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Across
1 1973 album whose opening piano solo was used in The Exorcist (7,5)
7 UK public body involved in mediation and dispute resolution (4)
11 Quaint or fanciful behaviour (7)
12 A basic standard against which the value of goods, etc is measured (9)
13 Genus of small passerine birds such as the nuthatch (5)
14 A werewolf (11)
15 Christian name of the illegitimate daughter of Lord Byron (7)
16 Sections of roads where motorists may not stop (9)
17 Shakespearean word from Hamlet meaning to maintain (5)
19, 21 Standard of rail travel abolished in the UK in 1956 (5,5)
23 A declaration of intent (9)
26 See 10
28 US quiz show rebranded as University Challenge for the UK (7,4)
30 French Renaissance poet (c1497-1544) (5)
31 Breed of cattle named after a valley in Switzerland (9)
32 A microscopic machine designed to carry out specific tasks (7)
33 To move forward slowly and carefully (4)
34 The shingles virus (6,6)

Down
1 A picture or painting of an urban area (9)
2 Location in dry dock of the SS Great Britain (7)
3 The 1975 Grand National winner (9)
4 Found on a sailing ship above the top gallant (5,4)
5 Deductions, along with PAYE, made from wages in the UK (abbrev) (5)
6 Thin layers of rock or bone (7)
8 A type of sausage (9)
9 Players in Quidditch whose role is to catch the golden snitch (7)
10, 26 Science fiction writer and host of the TV show Mysterious World (6,1,6)
16 The “city of a thousand minarets” (5)
18 Religious festival held on 2 February (9)
20 Area of London substantially redeveloped in recent times (9)
21 A type of woollen cloth, chequered on one side (9)
22 The -------, weekly current affairs magazine founded in 1828 (9)
24 A tentacle or antenna (6)
25 Fictional organisation run by Ernst Blofeld (7)
27 Cheese on toast (7)
29 A species of the genus Primula (5)

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