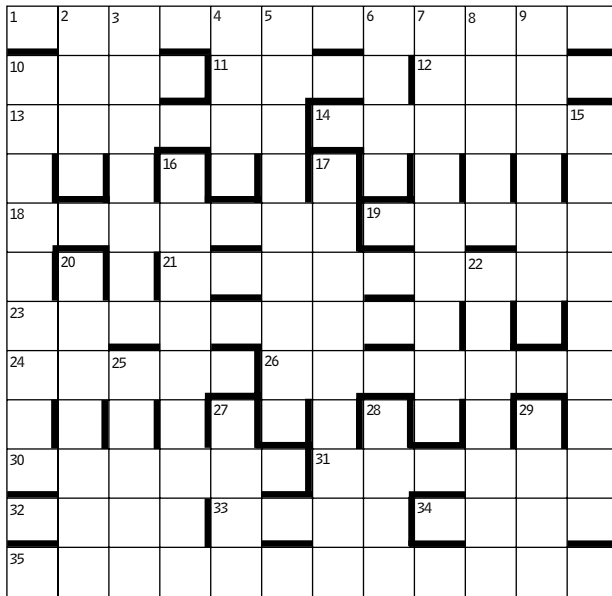


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ACROSS

- 1 Showing light jumper, one strolling round rustic dance? Ask away (12, 2 words)
- 10 Deeply coloured mineral: it has its colour hollowed out (4)
- 11 This ghi is cooked hot in Agra (4)
- 12 Handful of Scottish corn – as stuffing for pike it is within one's grasp (4)
- 13 SA plant, mostly discoloured, displayed in cases (6)
- 14 Wader accompanying golden antelopes (6)
- 18 Actor in old mystery play, French or German, when making entrance (7)
- 19 'Wally' (might one say?) using only a little bit of apple in crumble (5)
- 21 Segment of bone giving back end of frame support (9)
- 23 Soma disfigured with taint? That may be my speciality (9)
- 24 Effort is put into big star's comeback (5)
- 26 Vice means *this* of sin compounded, brand no longer in use (7)
- 30 Some order brandy with this prompt, as of old (6)
- 31 Zloty changed when one enters European exchange (local) (6)
- 32 Indomitability? In short English monarch has it (4)
- 33 Old prank in time between lessons, head being absent (4)
- 34 Able to feel less worried, since old (4)

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Across 1, Chian + anag.; 10, R(w)anda; 14, cf. tramps; 15, don + r in need; 17, (w)inning; 18, ref. Massenet opera *Thais*; 21, Hank in tee (= T-shirt); 23, (pro)secco; 28, anag. in ll (lt. = he); 30, anag. + G; 31, in + dri(ft); 32, ref. former US tennis star Chris E.; 34, Sexton (Blake) + bee + anag.

Down 1, C + dittit in anag.; 3, n in Aga; 5, her in tope?; 6, iss(u)e + l; 8, (Marcel) Pagnol in anag.; 12, ami in st; sv Saam; 16, I in im in tram (rev.); 20, rec. + limb (qv); 23, swinge(r); 26, trave(sty); 28, I in lea (rev.).

PRIZERULES

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35 Printed endlessly in rags, main article, one discussing adverse claims (12)

DOWN

- 2 Earth for making bricks used in formal masonry (4)
- 3 Music from Jamaican immigrants in drag (sort of)? (7)
- 4 Journey to Scotland? Take car heading north (4)
- 5 Chimp transported with rage expressing speech in writing (9)
- 6 Gin: mother's ruin merely started with yen (4)
- 7 Something on the barbecue that French teetotaller coated in his cheese? (9)
- 8 Rising stir about book – it was at centre of scandal (5)
- 9 Fruit layer magpies take in en passant (7)
- 10 Area of bare rock, endless chain fringed by desert tract (9)
- 15 States welcoming star of *Shane*, the musical! (9, 2 words)
- 16 Assume louts mixed up in the head (9)
- 17 For each batting at one, length short around time of delivery (9)
- 20 Fabulous creature: Tate provides setting for it in gown, decorated (7)
- 22 My heart, enthralled by progeny, proceeded cheerily (7)
- 25 Very lyric? I couldn't care less! (5, 2 words)
- 27 Might young Jock have bowled one w-wanton over? (4)
- 28 Light rain in burst, no extremes (4)
- 29 Stretch of sand covered by tide, nearly (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.