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ACROSS

- 1 Purée recipe lacking in bazaar bun h-hog demolished (12, 2 words)
- 9 Refuse the most forty-something ladies will admit to? (8)
- 12 Argument favouring acceleration in sailing-vessel (4)
- **13** Writer, to the French one of the immortals? (6)
- **14** One due to become chief dodging a stint (6)
- 15 It yields nuts expert removed from outer shell (5)
- **18** Extract from those meetings suggesting scattergun approach? (5)
- 19 Like an extra-large bra, device with many hooks (8)
- 20 No longer mocks sex symbol of yesteryear (4)
- 21 Mild oath once wrapping of crack is removed? (4)
- 23 Old probe inserted in a tap foiled terrorist attack? (8)
- 26 Guy maybe dampened Jock's lantern (5)
- **29** Old woman, gross, stuffed with fare (5)
- 30 Cup for old Greek returning largely to Chian bottles (6)
- 31 What excluded public gets, well-known in Balmoral (6)
- **32** Ancient pot, first bits of which archaeologist must examine (4)
- 33 Hairy pile, ours, after a beating (8)
- **34** Technique for studying DNA: either variant, note, fills niche (12, 2 words)

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PRIZE RULES

£25 in book tokens for the first three correct solutions opened. Solutions postmarked no later than Saturday to **AZED No.1,938**, The Observer, 90 York Way, London N1 9GU Across 1, ambling + d all in S cays; 11, matter = pus; 13, (mot)her's; ref. 'His' and 'Hers'; 15, i.e. miss with m as k; 17, comp. anag.; 25, (s) ampler; 28, i.e. st in jole; 31, AB I + cito (rev.); 33, i.e. I and a' symmetrically placed in desire. **Down** 2, white ball in snooker; 3, a in musk; 7, ref. Peter G., eponymous hero of Britten opera, etc, and Dr G., prep school head and employer of Paul Pennyfeather in Evelyn Waugh's *Decline and Fall*; 8, dot an t; 18, b + assist, & lit; 26, 2 meanings, & men + SA; 27, PI (Private Investigator) in pit.

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DOWN

- 1 Osteoporosis in zone turning up first among Poms (12, 2 words)
- **2** Hardware test possibly revealing vessel in dump (6)
- **3** Former scare: first sign of suttee where it happened? (5)
- 4 Staff responsible for hot behind? (4)
- 5 Like femme fatale? One's unable to in time (8)
- 6 Defeated roundly? Head sinks lower in defeat, blushingly (6)
- 7 Infuriating animal rightists exhibiting poor zeal in disarray (8)
- 8 When churches are decorated, displaying cut thraves, firm, energy-filled (12)
- **10** I'll be entry for medal, showing progress (5)
- 11 Unimpressive pug having put on weight with a bang (4)
- 16 Bats not charged for before overs in US match (8)
- 17 What goes into canoe maybe I tether untidily, under pressure (8)
- 22 Daughter, say, once introduced to society shows repugnance (6)
- **24** Bum's province, providing some seclusion at a lay-by (5)
- 25 It's oddly homy in centre for bottling antiseptic (6)
- 27 Local knows Jock's nicked, had up (4)
- 28 Chamber secure for peacock (5)
- 30 Imitate puss, i.e. scratch, twitching tail? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended.