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## ACROSS

1 Hotel garrulity, even if loud (7)
6 Once shut in you'll get mass briefly before this in pulpit (5)
10 Die with courage in the wars - bitter-sweet for the wife in Paris? (10)
11 Unfelled US wood: wise old fellow protects mound (8)
13 Revolutionary lives in retreat as one committed to cause? (5)
14 One looks down on Sudras, incarnation of Siva rejected alas (6)
17 Bothy screens entirely covered in German? (7)
18 Ache that's disturbed writer having to dumb down? (7)
19 King retained was fitting in card game (4)
20 Defective in hearing once summoned (4)
21 Glaswegian's punch, commoner with big un around (7)
23 Mineral: one former tennis ace putting away third (7)
26 Leadership he relinquished? Blimey, that's old-fashioned! (6)
28 Bacterium giving cheeky types a turn (5)
30 Complaint about sole, part of skateboarder's equipment (8)
31 Weaving of linen begun for guardians of treasure (10)
32 Portion of yield is measured as tithe historically (5)
33 Swimming's almost (but not quite) accepted in dance (7)

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## PRIZE RULES

$£ 25$ in book tokens for the first three correct solutions opened. Solutions postmarked no later than Saturday to
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## DOWN

1 S-soak up tittle-tattle (4)
2 Book of anthems then played with piano, right? (10)
3 Arabhas examination cut short (5)
4 Get mail delivered irregularly - showing this? ( 7,2 words)
5 Fed to sailor, a cheap substitute for spinach? (6)
6 Fish swallowing seaweed - it obeys all the physical laws (8,2 words)
7 Military protects tanker losing nothing - for this company? (5)
8 Headmistress, famous as a smacker maybe (4)
9 Create new original of US rock band's Michaelmas Daisy (8)
12 Form of vocal contraction that could give Elsa aphony (10)
15 Scrap of cloth dipped in pitch at sea forming cheap joint? (8)
16 Glitter round middle of array creating irregular line in Macy's? (8)
19 In love, almost ecstatic, holding hand (7)
22 Expression of scepticism about controversial artist's 'quantity of corn'? (6)
24 Emblem, among some to treasure, erected (5)
25 Demoiselle? Try to get a better view (5)
27 Doxies, first to make overtures by soliciting (4)
29 Phosphorus covering fish, gray-coated one? (4)
The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended. It does not give one familiar proper name.

Across 1, AA = anti-aircraft; 13, Le Tou(que)t; 14, a in repos (rev.); 15, ref. 'a game of two halves'; 19 , inn in set (all rev.) ;ref. 'Anyone for tennis?'; 20, pe(r) ch; 21, ref. Eric Idle, comedy actor and writer; 24, Rl alto; ref. 'What news on the R.?' (The Merchant of Venice); 26, crown (sv. crow) + anag.; 28, nor in soap (qv) (all rev.); 31, i.e. ure in sty; 34 , Stan (Laurel) in anag.
Down 3, cla(I'm in)g; 4, non in hype (qqv); 6, lb in Au + go; 7, gin in anag.; 8, sv. Moira; 9 , ju(ju) + gal; 10, 's + anag. in torn; 12, peel i.e. + Il in way ${ }^{2}$; 22, 'crews'; 23, sno(wfla)kes; 25, i.e. TT (tuberculin tested); 27, as + set.

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