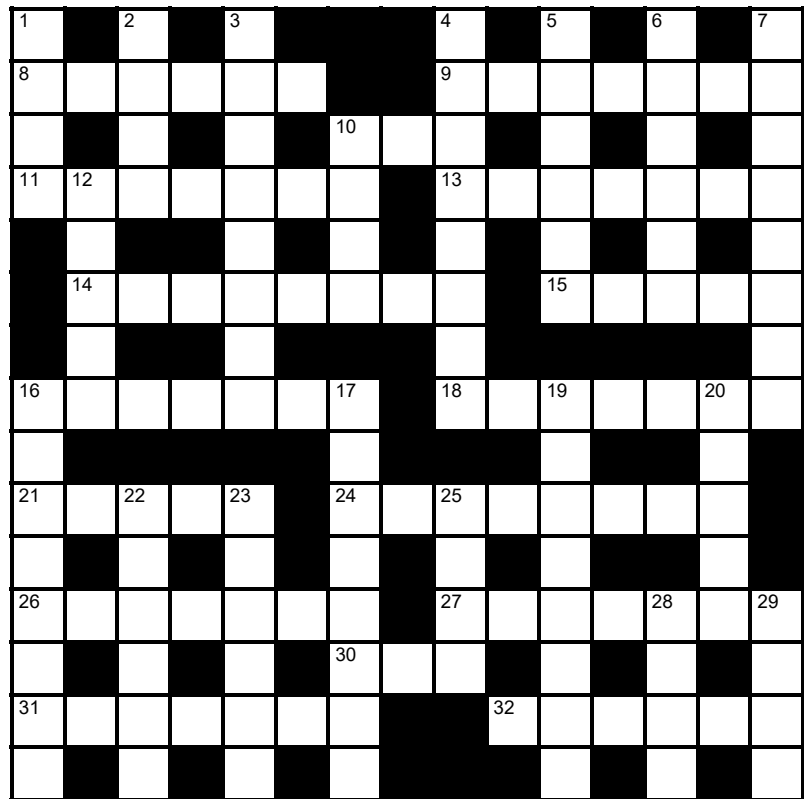


**Across**

- 8** Notable large rug (6)
- 9** Arnica spread on round instrument (7)
- 10** Come again? Not about rotter? (3)
- 11** Weak voice and what it could vanish into? (4,3)
- 13** Second tango? Composer gives reasons (7)
- 14** Cross detective gets a brief call concerning 12 signs (8)
- 15** Vessel seen in taverna or taproom (5)
- 16** Lager sent back? Courier errors! (4-3)



- 18** Peer, maybe, certainly accepting a bit of criticism for curl in old hairstyle (7)
- 21** Sheriff I've recalled keeps note ... (5)
- 24** ... of receivers' crimes (8)
- 26** Neat! Court eliminating writer in bid for tree (7)
- 27** Prince goes in French lorry for plant (7)
- 30** Whiskey or old port? (3)
- 31** Spot the French added to molten ingot (7)
- 32** Dickens hero with family cooking pot (6)

**Down**

- 1** Stand by article on objection (4)
- 2** Fruit's not nice to look at, it's said (4)
- 3** Asti and rum I mixed in dessert (8)
- 4** Prescriptions for alum returned with last of bicarbonate (8)
- 5** Italian city clothing? (6)
- 6** Fine mud almost - very nearly - yields precious metal (6)
- 7** Rick Stein's first course after dance (8)

- 10** Short reptile filling most of 32 perhaps (4)
- 12** Less than half of Helston in street guide? On the contrary, Filbert! (5)
- 16** Faint cry audible in game (8)
- 17** Flower avalanche? (8)
- 19** Grim Nina ripped out wiring (4,4)
- 20** Fish is half-cold after starter of crudités (5)
- 22** Team no good following day of victory celebration - that's annoying! (6)
- 23** Greek character twitchy about correct pronunciation of 'Hercules'? (6)
- 25** Mug has nothing on Church (4)
- 28** Small model car, without doubt originally black (4)
- 29** A square popular in central Annecy (4)