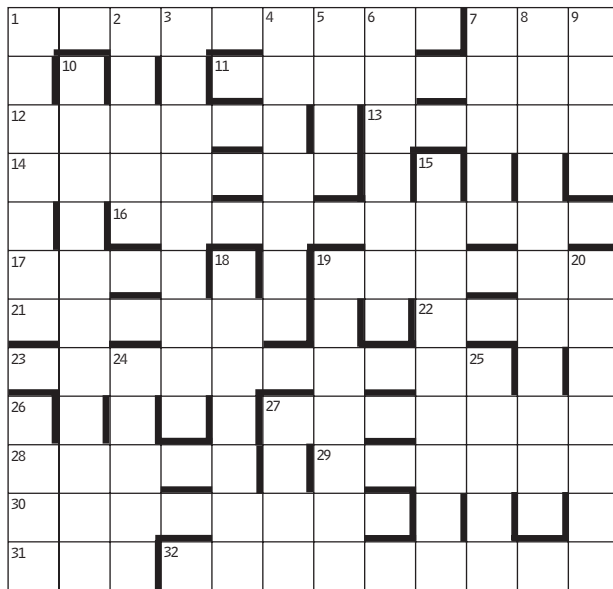


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ACROSS

- 1 Revenge killer: a thick da's brandished by one (9)
- 7 Being economical, ring off in e.g. Harrogate (3)
- 11 Although lapped, mum was racing in endurance test (8)
- 12 Like colloidal solutions as they change, some turning little glossier (6)
- 13 Refuge getting rid of its last donkey (5)
- 14 Lets rip, waving claymore? (7)
- 16 Territory welcomes chopper returned to store, part of early warning system (10, 2 words)
- 17 Sing loudly beginning or end of Sanctus (4)
- 19 Succeeded after something of a poser turning corks (6)
- 21 Curly salad plant, lavish? Is tucking in (6)
- 22 Name applied to discontinuity in mankind switching parts (4)
- 23 Special food addict given work by Monica, as broadcast (10)
- 27 Alien greeting don omitted from drone, on judge entering (7)
- 28 Drill etc involving boy (not the first) – such a one? (5)
- 29 Nod off in theatre seats in adjacent parts of front stalls? (6)
- 30 Lithe after working out among trainee airmen? (8)
- 31 Plant found in some uplands (3)
- 32 Insists on including senior officer in actions (9)

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Across 1, anag. + leman; 10, a + Li(b)ya; 12, cf. tours; 14, nips gel (rev.), & lit.; 15, comp. anag. incl. ap. & lit.; 17, lei in pit + on; 20, anag. incl. c; 27, bu(d) + tea; 29, I set (rev.) in Eros; 32, anag. + anag.; 33, b in tone.

Down 1, a lag in pi; 2 (de)sig(n) + 1; 4, hidden; 7, E Trier; 9, comp. anag.; ref. E. Milliband forgoing autocue in Labour conference speech; 11, malis in a nit; 13, i.e. Ron G (greenwood); ref. England football managers; 16, sung rebe(!); 21, late + NT (National Theatre); 22, sv sell; 25, do in sot (rev.); 27, s in (t)tle; ref. characters in Euripides *Bacchae*; 21, (st)utter; 30, R in teed; ref. golf, the Royal Oak.

PRIZERULES

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DOWN

- 1 Die, what g-gold-diggers do when climbing, caught out (7, 2 words)
- 2 Indian-style puree, just the thing for one of Gandhi's Harijans (5)
- 3 RR goes with gas supply – I started it! (9)
- 4 An aid when giants ruled the world? (7)
- 5 The old gang fell a little short (4)
- 6 Characteristic appearance girl discerned in German dwelling (7)
- 7 Share of lavish reward for Kate? (5)
- 8 Right hand opening old breviary, start to enunciate nice meaty chunk (11)
- 9 A lost —? Not a saola – wild (4)
- 10 Tableware overseen by policeman requiring a hand (11)
- 15 Old countrymen holding doorpost up, making changes (9, 2 words)
- 18 Attractive person, after time increasingly vacuous, I shunned (7)
- 19 Church council's like this mélange of icy dons (7)
- 20 Parties: in due course I smoke (after the Scotch) endlessly (7)
- 24 One on bed of nails maybe had us fooled! (5)
- 25 What monks wear looks gloomy, top to bottom (5)
- 26 Sell rainwear taken up (4)
- 27 Oily fruit having off-putting smell about it (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.