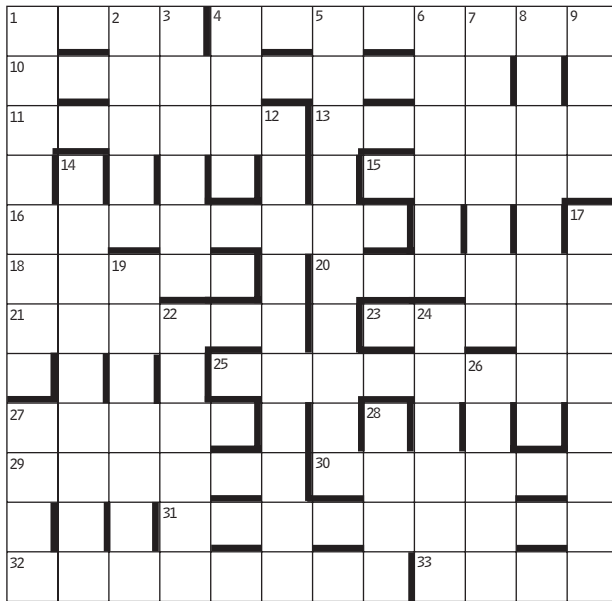


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ACROSS

- 1 Fine American naval vessel creating bally-hoo (4)
- 4 See, a person's caught woman showing face but no neck (8)
- 10 Any small island gets littered with a coral... group such as this? (10)
- 11 A lot of herrings, catch when gutted to chew noisily (6)
- 13 Part of the body in charge of brain system (6)
- 15 Ring in hand to introduce stealthily (5)
- 16 Prehistoric carnivore, one wandering Urals – look therein (8)
- 18 Plant extract reaped by small children (5)
- 20 Mammal taking flight at a gun going off (6)
- 21 His Excellency's loose living leading to fine, historically (6)
- 23 Scots digging heels in are still letting English in (5)
- 25 Water in spate damaged garden plant (8, 2 words)
- 27 Terrace: name for one in The Strand (5)
- 29 Pressing Monsieur Gentilhomme's clothes (7)
- 30 Daughter after material for e.g. summer dresses was struggling (6)
- 31 Prehistoric piece Noel composed (9)
- 32 Ready to drive? After end of binge soak getting back in hesitated (8)
- 33 Tot with dash of tequila in revived wine (4)

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Q	U	E	S	T	R	I	S	T	P	A	L	P
E	K	A	T	H	A	K	C	R	O	M	B	R
M	U	S	A	R	C	C	R	I	N	O	S	E
B	L	U	R	A	Y	S	Y	M	G	R	I	P
R	E	F	R	E	S	H	E	S	Y	O	Y	O
A	L	D	I	P	A	U	L	A	H	U	S	S
N	E	S	L	A	L	B	O	T	O	S	O	S
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'Snowflake' words (clockwise from top left diagonal): BRAKES, BUSH, GLOBES, BOOT, MOBILE, BIRD, BOARDS, BALL

Across 1, anag. in quist; 12, at hak (I'm); 13, R in com.; 14, u in MA; 15, c rinse; 16, l u in bays; 18, r in anag.; 22, yo(u) x 2; 23, cf. dial; 25, hidden; 28, K in cay; 30, comp. anag.; 33, tin anag.; 38, p, r in anag.; 42, E Cie (rev.).

Down 2, ule in ule; 3, anag. in sty; 6, sc(a)ry; 7, 3 meanings; 9, m in arou(s)e; 10, posse (qv) in pressed; 11, ranchmen in anag.; 20, en = N; 24, i.e. butter; 25, TT in anag.; 26, Kir in set; 27, 0 ne + tie; 34, 'popped'; see Eleusinian; 37, 3 meanings; 39, hidden; principal = duellist.

PRIZERULES

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DOWN

- 1 Ugly mug, every one in café cracked (8)
- 2 Scots disperse to cruise round clubs? (5)
- 3 It's fused with radioactive waste, special and reverse of dull (6)
- 4 Hen but not in e.g. Surrey as of old (4)
- 5 What's tunable, bit discordant, taking time to deliver? (10)
- 6 Fabulous bird I start to manhandle in the grass without hesitation! (6)
- 7 Regular appearance, slightly constrained (7)
- 8 Instances of arrest, i.e. steps vaguely involving old copper (9)
- 9 Pipe, something chewed up with time (4)
- 12 Two of four elements, one of them treated, in what's fatal to cattle (10)
- 14 Collie, livid, left in lake (9, 2 words)
- 17 Brown ragged denim clothes going well together (8, 2 words)
- 19 What runs along it, misguidedly let outside? (7)
- 22 Consume mushroom in battered tin (6)
- 24 Science base, not that including carbon (6)
- 26 Plant bract, what may be brown in part (5)
- 27 Was necking, we hear, in boozy session (4)
- 28 On rising cook up something to eat (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. It gives 14 at the entry for its second element.