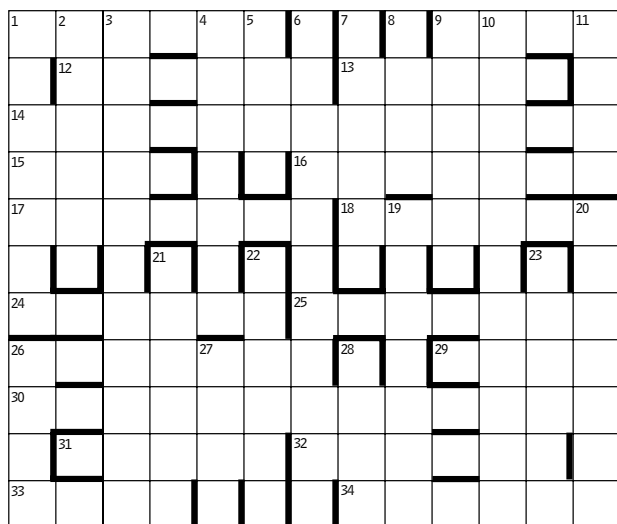


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ACROSS

- 1 Member of hyacinth family in clay beside tree (6)
- 9 Lib Dem familiarly making mark in government (4)
- 12 Cold cream bun stuffed with a sweetener (6)
- 13 Crazy John hits Gotham? (5)
- 14 Far from earthy carrot entrée, pureed with bit of nutmeg in (13)
- 15 Noted seaman in fleece, back to front (4)
- 16 Female in colourless fashion bagging major award (4)
- 17 Quibble with hall given backing for group marriage (7)
- 18 Mum holds festivity back requiring sweet wine (6)
- 24 Extremity, end cut, came up, swelling (6)
- 25 Girl getting clothed after retiring – what a surprise! (7)
- 26 A con twice fiddled card game (7)
- 29 Work off fast run, being sore (4)
- 30 Very small nipper bit peeler with canine badly (13)
- 31 Worried re soup with no love for weedy asparagus (5)
- 32 Leeks cooked with a slice of conference pear (6)
- 33 Visitors to Athens will take in this classical lecture site (4)
- 34 Small number getting into Trinity? It didn't sound cheerful (6)

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Across 10, Iliac in vo (qv); 14, R sele in cot; 16 & 24 Dn, anag. in smacks; 17, B in remune(rating) (rev.); 20, cf. mole; 21, arse in con; 22, U man + had (rev.); 28, comp. anag. & lit.; 38, enc. supra (rev.); 35, comp. anag.; 36, easy (rev.) in anag.

Down 2, a kip (rev.); 3, en in plum; 5, scow (led); 6, tore + or (rev.); ref. opera heroine; 7, Sian in Russ (Conway, former pop pianist); 9, M in (d)egree (rev.); 13, lunk in speer; 18, air in brume; 19, bud + E in gree (qv); 27, i.e. s in Dis; 32, z uni.

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DOWN

- 1 Pile of dung on bed in greenhouse (7)
- 2 Pond plants, a body that's not soft inside (6)
- 3 Fellow onto tackling prop roughly, but not excessively (11, 3 words)
- 4 Sharp screams resulting from short time in rocky beds (7)
- 5 Gull in trees with aspiration, we hear? (4)
- 6 Not being subjective, used no straw for construction (11)
- 7 To arrive holding garland I cut tropical plant (6)
- 8 Mark housing the men in small bunkhouse? (4)
- 9 Spirits to be taken by mouth swallowed by me (6)
- 10 'Beyond words', not applicable in description of papal authority? (11)
- 11 Enterprising Gentile, charged with energy (4)
- 19 Something like balsa, a near equivalent, black inside (7)
- 20 Runner maybe once obstructed in heat, stumbling (7)
- 21 Somebody cutting limb up reveals primal organism (supposedly) (6)
- 22 Where fencing occurs, in audience Shakespearean was hushed (6)
- 23 Ruined, as everyone in morass (6)
- 26 What have some giving in cravenly, initially given up? (4)
- 27 Cross wife after credit (4)
- 28 What those hawking in the country do, regularly sapient? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended. 10 is in earlier editions.