant fennel, dried and used in Indian cookery (10)
19 2011 film starring Kristen Wiig (11)
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