

**ACROSS**

- 1 Song composed about me - of Zurich? (6)
- 5 Laugh at one Scottish community or another (6)
- 9 Gershwin's link to terrorists (3)
- 11 The benefits of battle absorbed by Communists (7)
- 12 Blimey! It's a painful Scottish pirate vessel (7)
- 13 Fast in parliament (4)
- 14 Against language in poetry (5)
- 15 And 33 Across Politician confuses Don with all exams (4,7)
- 18 Menaces posed by the endless rates revision (7)
- 20 Least chilly weapon in direction (7)
- 22 Put one's foot down on panicking animals, endlessly... (7)
- 25 ...and became most wet (7)
- 28 We're told to look lasciviously by tragic monarch.... (4)
- 29 ...and anger spread by his daughter (5)
- 30 Contemporary sound of beach feature (4)
- 33 See 15 Across (7)
- 34 They suit Rialto's construction (7)
- 35 The literary piece of old priest (3)
- 36 Inventor lacking pretension on the rebound (6)
- 37 The sound of a nut sneezing? (6)

**DOWN**

- 2 See 16 Down (7)
- 3 Spoil original knavish boy (4)
- 4 They're relatively inwards, so to speak (7)
- 5 Journalist noticed something cutting! (7)
- 6 Labour will overturn real Kremlin leaders (4)
- 7 I mess around with Rachel, being a chump (7)
- 8 Misdirect tick controversially universal (6)
- 10 The King's in a piece of trouble with departing Europe (6)
- 16 And 2 Down Pray, when PAYE will be changed - a seasonal message (5,3,4)
- 17 Outdo the president (5)
- 19 Fedora, say, rising in Tahiti (3)
- 21 Palindromic distress signal (3)

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- 22 Odds on whip for Hannah's film (6)
- 23 Took advantage of a covering, we hear, with paper boss (7)
- 24 Chinatown? No, city in Europe (7)
- 25 Extreme Doctor takes fizzy drink canister, originally (7)
- 26 Minced pies with poetry part of series (7)
- 27 Lunge towards the endless corrosion (6)
- 31 Wood doesn't finish with law officers (4)
- 32 Neckband (4)