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ACROSS

4 Nasty pimples (ugh!)? Bit of lanolin removed skin condition (9)

Postcode

- 10 Famous sheriff imprisoning liberal, a passionate English feudal lord (12, 2 words)
- 11 US songbird the Scots yearn to set free, as of old (8)
- **13** Fragment of terracotta in Oscan, a lost language (5)
- **14** Fixes up Twain (really) with women replacing men (5)
- **15** Core of old army Attila deployed within borders of Bohemia (8)
- **16** Early arrival on opening night (8)
- **18** Fine fabric constituting 50% of protective garment (4)
- **21** Single, getting on a bit, no longer on the shelf perhaps (4)
- **22** Shop's closing: ran sale, in a way unmissable (one assumes) (8)
- 24 How newsreader performs (constant one in volume, reading autocue initially) (8, 2 words)
- **28** A group of sea creatures, eastern, one without ventral fins (5)
- **29** Woman leading her country's scam (5)
- **30** Monster dismantling of America involving Bush (shielding business) (8)
- **31** One annoyed about RC once converted, still at odds (12)
- **32** Unruly youth with shooting pain inside, typical of certain flying insects (9)

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Across 13, pp in anag.; 14, arm in MO + set; 15, see cokes; 16, alternate letters; 18, 'meteor'; 19, g woo all in anag.; 25, Puli(tzer); 30, anag. incl. 0.

Down 4, me I ode on; 10, aster in MS + in Ger.; 16, d in rare bat (all rev.); 18, mor + a in mor; 21, middle letters; 24, ger(ma)ne; 26, comp. anag. & lit.; 23, see Names in C.

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2 Michael Heery, Bristol

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DOWN

- 1 Wicket excellent for spinners (7)
- 2 Skymen flying apart or on operations (10)
- **3** Top cabinet member put in delegate (7)
- 4 Full assembly making choice about a quad (6)
- 5 Cotton, e.g., as lining of thermal variety (5)
- **6** Quill pen initially improving discourse university put out (7)
- **7** Something like the Vulgate, expansion following it (5)
- 8 Beth comes ahead of me in set I'm put in to begin working (5)
- **9** They follow stimuli, obsolete since adult (5)
- 12 Like a split personality, upset by weird taunt? (10)
- 17 Till old, relative, note, imagined sort of El Dorado (7)
- 19 Begin, say, as it's said really all embryos lying internally begin (7)
- 20 Direction finder almost daedalic in construction (7)
- 23 A fine bust, trembling? (5)
- 24 Easy goal? Cheers drink up (5)
- 25 Royal palace, fashion alternating with gold (5)
- 26 Prospect? One's waved excitedly (5)
- 27 Repentant German after devastation (5)

The Chambers Dictionary (2003) is recommended. **10** appears at the entry for its second element.