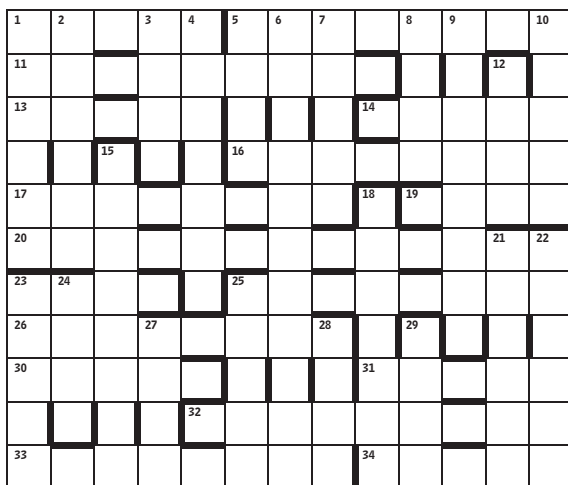


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Across

- 1 Breton speaker maybe caught in shower (5)
- 5 Strip of metal, line inside corrected backing (8)
- 11 Drugs jar, overturned jar, left empty inside (9)
- 13 Hard disc in sport area, durable (5)
- 14 Evangelist's contribution to vernacular making comeback (5)
- 16 Cheer up once having kicked coca craze (8)
- 17 Ancestor penning opening for troubadour's speciality (8)
- 19 Good base for healthy complexion (4)
- 20 A third Marconi distorted in common chord (13, 2 words)
- 23 Mop was in a mess – head for barber (4)
- 25 It'll kill fish, joint being thrust into mass of their eggs (8)
- 26 Heading for the sunset from Scotland, news breaking about list at sea (8)
- 30 Calm earlier, one's heading for large centre of cyclone (5)
- 31 Stuffing, one tucked into nuts, right? (5)
- 32 Nile up-lane diverted, not a regular monthly phenomenon (9)
- 33 King's fool (annoying) about to move faster backwards – it's automatic (8)
- 34 Lizard that's all right replacing most of tail (5)

Down

- 1 Catholic (to detractors), head as of old full of sanctimonious stuff (6)

- 2 Evergreen climber displaying tangled caulis (6)
- 3 One of many in the north to take a break from work there (4)
- 4 Take advantage of pictures etc put up, done badly (7, 2 words)
- 5 It's havoc if station's lacking good spirit (4)
- 6 Campaign worker broadcast lie etc, a whopper (11)
- 7 Lancashire's opener cracking six – a piece of cake? (5)
- 8 Party losing muscle? It's looking gloomy (4)
- 9 Composition for a violoncello (quartet lost) or other instrument (8)
- 10 Invigorate partly low energy, given a lift (5)
- 12 Litter from end of picnicking in wood? It's mounting (4)
- 15 A bishop on a bishop's seat, new installed, in fine embroidery (8)
- 18 Sandy's fastened most of metal tools (7)
- 21 Sheep and a variety of hens (6)
- 22 Maid holding large ungulate? Employ one for striking character (6, 2 words)
- 23 Morag's nimble woman in loose gown (5)
- 24 Last to show age will folk shrivel, being old? (4)
- 25 Satellite channel exercised having lost director twice (5)
- 27 No longer showing restraint, in part of Dirty Den (4)
- 28 Scotch fatty downed rapidly (4)
- 29 Stop around middle of psalms for Gloria (4)

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Across 1, red in pic amental; 13, peepe(d); 15, anag. in tie²; 16, i.e. hidden when 'married'; 24, i.e. bed ad; 25, a drama (rev.) & lit.; 33, anag.

Down 2, radio laria(t) n; 4, hest in c, y; 6, E p(r)imer; 7, t + egg; 9, earn in led; 11 acta (rev.) in FT; 17, VA + cance(l); 19, m + Slade (rev.); 29, Ell(l)s.

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