

Several answers are unclued but they completely fulfil an entire theme.

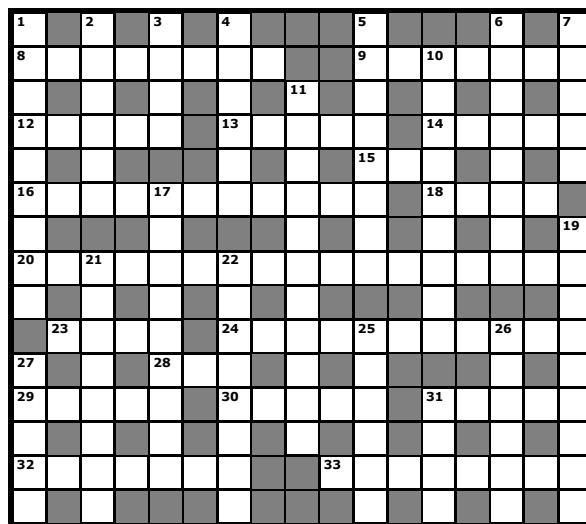
## August 2025 Slot 5 by Crowsman

### Across

- 8** Bury French king back to front, inside (8)
- 9** See 19 Down
- 12** Humour having extremely lively speed (5)
- 13** Tests perhaps while confining that female (5)
- 14** Pub for dieters? (5)
- 15** Twelve and one minus eleven worked out (3)
- 16** *See rubric* (5,6)
- 18** Control returning tropical skin disease (4)
- 20** *See rubric* (6,3,8)
- 23** It follows delta waves coming back (4)
- 24** Old flyer is getting sources of information for inflammation of the middle ear (6,5)
- 28** Band quits when play ends? (3)
- 29** Virgin heading west has tyre at the front blow up (5)
- 30** Dropped off final letter behind reception (5)
- 31** Is back with ground-breaking strength (5)
- 32** What's left, settle around mid-January (7)
- 33** *See rubric* (3,5)

### Down

- 1** Immerse old master into delicate international relations (9)
- 2** He has this number 2 (6)
- 3** Bow to chief (4)
- 4** African from such a different country! (6)
- 5** Wet suit at sea, wearing extra (8)
- 6** Deny record mail distribution (8)
- 7** Possibly a hole in one bird (5)
- 10** *See rubric* (9)



- 11** *See rubric* (7,4)
- 17** Definitely not a leopard out of sight! (9)
- 19,9** *See rubric* (5,4,2,5)
- 21** Alternative boundaries of race track (8)
- 22** Having advantages and disadvantages, jammed around ring after end of bout (3-5)
- 25** Relief is held up by local countryman (6)
- 26** Hot in run-down small craft (6)
- 27** *See rubric* (5)
- 31** Identical Herod's stepdaughter is disheartened (4)