

Crossword No. 290

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Across

1. True author of long poems apparently by wizard Weasley. (5)
4. Shortened discourse about genus *Fulica* and the kick-bike. (7)
8. Side order enjoyed just like the music backing for the soloist. (13)
9. Deep like the ocean depths discovered (unusually) by a lass. (7)
10. Base-8 system a clot muddled up. (5)
11. Absent and well placed data from a computer. (6)
13. Transgress away from work, to a purpose. (6)
16. Physician quickly visits sick with trepan. (5)
17. US spies containing harm misused main local language in Addis Ababa (7)
19. Baker's power tool to make thrilling lemonade? (8,5)
22. Notice animal hide disorderly in spire. (7)
23. Himalayan goat wool just fire detritus in the hours after noon. (5)

Down

1. After Brazil, just before a party, Miss Gardner had to put on a show of courage. (7)
2. Unstable hero of a hit movie. (5)
3. Anaesthetized cranium of a nincompoop. (9)
4. This wire fastener is a principal commodity. (6)
5. Senior Jedi in a kimono sash. (3)
6. Showbiz venue demolished at three. (7)
7. Tell on the Spanish honey badger. (5)
10. In unexplored territory so no longer relevant to a movie or TV drama. (3,3,3)
12. See an ancient galley: time for the French to laugh before me. (7)
14. University of Miami follows fine interior style for propriety. (7)
15. You can find it in a Cheshire town, and it's just rock salt (NaCl). (6)
16. To prepare a speech from which any sales pitch has been deleted. (5)
18. City on Panay — or sax backing on Palawan? (5)
20. Gently hit a spigot. (3)