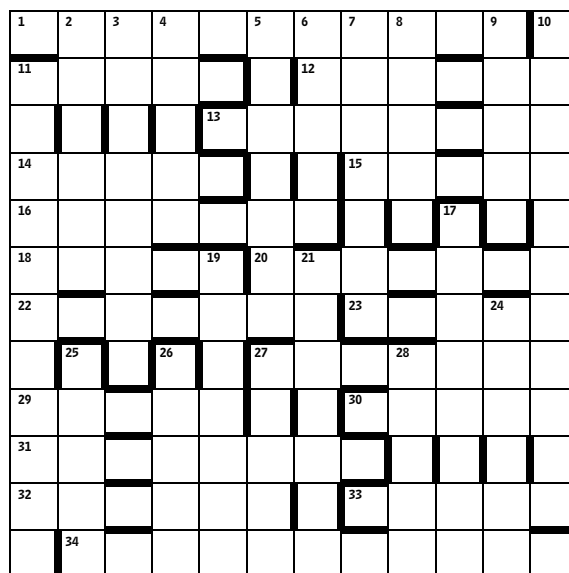


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Across

- 1** CIC? I'm apt for training around him, combining characteristics (11)
- 11** Sandy's stated condition for hairstyle (5)
- 12** Old Scandinavian line, one for fastening nets (6)
- 13** Autumn time – strange breeze featuring in fringes thereof (8)
- 14** A king swathes heart of château in 'lumpy' coating (5)
- 15** Serving prince, deceased (5)
- 16** Carol and Jackie, maybe, offspring (7)
- 18** Spiritual leader, one caught in heated criticism, making comeback (5)
- 20** What was dizzying? Appalling cost – well I never! (7)
- 22** Sore lip after battering? It gives the game away! (7)
- 23** Link in bracelet or chain (5)
- 27** Old horse with pedigree? See harness frame (7)
- 29** Access via code – observe trap (5)
- 30** Chemical combination – page includes it for support (5)
- 31** Forceps lulls Eva being operated on (8)
- 32** Give animation to wild ones, duly free of curbs? (6)
- 33** Hoppers emptied fields bagging ale's components (5)
- *34** A fib (11)

Down

- 2** Right hand used in Pompeian artwork (not left) – unidentified material (6)
- 3** There's a smell endlessly round mobile lat or ... this? (8)
- 4** Fine porcelain greeting oriental Buddhist (5)
- 5** Opossum some damaged grabbing limb (7)
- 6** By the sound of it you are in pub to prepare for tea (probably not!) (5)
- 7** Azedders battling for preferment? It's an old conspiracy (7)
- 8** Singers may hum it contralaterally in part (5)
- 9** Working at clothiers? Ah, toil with such snips maybe (5)
- 10** Spot leaders taking shelter in dozy-looking lot (11)
- 11** Dodgy old doctor, mercurial? I'll go for one twice (11)
- 17** Rusty flex around was annoying (8)
- 19** One strolling pathway in warm coating (7)
- 21** Crop in conveyance moved slowly (7)
- 24** Measure of old grain a client ordered I shifted (6)
- 25** What palmist may read that's put on (5)
- 26** Peak like this may be seen in Old Man (5)
- 27** Cloak from past enveloping everything (5)
- 28** What's left in loose earth raised in a fine stream once (5)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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Across 1, lu(sh) in anag.; 18, Tati in anag.; 24, 'law did'; 26, cf. tiller²; 27, (s) ignore; 33, ide in sways.

Down 2, dul(l) a in aria; 9, ceas (qv) in deed; 11, anag. incl. merest (6 Dn); 22, d + uncow(led); 25, rod (rev.) + sa.

Rules and requests

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