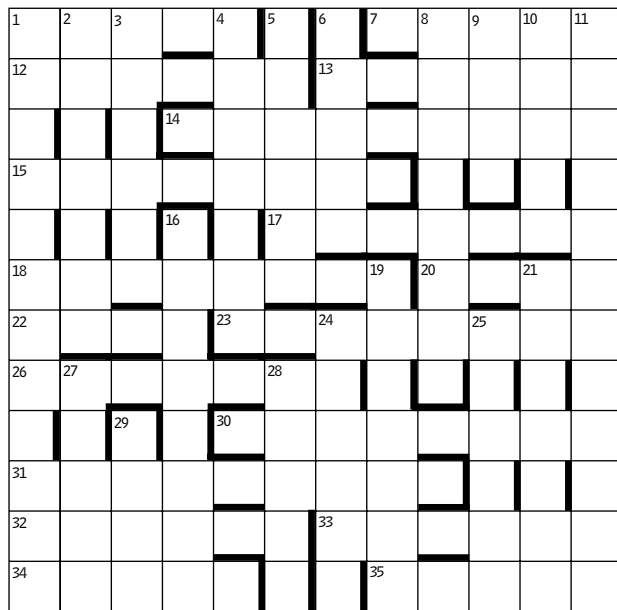


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ACROSS

- 1 Short time in Scotland, boon when taking in loch (5)
- 7 Cure (by the sound of it?) displaying devotional headgear (5)
- 12 It's hot, having rained stormily (6)
- 13 Article about regime's extremes did, when shortened, with added depth? (6)
- 14 Part of the breastbone, hard and bare after surgery (9)
- 15 Stick around thorny plant (8)
- 17 One side in legendary encounter hit out in circuits (7)
- 18 Relative positions in handle least popular with cyclists? (8)
- 20 Cage for lobsters, my foot! (4)
- 22 Card game for gamblers specifically addressed to holding queen? (4)
- 23 Slimy sediment: it appears alongside drive (8)
- 26 Clan chiefs having decisive clout among Masai? Wrong (7)
- 30 Cowboy? He stood for office having bagged bravery award (8)
- 31 One collects marine specimens – newt got in, strangely (9, 2 words)
- 32 Cry, 'O for a bit of peace in gaol!' (6)
- 33 Foundry channel essential for casting a template (6)
- 34 Quite conservative in truth (5)

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Across 1, stop with car for to; 8, lappa (rev.); 14, mod (see moderator) in i.e.; 15, anag. in wring (n); 16, anag. in Dante; 18, 'looter'; 30, splinter + gr. OUP (see spell⁴); 33, anag. + rota (rev.); 34, hidden; ref. B. Cook, painter; 35, def(eats); 36, I + none.

Down 1, spide(r); see harvester; 4, comp. anag.; 5, L + owly; ref. Billy Bunter, 'the owl of the Remove' at Greyfriars School; 6, anag. incl. c; 7, via gra(dually); 9, All in up (rev.); 10, a in (Harold) Pinter; 11, i.e. (h) aunter; 12, leg + R in ES; 17, mell (qv) in ser.; 22, anag.; cf. pigeon-toed; 26, first letters + if; 27, i.e. 'I'm aga' (rev.); 28, to in fun.

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35 You want to natter endlessly, that's what it amounts to (5)

DOWN

- 1 Good throw that's undone fine player – it influences development (12, 2 words)
- 2 Feel bad about exercise sequence? Given up tobacco (7)
- 3 Levelling material I refuse once stuffed with force (6)
- 4 Tropical bird surrounded by songbirds – or really ancient avian (7)
- 5 Unconvincing gripe upset the French (6)
- 6 Fillet? It's almost raw after cooking (5)
- 8 Fury over new symbol in opening of Greek liturgy (8)
- 9 Creature with bony 'armour', sort of green round front of body (4)
- 10 Navigation mark maybe forming part of paper chase (5)
- 11 A girl brought round tart, note, for shepherd's club (12, 2 words, apostrophe)
- *16 Matey (8)
- 19 Submarine missile, explosive, to mount internally? (7)
- 21 A target at sea for which yachts may compete (7)
- 24 Jock's multi-coloured metal strip is upside-down (6)
- 25 Organized anti-Semites, glib, taking in gapers (6)
- 27 Aboriginal wandering northwards on island (5)
- 28 Score marker as soprano I found round end of repetition (5)
- 29 Pin brought out, nicking a mouthful? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended.