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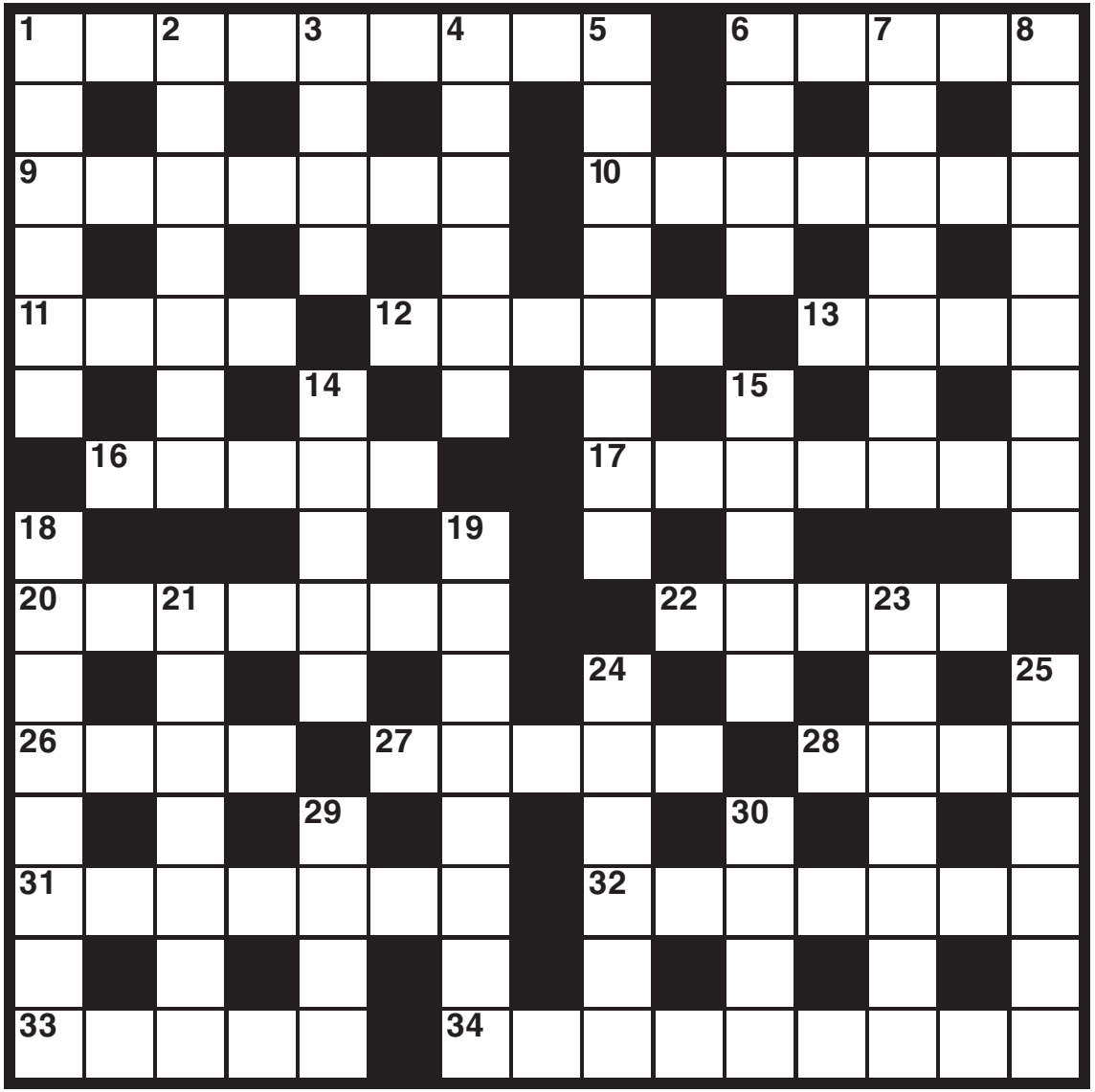

ACROSS

1 Old penny is price for acquittal (9)
6 Theme to choose, almost (5)
9 Got by elderly chap in front (7)
10 Useless imprisoning bad scoundrel (7)
11 Evaluate fixed cost (4)
12 Architect's sound bite (5)
13 Position where sense heard (4)
16 Allow bishop to cheat (5)
17 Clothing item where man keeps limb (7)
20 Blended English claret is sweet stuff (7)
22 Keep away from a chasm (5)
26 Return manufactured cheese (4)
27 Music producer's becoming soft (5)
28 Almost perfect plan (4)
31 Ape on one motorway gallery (7)
32 On the subject of letting contract, free! (7)
33 European's accommodated by pleasant family member (5)
34 More joining party organisation short term (9)

DOWN

1 Object to note, and appear as prim (6)
2 Politician's treason unravelled (7)
3 Shrill greeting, we hear (4)
4 Animal's lair in decay (6)
5 Could be given sea picture (8)
6 Thanks the French for report (4)
7 Sweet couldn't be plainer! (7)
8 Satisfied with second filling (8)
14 In favour of Church Army (5)
15 Motivation witnessed on the golf course (5)
18 Greek thane in a tizzy (8)
19 King's meeting newly formed military unit (8)
21 Shifty woman holding travel permit up (7)
23 Countryman annexes a state (7)
24 County of Northern Ireland where social worker on edge (6)
25 Seldom trust soldiers first (6)
29 First of the athletes pass extended finishing line (4)
30 Singer is in a real to-do (4)