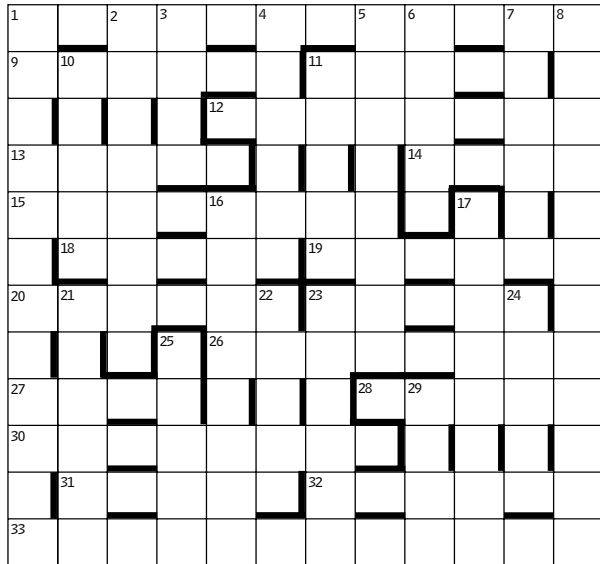


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ACROSS

- 1 Man at wicket, ignorant, old, causing big beam for attackers (12)
- 9 Some former African money, likewise of old including returned Romanian ditto (6)
- 11 International c-cap recalled? It's baggy for Australian (5)
- 12 Buffoons race crazily in warm clothing (8)
- 13 Classy notary always gets to make good by recompense (5)
- 14 The Scots abandon pump, hoarding last of water (4)
- 15 Sort of dinghy afloat at sea, circling small warship (8)
- 18 Family holding party as a hoax? (5)
- 19 I pilfer old mum's clothing, than which you can't get lower (6)
- 20 Curtain secreting holy books and organ valve (6)
- 23 In matrimonial rights and duties, a right Charlie maybe (5)
- 26 Sediment on promontory pierced by river in beach on sheltered side (8, 2 words)
- 27 Outrageous bit of satiric humour (4)
- 28 Response to roll-call? Notice total (5)
- 30 Dutch registering speed of birds (8)
- 31 Turning dry? Certainly pulled in for refreshing drinks (5)
- 32 Howf's closed? Lot close *sine die* (6)
- 33 One exposing propositions, i.e. hot matters to be solved (12)

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Across 1, anag., with echoes of nursery rhyme 'Hey diddle diddle'; 10, hoor (ay); 13, men in lat³; 14, anag. less 1; 16, anag. in rag; 17, edg(e) in riant; 20, Worcs (rev.); 25, Assam (rev.); ref. tea plantations; 27, J+ anag. + r; cut = drunk; 29, 0 in rec + cur; 32, s in ease!; 34, anag. with l for 0; 35, m-mental in e'er.

Down 1, H10 r in c/o + former; 4, rand(an); 6, i.e. stand with st as h = hand; 8, anag. + l in toss; 9, see prunella²; 12, part's (rev.) & 2 meanings; 15, anag. in vans; 19, rood in CE; 21, as in attac(k) (rev.); 23, MO + lin use; 24, viren(t); ref. Lasse V., former Finnish athlete; 28, is (rev.) in fu(l); 30, H + tea (rev.).

PRIZERULES

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DOWN

- 1 Bout ref's disrupted includes part of speech discouraging extremism (12)
- 2 Bearer's chest strap, point being to limit lump shifting (8)
- 3 Tissue left among contents of bag? (4)
- 4 Moderation in dealing with a child (6)
- 5 Since at odds about marriage, refinements will be needed (8)
- 6 Bird of prey, catch about dead (5)
- 7 Branch of the forces, mostly excellent in purpose (6)
- 8 A limp's aggravated, bond showing wrong setting (12)
- 10 Melanesian king over area more than half stripped (5)
- 11 Early minstrelsy, a very pleasant thing (5)
- 16 Explode with rage, as Mary, the Queen, about mixed dish served up (8, 2 words)
- 17 Savoury pastries made from Irish pork (recipe not included) (8)
- 21 Rising anger, endless pain - this killer had to pay (6)
- 22 Scribbled lines - such a letter requires little effort (5)
- 23 What's soothing about the City - still? (6)
- 24 Rock cavity to treat? Drive over it (5)
- 25 Topping part of soldier's uniform has buckled before end of fight? (5)
- 29 Pipe went underwater by the sound of it (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended.