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ACROSS

- 1 Canopy of a sort to associate with last pair taking lead (6)
- 7 Look after cat for neighbours having little foreign sun breaks?(6)
- 12 Voluntary fees in moderation, and not a 'song' (9)
- 13 Type of halo, prestige circling Lord, shimmering (8)
- **14** Year to cultivate and one locally reversed nothingness (7)
- **15** Part of Cherubino, a poetic gem (5)
- **16** Cats with tail forward reek? (4)
- **18** Mistrust about author formerly held back (7)
- 20 Once put in danger, I tap into Athenian leader endlessly (11)
- 22 Incompetent, we hear, ruined hat in oily stuff (7)
- **24** Wispy bit of e.g. straw with which few (literally) will make wages? (4)
- 27 Fenella that anyone can watch dipping in stream (5)
- **29** Merchant producing stone, cultured pearl (7)
- **31** Ruin cope, in tatters, so one's without a cloak? (8, 2 words)
- **32** Lenses ogle women (disrespectfully) (9)
- **33** Pale green calabrese, darker only in part (6)
- **34** Put this tar derivative, thin, in solution it makes the turpentine (6)

DOWN

- 1 Cabaret performer: name Corinna, she dances (11)
- **2** Boring house with nasty smell (5)

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Across 1, i.e. with Jas pers Jon becomes person; 11, anag. incl. o + line; 19, l(as)t in anag.; 22, l(s) in sum (qv); 26, r + ostra(cod); 28, singles eater; 29, (Ca) tholi(cs); 31, apes in reed; 32, a ret(or)t; 33, y in anag.

Down 1, cf. popjoy; 2, harem in San; 4, anag. + red; 5, tone in spars + ley; 6, anag. less a + too n; 8, loons (rev.); 10, been / ah; 16, filt (qv) + tern; 20, ree in tun; 24, first letters; Indian state.

AZED No. 1,996 Prizewinners

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The next competition puzzle will be No. 2.000 next week.

- **3** One of British extraction from Holland regularly seen in Goa, strangely (5)
- **4** Due something from Tom? (4)
- **5** Jock's worn–out from his journey with wretched nag around? (7)
- **6** Part of sentence, as it's uttered, is frightening (5)
- 7 Tropical fruit from New Guinea, each cut with macedoine on top? (7)
- **8** What 'grand' denotes? It often goes with art (4)
- **9** Frozen sweet solidified in a ball? The opposite (6)
- 10 Computer programmer's forming an integral part, under control (6)
- 11 Enzyme flowed in crunching of feasters (11)
- **17** Spicy pickle always served up for Hindu teacher (7)
- 19 South side that is where Glaswegian takes his laundry (7)
- 20 Dad and his bro left out old Violet (6)
- **21** Specific lunar ages lost in space and time? (6)
- 23 Amateur almost exhausted, trembly (5)
- **25** Band girl who'll display cattiness having head shaved? (5)
- **26** Young sea-trout, spotted, Welsh netted? (5)
- **28** Half-hearted line, Formby speciality? (4)
- **30** Scots thief? Crooked type (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended.