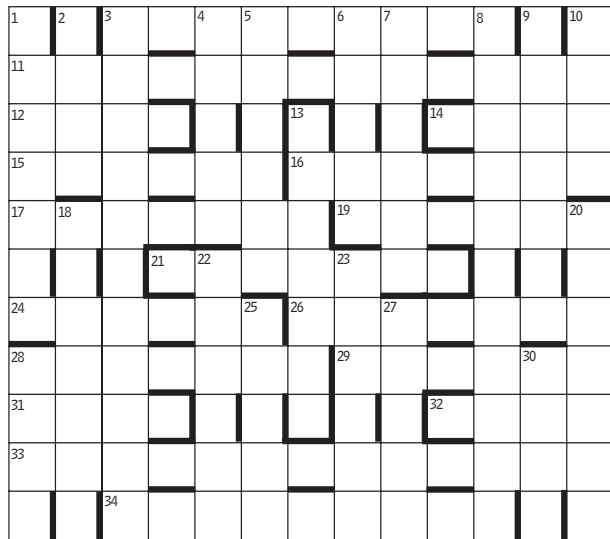


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ACROSS

- 3 After drunken sprees they'll offer help! (9)
 11 Referendum, tempting thing involving what could make EU leap up (13, 3 words)
 12 Facsimile required immediately (4)
 14 Source of nuclear force (zero in e.g. a skittle) (4)
 15 Sharp maybe takes one in, seductive (6)
 16 What makes teens deeply emotional? (7)
 17 Brown ore of a kind, look, pocketed by day-labourer (7)
 19 Section of clientele smiling – that's charming (6)
 21 Girl clutches brood, pardoning many (7)
 24 Bay? Bay possibly not quite finishing with power (6)
 26 Tightwad pullin' back (7)
 28 Spiked drink set before duke, introduced by rascal (7)
 29 Birds' rear ends I sketch initially in shapely arcs (6)
 31 What is 'to get brown' (question)? (4)
 32 Person (traveller?) needing ice for drinking cup (4)
 33 Form of ocreae I spotted sheathing gold delicate stuff in plant family (13)
 34 Racy model, singular annoyance inhibiting party leader? (9)

DOWN

- 1 It *could* make paws hot (7)
 2 Having reached middle of whodunnit, see next

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Across 4, frippery; p per in fry; 12, anag. in pos; 14, anag. less anag.; 17, oppugn; p-pug in on; 19, act in for; 21, cf. hatred; 24, chippy; 3 meanings; 26, mead (rev.) + on; 27, (ra)vag(ng); 29, pd 0 in tog; 32, anag. in anag.; 33, Pr. In a pize; 34, Trappist; p + sjp (rev.) in trat.

Down 2, mun in come; 4, R in choic(e); 5, in kler + g; 6, (h)emp + USA; 9, hidden rev.; 10, Bess ER + S in wiser; 18, pt in anag. less B, & lit.; 20, ganz (Ger. = quite) in ora; 22, rede in ah (all rev.); 23, a morce(au); 20, cf. sulk.

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- 3 Primate turned up with bouncy spaniels – a rhetorical device! (11)
 4 Bender? Here's one providing what's needed – sup away (5)
 5 Was on course with lecturer: 'Freedom in Spenser' (6)
 6 Catching end of prop, net's tangled or damaged at sea (5)
 7 Part of sonnet comprises tetrameters – look therein (6)
 8 Having drunk Spanish beer, does he nod off at the MCG? (9)
 9 Commentator registering defeat in Germany? (7)
 10 Rare bird reproduced not once (4)
 13 Drinks hard Scotch, with inclusion of fashionable wine bargains (7)
 18 Flag; marines on large vessel will follow each (7)
 20 Sainly badge found to limit depression (7)
 22 Military Intelligence getting onto parasites, force of collaborators (6)
 23 Early colonists from Nordic country and lost on board (6)
 25 Food served up includes last of cabbage stalks (5)
 27 The proverbial sou, a bit of rubbish swallowed by ... (5)
 28 ... Such as me, one born without (4)
 30 Popeye's favourite is briefly on Aga, simmering (4)

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