

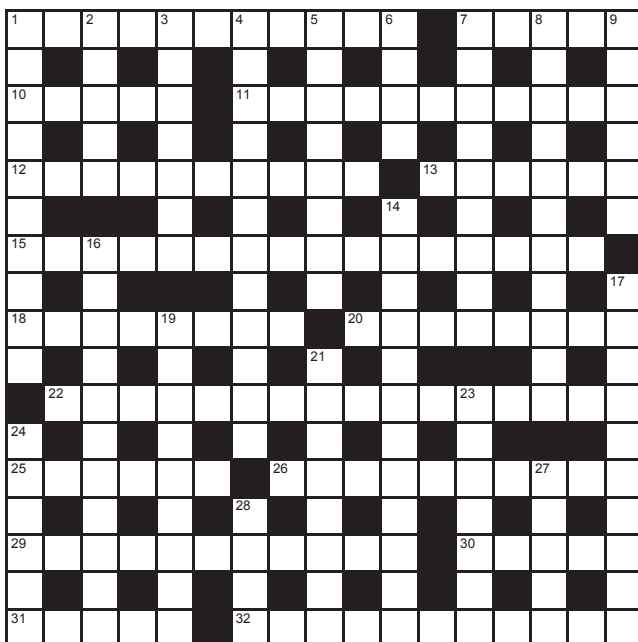
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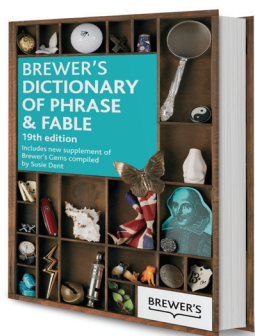
- 1 Opera by Benjamin Britten first performed in 1945 (5,6)
- 7 City in the Veneto that is the setting for much of *The Taming of the Shrew* (5)
- 10 A mountain nymph (5)
- 11 Chancellor of the exchequer between 1983 and 1989 (5,6)
- 12 Another name for the dogfish or wolfish (4,6)
- 13 Desert shrub whose edible seeds yield an oil used in cosmetics (6)
- 15 Character based on Oswald Mosley in PG Wodehouse's Bertie Wooster novels (3,8,5)
- 18 Interjection used at the start of a bingo game (4,4)
- 20 Diameter of the opening through which light passes in a camera (8)
- 22 Jazz composition by the Dave Brubeck Quartet formerly assumed to be based on a theme by Mozart (4,5,1,2,4)
- 25 Maritime republic now known as Dubrovnik (6)
- 26 A cocky impudent person (10)
- 29 Site in Peru often called the "Lost City of the Incas" (5,6)
- 30 Soviet space dog who became the first animal to orbit the earth in 1957 (5)
- 31 A spirit of the air (5)
- 32 US term for the central reservation on a motorway (6,5)

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- 1 In Greek mythology, a rogue who attacked people and stretched them on a bed or cut off their legs (10)
- 2 A person who drinks too much tea (5)
- 3 A public dancing party in the 18th and 19th centuries (7)
- 4 England football manager between 1977 and 1982 (3,9)
- 5 Tree cultivated for its white, pink, purple or yellow showy flowers (8)
- 6 Jonas, US virologist who developed an injected vaccine against poliomyelitis (4)
- 7 A thick yellow fog (3-6)
- 8 Former Archbishop of Cape Town who was a leading opponent of apartheid (7,4)
- 9 Trojan hero and son of Anchises and Aphrodite (6)
- 14 Streamlined fish also called the oceanic bonito (8,4)
- 16 Relating to the science of the deformation and flow of matter (11)
- 17 The anti-heroine in Thackeray's *Vanity Fair* (5,5)
- 19 Geographical term to describe a large part of the original Cotton Belt in the US (4,5)
- 21 ----- passenger train, electrically powered transport designed to run at 156mph and to tilt at curves (8)
- 23 A ring-shaped structure (7)
- 24 One of Dumas' three musketeers (6)
- 27 Matt, Sussex and England wicketkeeper (5)
- 28 A rawhide thong (4)



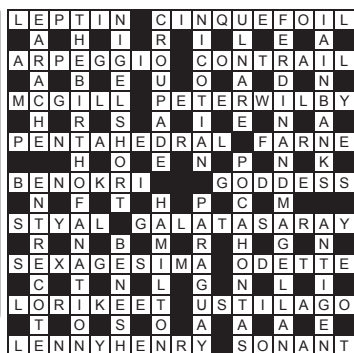
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