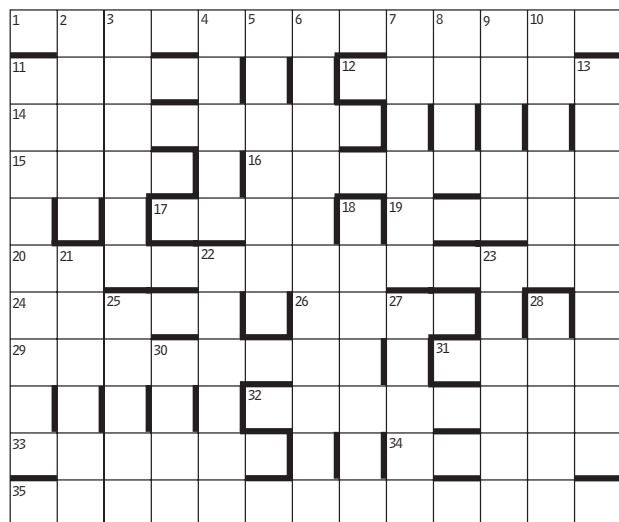


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ACROSS

- 1 Showing variance about recording device has date wrong (13, 2 words)
- 11 Women in discarded dress making the old leer (5)
- 12 One unpopular at opera in audience box? (6)
- 14 Mutton in the upper house George freely tucked into (8)
- 15 List of Scotch concealed in bar (underneath) (4)
- 16 Trained to admit blunder, looking very embarrassed! (8)
- 17 Move on left in frozen state north of the border (4)
- 19 Garden implement without starter is trying (5)
- 20 Women engage in exchange about backing No. 1 with energy, creating early bloomer (13, 2 words)
- 24 Part of opera featuring contralto in Indian army (5)
- 26 Special spring grass (4)
- 29 There's no free passage here – all to get hammered (8)
- 31 Squash mug (4)
- 32 Bit of liver I set before cat? It's on my palm (8)
- 33 With borders all round, less sunny having switched ends (6)
- 34 Propeller beginning to turn in moving ro-ro (5)
- 35 Showing results of body scan? Charting pics I become troubled (13)

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P	A	T	C	H	P	S	A	L	T	E	R
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One-word definition first, then number where word clued appears in grid, then note for the latter if required.

Across 5, book (24); anag. incl. w less b; 11, runner (32); anag. incl. r, E; 12, sun (34); 13, among (34); 14, reserved (20); 15, coin (28), cent with a for E + Ar.; 18, old (11); lina theta; 21, pillared (16); ally p in sort; 22, modest (17); 24, denial (5); anag. less E; 28, weight (22 Dn); s + l've in wt; 29, tuck (1Dn); pat + anag. incl. p, t; 30, cheese (9); 31, suit (3); dot + h; 32, top (33); to(p) + l in anag; 33, skirt (18); E in on time; 34, stop (25); fin unit.

Down 1, vessel (19); US cat in anag.; 2, pouch (14); tice in rent; 3, clergy (12); y in sura; 4, bird (21); 'Polly' + style; 6, smooth (7); 7, plastic (15); anag. in ton; 8, trembling (4); 9, spectators (26); 10, fort (13); anag. less ill f; 16, opening (22 Ac); sham + safe (rev.) + t; 17, reps (19); rep in tid + ant; 19, vin (29); pro + anag.; 20, charm (2); anag. incl. 0 (c) harm; 22, tizzy (23); 23, gallery (6); sat in + y; 25, disabled (1Ac); 26, drop (27); r in ego; 27, so (10); comp. anag.

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DOWN

- 2 Women (not men) entering hammer tossing game (5)
- 3 Bit of gardening I like, rearing plant stiffener (6)
- 4 Formation flyers, those on wings of gyrating energy (5)
- 5 Plant mostly raised in dunes from the south (7)
- 6 Timeless number among great lives possibly (11)
- 7 Church accepted distinction without hesitation for leader (6)
- 8 Nigerian submerged in drink if ever heading westwards (4)
- 9 Tree, one seen in African area (5)
- 10 Where you'll find dead shrivelled trees (6)
- 11 Gambler worst off in the short run (9)
- 13 Pet maybe making me very embarrassed! (9, 2 words)
- 18 Pant after a course overseer leading other ranks (7, 2 words)
- 21 Source of idolatry concentrated around one venerated? (6)
- 22 Sharp-eyed youngster eyes missing quite ornamental tag (6)
- 23 Does it suggest whit Jock's enclosed? (6)
- 25 One man's taken up third space in bass section? (5)
- 27 E.g. Lulu, some years after her forte, without No. 1? (5)
- 28 A number trapped by hail in foreign capital (5)
- 30 League I'm in scoring first draw (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.