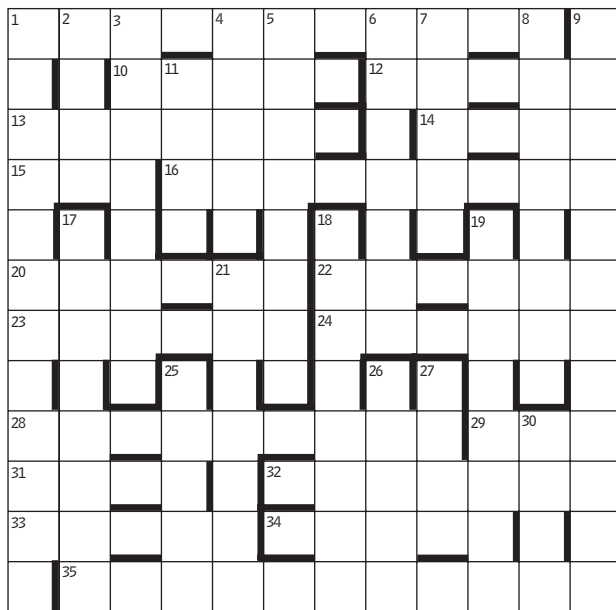


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ACROSS

- 1 Pal shops for woolly that's water-resistant (11)
- 10 Yellow flowers in a festoon from behind window (5)
- 12 Former product of refined looms making comeback (5)
- 13 Do old-style needlework I'd incorporated in fancy robe on queen (7)
- 14 Nightingale that sang in a tree (4)
- 15 Player for his country goes off with a bang (3)
- 16 One famously luckless where it's easy to get lost in rolling hills (9)
- 20 Boom I'm having to chop in woodland area (6)
- 22 Faces pilot from the rear, restricting volume (6)
- 23 Dreadful old biddy, pain with relations (6)
- 24 Shelled molluscs, marine mottled rose rings (6)
- 28 Brae I tackled with kilt – it's suitable for riding in rugged terrain (9, 2 words)
- 29 Sea dog, possibly, endlessly roguish (3)
- 31 Tax bar for lawyers (4)
- 32 Belts R and A distributed, an asset in bunkers (7)
- 33 Poet's rival, cross coming after first in eisteddfod (5)
- 34 Merman e.g., tail to the fore, in river of legend (5)
- 35 It's not far to home with Shakespeare's Kate around? (11, apostrophe)

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O	A	C	A	R	T	O	P	H	I	L	E
H	O	B	J	O	B	L	O	S	C	A	M
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N	T	N	M	G	E	C	H	I	N	U	S
C	R	O	N	E	T	B	D	E	C	A	D
M	E	B	O	S	M	O	B	L	A	T	E
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J	E	T	T	Y	R	E	C	O	V	L	E

Across 1, chat's; stalk (rev.) + ch; 6, prop; 10, hobby's; top in anag.; 11, chore; obj, in hob; 13, con; 14, bad; u in as mode's; 17, spines; 18, nag's; crone + t; 19, aged; c in dead; 21, salt; 23, convent; ob.; late; 25, fins; antain fill(e); 28, mass; aura in anag.; 29, party; hidden rev.; ref. Mad Hatter's Tea-party; 30, rock; l c in a l i s (rev.); 31, cases; seme in canted; 32, blackish; fired; coy in anag.

Down 1, anag. in *Kim* (Kipling); 2, anag. in leak; 3, tajik; 4, e.g. dots (all rev.); 5, 0 in anag. + anag.; 6, posh in SV; 7, first letters; 8, ricer + car; 9, some d (rev.); 15, beet mister; sv beet*; 16, nob + E list; 20, Esc (computer key) in dale; 22, a in slam + i. & (sort of) lit; 24, I rub (rev.) + ti; 25, Fal + a j; 26, e in anag.; 28, (ta)blet.

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DOWN

- 1 Small group drawn from a larger, it must become disciplined (12)
- 2 Chunk of text shortened? This rubber's useful (4)
- 3 Means of evading office post husband's drawn into (8)
- 4 One attaining perfection, a dish, fantastic (5)
- 5 Male on bender (no women), not old? Fatal weakness includes one! (8)
- 6 What's lifted Othello and excited ire given more space? (7)
- 7 Mixed dish with a pinch of valerian or sage (Irish) (5)
- *8 A window (8)
- 9 One coming out laces new dress tight – it p4roduces slow motion (12, 2 words)
- 11 Grate beginning to smoke in a rush (unchecked) (4)
- 17 Vibrations damaged road in dips (8)
- 18 Short biodata present life so inaccurately (8)
- 19 Yeoman abandoning fine bird (8)
- 21 Axe-wielders mill around cleaving tropical tree (7)
- 25 Fell over? There's a how-d'y-e-do (5)
- 26 Sudden shower during dusk at Torquay (5)
- 27 Delicate woman rising about end of elevenses (4)
- 30 She paints numbers etc on cars (4)

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