

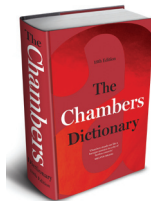
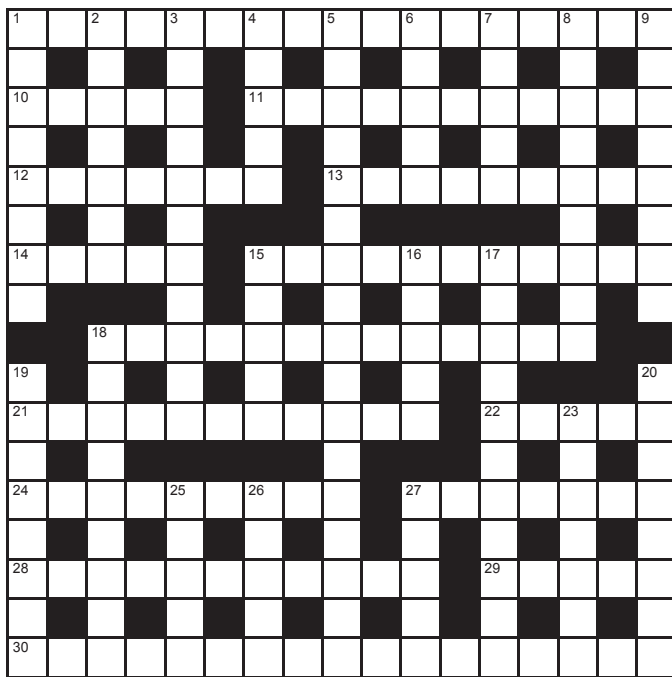
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ACROSS

- 1 An almshouse for blood relatives, such as that built in Leicester by John Johnson (17)
- 10 A type of band on the underside of the tongue in carnivores (5)
- 11 Pleasurable amusement (3,3,5)
- 12 A portable container for hot coals (7)
- 13 Decayed, worn out or antiquated (4-5)
- 14 Sauce made with tomatoes, onions and chillies (5)
- 15 A room with walls that reflect sound, used to measure acoustics (4,7)
- 18 Means by which information is transmitted from the inner ear to the brain (8,5)
- 21 The supply of nerves to organs or other body parts (11)
- 22 The person responsible for the running of a computer system (5)
- 24 Confectionery particular to a Christian festival (6,3)
- 27 German art school, active from 1919 to 1933 (7)
- 28 The act of making something (such as pain) more bearable (11)
- 29 City that Gene Pitney was 24 hours from in 1963 (5)
- 30 The study of the natural features of the earth's surface (8,9)

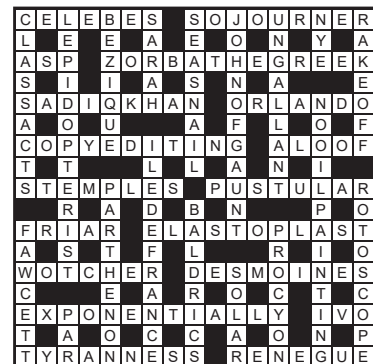
DOWN

- 1 Tropical American evergreen with large melonlike fruit (8)
- 2 An abnormal growth found chiefly on the oak, made by a type of wasp (7)
- 3 Greek philosopher (c610-546 BC) (11)
- 4 A junior assistant, a dogsbody (5)
- 5 1945 film directed by Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger (1,4,5,2,5)
- 6 The central ring of a dartboard (5)
- 7 1973 hit for the Rolling Stones (5)
- 8 Unchanging, ageless (9)
- 9 A hatred of men (8)
- 15 One who has a bit part in a play or film (5)
- 16 A list of an author's recognised, genuine works (5)
- 17 A V-shaped channel fixed to the eaves of a building (5,6)
- 18 A pub or fairground game (4,5)
- 19 "The ---- ----", a song from *The Rocky Horror Show* (4,4)
- 20 The abandoning of one's beliefs or principles (8)
- 23 Any marine bivalve from the family *Pectinidae* (7)
- 25 A postscript in certain forms of verse and prose (5)
- 26 Hawaiian name for the birds nest fern (5)
- 27 US term for a confidence trick (5)



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