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- 1 Pilot's direction-finder or mascot adjusted before transfer (12)
- ***10** A lump of glass for moulding (7)
- **11** Curses pipes around start of Hogmanay (5)
- **13** Their womenfolk will appear leaderless, burying father? (7)
- **14** Bill's other half cut it silly (4)
- 16 Work extremes of hilarity into edited page part at top or foot of column (8)
- **17** Ugly expressions from sailors captured by foreign troops (5)
- **18** Bit of of soldier's kit this set gets *miles* put out (5)
- **20** Wildly eggy about a hop going wrong sign of mania? (8)
- **23** Personality one follows is wreathed in allure (8)
- **27** Little old lady is havin' a work break up north (5)
- **28** Player in Milan team, rubbish back (5)
- **30** One pill to take as treatment for alcoholism (8)
- **32** Portion of ripest apples and stuff that's gone (4)
- **33** Tossing off strong drinks (7)
- **34** Positions befit me (as editor might put it) (5)
- **35** Extremely weird lake in east of France (7)
- **36** Perry maybe balancing on sideboard (12)

AZED 2,175 Solution & notes

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Across 6, an in apage; 11, (J)a(m)i(e) Oli(ver); ref. TV chef; 12, ur in Amos (Oz, Israeli writer); 14, I in anag.; 15, pellme(II) in anag.; ref. J. S. Bach, K. at the court of Anhalt-Cöthen from 1717; 19, comp. anag.; 22, ox in ca; 24 OK I+ mono; 31, IR I in by ani; 34, a ness in VA; ref. Hugh Walpole novel; 35, name I (rev.). Down 1, anag. + sen. (rev.); 2, ray in pia¹; 4, MI + sled; 8, anag. + Ch.; 9, (d)aunt; 10, last letters; 16, melin jule(p); 18, pa (rev.) in coral; 21, émigré (rev. with reversal of final pair of letters); 23, ano. in Nox (rev.); 25, comp. anag.; 27, anag. incl. n; 29, i.e. use with mo on = mouse; 30, a pil(lock) (rev.).

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- **2** What'll make Scots keener? That is following old king (6)
- **3** E.g. basalt for filling course (8)
- **4** Port wine's bottled? Stow to mature thus (5)
- **5** Poet exchanging recipe for a legume (6)
- 6 Performing well, Ben maybe loses his first grand (6, 2 words)
- 7 The Scots speak indistinctly, low and soft (4)
- **8** Brewed cha coming in I drink up while playing this? (7)
- **9** Military governor has shortened broad cannon? (6)
- 12 Mats we're given in arrangement for wine glasses, etc (8)
- **15** Timer with which girl follows say gee-gee (8, 2 words)
- **19** Some duties go on for a long time (8)
- **21** Guardian of gardens? Matter holding partner up (7)
- **22** Its music is hammered out, a lilting strain (6)
- **24** Put up sort of trough, to employ inside (6)
- **25** Visitor to Italy blowing in from the south, e.g. Paul (6)
- 26 Like the Carpenter, or his mate, swallowing first of ovsters?(6)
- **29** It includes Obama's 'Bo', among Americanisms (5)
- **31** Fishing vessel, or smack (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended.