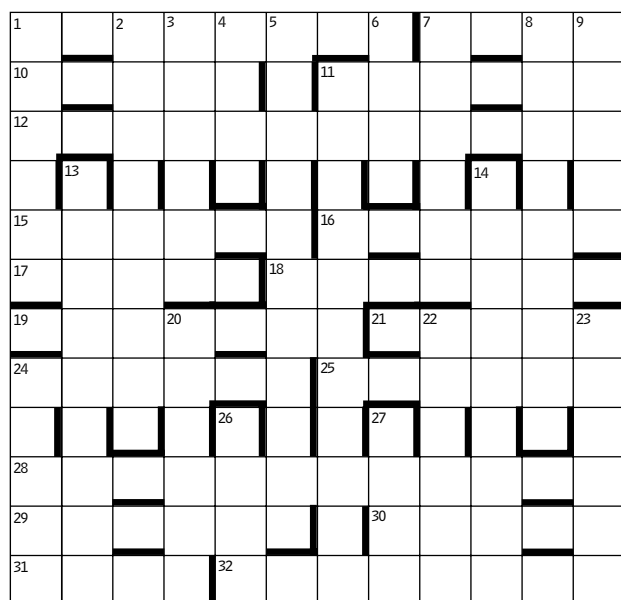


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ACROSS

- 1 Red colouring stuff disguised a lino stain, old, I got rid of (8)
- 7 Innocent (say) character starting out in university course (4)
- 10 Dullness for all to see in a dimwit (5)
- 11 Cross-roads: vehicle turned by sign for it? (6)
- 12 Experiences farewell that's almost unrestrained at heart – a foreign one (12, 3 words)
- 15 Cutting put in tin? The opposite (6)
- 16 Mine flooded with water recalled bit of *Birdsong*? (6)
- 17 Sudden sharp blow circling north – such a breeze soon passes (5)
- 18 Colours: some altered density (7)
- 19 Strained relations? *This* riled a star possibly (7)
- 21 Upper class finally sunk low in recession (5)
- 24 Being humble, rarely gets back (left out) with leader of team (6)
- 25 Jock's corridor in rail transport I'll quit heading east (6)
- 28 My metal rings need reordering, with irregular delivery (12)
- 29 More advanced musically without backing of king (for Lully) (6)
- 30 I'm much in evidence in Biergarten (way away from piano) (5)

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A	S	P	E	R	G	I	L	L	O	S	I	S
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Across 1, asper + gill⁴ + anag.; 11, u in volu(me); 12, 'greyed'; 14, ob. sole sce(nes); 18, comp. anag.; 27, ord + ainé + R; 31, op in tup; 32, huss + y; 33, 's + the in hammy Lear.

Down 2, OB in ties (rev.); 3, her in puss; 4, (t)ruly; 6, later in anag. less d; 8, lies (rev.) in orle; 9, s(mack) + ass; see Jenny; 10, i.e. sex, age + nary; 11, anag. + toots; 13, o in DDS; 15, rotal in cum; 19, serf in her (all rev.); 21, on in (Peter) Lely; 23, s US in die; 24, ergo(n); ogre (rev.); 29, agha(st).

PRIZERULES

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- 31 Scot's to direct 'Melody Time' (4)
- 32 Thin soup mostly containing meal and fodder plant (8, apostrophe)

DOWN

- 1 Champion's inside knowledge leading to fast run (6)
- 2 Dry and in trouble, as of old? Try coke (9, 2 words)
- 3 After temperature, aunt's dispensed old-fashioned panacea (6)
- 4 He kept people locked up – a restraint (4)
- 5 Swamp bird from Tyrol, strangely, among brood of young (11)
- 6 Nelson's No. 1 active on flagship emptying contents for fleet (4)
- 7 Aggregate used for edging border, as charged? (6)
- 8 VIPs hiding points – insanity! (9)
- 9 Finished cold chop up with a slice of tomato (5)
- 11 Bit of land in Canada fringed with wild erica, evergreen (11)
- 13 Bony fishes I found beneath eel-set, to set free (9)
- 14 Tiresome ten-year-old, say, icky, anger dissipated (9)
- 20 Skivvy at the manse, daily rising around noon? (6)
- 22 I'll be enthralled by under wear colours (6)
- 23 Shakespearean plot needs to be resolved around end of play (6)
- 24 Revile endless church service (5)
- 26 Extract from seismogram indicating what necessitates mask? (4)
- 27 Fool ingesting special substance (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended.