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ACROSS

- 1 No-good seizing power, a handful for the Scots (4)
- 4 Tiny bivalve, sort cracked by a fish (8)
- 11 Physical variation in ale, too fizzy and bad of its kind (10)
- **12** Approx. high point in outlay on assets (5)
- 14 One follows narrative displaying recurrent rhythmic pattern (5)
- 15 Community's father most of secular folk backed (8)
- **16** Euphoric like clan freed from rule initially (6)
- **20** Tavern in the soup, devastated about a ... (8)
- **21** ... Con offering amateur liquor (4)
- 22 Typical measure of liqueur that's knocked back (4)
- 23 Wicker baskets sent back with fish smelt (8)
- **25** Cleaning woman coming round to clean tomb cloth? (6)
- 27 Recitative, standard to secure start of oratorio (8)
- **29** Backward failure admitting 'I must be chump' (5)
- **30** How you wear kids out, ultimately? (Brat is often attached to this!)(5)
- **31** Essential event: at it I'll be seen wandering round (10)
- 32 Not what you want in a mack or in place with yard? (8)
- **33** Old coins impounded by the customs (4)

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Across 1, i.e. plush with pl as m = mush: 5, cep in stic(k): 15, a tan in tar x 2 + a; 16, rag (qv) in to pan; 20, 'Ants (Hampshire); 21, (goo)se + w(he)n; 27, (os)-prey; 29, elf + anag. all in sect; 32, anag. less c x 2; 34, i.e. (te)nor teno(r); ref. Placido Domingo, Spanish-Mexican tenor

Down 3, comp. anag. & lit.; 4, toy (rev.) in mome; 9, (Au)thor + on; 10, cross + anag.; 12, p + anag.; 23, enow in RN; 30, cf 12 Dn; 31, y in elf (rev.).

AZED No. 1,910 Prizewinners BARPERSON

1 R. C. Teuton (54 Court Road, Frampton Cotterell BS36 2DN): This one may serve beers with apron on (comp. anag. & lit.). 2 N.C. Dexter (Oxford): I'll get a bit of rollicking with no spare barrel around (anag. incl. r. b. & lit.). 3 R. E. Boot (Ealing): Silly ass pouring

beers could be tipsy ---- I guess (comp. anaa. & lit.). VHC T. Anderson, D. Appleton, M. Barley,

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DOWN

- 1 Claret drunk, they regularly disposed of cheese (8)
- **2** Dad, kind of stud we heah? (5)
- 3 Component of sample, a thermal PVC fabric (8)
- **5** Grub up seconds, then some ice cream? (4)
- 6 Architects breaking into tomb had up producing several reactions(8)
- 7 Speed involves hollowed out wheel-shape (6)
- 8 Whence Socrates drank a lot *this* is toxically treated (5)
- **9** Goalie fumbled, ball caught by star coming up greasy (10)
- **10** Distribution of cards not quite perfect (opening missed) (4)
- **13** The whole timber tree, to thrive, is slowly broadening (10)
- 17 Old Roman coins: date (old) thereon, 502 (8)
- 18 Powerful dog one beat, put in muzzle (8)
- **19** Form of inert gas we fail to welcome as we should (8)
- 23 Listen as i.e. this broadcasts Points of View (6)
- 24 Famous horse gee-gee running free he'd never give up (5)
- **26** Bit of old money that'll get you a classical ode (PIN not (5)
- **27** Info from the US idiot shortened after part (4)
- **28** Old song? This is not quite the same thing (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended.