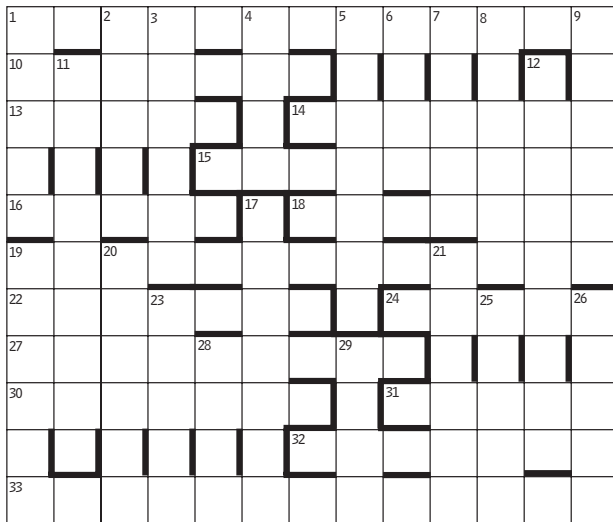


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ACROSS

- 1 Punters search distractedly for pickpocket (13)
- 10 When coming from behind old horse breaks bone (7)
- 13 Egg cell produced by ducks before due time in Scotland (5)
- 14 Biblical apparatus (a large number or one) (7)
- 15 Was frightened of consuming article only lightly touched (9)
- 16 Historical land tax the Queen leaves to disperse (5)
- 18 Tantrum made public, ordered outside (7)
- 19 Historian, chap confused with gen? Horror (13)
- 22 In a thin voice you'll need to rebuild with line not forte (7)
- 24 Middle distance for Muscovite, run in singlet (5)
- 27 Tribal, yet roaming free (9, 2 words)
- 30 Religious teacher gets going about source of ecumenism (7)
- 31 Strange guys having regular trim of matted locks (5)
- 32 Darwinian unit, information held in rectangular compartment (7)
- 33 We'll be accepted by group the misguided term 'deep' or 'benign' (13)

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A	S	P	E	R	S	O	I	R	A	M	W
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Across 1, asper² + soir (Fr. = evening); 12, anag. less d, r; 15, anag. incl. r; sv Bordeaux; 17, cf. tripple; 20, lin Ayn (Rand, US novelist); 22, gree(t) x 2; 25, LA + Sting, former lead singer of The Police; 29, Z a pat a; ref. 1952 M. Brando film *Viva Z.* (dir. Elia Kazan); 31, toi(let) x 2; 34, a tat in noria.
Down 4, glade (rev.) in anag.; 6, polite with O for p; 7, an aur(a) (rev.); 8, comp. anag. & lit.; 9, mis + tier; 11, Amazon in anag.; 19, cf 'brute fat'; 21, a gat in nay (all rev.); 24, comp. anag.; 28, 0 in nose; see twitch; 30, (up) pity.

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DOWN

- 1 Tenderloin like this is bathed in juice when flipped (5)
- 2 Chariot: race that involves this etc (5)
- 3 Reel for denoting dramatically lyrical music (6)
- 4 Jock's artfully dextrous getting fish to rise (4)
- 5 Fervent until trapped by a girl (7)
- 6 Pooh accordingly delays bit of honey to the end (4)
- 7 Product of Tesco, it's added to and enlarges one like itself (5)
- 8 Cheer up jumper overturned in ditch when one's thrown (6)
- 9 School book? Number left off study in the back (6)
- 11 Conservative, tho' with EU etc prepared for a bunk (9)
- 12 Make early plans for speed ring, circuitous (9)
- 17 Little bird, young filly filled with energy and oomph (7, 2 words)
- 19 Mingling of vowels, key moment when 'i' becomes 'a' (6)
- 20 Clergyman losing head in service offering advice on parenting (6)
- 21 Exercises outside, wind rising – woolly coat maybe needed (6)
- 23 It's performed doloroso, dreadful when a bit of giocoso intervenes (5)
- 25 I must rise for senior churchman's reception – that's understood (5)
- 26 In contact with uppish maid, was flirting (5)
- 28 District held by rebel troops (4)
- 29 Miners' truck? It's for aligning machine parts (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.