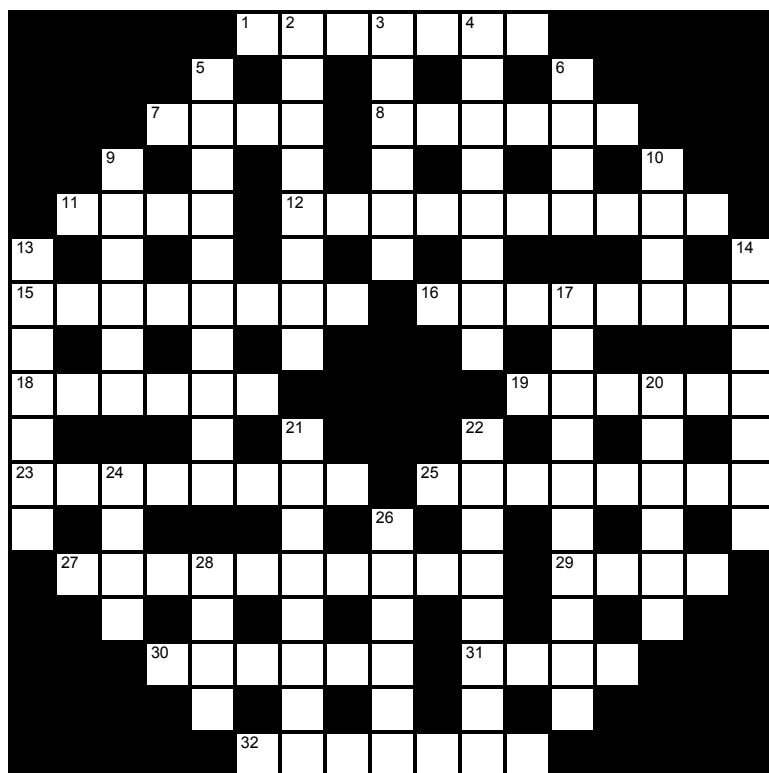


**Across**

- 1 Smoke is confusing Northerners (7)
- 7 To be full-bore, regularly; that's what I'm after (4)
- 8 In these transports, you might rule the World! (6)
- 11 World realised in one of 18's best longer works (4)
- 12 Wraps each island amazingly (10)
- 15 King's directions to royal subjects, originally novices (8)
- 16 Against Pauline Réage's protagonist: so might Harry Flashman or Don Quixote be described (8)



- 18 "2nd rate revels? I'm outta here!" – a realist (Harry Potter's type, perhaps) (6)
- 19 Master Simpson's all right as a composer (6)
- 23 Small idea? Emery edges away - but experienced, in the main (3,2,3)
- 25 How to get "PETS" in the other type of clue: resign (4-4)
- 27 Knight breezed in, careless of speed (10)
- 29 Lover of Chopin and 18's interminable book (4)
- 30 14 structure found in Brabant-le-Roi (6)
- 31 One might find a 14 one of these in 18's garden (4)
- 32 The Cosmic Balance is on lines of 18's imagined Paradise (7)

**Down**

- 2 Fearful feature of a big cat that needs to be put out? (8)
- 3 Fashionable dictator to bring about... (6)
- 4 ...dutiful order? I tend to rebel (8)
- 5 Relative receding, and abruptly waving (10)
- 6/28 18's avenger, Elmo Mead, united with Zhuangzi - what are the odds of that? (4,4)
- 9 In place of worship, I star (6)
- 10 I take in "The Edges of the Alphabet Puzzle" (4)
- 13 State of a Medical Association under a research centre (7)
- 14 Eating patriotically? (7)
- 17 Exercising pet on piano is unsuitable (10)
- 20 God sitting on Big Apple is problematic (6)
- 21 When I led fashion capital (3,5)
- 22 One who tries, timelessly, to mitigate (8)
- 24 Ogle King, reportedly (4)
- 26 18's "abominable multiplier", which "the Giftie gie us" (6)
- 28 See 6