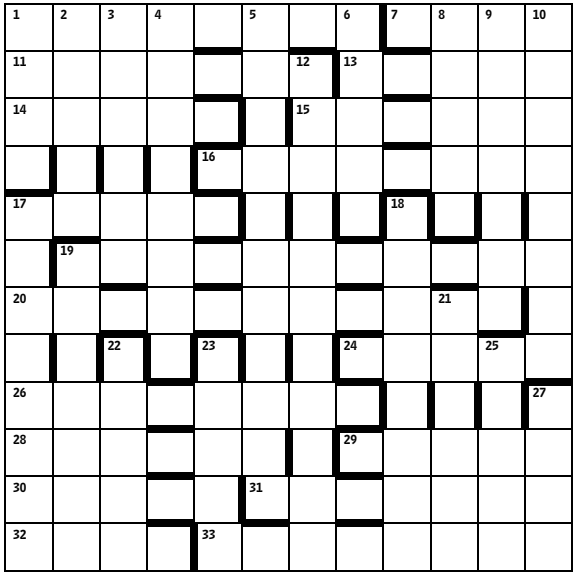
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Across

1 Second glutton goes round smart hotel displaying fizz (8)
7 Have another go at doctrine lacking leader (4)
11 Shaft attached to front of favourite bit of gym equipment (7)
13 Extra attachment for jockey (5)
14 Sound of band, not amateur, showing enthusiasm? (5)
15 Climber, male, read ranges abroad (6)
16 Metal worker, enthusiast about gold stone (8)
17 Discontinued currency unit mostly originated including pound (5)
19 Where attention is focussed, a hundred and others mature (11, 2 words)
20 Refinement, not common with rebellious group (11)
24 Female rarely round, once near (5)
26 Like dirty old jokes left aboard cruiser at sea? (8)
28 Wild horse dad found entering lake, small one (6)
29 Love-drug provided by blade according to hearsay? (5)
30 Shows disagreement casting initial V sign (5)
31 Increasingly plucky American, one in the groove (7)
32 Revelation from Calcutta narks may appear here (4)
33 Strawberry runners? Means rat at work possibly (8)

Down

1 Venue for classical lectures leads to serious talks on Athens (4)
2 Old-style homily directed downward (5)
3 A nice walk? Eric's last as leader maybe (6)
4 Phosphorus in mine dug out called into question (8)
5 Love scraping by in economical dairy farming (11)
6 Old monarch covers self-confidence in warm coat (5)
8 Unhealthy swelling became deadly in part? It must be lifted (5)
9 The old justify varied reading (7)
10 Specialized orchard park officer placed in old yard (8)
12 Lo, cheer reverberated in outing that recalls French flag? (11)
17 Pressure regulator to secure toast when it' s done? (8)
18 Pale? A lot, tee I mishit (8)
19 Accountant having to accept a stigma as bitter tonic? (7)
21 Source of river in Geneva? (6)
22 Stone Age tool I found in Scottish stream (5)
23 Larval excrement? With *this* it becomes pertness (5)
25 Gender, formerly, what may be hedged round say (5)
27 So-called fern I omitted from headdress (4)

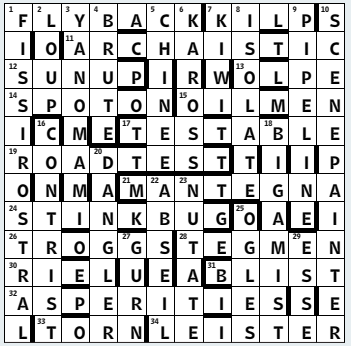
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Across 11, chais(e) in artic; 12, un for 0 in soup; 15, anag. less d; 19, ref. Toad's passion for cars in *The Wind in the Willows*; 31, see B-list at B; 33, torn(ado).
Down 2, 0 in pul(l) (rev.); 3, noma in yam + 1; 4, 'bruit'; 9, ref. 'pipe line under the ocean'; 18, big Amis t; 22, AB + lies (rev.); 25, (t)ogles(s).

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