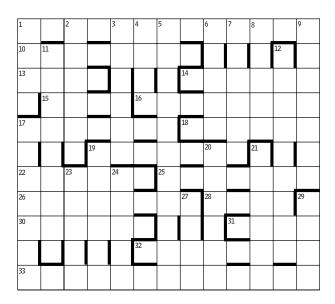
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ACROSS

- 1 Garden party, about end of June? Arrive with a measure, including starter of pâté (13, 2 words)
- **10** Paris I love, initially stormy and hot, or showery? (8)
- 13 Fool admits love for girls as sex objects (4)
- **14** Farmland in a story (first page missing) (6)
- **15** Scottish pie or pasty cooked without its centre (4)
- **16** Lolly that is collected by political party (8)
- 17 Unidentified old plant, thin, straggling amid veg (7)
- **18** Coloured blouse? It's usually yellow (6)
- **19** Disport at sea in rowing races (7)
- 22 String for N. Benedetti? Her Amati is useless without E one (6)
- **25** Building worker had broken in spade possibly (7, 2 words)
- 26 Small change abroad once VAT's applied (8)
- 28 Make good meal with a roll and a bit of bacon inside (4)
- **30** E.g. wide-awake before wedding, does she rule the house nominally? (6)
- 31 US criminal to be wilder, denied Roman law (4)
- 32 Shoot one's mouth off? It's dangerous in an emergency (8)
- 33 See ten spades dealt out, king included? Reckless urge results (13)

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Down 2, anag, in pile; 3, st + anag,; 4, hidden; 5, anag, in 'em; 8, looter (rev.); 9, t in an atom (rev.); 11, hou(r) + semester with a for 'e; 14, U3A = University of the Third Age; 17, ape in sens; 18, sma she's; 20, i.e. at a lab (rev.); 27, NY as.

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DOWN

- 1 Scots take trouble producing fine tree (4)
- 2 Undergo instruction in poetic language? Some betray nerves (6)
- **3** Holder of distaff reluctant to go into company (6)
- 4 Duck, not trimmed initially, a feature of Indian cuisine (4)
- **5** Fear of stormy weather, fault overcoming rustic in major land mass (11)
- **6** Unadulterated eastern blend (5)
- **7** Golfer may suggest such antelopes from his homeland (6)
- 8 Biblical text to get one's teeth into, endlessly (5)
- **9** Plant disease certainly found in e.g. mango grove, on the up (7)
- 11 It sweeps from afar? You can say this of Rome, perhaps (9, 2 words, apostrophe)
- **12** Actor, pale, messed up leading Shakespearean role (9)
- 17 Opening hamper, chat freely, getting plastered? (7)
- 19 Cherubs, tons viewed from below, prance jauntily (6)
- 20 Bank, often hard to see in river (6)
- 21 Former companion, male, accepted by father (6)
- 23 One's put up stakes (5)
- **24** Put up in eastern inn, transferring sections (5)
- 27 Sergeant may be seen to be limited by this rank (4)
- 24 Niche, we hear, for some software? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.