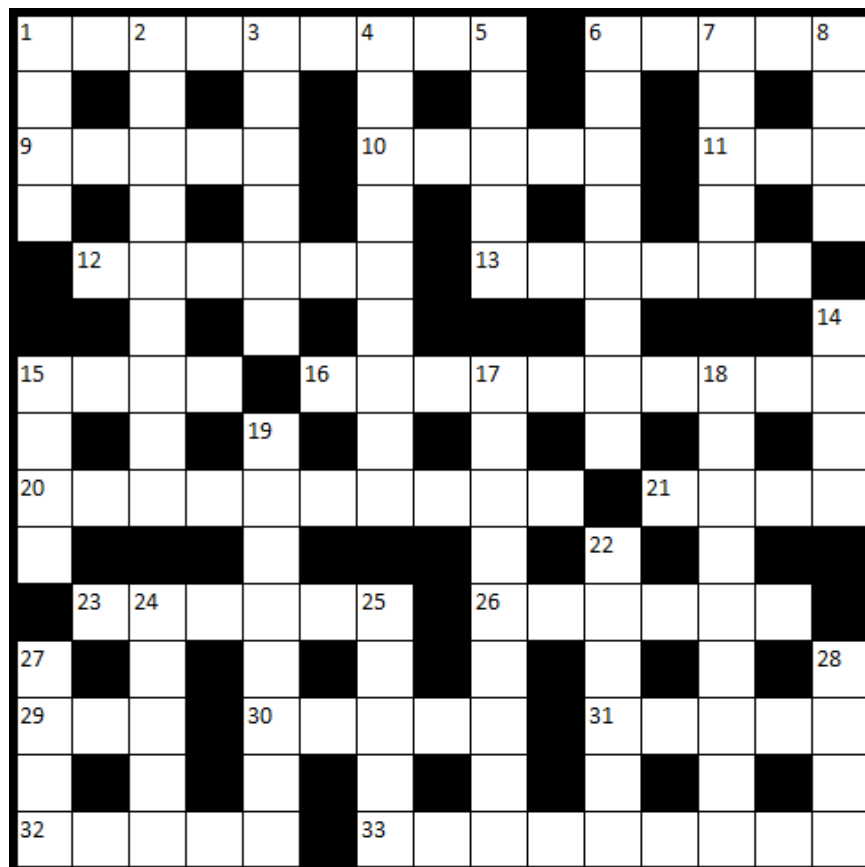


Cryptic crossword

Solutions to eight clues are on a theme suggested by but only indirectly related to the subject of this year's festival.



Across

- 1 Let's meet again on the first of October for a light lunch (9)
- 6 Regularly cut diamonds set amid another pair of diamonds (5)
- 9 Private parking space I've found on road heading west (5)
- 10 Wine, sparkling, with a hint of elderflower (5)
- 11 It's at the core of Charismatic doctrine (3)
- 12 Humorous people playing cards (6)
- 13 Bill becomes ill following this advice (3-3)

- 15/15D Tory's hobby: building a very expensive car (8)
- 16 Taiwanese diva, principally performing in *Patience* (4,3,3)
- 20 Neil cries, wandering without direction. Perhaps he lacks this quality (10)
- 21 Hesitation stops secretary getting cat (4)
- 23 She's possibly amused as she turns people into stone (6)
- 26 Clockwork device with spheres of gold on rotary framework (6)
- 29 Time necessitates cutting matters for discussion by half (3)
- 30 Finally end up in south-eastern town (5)
- 31 Smooth *and* bumpy? In the end it's a paradox (5)
- 32 Key to get in (5)
- 33 Writer said to be tailing one of his protagonists in the shade (4,5)

Down

- 1 Risk creating uneven society (4)
- 2 Concluding paragraphs record first person to see visitor finally departing (9)
- 3 Break time for cricket team (6)
- 4 Picture of South African city's back to front (9)
- 5 Satirical sketch about king's midriff (5)
- 6 Puce-coloured minnow way down in the water (4,4)
- 7 Harry Webb's bluff (5)
- 8 Edna's mien regularly suggests she feels so entitled? (4)
- 14 Unaware video's middle section is about a fictional detective (4)
- 15 See 15A
- 17 Heading for Globe, ham actor crashed, which shows how fast he was going (9)
- 18 Uninspired individual at the point where he is given a blank sheet of paper? There's nothing on it here (6,3)
- 19 Fish caught by the Queen, initially lured in (8)
- 22 Annoying suggestion when music is in an awkward key, maybe (6)
- 24 Apply for professional position, initially abroad (5)
- 25 Large metalworking tool - a feature of Caledonian village (5)
- 27 Play a prank in the mist (4)
- 28 Woman's likely to be disheartened, given new name (4)