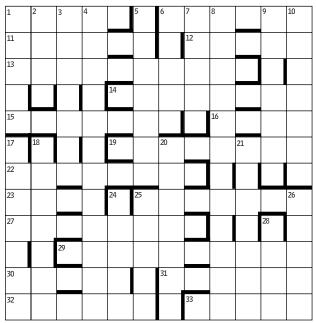
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ACROSS

- 1 Completely black geysers do (5)
- **6** Get drunk old fool going too far? (6)
- 11 Ostrich to let go, head to tail (6)
- 12 Strangeness in e.g. Congo making one bewildered (5, 2 words)
- 13 Prodigious timber tree protected by grand Malay lord (10)
- **14** Equity is safer when spread number invested (8)
- **15** Heavies discourse at length, reverse of gloomy (7)
- **16** Conference turning in recondite ideas (4)
- **19** Prepare to rock? No more, dancer dancing central bit of veleta (8)
- 22 Jumping event amateur entering entered blind (8)
- 23 Ruler in eastern commune (4)
- **25** Special block of paper with German titling possibly (7)
- 27 Pullman compartment redirected to end of the Metro (8)
- 29 Foreground figure European artist drops in, flanked by his king and queen (10)
- **30** Sign in bars, 'Good having singles around'? The reverse (5)
- **31** Opera the French love on being denied heaven! (6)
- **32** After end of parliament, tyro bungled line for explosive (6)
- **33** Church about right, one responsible for leader showing faith (5)

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PRIZERULES

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Theme words are members of the cast of the 1960s revue *Beyond the Fringe*. The 1968 play *Forty Years On* was written by Alan Bennett.

Across 14, rear MS;15, w+re(l)ns;16, Peter Cook; variations: cooking verbs; 17, anag.; ref. 'cheap tin trays' in Masefield's poem Cargoes; 20, i.e. in FO; 28, a wham (rev.); 29, see land²; 35, anag. in goad; 36, ha(b)it; 37, cf. salto, 42, Jonathan Miller; variations: see miller; 43, i.e. 'TT' (= tuberculin-tested); 44, bus (k it).

Down 1, got in in fag; 2, cf. rein; 3, rowed (rev.) in cod; 5, screen + anag; affection = disease; 7, bar⁴ + ca.; 8, dim + pro (rev.) + h; 9, gee ky; 12, Alan Bennett; variations: forenames of other Bennetts; 21, P + antler; 31, Dudley Moore; variations: sculptors; 33, (f) utile; 34, sale p(rice); 29, t(h) ei(c) y (anag.), & lit.

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DOWN

- 1 Din maybe with head moving to end silence? The opposite (5)
- 2 Soft on e.g. sailor, sexy (4)
- **3** Gemstone creating quarrel with thug (7)
- 4 English term of affection (not accepted) for old-fashioned 'breeding' (12)
- **5** Crumpet turned up with bread, Indian originally (7)
- **6** Opposition sat in groups untidily (5)
- **7** Skipper e.g. holding sport up (5)
- 8 One can't be doing with rogues hiding dad's trainers (12)
- **9** We're prickly when caught in bad weather, climbing (7)
- **10** Barman, one trying to limit reduced pressure (7)
- 17 Time to relax after close of day for 'mountain man' (7)
- **18** One in the transfer market, Blackburn player gets hold of them? (7)
- **20** Apprehend what's appropriate in remedial treatment (7)
- **21** Fido's escaped, dammit (7)
- **24** Sowar missing conflict? Yep, possibly (5)
- 25 Sacks upended as form of lure (5)
- **26** As was serene in torpor or idleness (5)
- **28** Pox is confusing by the sound of it (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended.