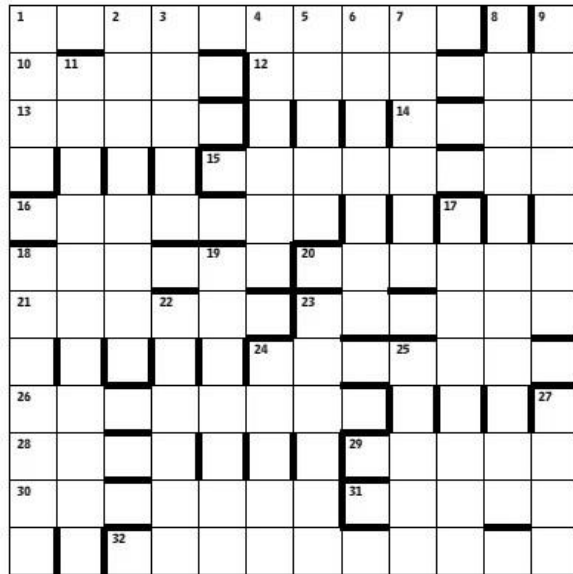


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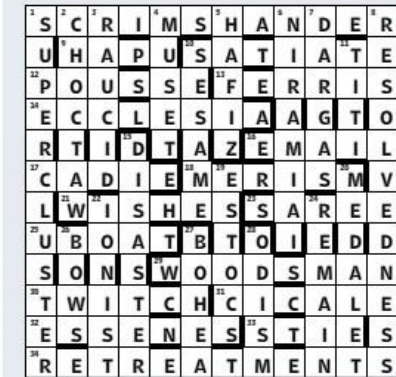
- 1 Cop must, in crash with cab or US sports car, say (10)
- 10 S. Indian tree, once wan, before being brought in (5)
- 12 Traditional American individual, about 50, with jaunty lid (7)
- 13 United yarn spun with a single component (5)
- 14 Flanker making interception in clean tackle (4)
- 15 A Moomin novel learner follows, consisting of one word only (8)
- 16 One practising psychotherapy, I use rolling in hospital bed (7)
- 18 I lost pity and almost declined old rebuke (6)
- 20 Poet's handle: 'past its best' where English is involved (6)
- 21 Oral tumour oozing pus, i.e. round front of lip (6)
- 23 Extract of wool half made with torn rags (6)
- 24 Extremes of accent in an Italian maybe, displaying a strong one (7)
- 26 Knockout in G and S? It may be fatal for asses (8)
- 28 I live without (ultimately) dead parts of intestine (4)
- 29 Grass splits, last coming forward to front (5)
- 30 Mount new production of what's fashionable, including moving set (7)
- 31 Measure to beat heroin (5)
- 32 Information a long time delayed in top military office (10)

Down

- 1 Chat maybe opens up in Shakespeare (4)
- 2 Source of flummy fit to appear in fog? (8)
- 3 Plain Scotch (watery?), recipe shown in several bottles (5)
- 4 What's associated with chips, containing nothing sour (6)
- 5 Youngster, type that's dropped in (5)
- 6 Toadle shifting to accept right – tending that way? (7, 2 words)
- 7 Old rose, something from Canterbury see in Church? (6)
- 8 A neat butler organized topping structure (11)
- 9 Part of cereal diet – see Mall for cooking (7)
- 11 High Court order, one on page received by gardener (11, 2 words)
- 17 Showy plant, a flag planted in miraculous venue (8)
- 18 One sails northward in company describing islands? (7)
- 19 Ornithologist turned up feather shaft, damn peculiar (7)
- 22 One gets in after expected time, fuzzy (6)
- 23 Dragonfly died on motorway, tail missing (6)
- 24 Combine in bit of work in muddled group cutting lee (5)
- 25 Ingredient of varnish, cloudy, covering stone (5)
- 27 Soft, old, and heavenly, not real (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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Across 9, ha' + up (rev.); 21, she in Wis.; 23, comp. anag. & lit.; 32, ness in see (all rev.); 33, cf. site.

Down 1, anag. + luster; 6, aim rev. in anag.; 7, ref. La Sagrada Familia, Barcelona cathedral; 11, Titi(an); 15, dis(h) + aster; 22, on is. in it; 27, b oh ea; 28, 0 + dism(ask).

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