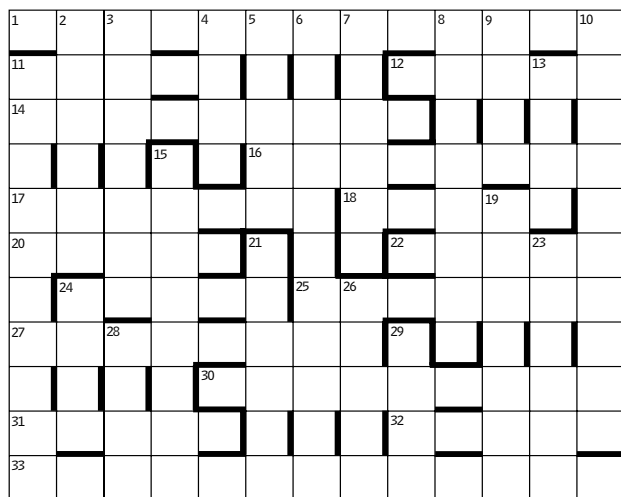


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ACROSS

- 1 Rough old beer with infusion of creeper is so brewed – it's fatal to birds (13)
 11 Studied in French university, stuck into book? Not me (5)
 12 Class showed signs of aging, we hear? (5)
 14 Become passé, died alone, areas of activity halved (9)
 16 Where some worship and live, death's confounded (8)
 17 Predatory male given protection by courtier (cellbate) (7)
 18 Islamic princes: is it *them* cine-clip's shown jerkily? (5)
 20 Australians' luggage sent back, causing ill-temper (5)
 22 Kite died with little air around? (5)
 24 What you'd find in conquest Romans displayed? (5)
 25 Rear stabilizer? Make adjustment to it final (7, 2 words)
 27 Once beginning, elder alongside king is one making appointments (8)
 *30 Required by fashion (9, 2 words)
 31 Refill pile-driver? There's work in that (5)
 32 Fish by stern of bawley, the Saucy Sue? (5)
 33 Is shortened amateurish Shakespearian tragedy including the window cleaner? (13, 2 words)

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Across 1, anag. less r; ref Kipling poem; 11, hidden; ref. classical legend; misleading ref. to rowing club; 15, sap + or; 17, anag. in ore 2; 19, renal in anag.; 22, anag. in aia; 28, i.e. camel train; 30, odd for r in dry; 31, hidden rev.; 33, t + anker.

Down 1, Kt in bhai; 2, h + echt; ref Ben H., US journalist & playwright; 4, i.e. corn in trie; 6, resent (qv) in piment; 8, par. + point; 9, limo(u/s); 10, (c)entre + e; 16, b + bar in anag.; 20, dip (rev.) in ras; 21, anag. less a + e, & lit.

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DOWN

- 2 Mounting hitches involving outside broadcast once provided (6)
 3 Child's cutlery that woman's thrust into face (7)
 4 Well-behaved, typically doffing hat (4)
 5 Diver consumed by self-loathing re belly-flops (5)
 6 Subsequently confined, palsied (not dead, poorly) on the same side (11)
 7 Component of penicillin to produce effect in rising sickness (6)
 8 Red colouring is still taken up in heraldic border (8)
 9 Pander leaving smack on Jenny's cheek? (4)
 10 Two boxes to fill in on form? Not one concerning period in later life (10)
 11 Stove when lit produces blast – warts and all! (10)
 13 What'll cause Jock's mulligrubs? Qualified dentist, ordinary filling (4)
 15 Rattle e.g. describing rondo, combined with round (8)
 19 Have a drink? Minion will fill what we call the vessel up! (7)
 21 Portrait painter admits getting drunk, wanting company (6)
 23 Neglect long enveloping southern States (6)
 24 Work unfinished, hence terror mounts? (4)
 26 Emerge as part of year is ending (5)
 28 Amino-acid to treat the old man (4)
 29 Gobsmacked – 'Stone must be lost,' he commands (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended, but surprisingly does not give 25 (in the New Oxford Dictionary of English).