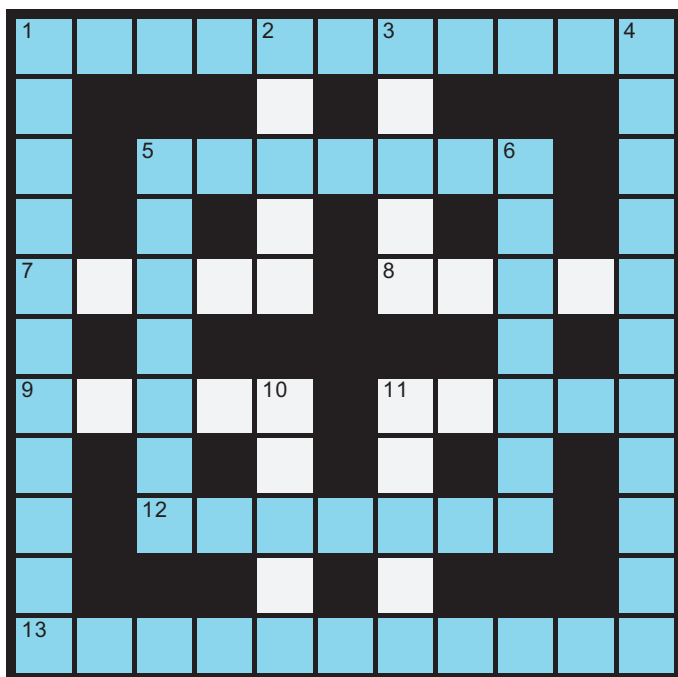


# Pitcherwits

# Reflections

# Prize Crossword



## ACROSS



**1** Composition to hum together is just contemplation (4,7)



**5** Showed off in lightning style? (7)



**12** Deliberated, but not riled, it could be argued (7)



**13** Just very popular actors in 'Callas' style start (3-4,4)

## DOWN



**1** Memo about caviar written with film gear (5,6)



**4** Tool for a DIY mutant? That's the lot! (5,6)



**5** Gets a reaction at the core, when four are led out? (4,3)



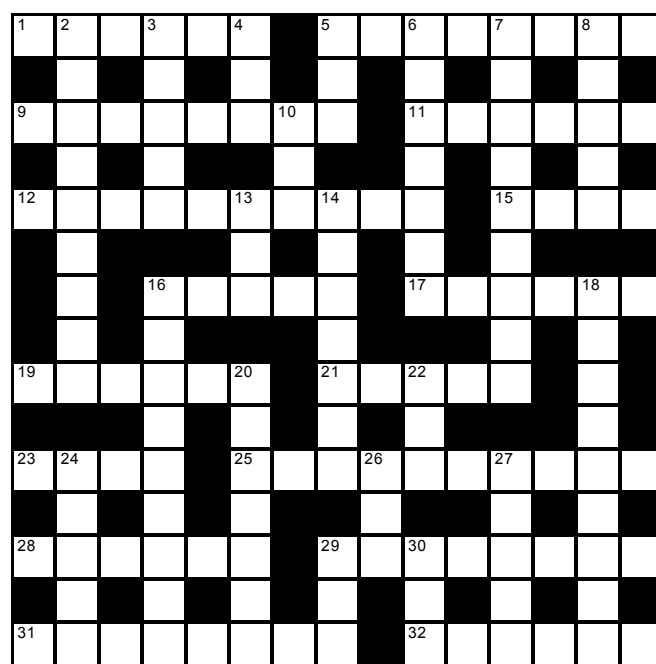
**6** Overwhelmed by ad. tuned to perfection (7)

## ACROSS

- 7** Opt for some electrical stuff (5)  
**8** Matched in the qualifying sections (5)  
**9** Bloodline traced to Florida (or Tallahassee, even) (5)  
**11** You can throw mud at it, it's a fact! (5)

## DOWN

- 2** Drink of honour to a strange beginning (5)  
**3** Rubs out all brochures in brown (5)  
**10** Religious leader to the grab bottle's contents (5)  
**11** Put off the reed, back in time (5)

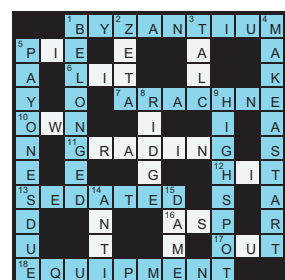


## ACROSS

- 1** Meat loaf, not to be set on fire (6)  
**5** Owl flying about in a holy village (8)  
**9** Oddly grandiloquent but not legit. village North of Derby (8)  
**11** Modernise Pat in due order (6)  
**12** Awful din about a scratch on a memorial (5,5)  
**15** Careful, naturally, to encase bone (4)  
**16** Massage skinhead without his grievance (5)  
**17** Trail goes round the bend in religious practice (6)  
**19** Sneaky Dad at the bar in Bradwell shortly (6)  
**21** Weird antic of muscle protein (5)  
**23** Sensible to end up in this hamlet south of Winster (4)  
**25** Guaranteeing that a mark of genius is incorrect (6,4)  
**28** The mother of all our hills? (3,3)  
**29** Mascot who barred my way (5,3)  
**31** Hamlet, where gin takes its place in a crazy world (8)  
**32** Crafty blue-eyes to take us away from the moor (6)

## DOWN

- 2** Mysterious pulsar for digging out in Derbyshire! (9)  
**3** Curia turning out to be golden (5)  
**4** Aim of the terminus? (3)  
**5** A whole layer of comprehension (3)  
**6** Wash broken lead urn (7)  
**7** Dolt not up to recreating an A61 village! (3,6)  
**8** Parish, but not as it could be (5)  
**10** Cereal said to be the best French cuisine (3)  
**13** Spot the bishop's place (3)  
**14** Meadowlarks, some not flying around, west of Grangemill (7)  
**16** Leeks don't grow crooked at Curzon's place (9)  
**18** Bat meagre problems away in A6 town (9)  
**20** Sailor, mostly admirable, to be lacking? (7)  
**22** Barrel said to weigh a lot (3)  
**24** Ex-PM, available in brail version (5)  
**26** Apprenticeship piece in crystal (3)  
**27** Fashion said to be one to climb over (5)  
**29** Bode well in one of our ponds? (3)  
**30** Tease about a spare one? (3)



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