

## Explanation of Answers

| Clue  | Derivation            | Answer       | Comments                                    |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|---|
| <b>Across</b>   |                       |              |   |
| 1 <u>Idle fellow</u> half-emptying ale trough (6)   | BE(e)R + TIE          | BERTIE       | Def of Drone<br>Bertie Wooster              |
| 5 <u>Weapon-toting member</u> of order in goblin throng (8)                               | ORD in SWARM          | SWORD-ARM    | *   |
| 12 Foolishly loosed brief joke about First Lady's lush <u>toy home</u> (10)               | LOOSEDLUSH*           | DOLL'S-HOUSE | *   |
| 14 <u>Skittle</u> changing sides in northern sport (4)                                    | L and K swap in LAIK  | KAIL         |   |
| 16 Special people climbing round old Hebridean island <u>ravines</u> (6)                  | (S+FOLK)<<br>round O  | KLOOFS       | *   |
| 17 <u>More strange</u> goods supplied when king's dead (5)                                | R is D in ORDER       | ODDER        |   |
| 18 Parent finally heading off conceited youngster <u>who lives off others?</u> (5)        | T+(p)UPPY             | TUPPY        | Def of DRONE<br>Tuppy Glossop               |
| 20 Support in general for contribution from woodwinds (oboes) <u>once fashionable</u> (7) | TEE in GEN'L          | GENTEEL      | *   |
| 21 Seniors' reels <u>in Strathspey, bringing more luck</u> (7)                            | SENIORS*              | SONSIER      |   |
| 25 <u>Examined</u> fourth manuscript on shrinking wine box? (5)                           | CASE D                | CASED        | * Philip Barker, late British archaeologist |
| 27 <u>One certifying</u> Norse seal (6)   | N + OTARY             | NOTARY       |   |
| 28 <u>Clever</u> way to hold ball in well upset batter (5)                                | ST round RAM<         | SMART        | *   |
| 30 <u>Bee</u> 's sound when bouncing over falls (5)                                       | O falls in BOING      | BINGO        | Def of DRONE<br>Bingo Little                |
| 32 <u>Inflatable mattress</u> fixed up window frame in wool mill regularly (4)            | [(w)O(o)L(m)I(l) L]<  | LILO         | *   |
| 33 Twitter finally engaged in barring old <u>abusive posts</u> (8)                        | R in TOLLING          | TROLLING     |   |
| 35 <u>He persuades</u> arranger to include antique viol (6)                               | ARR round GUE         | ARGUER       |   |
| 36 <u>Serfdom</u> of the whole generation, once Troy is abandoned (8)                     | (t)HE LOT<br>+AGE     | HELOTAGE     |   |
| 37 Jazz fan's heard fitting old <u>bagpipe part</u> (8)                                   | CAT'S<br>+MEET(homop) | CAT'S-MEAT   | Def of DRONE<br>Catsmeat Potter-Pirbright   |
| 38 <u>Junior employee's waffle?</u>   | Two definitions       | GOFER        |   |

39 Glistening observed around  
hard yolk at first (6) H in SEEN +Y SHEENY

40 Force's units accepting rule  
on Sabbath's absence of  
alcohol(7) (DYNES round  
R) +S DRYNESS

## DOWN

1 Talk at length about book (4) BOOK\* BOKO Def of Drone – Boko Harmsworth  
2 Deva twice encompasses (d)EVA DE(va) EVADE  
3 One leaving loo available for  
use (5) TOILET - I TO LET  
4 Cheers cast back some  
vacuous story (6) [S(om)E TALE]< ELATES  
6 Creamy desserts with fruit (5) W+HIPS WHIPS  
7 Not originally really well-  
behaved (4) (t)RULY RULY  
8 Parties for instance in union  
hosting South Tibetan natives  
(4) DOS round S DSOS  
9 Fix cross oddly one way,  
twisting aerial (7) NAIL AEOLIAN \*  
+[O(n)E(w)A(y)]<  
10 Rows after disarray in  
shooting gallery? (11, *two  
words*) RANGES after RIFLE \* (*but kept as normal*)  
RIFLES RANGES  
11 Stake in skins game ends in  
really unhappy experience (6) MISE +R(eall)Y MISERY \*  
12 Failed to force valet to  
accept date (5) DINT round D DIDNT \*  
13 Scots leader who preceded  
King David? Scots for SOUL SAUL  
+Biblical ref.  
15 After excavation, Barker  
uncovered pagan laws for  
display (7) B(arke)R + BREATHE \*  
(h)EATHE(n)  
19 Bad smell of remotely  
controlled aircraft (5) PONG+O PONGO Def of DRONE  
Pongo Twistleton  
20 Extremely sinful sugar high  
lifted heart of strapping Balkan  
musicians (7) (SL +SUGAR)\* GUSLARS \*  
22 In review, briefly look into  
contents of bygone science of  
intellect (7) [LOO(k) in NOOLOGY OOOLOGY (study of eggs) to be  
(b)YGON(e)]< highlighted  
23 Pitch held by native's  
monotonous speech (7) TILT in SON STILTON Def of DRONE  
Stilton Cheesewright  
24 Dirty crooks turning over CRIMS< + H SMIRCH \*

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|---|-----------------|--------|--|--|
| smack (6)   |                 |        |  |  |
| 25 Grub in church is <u>fried bread</u> (6)               | ROUT in CE      | CROUTE |  |  |
| 26 <u>One of two</u> English pronouns (6)                 | E+IT+HER        | EITHER |  |  |
| 29 <u>Group of seaweeds'</u> thematic member, some say(5) | Homoph. Of ALGY | ALGAE  | Algy Wymondham-Wymondham, friend of BINGO Little |  |
| 30 Gracious following court <u>song's burden</u> (5)      | MY after BAR    | BARMY  | Def of DRONE Barmy Fotheringay-Phipps            |  |
| 31 <u>Bores'</u> spongy rubber serge pants (5)            | SERGE*          | EGERS  | *  |  |
| 34 <u>Did Study In Scarlet</u> on the radio (4)           | Homoph of RED   | READ   |  |  |

### Clues to reconstruct

|   |                  |          |                    |
|---|------------------|----------|--------------------|
| 1D <u>Hebridean island</u> (16A) <u>laws</u> (15D)              | Two definitions  | JURA     | Replacing BOKO     |
| 19A Manuscript on shrinking wine (25A) <u>skins</u> (11D)       | MS after RED<    | DERMS    | Replacing BARMY    |
| 30A <u>Spongy rubber</u> (31D) ball in well (28A)               | ORB in SO        | SORBO    | Replacing PONGO    |
| 1D Brief joke about First Lady's (12A) <u>valet</u> (12D)       | JES(t) round EVE | JEEVES   | Replacing BERTIE   |
| 11D <u>Window frame</u> (32A) for instance in union (8D)        | AS in CEMENT     | CASEMENT | Replacing CATSMEAT |
| 18D Lifted heart of strapping (20D) <u>goblin</u> (5A)          | (j)ESSIN(g)<     | NISSE    | Replacing TUPPY    |
| 19D <u>Cross</u> (9D) contribution from woodwinds (oboes) (20A) | Hidden word      | DSOBO    | Replacing BINGO    |