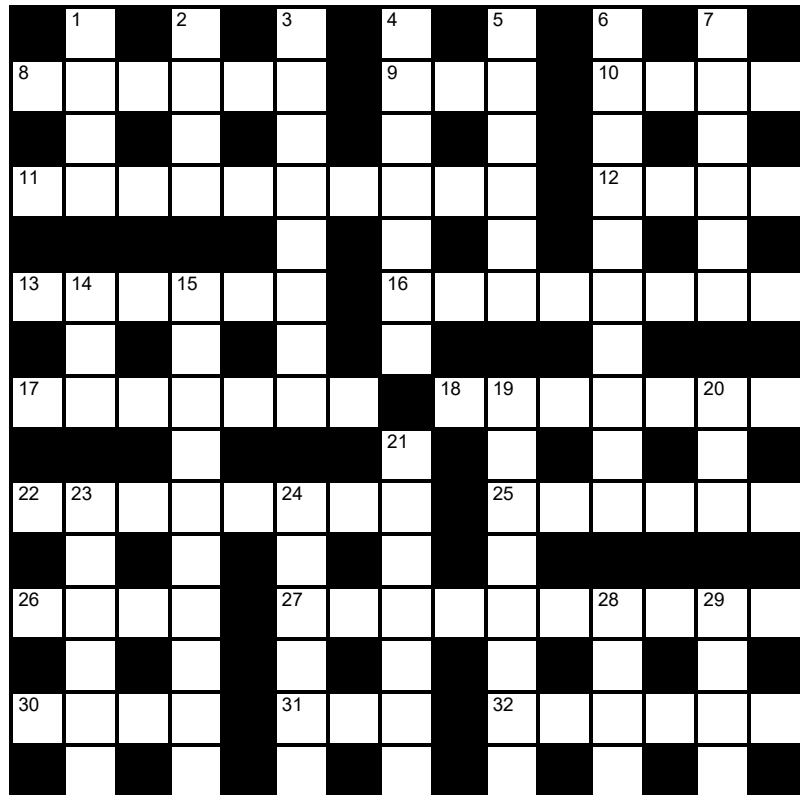


Hydra is the many headed beast that is Alchemi, Beet, Bufo, Chalicea, Gazza, Hieroglyph, Imsety, Prolixic, Radler, Shark, Soup, Toro, Vigo, Wiglaf and Windsurfer.

Across

- 8 CIA men operating in this theatre (6)
- 9 Bricks not left for me (3)
- 10 Promise to be open, accurate, truthful and honest - at least at first (4)
- 11 Radler cavorting with maid - a certain Vanessa (3,7)
- 12 Idiot takes loss of 90% of capital in stride (4)
- 13 An officer put into solitary (3-3)
- 16 Pub involved in unethical purchase, ultimately for large containers of wine (8)
- 17 Politician's trashy clothing is found in street (7)



- 18 One who flies planes lacking map? Jump! (7)
- 22 Young man investing money in altos' composition (8)
- 25 Predominantly raw food (6)
- 26 I had a whiskey on the way back to bed with no water (4)
- 27 Protest about spot for diver (10)
- 30 Drinks unlimited slime (4)
- 31 Leave Asia's premier holiday resort (3)

- 32 Inside outside area? What could be more silly? (6)

Down

- 1 Infectious diseases in hospital department. Help! (4)
- 2 Some have disbelieved reactionary god (4)
- 3 Suffer with a migraine in the head, shivering - put these on to warm up (8)
- 4 Being taken to court again? It rarely fails to end badly (7)
- 5 Party overturning

- unpopular tax - that's a scoop (6)

- 6 He dramatised a Christmas carol, during Cod War (4,6)

- 7 University served up high-quality marijuana - what a great place! (6)

- 14 Old school nurse was called such a ninny (3)

- 15 Blackballed? It's a d___ score settled! (10)

- 19 Cuts back *Sound of Music* for higher powers (8)

- 20 German banker's system before Euro (3)

- 21 French stage performer needs his brandy and water (7)

- 23 Painter misses deceased Cicero? (6)

- 24 Attack dog involved in filming regularly (6)

- 28 Credit sailor with something oarsmen may catch (4)

- 29 Spain's number one brand (4)