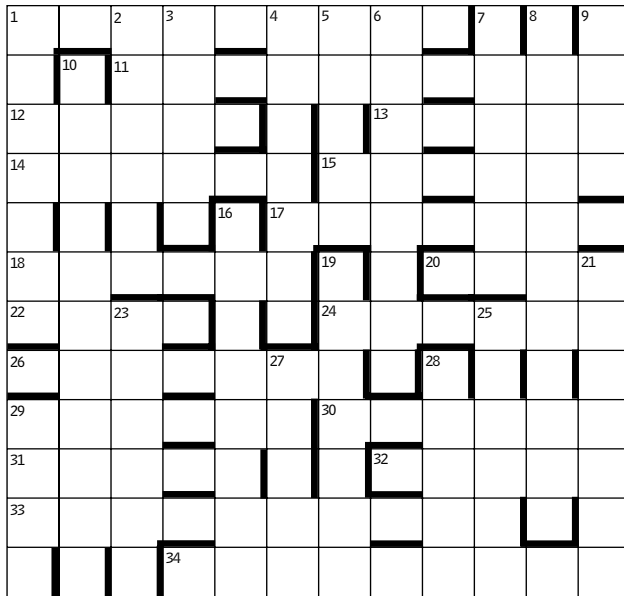


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ACROSS

- 1 Gallon cask housed by farmer for peat constituent (9)
- 11 A ruler, OE, excited when dressing queen in French cloak (10)
- 12 Duvet to suffice covering one (5)
- 13 End broken off, displace back bone, thin and flat (5)
- 14 Estate car, lurid in colour but good to travel in (6)
- 15 Spoil daily accepting money? (6)
- 17 Bantus in pursuit stun African antelope (7)
- 18 After single, member of gang possibly returns to crease (6)
- 20 Aussie drunk, very smelly, no saint (4)
- 22 What trappers were after, left to prepare traps? (4)
- 24 No longer together, son makes up for shortcomings (6)
- 26 Rich embroidery (not new) winding round old pulpit (7)
- 29 Foxing well-known septet maybe interrupted by cheers (6)
- 30 Spirit in bottle causing endless dismay after good rub initially (6)
- 31 One old tar capsizing major vessel (5)
- 32 Tent erected in wood (no one inside) (5)
- 33 Convert from granite a form of Eire gneiss (10)
- 34 Ancient earthwork in original condition? One's amazed (9)

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Across 2, rick in fence + t; 11, ER Glam(is) (all rev.); 13, nu in crim(son); 16, a TA + tons; 19, t, y in plasma; seep, screen; 20, (was)hing; 21, cf. prom; 23, mog in scare; see brush; 28, J + bale (rev.); 31, SA + anil (rev.); 32, suss ex; ref. traditional Xmas song, the S. Carol; 23, i.e. 'ke' (Turner, former US singer) + up; 34, e in arole; 35, dis(h) + anag.

Down 1, anag. + pressed; 3, anag. incl. f. & lit.; ref. top chef Anton Mossiman; 4, lin cub; ref. London c.; 5, s in Roman Ch.; 9, anag. less r; 12, 'glory'ole; 15, a dam + sale; 18, malls in sat; 25, me in gal y; 26, 's payd(ay); 30, k + uri(nation).

PRIZERULES

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DOWN

- 1 Couch hostility before following shrink? (7)
- 2 Carousal in Perth? Useless to grumble – drink up (6)
- 3 Drum and guitar's intro interrupting rock superstar (8)
- 4 Water flow regulator, new, installed by complete duffer (7)
- 5 Work adequately matched rising rate (5)
- 6 Those leading in the best type of rock (8)
- 7 The US take advantage of struggling pound, investing millions (6, 2 words)
- 8 Golf course employee, one responsible for many extras? (11)
- 9 Hitler's dream? *He* made list possibly (4)
- 10 Membrane or last of quinsy restricting part of throat, forming clots (11)
- 16 No stranger to redundancy, among people on a strike (8)
- 19 Place for a drink and what that might be with German ignoring queue? (7)
- 21 River diverted, lake's dry wretchedly, refreshed liquidly no longer (7)
- 23 Travel lodge? Maria singularly takes refuge in it (6)
- 25 Carter's lad travellin' northwards (6)
- 27 Lichen: Nebraska's where you'll find it (5)
- 28 Mountain pass the Scots have found captivating you and me (5)
- 29 Monkey dropping in for palm cereal (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.