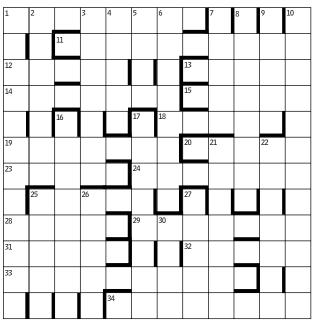
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ACROSS

- 1 'Hermit' creature overturned rule on wee tipple that is denied? (8)
- 11 Air came swirling round rocky height in ghats? (10)
- **12** To make fresh connection, I pulled out lance (5)
- 13 Cigar lit I exhaled last of smoke it often rounds off a meal (5)
- **14** African tree: get rid of half of nut (7)
- 15 Radio transmitter right beside a pilot? (5)
- **18** Mexican dish mum wrapped in fat, not badly nourished (5)
- **19** Crumble bit of mousetrap, more mature, round centre of crust (7)
- **20** It protects propeller integument in being replaced by mine (5)
- 23 Rule (in law) involved in collapse of mine against a property (5, 2 words)
- **24** Girl displaying zip in manner no end (7)
- **25** Service I'd cut, reviled (5)
- **28** Old poet's skilful and sound when penning book (5)
- **29** Emblem to be found among mythist legends (7)
- **31** Ecstasy when pound's put on horse? (5)
- 32 English getting into contact e.g. producing 'smooth' letters? (5)
- **33** *Kalevala* performer, say? Right one urge misled (replacing 'love' with e.g. 'lust') (10)
- **34** Networks succeeded showing quality of *Eggheads*? (8)

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Across 7, I(out) + Usk; 11, i.e. AZ (Azed) + urine; 13, locus(t); 16, see tower; 17, 'soup'; 22, eldr in spin; 26, grid + e, & lit.; 28, nala in sub (all rev.); 29, singular or plural; 30, i.e. (gy)mnas(ts); 31, ere S in dies.

Down 1, hidden; 2, (b) orzo(is); 5, pan cha X; 6, anag. in thin (vintr.); 12, i.e. trig + Eminus; 15, MP I ta in Sun; 18, i.e. chic + an e; 22, i.e. spell with spasm; 27, du + de; ref. US film actor Jeff Bridges, nicknamed 'the Dude'.

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DOWN

- 1 The ultimate of which is seen in what Morse with dry wit clues? (12)
- 2 Protein: left currency unit invested in one (7)
- 3 Trickle (rare), Austrian physicist's second to last (7)
- **4** The old refuse payment giving up time always (5)
- 5 Radical Liberal after second marriage in church (not big) (4)
- **6** Ra temple excavated in Palmyra? (8, 2 words)
- 7 Large drink: two slices of orange in crush (5)
- 8 Huge long-lived tree, worthless in cave area (8)
- **9** Reflex angle reversed colour in prism (5)
- **10** Intermediate evolutionary state modified in e.g. SE oceans (12)
- **16** Coat I had including rabbit, making the old very angry (8)
- 17 Stone halls, aid to interpretation of scripture (8)
- 21 Keel losing fish, seamen struggling in wind (7)
- 22 Old tomcat is leaving offal (7)
- 25 Source of medicinal wine, more than one of which will form resistance (5)
- **26** Growing in artifice relish endless dodges (5)
- 27 Pounds in capital put on eastern stuff (5)
- **30** Multinational caught in rush on gold (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended.