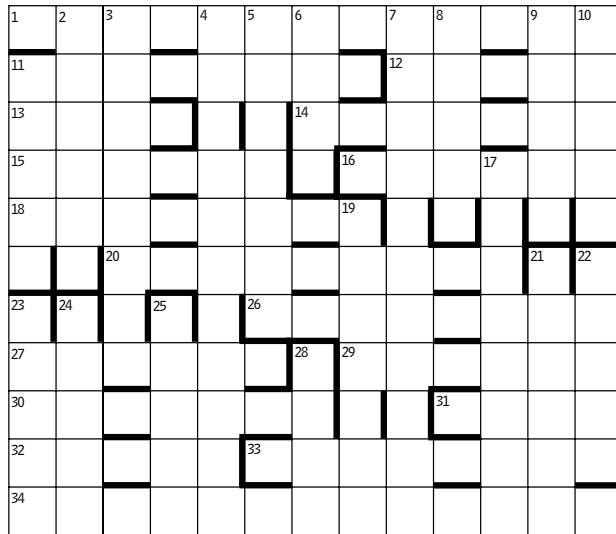


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ACROSS

- 1 I got grass tool out – as one interested in such? (13)
- 11 Fine binding material, forbidden when it contains reverse of delicate stuff (8,2 words)
- 12 Like centres of palm, beginning to leaf in spring (5)
- 13 Puck etc, in this sense accepting his master's opening couplet? (4)
- 14 Add linguistic feature at start of record in ordinary words (7)
- 15 Heart of anthemion coated in a precious metal, ancient (6)
- 16 Countess, fine in character innately (6)
- 18 E.g. emulsions, colour solid when mixed (7)
- 20 They protect the home, forming outgrowth in hollows (9,2 words)
- 26 Middleman in e.g. Truro trashed retro rag (8)
- 27 Fellow in lay wandering in Lusatian territory? (8)
- 29 Last line of defence to fail, facing a bouncer? (6)
- 30 Make fresh arrangement for flute (not including common time) (7)
- 31 Keep steady after removal of all matting (4)
- 32 One has to grieve having lost last love (5)
- 33 Kitchen feature I put in unknits, falling apart (8,2 words)
- 34 Two chaps mature alongside others with time, dealing with staff (13)

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Across 7, anag. less Q + t; 12, H + anag. less ay; 13, tab + e in bint; 16, cf. tyes; 17, leva + anag.; 18, think + anag. in ere; 24, sv spur; I in larrups (rev.); 32, Is in vale²; 33, ER in gent².
Down 1, put schist; 3, Nben in it; 4, knit (rev.) in shorn; 6, anag. in cheder; 8, i.e. (no)thin(g); 14, hands pike; 19, comp. anag.; 20, via in ate; 25, an up (rev.); 26, (e)roti(c); 29, d (= penny) + Ag.

PRIZERULES

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DOWN

- 2 Fearsome female tipping second and third in Aussie booze-up (6)
- 3 Where mutiny holds sway mostly more bleed at sea (8)
- 4 Fabulous fish available? Upbraided catching that – rule one (11)
- 5 Wildly irate about condensed thoroughfare, getting further behind (7)
- 6 Characters regularly isolated collapse in jug (4)
- 7 Once hit choppingly, bowler's spell maybe called for energy restricting runs (11)
- 8 Republicans lifted spirit as of old in lively dance (5)
- 9 Antelope, one leaving section of its native continent (5)
- 10 Wind? As to this – not trades possibly (5)
- 11 Wherein one thleeps there's part of cosy covering for Jock (5)
- 17 Time in naval base? It's unsuitable for slowcoaches (8,2 words)
- 19 Gee-gee I put among nags wretchedly on the decline (7)
- 21 Sauce: in oriental city not an offence (6)
- 22 Treat distributed as award in yesteryear (5)
- 23 One caught in mischief forbidden by Sharia... (5)
- 24 ... As expounded by this (division of Mamelukes had up)? (5)
- 25 This use was not widely practised in the old church – it's odd (5)
- 28 You might see this end up in an opera (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended.