

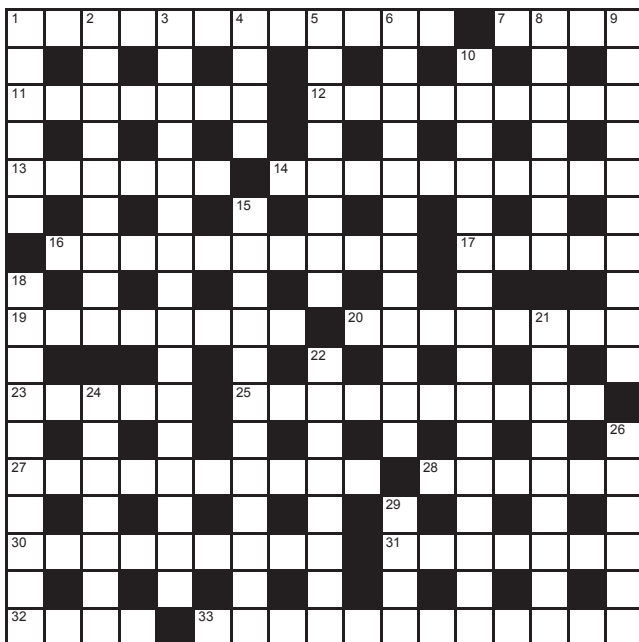
Polymath 649 Set by Cincinnus

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- 1 Manchester is the largest city in this US state (3,9)
- 7 A ring or shackle that secures a staysail to its stay (4)
- 11 Large muscle at the back of the upper arm (7)
- 12 A mirror or lens for focusing light (9)
- 13 A piano suite by Albéniz (6)
- 14 Commander of the British forces in the Peninsular war (1808–14) (10)
- 16 A fine-grained red-brown ebony, streaked with black (10)
- 17 Edible seaweed with broad brown leaves, used in Japanese cookery (5)
- 19 A short sentence sung or recited before or after a psalm or canticle (8)
- 20 A military engine used in antiquity for hurling stones and other missiles (8)
- 23 The organic constituent of soil (5)
- 25 Security pledged as a guarantee for repayment of a loan (10)
- 27 Director of the 1988 film *The Last Emperor* (10)
- 28 A novel by Henry Fielding, published in 1751 (6)
- 30 Home ground of the football club Dundee United (9)
- 31 A market town in East Devon once renowned for lace-making (7)
- 32 River of north-east France and west Germany, a tributary of the Mosel (4)
- 33 English poet who was Poet Laureate 1999–2009 (6,6)

DOWN

- 1 The coypu, or its soft brown fur (6)
- 2 The young of herrings, sprats and similar fish as food (9)
- 3 A novel by Philip Roth, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1998 (8,8)
- 4 Nickname of Victoria Beckham (4)
- 5 In Spanish-speaking countries, an estate including a house (8)
- 6 Star of the 1951 comedy film *Bedtime for Bonzo* (6,6)
- 8 The precinct of Whitefriars in London as a sanctuary for debtors and criminals (7)
- 9 Author of *The Inheritance of Loss*, winner of the 2006 Man Booker Prize (5,5)
- 10 Star of the 1960 film *A Bout de Souffle* (4-4,8)
- 15 Imperfect positioning of the teeth when the jaws are closed (12)
- 18 Oscar-winning star of the 1990 film *Misery* (5,5)
- 21 Italian composer of over 550 harpsichord sonatas (9)
- 22 A signal that danger or difficulty is over (3-5)
- 24 Daughter of Prospero in *The Tempest* (7)
- 26 In billiards, the hitting of two balls successively by the cue ball (6)
- 29 A lateen-rigged Arab coastal sailing vessel (4)



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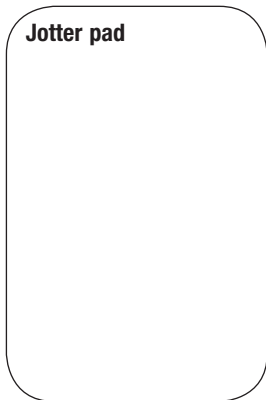
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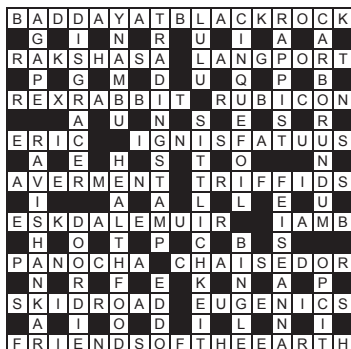


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