Crossword 15,674 Set by Goliath

ACROSS
1 In case archbishop covers up investigation . . . . (6)
4 . . . . press “one” if worried to find the answer (8)
9 Expedient to be young with a lisp (6)
10 Drop iron? (8)
12 Persistently troubling relative, joint almost seized (8)
13 Straight in with one strike (6)
15 Appreciate speed (4)
16 Officer found unaccompanied in pass sounds a bit of a nut (7)
20 Appeared without a plan and decorated (7)
21 Spirit not one that’s inherited (4)
25 Pretend backing league regularly is real (6)
26 Find recent leads go blue (8)
28 G12? (8)
29 Syndicate for clarinet not in fashion (6)
30 Doctor having a fatal accident (8)
31 Dynamism of topless 21 orgy (6)

DOWN
1, 3 National Trust country house, perhaps in Dorset? (8,6)
2 Sufficient notice before match (8)
3 See 1 down
5 Prime minister’s garden (4)
6 Rover breaking into flat is forgiven (8)
7 Tidy million finally polished off (6)
8 Things that happen in Eastenders almost never return (6)
9 Game corner in series first half (7)
10 Senior finished pocketing money (7)
11 Time off for what is charged by museum (8)
12 Traitor act needed to break into trade secret (8)
13 People agree rationally (8)
14 Having a higher temperature, compiler’s admitted to part of the hospital (6)
15 Film producer made us do it (6)
16 Stay with mother in control (6)
17 Once upon a time in the north (4)

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