

## ACROSS

- 1 Shocks, surprises (8)
- 5 Dickensian brology (4)
- 9 Coated with a common metal (3-6)
- 10 Acquired (3)
- 11 Food used to catch fish (4)
- 13 Enormous (7)
- 16 Old King \_\_\_\_, nursery rhyme monarch (4)
- 18 Whinnies (6)
- 19 Strive for higher things (6)
- 21 Quiet country byway (4)
- 23 Incessantly, continuously (2,3,2)
- 25 \_\_ Davies, 'QI' panellist (4)
- 27 \_\_ G, comedy TV character (3)
- 28 Heedless (9)
- 30 Outer limit (4)
- 31 Writhing (8)

## DOWN

- 1 \_\_ meridiem, Latin for 'before noon' (4)
- 2 216 gallons of ale (3)
- 3 Release (a door fastener) (7)
- 4 Fine point (6)
- 6 South American country (9)
- 7 Wandered in the garden (8)
- 8 \_\_ 'Bede', George Eliot novel (4)
- 12 Upsetting (9)
- 14 Average score within a distribution (4)
- 15 Bring in new ideas (8)
- 17 Capital city of Norway (4)
- 20 Balance on a ship (3,4)
- 22 One of the twelve Apostles (6)
- 24 Foolish (4)
- 26 Bung (4)
- 29 US crime agency (inits) (3)

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