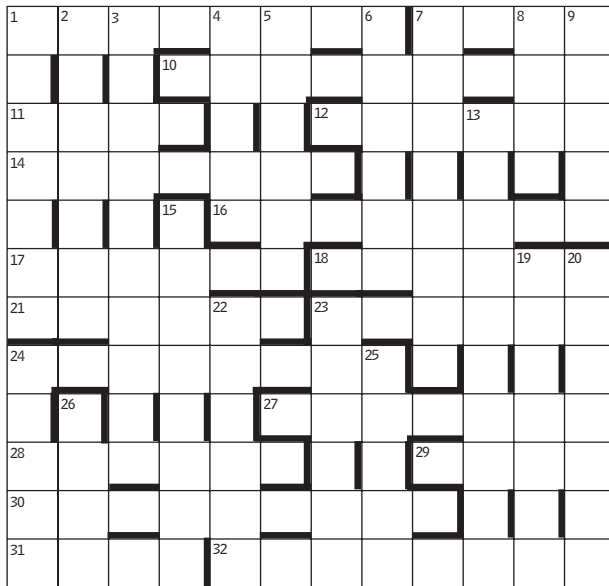


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ACROSS

- 1 Pub shut for renovation, money invested – encouraging sign (8)
- 7 Developer provided success (4)
- 10 Grievances against former despot penned in a rag, funny (9)
- 11 Book by one doing time for robbery (4)
- 12 Horse entered – it's included by gum! (6)
- 14 What'll get one in a film excited? (7, 2 words)
- 16 Head's not pro getting one in for warning (8)
- 17 One deriving perverse pleasure in art making statement about depth (6)
- 18 Police supplying rhythm maybe surrounding Sting's No. 1 (6)
- 21 Metallic oxide making air hot when scattered (6)
- 23 Baby with a certain knack bent back rattles (6)
- 24 Jam? Little good with obstacle holding lid tight (8)
- 27 One of several spine parts found in adolescent ruminants (7)
- 28 I make progress in routine get-up (6)
- 29 Down and out in Paris? I'll need a hand to start with (4)
- 30 Irregularity, like return of TV trophy put to the test (9)
- 31 North-country sport, feature of local district? (4)
- 32 Short course that's new replacing ten in outermost parts (8)

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Across 10, sir (rev.) + anag.; 13, raw (rev.) in ans.; 15, imp in Gy; 16, le R for n in king; 17, lo + Bella (l); 20, strin(g)s (rev.); 21, in E in dome; 26, anag. in tore: round = indirectly; 27, oi in id (E); st; 29, (h) earts (rev.); 31, missis + h; 34, E in anag. + tingly.

Down 1, anag. less l in by; 3, to + anag.; 4, i.e. chat becomes that if c is t; 5, a itch ain Kurds; 7, anag. incl. (pi) nk; 8, Exer ted; 11, cf. iwis; 12, alien in n aits (rev.); 18, O vidi (L. = I saw) an; 19, (Jacques) Lous(s)ier; 22, Ar. in song; ref. 9 Down; 24, sv Limbo; 25, given (n); 28, t' rod (rev.); 30, ane(w).

PRIZERULES

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DOWN

- 1 Bust smeared with fat, treatment for old syphilitic? (7)
- 2 Foreign sweet, hot one with molten stuff, a bit of honey (7)
- 3 Having stirred a pudding, no cooking is required (10, 3 words)
- 4 Fish from river? Look delighted when catching it (5)
- 5 Greek islander, drunk, receiving foreign friend (6)
- 6 To be sure, old diaper should be scrapped (6)
- 7 Clever clogs using cheeky spiel to capture the market (8)
- 8 E.g. Oxford, second therefrom? I can handle data aplenty (4)
- 9 Extremes of penalty for mutineer (5)
- 13 Expresses disapproval of merits distorted in product promotion (10)
- 15 Raid damaged capital landing strip etc (8)
- 19 Turkey spotted cat to wallop (7)
- 20 Noodles getting artery in a mess, needing treatment (7)
- 22 Light in poetry that is seen round island, soaring (6)
- 23 Tax of old that includes eastern coin (silver or gold) (6)
- 24 For me, home is around heart of Everest? (5)
- 25 Cook's last single coming up, right hard ball (5)
- 26 Orchid potted in sand is arid (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.