AZED No. 2,151 'Printer's Pie'

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ACROSS

- 1 Hired leader of chorus just before first part of play? (5)
- **5** Guy's place? Very good existence, right inside it (8)
- **11** Cat brought back duck then another (4)
- **12** The old agree a long time is taken over bagging rubbish (6)
- **13** Aged slave showing contempt when ring's removed (4)
- **14** Up-lighters? Singers without us messed up rites (9)
- **15** Woman crazy about ultimate in elegance (4)
- 17 Clothes abruptly reduced by 50% (4)
- **18** Stormy sea swallowing sailors a trap (5)
- **19** A cross ex-Gl given zilch (4)
- 21 Swears foully in the Nile shifting ship's ability to hold a certain course (13, 3 words)
- 25 As in Scotland, flay old deer, head to tail (4)
- **26** It's no good imbibing one Scotch flavoured with geneva (5)
- **28** Scratch front of chalice with pointed instrument (4)
- **30** Retreat: a month quietly spent (4)
- **31** Being a member of the upper house, has briefly ingested what's designed to treat some diseases (9)
- 32 Obtain adult entrance (4)

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Across 1, anag. in jar; 12, comp. anag. ind fl; 15, sh! in but it; 18, six (rev.) in anag.; 24, re-order (rev.); 25, b, oin eat, & lit; 29, din recent; 22, (soa)py (rev.) in bath; 32, sv by'; 33. omsi;(t) in; 35, anag. in stale (rev.). Down 2, alo dial; 4, de(al) in train; 6, r in scouse, s course; 8, lin anag., & lit; 10, nin anag; 19, Itell in SA; 21, ramp in con; 22, ro (=run out) + anag; 23, doinnose; 26, ref. B. Hill, Jack B, British warm; 28, pays (Fr. = country) + D; 30, ref. Anne of Cleves, nicknamed 'the Flanders m'.

PRIZERULES

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- **33** Attic Greek absorbs class (6)
- **34** Sewing-case, something kept in boudoir once (4)
- **35** Early bike, not *quite* modern one wobbly ride's following (8)
- **36** Call for help penning exercises? Possibility (5)
- DOWN
 - 1 Make-up specialist once muddled has one coated in gum resin (11)
 - 2 One's caught by sharper end of hammer it stops one breathing (5)
- **3** Former damage less than half of class kept in found innocent (7)
- 4 In fit condition for rough ocean, ship's bow engulfed in it (8, 3 words)
- 5 Like this hooker's penetrating call to the pack of old? (4)
- 6 Showing full alertness and savvy, ergo quivering inside (11, 3 words, apostrophe)
- **7** Salt pork stuffed with bits of thyme and eggplant (6)
- 8 Civet runs in group of seven traditionally? (5)
- **9** Section of garden's early requirements (5)
- 10 Girl holding e.g. grand fashioned cloche (11)
- **16** German planes in service, fault-free race to climb on board (8)
- **20** Production reduced by half round wayward Nile left deficient Egyptian (7)
- 22 Second-generation immigrant, a son at home in south-east (6)
- 23 Truly 'thankless child', last character to move to centre scale? (5)
- **24** Dim teller of tales loses following at the start (5)
- **27** Explosive self-absorption (version rejected) (5)
- **29** Old ladder to hang on rear of garage (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended. It gives the anagram of **16** by implication only.