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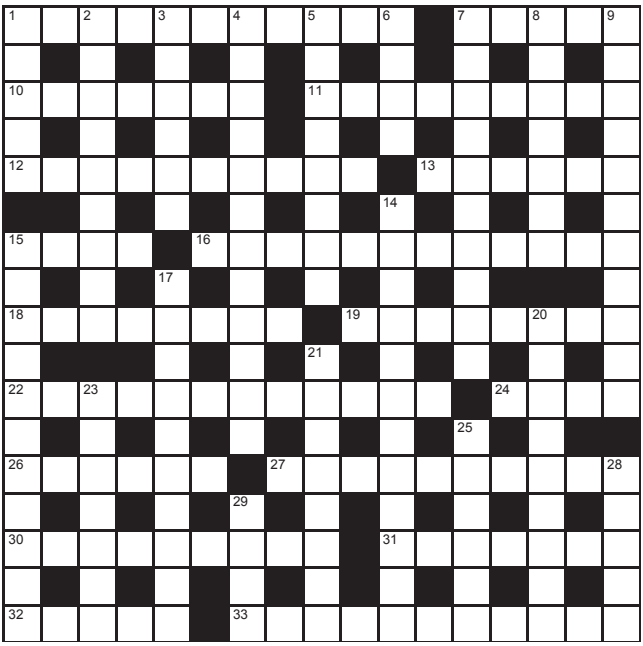

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1 Character in Sheridan's *The Rivals* (3,8)
7 The heron and bittern genus (5)
10 Simon, fictional character of Leslie Charteris (7)
11 City in central Java, Indonesia (9)
12 Tropical insect formerly thought to transmit light (7,3)
13 Another name for the pineapple, or for the pinguin (6)
15 ---- *of* ---- *Hall*, a stage adaptation of *The Wind in the Willows* (4)
16 1958 rock and roll song written and recorded by Chuck Berry (6,1,5)
18 Australian outlaw (1855-80) (3,5)
19 Coastal region of eastern 26 (8)
22 Actress and singer, made a dame in 2000 (5,7)
24 Prime movers of Britpop (4)
26 Second largest country in the world (6)
27 Loose greatcoat worn in the 18th century (4-6)
30 The science of rocks as mineral masses (9)
31 Captain of a ship; coxswain of a longboat (7)
32 Alfred, English poet (1880-1958) (5)
33 Network of sympathetic nerves high in the back of the abdomen (5,6)

DOWN

1 Road -----, the crushed stone used for road surfaces and railway track ballast (5)
2 Actor who played the title role in the 1972 film *Young Winston* (5,4)
3 Quinn, actress who played the title role in the 1982 film *Annie* (6)
4 American who composed *Fanfare for the Common Man* (1942) (5,7)
5 The heroine of Shakespeare's *As You Like It* (8)
6 Willie, winner of the first Open Championship in golf (1860) (4)
7 1959 film starring David Niven and Shirley MacLaine (3,3,4)
8 State of north central Mexico (7)
9 Footballer, born in Newcastle upon Tyne, who scored 30 goals for England (4,7)
14 Opera librettist who collaborated with Benjamin Britten (7,5)
15 Golfer who won the Open in 1969 and the US Open in 1970 (4,7)
17 A liquid dietary supplement, consisting of a mixture of trace elements (5,5)
20 Eugène, the chief painter of the French romantic school (9)
21 Flagship of the English fleet during the Spanish Armada (3,5)
23 Lillie, British actress who made her stage debut in 1881 (7)
25 Charles, Frankish ruler and grandfather of Charlemagne (6)
28 Character in the comic strip *Peanuts* (5)
29 Joe, orchestra leader of one of the most successful acts of the big band era (4)

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