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ACROSS

- 1 Death sentence, often, gross method, curtailed (5)
- 8 Lamb cuts, grand before sweet cake rolls (5)
- 13 Queen famously losing head after run in spell, excitingly romantic (10)
- 14 Alternates cruet with tins, strangely (8)
- **15** Ecstasy experienced in playful knee-touching? Not really sincere (13)
- **16** She's not *exactly* shy embracing you and me (5)
- **17** King set off, going freely time of his life? (4)
- **19** Down Scotch, one that's very large for noon (4)
- 20 One of a pair in which group of house mice may be seen? (4)
- **22** Criticize one with sour temper as 'louse' (4)
- **25** Right out of money for a variant of hockey (4)
- **27** Dull book (much read) in abridged form (4)
- 28 Bitterness returns in women's quarters (5)
- **30** Distinctive fish–like animals? In a frenzy torch poor facts provided (13)
- **33** Drama at RSC (say) *almost* includes fashionable twinning (rocky?) (9)
- **34** Draw was annoying after broken service (10)
- **25** Turning gold, shimmering ray's excessively bright in the highlands (5)
- 26 Caliban tarried here? In part, maybe (5)

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PRIZE RULES

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Across 1, pl/ough; 7, ga/me; 10, r/esand; 11,

TREE/PERFORATE were accepted as alternatives at 2/18.

AZED No. 2,040 prizewinners

EASTER ('P.D.')

1 M. Barley (Rivermeade, Romsey Road, Ower, Hampshire S0516AF): Sailor lengthens stay as hor/rible wind hits port. 2 R. C. Teuton (Frampton Cotterell, Bristol): Summer wine's austere character appeared in the I/ot I chose (ref. Nora Batty in 'Last of the Summer Wine). 3 K. Thomas (Liverpool): Chelsea fans were sor/ry scandal hit tabloids (ref. footballer).

VHC P. Biddlecombe, C. J. Brougham, Dr J. Burscough, I. Carr, E. Cross, M. Cutter, C. M. Edmunds, D. Harris, S. B. Hart, R. J. Heald, J. Hood, R. J. Hooper, D. T. R. Lawson, D. F. Manley, C. J. Morse, D. J. R. Oglivie (USA), Dr S. J. Shaw, N. G. Shippobotham, J. R. Tozer, A. J. Wardrop, R. J. Whale, Dr E. Young.

DOWN

- **1** Cecropid jumping for hands inside hat (11)
- 2 Sing out, vigorously active in Oz containing gold of a kind (6)
- **3** PT not allowed in part of church kirk's aisle? (6)
- **4** Sails displaying pilot's qualification (5)
- 5 Butterfly wings when seen from below (7)
- 6 Way is found to interrupt wild Titan, one nursing grievance? (11)
- **7** Air base, by the sound of it (4)
- **9** Rest in travellers' hut, first to last (6)
- **10** Waste making one livid (4)
- 11 Napoleon's front leaving French city advances (5)
- 12 Old Pueblo craftsman maybe lay in the sun endlessly, market neglected (11)
- **18** Sam, leading character in two one-act plays? (7)
- 21 Gauge that covers international business (6)
- **23** Peace prize winner, one among a crowd (6)
- 24 Allowance on top of pay includes a yam (in part of US at least) (6)
- 26 Sacred offices must include this section of the mass (5)
- **29** Trouble with sailors below deck (5)
- **31** Sea monster, not down but up abandon ship! (4)
- 32 What whales relish inspires historians (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended.