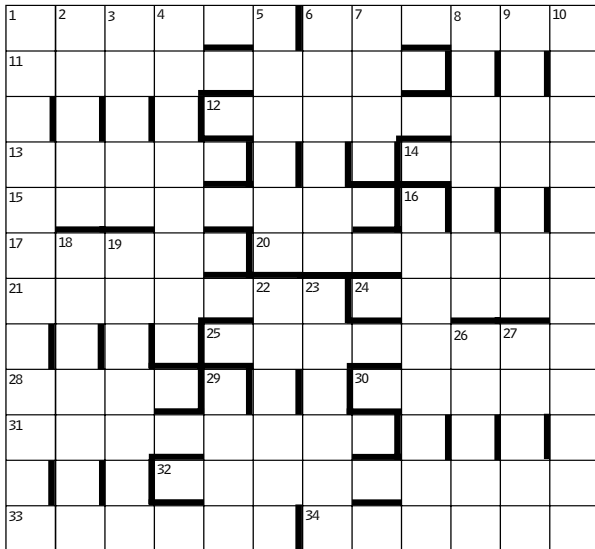


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ACROSS

- 1 'China', bit of informal British for 'old familiar friend' (6)
- 6 End for monk in ragged habit, path leading to salvation (6)
- 11 Frank, like Ratty about heading for unknown (9)
- 12 Epiphyte scheme introduced, direct from Scotland (8)
- 13 I'll appear in suit – birds have such topping features (5)
- 14 Shaft match round centre of targets (4)
- 15 Reptiles presenting a threat I deflected (8)
- 17 Parisian's first getting something for his cereal in queue? (5)
- 20 Amounts such as will be consumed by highland bears? (7)
- 21 'Faithless scoundrel' getting too much in isolated column (7, 2 words)
- 24 Leave little time for composer (5)
- 25 Boxer originally reinforced penetrating arm? (8)
- 28 Once faithful, getting part of just reward (4)
- 30 Harp, one Robles plays – or so it might appear (5)
- 31 Pie, tight wrapped, part of litter ending up with church? (8)
- 32 Title of old kings? Raised about 12 in Scotland, active (9)
- 33 Shortened delay holding start of expedition back (6)
- 34 Do we assume one's reluctant to get up rocky outcrop? (6)

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G	R	I	T	B	L	A	S	T	I	N	G
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Across 1, grit + a st. in bling; 10, AZ in roo; 13, Porti(a) on; 14, see mister²; 18, 'moated', ref. Tennyson, *Mariana*, & *St Matthew*, vii, 3; 19, PEI + win shah; 21, cf. shop; 23, Mes + anag.; 26, psi in on; 31, Dawn (French, comic actress) + man; 33, sv taw; 34, anag. + e.

Down 3, set rot (rev.); 4, bot + (m)e(a); 5, lair²; 6, a post as y; 7, trog, vamp²=trudge; 9, and in green tree; 17, sv beer; wee in stale; 24, 1 c m in mac; 27, p + (t)uree(n), & lit; 30, daws (rev.); jack = jackdaw, flag.

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DOWN

- 1 Lose this computer device? The paper roll's got tangled maybe (12, 2 words)
- 2 Some uredo I diagnosed in fungal stages (5)
- 3 Chip first of potatoes in season (5)
- 4 Sponsors operation once confined to pens (8)
- 5 Take in rabid wild dog, hairy (6)
- 6 Active Scots to annoy, that is when put under 'British' (6)
- 7 Group of Maoris climbing up a height (4)
- 8 Fish in reverse of thin soup often has it in (7)
- 9 Small nails or rings glisten when scuffed (7)
- 10 Puts sapling in the ground, describing space? (12)
- 16 Cast iron esplanade, delayed going up (8)
- 18 Fox grabs last of grapes, not going up far (7)
- 19 One quickly catches jet taking off first? No way! (7)
- 22 A Mozartian song with entry for piano in e.g. *Fledermaus*? (6)
- 23 Island which hosts international coming up? *That's* unlikely (6)
- 26 Daggers secreted in robe lining (5)
- 27 Old saying from thatcher after clipping? (5)
- 29 Fine rain lacking in what's arid (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended.