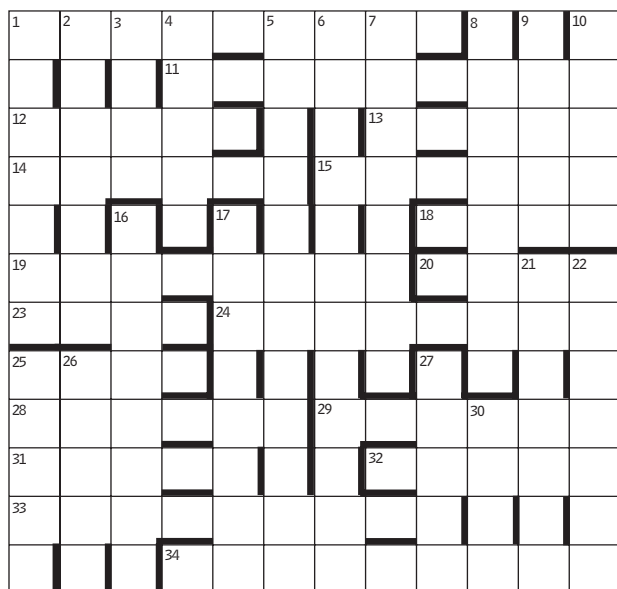


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ACROSS

- 1 Husband, certainly gutted in AA? It involves booting bag around (9, 2 words)
- 11 Understand the girl's turning in, hang on (9)
- 12 Sword thrust? There's legal compensation when end of point goes in (5)
- 13 Showy bird left man in a dither about love (5)
- 14 Old rose bush, uncovered, about to be taken inside (6)
- 15 Ointment, last of tube kept in box (6)
- 18 Bore ready for an audience? (4)
- 19 Fence, one chaps installed to separate clan division (8)
- 20 The choir's part in response (4)
- 23 What's headed the wing gets to kick back (4)
- 24 One following team perhaps, making RU go better with help? (8)
- 25 'Last gasp' from cronk chest? End for Aussie (4)
- 28 Melodies recalled evening abroad, ideal surrounding (6)
- 29 Australian cheers on local native after cessation (6)
- 31 Old bushwhacker? 'Tis he, on the loose (5)
- 32 Wedge, Sandy's said, finding the hole? (5)
- 33 What one should put brakes on pub staff do (9)
- 34 Performances in concert galvanized singer? Yes (9)

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Across 9, choul try; 13, a Co. in arede; 16, i.e. Mural(i), short name for Muralitharan, former Sri Lankan spin bowler; 17, i.e. Bri(0)ny; 19, 'Maced'; 28, B + lini(ng); 32, a + six (rev.); 33, dell in anag.; 34, anag. + rings.

Down 1, crim in SS + handy; 4, c + lag; 5, anag. + num(b); 7, Dior is tic; 8, lo! + den; 14, reams in coda; 22, ja (Ger. = yes) + eger; 23, Senec(a)'s (rev.); 27, (Ar.) moire; 30, (r)acer; bean = head.

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DOWN

- 1 Typical of a clown or loveless vagrant? Blunder follows (7)
- 2 Accessible era poet represented (7, 2 words)
- 3 Clever man's humble having *this* inside (4)
- 4 SI unit, last element of a discussion given prominence (5)
- 5 It's essential to steel industry – I see e.g. Pilsen drunk here (12)
- 6 Little Miss M., a child with no traces of plaited hair, in a long dress? (12)
- 7 Root covering, one in a hundred (8)
- 8 Bairn's lament with principal interrupting first period? (8)
- 9 Forming an outgrowth got at by e.g. locusts, last moving northwards? (5)
- 10 Sample of dolcelatte where you'd find it served up? Wasn't engaged? (5)
- 16 Not a thing for Parisian to feed to Minou possibly! (8)
- 17 How mischief-maker behaves, mean about his crinkly (8)
- 21 Take to exalted level HM entering lift (old) (7)
- 22 Vital forces, so misapplied with goner (7)
- 25 Sort of gruel? Twist has one after end of work (5)
- 26 Heretic raising some money in Africa (5)
- 27 Urban community contributing to Labour gains (5)
- 30 Indian food, tandoori may be made with duck and this (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.