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**ACROSS**

8, 19 A person with blood group O (which can be transfused into people with other groups) (9,5)

10 Members of a medieval sect, followers of Mani (7)

12 Musical term meaning “all together” (5)

13 Simple swimming stroke (5-6)

14 Australian parakeet of the genus *Platycercus* (7)

15 Relating to a loss of interest in pleasurable activities (9)

17 Australian test cricket captain between 1971 and 1975 (3,8)

19 See 8

21 US actor, Machete in the *SPY kids* trilogy (5)

23 In adults, the third molars (6,5)

26 2010 album by Welsh singer Duffy (9)

28 Obsolete term for a law officer responsible for filing writs (7)

29 Comprising many recesses, angles or corners (4-7)

31 Malay term for an irrigated paddy-field (5)

32 Whig politician generally regarded as Britain’s first prime minister (7)

33 Area of dense, tangled brushwood found in North America (9)

**DOWN**

1 Painting by Brueghel the Elder, now in the Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna (7,2,3,4)

2 A supposed intuitive ability beyond that of normal perception (5,5)

3 Each of the five books of the Hebrew scriptures (8)

4 The feast of the presentation of the Virgin in the temple at age three (6)

5 Unpleasant or distastefully sentimental (4)

6 Roxy Music’s third studio album (8)

7 Area of London NW1 famous for its retail markets (6)

9 The impedimenta of a traveller (7)

11 Surname of the Dukes of Marlborough (7-9)

16 UK and US no. 1 for Lionel Ritchie (5)

18 People used by others for their own ends (5)

20 Teddington-born playwright and composer, knighted in 1969 (4,6)

22 An item of protective footwear (8)

24 Can cause bleeding to stop (7)

25 Something said to be magical that brings good luck (8)

27 In India, a litter often used to transport the sick (6)

28 A type of smoked haddock (6)


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