ACROSS
1 Ribbonlike gelatinous sea creature (6,6)
7 City in Indiana, birthplace of the Jackson 5 group (4)
11 Scottish town in North Lanarkshire (7)
12 Small skullcap worn by Roman Catholic clergy (9)
13 1929 detective novel by Dashiell Hammett (3,7,6)
15 Soviet minister of foreign affairs in World War II (7)
16 Musically, in a pleasant or playful manner (9)
17 Common songbird with reddish-orange breast (5)
19 Mountainous province of western Austria and northern Italy (5)
21 Hugo, actor in the 1997 film The Full Monty (5)
23 Thin layer of grey matter in the brain hemispheres (9)
26 First civil officer in Jersey and in Guernsey (7)
28 London-born male fashion designer, 1969-2010 (9,7)
31 Without definite shape or structure (9)
32 In heraldry, diving, with head downward (7)
33 German lyric or song, especially an art-song (4)
34 Soprano born Claire Mary Teresa Rawstron in 1944 (4,2,6)

DOWN
1 In Orkney and Shetland, springtime (4)
2 Arctic cetacean whose male has a long spiral tusk (7)
3 Female model symbolic of the “Swinging Sixties” (9)
4 Brand of Scottish single malt whisky founded in 1824 (9)
5 Old armed ship whose upper deck is cut away (5)
6 Genus of small butterflies, usually in metallic colours (7)
8 Mediterranean thistlelike plant with a large edible head (9)
9 The capital of Cameroon (7)
10 Ancient country, now part of Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey (6)
14 Biblical son of Elphaz, Esau’s eldest son (4)
16 Jewish holy day, the Feast of Lots (5)
18 Oxford college attended by former PM David Cameron (9)
20 Stew of meat, with vegetables or ship’s biscuit (9)
21 Cyanobacterium used in dietary supplements (9)
22 Musical phrase or figure played repeatedly (4)
23 Marc, Russian-born French artist 1887-1985 (7)
24 Nickname of the environmental activist Daniel Hooper (6)
25 Antipodean edible perciform sea fish (3,4)
27 Japanese art of flower arranging (7)
29 Dish of grated potatoes shaped into a pancake and fried (5)
30 Ancient Greek portico or covered colonnade (4)

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