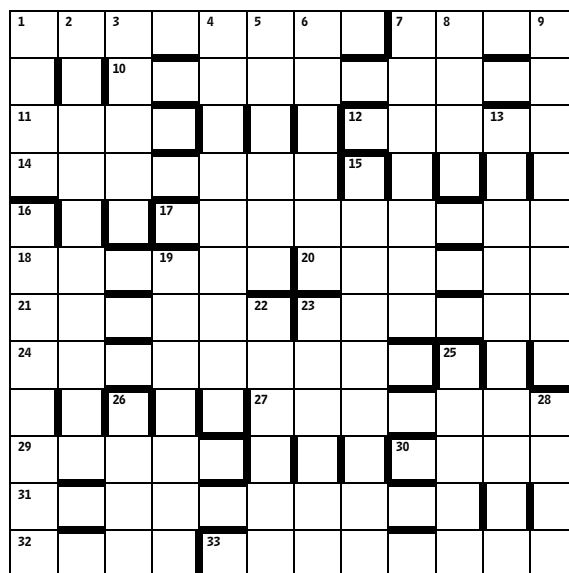


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### Across

- 1 Outstanding performer? Margate's thrilled (8)
- 7 What may be piping hot, making one curse? (4)
- 10 Comic interlude, very old, filled with pulp mostly (10)
- 11 Betrayed first sign of senility, getting on (4)
- 12 'Hush'? *That's* 'mum', put another way (5)
- 14 Clever dick? Reverse of studious person – quite (7)
- 17 Coverage in *The Scotsman*, say, rants nobleman penned (9)
- 18 Head of Rugby no lad's messed with? (6)
- 20 Scientific geek absorbed in dispute chiefly (6)
- 21 Extremely frosty exchange? (6)
- 23 Jock's one to admit hoax and feel disgrace as before (6)
- 24 Road sign needs to be this round start of excavation (9)
- 27 In which you'll see more than one slope arms and get drilled (7)
- 29 Old philosopher, one mostly kept in readiness (5)
- 30 Middle of September? Heavens, it's often fine for a picnic (4)
- 31 They were plotting part of bowling green in street strangely (10)
- 32 What's associated with Milton (centrally)? Blindness may have affected such (4)
- 33 Search Scots in quick movement? They may do that (8)

### Down

- 1 Deer e.g. avoiding marshy ground (4)
- 2 What may create worried reaction, or conversely (10, 2 words)
- 3 Dance making you miss work (5)
- 4 Troubled pal taken in by jocular Australian subtitle? (9)
- 5 Noble nag was at the front of the field (6)
- 6 Talisman, a cross with letter associated with one? (6)
- 7 Hiding head was expensive for Dick – being one such? (7)
- 8 Pale blue component of Paraquat (4)
- 9 Male sitter, recognized locally? One deserved hanging (8)
- 13 Felt-tip, one creating circles Margi scrawled (10)
- 15 Former assemblies mostly screened, broadcast in postscript (9)
- 16 Follower of Huss curtailed forbidden liturgy (8)
- 19 Like sea creature's fur? Sailor I spotted clothed in one (7)
- 22 Top of helmet I found in Crimea, battered, rear piece missing (6)
- 23 Sailor joining middle of sail, not all at once (6, 2 words)
- 25 Perch causing head of splinter to pierce bottom (5)
- 26 Eponymous hero appearing in early page (not English)? (4)
- 28 Blond may change? Yes, looking at latest colours (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. It does not give the short form referred to in 7 Down.**

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1	C	O	P	P	Y	S	C	C	A	R	B	S
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**Across** 12, anag. in a pup; 15, end in per do; 19, (helic)opter; 31, anag. less o, & lit.; 34, bes(t) + OM.

**Down** 1, ref. 7 Ac.; 2, opera in anag.; 3, tale (rev.) in pric(e); 8, pie in ace; 11, pool in sed; 22, see noddyl; 24, police with t for c; 29, iv in to.

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