

# the cruciverbalist

## Easy cryptic crossword #4

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### ACROSS

- 1 **Fruit** peel's [PARE] picked up [homophone indicator] (4) = PEAR
- 3 Current [I] politicians [MPs] are **fiends** (4) = IMPS
- 7 **Bubbly** actor [HAM] surrounded by constant [C], audible [homophone indicator] suffering [PAIN] (9) = CHAMPAGNE
- 8 **Coward**'s fashionable [CHIC] doll [KEN] (7) = CHICKEN
- 11 Leif almost farted [deletion: FARTE/d], being drunk [anagram indicator] in **Valhalla, for example** (9) = AFTERLIFE
- 12 **Whale** carried by [hidden indicator] motor car (4) = ORCA
- 13 Exclusively female [cryptic ref, 0 MAN] **Arab country?** (4) = OMAN

### DOWN

- 1 **Step Up** - a cerebral feature [hidden indicator]? (4) = PACE
- 2 **Lukewarm** pie? Attach fire [anagram indicator] (9) = PATHETIC
- 4 Mum starts to [first letters] emote and sing thrash [anagram indicator for MUM+E+A+SING] **metal** (9) = MAGNESIUM
- 5 **Chuck** put his bottom [last letter] on bench [PEW] (4) = SPEW
- 6 Expected guts [contents indicator: PECT] to be eaten by toppled [reversal indicator] queen's [ER'S] **ghost** (7) = SPECTRE
- 9 Beyoncé might see this radiant headwear? (4) [double definition] = HALO
- 10 Knight [N] at the bottom of the French [LE] **A-list?** (4) = LEAN