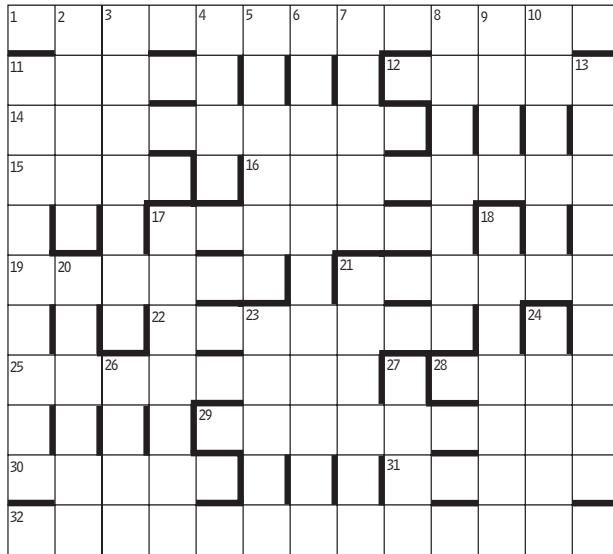


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ACROSS

- 1 Dog having half of life in Spain, French mongrel? (13)
- 11 Returning lift from activity in market town (5)
- 12 Beam one's seen with sun briefly appearing in Whit (5)
- 14 Dung, complete, in rings, identifying prehistoric creature (9)
- 15 Jock's intimate friend (4)
- 16 'E cut ice sorbet roughly – it makes equal halves (8)
- 17 Sow maybe in even earth, at the surface thereof (7)
- 19 Point in Ptolemaic system? Riding excludes it (6)
- 21 Welcome in place for Islamic adherent (6)
- 22 Is it beyond tiro jazz drummer? Sort him out (7)
- 25 Turkish bigwig has invested money, wearing fine fleecy stuff (8)
- 28 Opponents at table following in sequence turn over card (4)
- 29 Clever dick getting sailors into singular calamity (9)
- 30 Box, mostly flat these days, still contains will shortly to be read back (5)
- 31 Capital in Oz yielding ready money there once (5)
- 32 Seed grew, seen spreading round area – higher plants evolved therefrom (13, 2 words)

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Across 1, s/ad; 6, for/t; 12, b/old; 13, m/ime; 14, bi/g; 15, tos/s-up; 16, sow/s; 18, r/ead; 20, r/ing; 22, au/la; 25, ra/ce; 27, p/ries; 29, bea/ns; 31, hi/m; 32, can/ine; 33, me/t; 34, mat/uring; 35, te/ach.

Down 1, t/ome; 2, las/s; 3, c/ringers; 4, bea/k; 5, lat/ent; 7, ar/gand; 8, contra/sting; 9, gra/tis; 10, mo/od; 11, l/ots; 17, bu/rn; 19, be/rated; 21, ap/t; 23, soil/d; 26, m/uck; 28, plan/ish; 30, fo/ot.

PRIZERULES

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DOWN

- 2 Scottish drunk about to relieve himself in chamber (5)
- 3 Bathe upside down, stomach showing slice of solid body (7)
- 4 Nancy scorned such marriage (not I), coming up (4)
- 5 Statistical unit to stick up in den (6)
- 6 US creeper, i.e. mixing with a King's don (11, 2 words)
- 7 Twitch head of orchid in bouquet (5)
- 8 Vanity formerly admitted by one who was no gent (7)
- 9 Dictionary label to summon, so described (4)
- 10 Attend to tight corset (6)
- 11 It may threaten production of cider or beer, mine (9)
- 13 Shield-bearer showing urge of old to learn, always (9)
- 17 Lug Scots viewer round modernist artist (not No. 1) (7)
- 18 Old poet read up Latin and English, separate (7)
- 20 Trembling state after two successive helpings of liquor (6)
- 21 Strict legal tradition has broken song up (6)
- 23 US birds, youngest dropping in (5)
- 24 Head of state? One such, causing sorrow? (5)
- 26 Exclusive floor (4)
- 27 Make room for five-letter sequence (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.