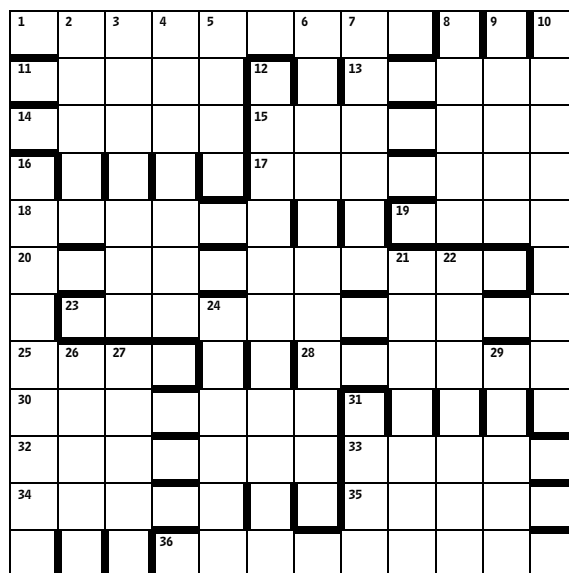


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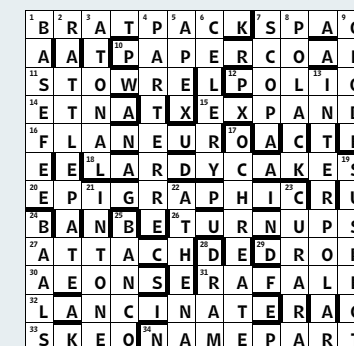
- 1** This writer's put out about lively frolic, unrehearsed (9)
- 11** Cluster of cells, type wherein time's passed, American (5)
- 13** Coarse Scots ground-bass regularly missed out (5)
- 14** Fine wastage? (5)
- 15** Student of e.g. Saudi culture, one twice engrossed in pictures etc (7)
- 17** One extracting hemp seeds, Jack maybe, bagging pound (7)
- 18** All confused maid admits being rendered speechless (6)
- 19** Fair component of some resins, not mine (4)
- 20** Ikon crafted with silence by number in shared meal? It's typical of cloistered community (11)
- 23** Work in bank, say, gets captain confused (11)
- 25** A wee bittie whiskey imbibed by soak? (4)
- 28** An old field having parts switched for hunt? (6)
- 30** Mountain plant, strangely pleasing, one picked out (7)
- 32** Scots engineer, no longer vigorous in energy (7)
- 33** One born in spring period, English, with rain swirling around (5)
- 34** Butterfly? It's thrown out in air gusts (5)
- 35** Heather may be so wrinkled around onset of greying (5)
- 36** Student of religious stuff hereto revised, taking in record of work done (9)

### Down

- 2** Amateur in grip of old pro, substantial? (5)
- 3** Dad's enveloped by homily as of old, gassy stuff (7)
- 4** Naiad involving us in a lark, swimming (7)
- 5** Ribs? Huge, emerging from college shortly (4)
- 6** With HM no longer on board, bales ship out? We'll go off rapidly (11)
- 7** Old decoy, name separate, inverted (6)
- 8** Roman magistrate? See special one in seat (5)
- 9** Contract top to bottom in frame (5)
- 10** Bile after rest's disturbed – I'll sever friendship (9)
- 12** Study beyond traditional methods rate limiting compound of arsenic (11)
- 16** Rodent fancying sweet bulbs in quantity – once worth trapping it (9)
- 21** Fruity cluster eater demolished with joyous cry (7)
- 22** Chant involving consecutive trio like wind among the leaves? (7)
- 24** Fashionable number turned up in this cut? (6)
- 26** Duck portion? It may deceive the eye (5, 2 words)
- 27** Drunk, having imbibed gallon, sky high? (5)
- 29** Subject I sat in e.g. poly, missing pass at first (5)
- 31** Painful swelling making one miss work in career (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.**

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**Across** 1, prat back; apt (rev.) in brack; 7, coarse name; 10, caper poll; 11, dust for Jock; 12, low PO; 14, lava's kissed; 15, axe panned; x pa in end; 18, cardi lakes; 20, motto-like; 26, earn tups; cf turnips; 27, fix on; 29, let go; 30, many ages; 31, fa rale; 32, nancy late; 33, wee shed; KE in so; 34, naam pate.

**Down** 1, face bee; sv fee; 2, pattle rate; 3, oat anal; 4, tar pare; 5, top part; a 'pecks'; 6, raw stick; celer(ity); 7, bee's tuft; 8, low pack; op (rev.) + lack; 9, making way; 13, pinta roller; 17, part of stalk; 19, pus sect; US pec in st; 21, own tin; 22, mate for a god; (he)athen + a; 23, ply in surgery; 24, true gods; a in slab (rev.); 25, can bow; cf. Bacon; 28, wee tot; dram(a); vague ref. to Wat Tyler.

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