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## ACROSS

- 6 Twitching cristae, second to none in zest (7)
- **12** Dweeb taking possession of reconditioned cot as e.g. let (7, 2 words)
- **14** Old Bob treated by famous surgeon for minor skin sore (12, 2 words)
- 15 Backward Lord in annual intake for private school (6)
- 16 Narrative extract from poet à l'époque (4)
- 17 Sudden highland downpour causing a pool (not the first)? (6)
- 18 Head alternated with one ancient relative (5)
- 19 Intimate old-fashioned caresses half returned (4)
- **20** Lad involved with romantic pairing applied to legal guardian? (7, 2 words)
- 21 Lives in translation of Homer will display this? (7)
- 25 Lamb's brown? Some of us complain (4)
- 28 Boggy area to regard dirtily (5)
- 29 Vitality embodying alto or bass accompaniment? (6)
- 31 Antelope I shoot from the rear (4)
- **33** Parsee in his original home waving burgee (6)
- **34** Bolt theatrically falling short in shotten playing (12)
- **35** Jock's sprees, to do with being involved in endless jabble? (7)
- 36 'I am too old for love'? That's laying it on thick (7)

The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended.

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#### ACROSS

6, p + anag. & lit.; 10, anag. & lit.; 11, ob. in roar; 17, told do (all rev.); 21, bios I all in duty; 26, mell(owing); 26, mal (rev.) + prey; ref. Henry I, who supposedly died of a surfeit of lampreys; 32, a merling in co.; 33, bob + fly (qqv).

#### DOWN

1, anag.; Francis D., former dramatist and creator of Paul Temple; 3, who + bubo (rev.); 4, an astroph(ysicist) + E; ref. Stephen H.; 5, s + wore (rev.); 6, comp. anag.; 7, 2 meanings; 12, anag. + 'nt; 17, ur- in cacao; 19, verso in ow; 23, a + m in bob (qv); 24, i.e. is below par; 26, 'lees'; sv. lief.

#### AZED No. 1,922 Prizewinners

The winners' names will be published next week.

## DOWN

- 1 Old mantle caught in wickedly bent end of spike, skewered (11, 2 words)
- 2 Number introduced by dancing alme, unusually dark one (6)
- 3 Near cracking sums failing to agree (6, 2 words)
- 4 Cause of infection that is up around neck (5, 2 words, abbreviation)
- 5 What d-discretion engineers, involving end of mice? (12)
- 7 Damaged Lada, age unknown? Commercial's unrealistic here (6)
- 8 Knife Raoul wielded, cunning as in chansons de geste? (12)
- 9 April load? Not all (4)
- **10** Bronze Roman coin, section on top effaced, surviving (6)
- 11 Lithe and skittish vestal one stripped with minimum of effort (6)
- **13** Little American in nursery, see, romping in Philadelphia perhaps (11, 2 words)
- **22** God, I'm at the bottom of miserable place, looking up (6)
- **23** More than half of past perfect? Reverse of that return to original mushy state (6)
- 24 In maximum seclusion? It's hot, certainly, in street (6)
- 26 What's sustained out-of-condition roué holding lead? (6)
- 27 Navy in sea destroyed unknown submarine? (6)
- 30 Came across a pair attempting to mount bandwagon? (5)
- 32 Lumpy parts noticeable in Rossini aria (4)