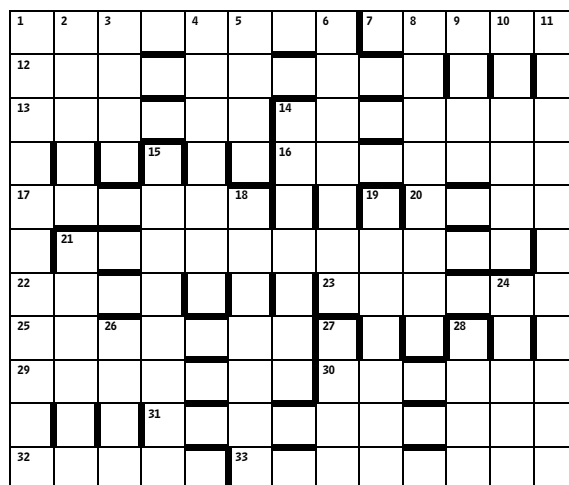


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### Across

- 1 Some swine, solid, filling pubs (8)  
 7 Heaters one returned in faulty set (5)  
 12 Guy one can read carefully penning ultimate in counsel? (10, 2 words)  
 13 A group led by Catholic, compassionate (6)  
 14 Holy scripture rendered in shorthand, mostly wrong (7)  
 16 One gets to fiddle around, increasingly crazy (7)  
 17 Unknown stone, uglier when crafted (6)  
 20 Fashion featuring regularly in triangles (4)  
 21 Burst out in what was formerly cultivated, fundamental (11)  
 22 What makes volume some superseded source of news? (4)  
 23 Musical ornament limited by minstrel is heard (6)  
 25 Dodgy retinue I replaced with married ones that could be trusted (7)  
 29 No trumps not right for misguided competitor (6)  
 30 Produce coup that's shaken Middle East (6)  
 31 Threadworm revealing coils round tail of corpse (10)  
 32 Positive votes returned could have meant 'enough said' (5)  
 33 Repair funds once chaps invested ladies squandered? Not I (8)

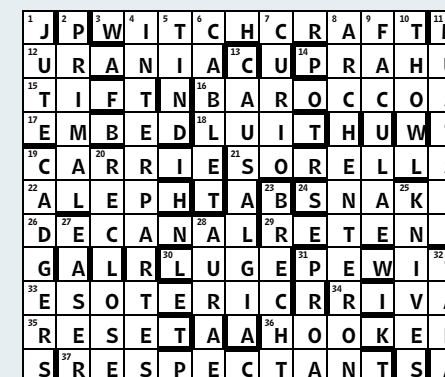
### Down

- 1 Supplementary deeds in Scotland support landlords (11)  
 2 Trumpeter, one playing all but final duet (5)  
 3 Underground part, origin of crocus or that of meadowsweet (4)

- 4 Scandinavian script abandoned in Orkneys, i.e. ignored (7)  
 5 Very old yew, grand in appearance, climbing (4)  
 6 Student getting bad mark when taking in endless vacation (7)  
 8 Drunk riles TTs in benders (8)  
 9 Vague impression that's not on – does it suggest what's selfless? (4)  
 10 Shortening silky dress fabric pair at first lifted (6)  
 11 Help as ewers are disposed of? They may be useful after blow-outs (11, 2 words)  
 14 What *could* be liquid flowed in saliva (7)  
 15 Help forward buses struggling with faulty rev (8)  
 18 Post-Xmas gift from Spain – orange hue about right (7)  
 19 Wherein to cook ragout? See local toil in total spread (7)  
 21 Sub maybe from navy on island in choppy sea (6)  
 24 Meal's badly served, half burnt? (5)  
 26 Proclaim last of banns? Not OK spanning that ancient festival climax (4)  
 27 Section from the guests' soaring congratulations! (4)  
 28 Crabs may pass through this ring in endless fervour (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended. It does not give the compound at 11.**

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**Across** 3, wit Ch. Cr aft; 16, 0 in anag. + cos; 17, emb(ark)ed; 19, carrie(d); 21, 0 r in sells; 22, ref. Simona Halep, Romanian tennis player; 30, lu(n)ge; 36, 2 meanings; 37, EC in anag.

**Down** 5, tin + d (penny); 6, able in ct; 8, enter in archon; 11, cf. mustees; 13, causal + anag.; 23, Bertolt B.; 25, ve in sink (rev.); 28, alternate letters.

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