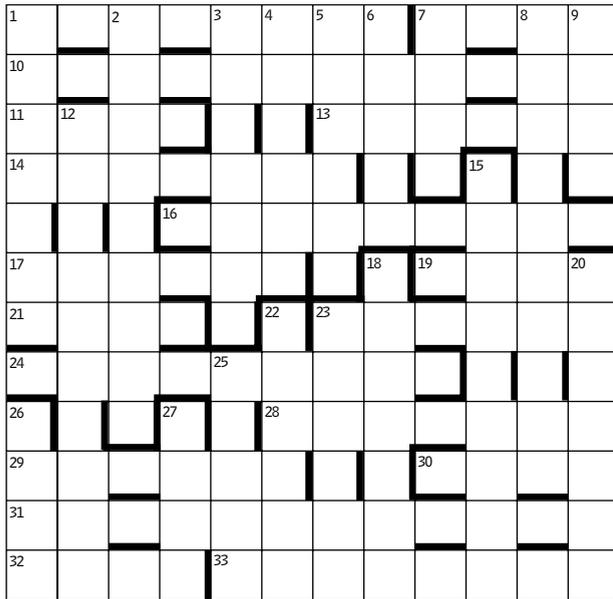


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ACROSS

- 1 Old lecher getting me in the stomach (8)
- 7 Soggy bit of bread, hot – one was fresher earlier (4)
- 10 Tropical climbers: one is a riot growing wild round lake (12)
- 11 Archaic slang talk confined to German glossaries (4)
- 13 Cooking pot – one put in what's fit to eat, removing lid (6)
- 14 Secular piece of glass on account of being inserted wrong way round (7)
- 16 One who earnestly sought rest disturbed with pigeon around (9)
- 17 Gentile girl he excited with kiss (6)
- 19 Tiny amount, or nothing, held in palm (4)
- 21 Leather shroud (4)
- 23 Was chattering fool catching fish? The opposite (6)
- 24 Part of fossilized tree – it's vaguely discernible on grand lunar levels (9)
- 28 Soldier with sword, its head concealed in his cloak (7)
- 29 Crafty old horse a length behind favourite (only third) (6)
- 30 Classical pianist: you'll find Verdi — may be varied (4)
- 31 Gynaecological surgeon having nothing against out of control MO's messing with it (12)

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A	C	A	C	K	L	E	T	K	H	A	Y	A
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Across 2, K in c(or)acle; 14, ref. Rick Stein and Ken Hom, TV chefs; 16, prep(one); 17, a+ anag. in this, & lit.; 18, tran+sen (rev.) in sients (= grafts); 25, anag. incl. o; ref. Cicero, *Orations in Catilinam*; 29, 3 meanings; 31, anag. less L; 32, que+ll; 34, i.e. big-bosomed.

Down 1, tat in aski; 3, hidden; 5, 3 meanings; 6, common euphemism (originated by *Private Eye*) for 'drunk'; 10, use in MD; 11, i.e. yo(n) gi(n); 12, first letters; see prod; 19, anag. incl. n; 20, nic(k) in sale; 24, MI in holy (n); see prone²; 27, see Eleatic; 28, hidden & lit.; 29, Stet(son).

PRIZERULES

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32 Overcast? Band of rain we see heading westwards (4)

33 Training cord round front of pastern – does it make horse lame? (8)

DOWN

1 Bulging crone turned up clutching wayward imps (7)

2 I cover up after love in hussy's embrace – it offers new hope for baldies! (9)

3 Former skipper trained tars on American ship (7)

4 No country-dweller, wet one when it's stormy (6)

5 First-born's share of Nuffield estate (6)

6 Carouse is getting stuck into Franconian red (5)

7 Was looking up after getting round constant low point? (4)

8 Showing certain columns I penned, after long lunch in El Vino's? (10)

9 Meat, round end of T-bone, the colour of blood (4)

12 Part of entablature with e.g. pictures put up in repository (10)

15 Extract of yams? Stirred dose in gin (9)

18 Keen on opening chart in crow's-nest? (7)

20 Butter potato beginning to dry up, upset about it (7)

22 Jack I exchanged for money for autorickshaw? (6)

23 Adorned old jar with square inside (6)

25 What serpent shows cutting ultimate bit of sour apple? (5)

26 What only the gullible believe in? Objectively we'll admit owning up (4)

27 Old peasant, one remembered for his tunes (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended.