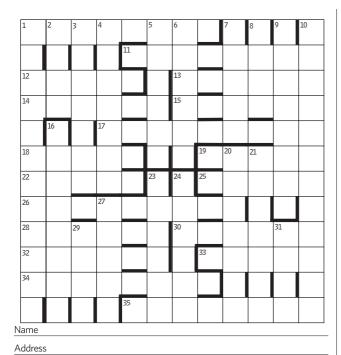
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ACROSS

- 1 Burrower twice curtailed hoard area (8)
- 11 Dessert wine from Spain and mixed nuts are passed round (8)
- 12 Evergreen, height restricted by return of a beetle (5)
- 13 Tubs heading for Troy, beached one assumes? (6)
- 14 Feature of e.g. Chinese, Eastern people moving westwards, at first (6)
- **15** Abstainer about to affirm 'Scotch stupid'(6)
- 17 Frog in pool, very active, swallowing one (9)
- 18 Occasion, we hear, for Niobean speciality? (5)
- 19 Hoard buried in Atacama's sands (5)
- 22 Beats boxers maybe Henry knocked out? (5)
- 25 Ran through old page at first (5)
- **26** Pickled nice tart bit of pork crackling (9)
- 28 I'm surprised about e.g. Murdoch portraying some Celts as laughable (6)
- 30 Mountaineering aid taking strain traditionally in flanks of Eiger (6)
- 32 Tiresome insect creating buzzing intermittently in head? (6)
- 33 Message from cockpit with positioning of loci? (5)
- **34** Bass part I count on in new production (8)
- 35 Night attack drew near is notice taken? (8)

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Across 1, r in anag.; 12, (Sebastian) Coe qual; 16, brand name; 17, lip in con; 27, H in anag.; 29, 'tis ane; 31, I ado (all rev.); 33, rim in noon; 35, s in anag.

Down 2, gee (rev.) in blue²; 3, sati(able); 6, Fr on in conte; 8, comp. anag.; 10, n CE in Clare ux.; 13, mo + chast(e) one; 15, gel in anag.; 26, 'I do' in as; 30, i.e. H in tan; than².

AZED No. 1,858 Prizewinners

HUMONGOUS

1 Dr.I.S. Fletcher (17 The Oaks, Kemble, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL 7 6BH): Whacking no good for Greyfriars' most seen character in comic (ng for rin humorous; ref. Billy Bunter in 'The Magnet').

2 V. Dixon (Dublin): Tremendous comic, but no good for Romeo (ng for Rin humorous).

3 R. J. Whale (Twyford, Berkshire): I doubt that *ordinary* North American sandwiches turn out thus! (*go in hum o N US; & lit.*)

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DOWN

- 1 Offers for sale old bit of caramel in fudge, sweet (12)
- 2 If you ask me, I should be preferred to doctor touring hospital (4)
- 3 One moves aside deliberately to avoid soak coming up (7)
- 4 Skin application that's sprayed around in puja, etc (7)
- 5 Cases with money are complicated where does judge go for privacy? (6)
- **6** Aggressively sell rubber rings just reduced by 50% (6)
- 7 Lumberjack's tool, 'ard to lift under pressure (5)
- 8 Sea bird nesting in Sheerness (4)
- 9 Pope's 'pure shimm'ring sun, so dry' (8)
- 10 Steroid? Examine critically an individual secreting dodgy store (12)
- 16 Deep layer of soil, new, with sausage on top (8)
- 20 Theory of measuring reduction of street crime (roughly) (7)
- 21 Sort of frill, one jolly badly attached to end of ra-ra (7)
- 23 How one might describe centre for Baal, tutelary deity? (6)
- **24** Harry's sound intestinal sac? (6)
- 27 Bread for the birds (5)
- 29 Split, embarrassed about end of liaison (4)
- 31 Its characteristics are environmentally determined inverted one's dead (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2003) is recommended.