This is the first half of a jumbo puzzle that combines with December.

Clues 1-30 are only in a suggested order. Full co-ordinates are given.

The **** solution to 1 ac is marked.. Note 3 additional unassigned visual clues. With December ths is the last of the £500 prize 2008 series. See grid for further details.

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| | | | | | Bin-man lost direction ending up in this desert, blurting out 'New am I born!'. (5) | Drake reported on the roof making an evening of it? (5,2,3,5) |
| 3 NOBEL | 4 BLUBBER | 5 | 6 GRUFF | 7 TABAC | 8 NO RUN | 9 HORSE |
| 1 aw | 2 d | 3 d | 4 aw | 7 aw | 10 aw | 11 aw |
| Dynamite prize for coming second to Alfred the First (5) | Wail from whale? (7) | LOFT CONVERSIONS Flot and tolf for example (4,11) | Billy, the tetchy goat, sounds satisfied in wind break. (5) | Spanish drug dealer exhibits a deep shade of brown (5) | Woman habitually found outside operating room does not trouble the scorer (2,3) | Colloquial heroine out East used to hang out and saw wood (5) |
| 10 REPUTED | 11 TAPAS | 12 LET GO | 13 SIDES | 14 BEGIN | 15 LACES | 16 GIDAR |
| 12 d | 13 aw | 16 aw | 19 aw | 2 ac | 3 ac | 4 ac |
| Deposit in pipe should be seen to be believed (7) | A light blow and a soft behind makes an appetising Spanish accompaniments to a drink (5) | Release permit and advance to destination (3,2) | Aligns with teams. They might be split with laughter (5) | Soldier found in flowerpot arranged to share 1 aw with 19 across (5) | Left winning hand, weaves in and out and streaks (5) | I drag out speech on shore of Lake Chad (5) |
| 17 UNRIG | 18 FINAL | 19 TULSA | 20 BESOT | 21 CURVE | 22 THERE | 23 PATIO |
| 5 ac | 6 ac | 7 ac | 8 ac | 9 ac | 13 ac | 14 ac |
| Ruing dismantling of ship's tackle (5) | The last word in ties? (5) | Gene was only a day away from bringing back a slut (5) | You might examine how you could be so tantalising to generate such foolish affection (5) | Object of ogler's admiration? Must be round the bend (5) | Direct expression of sympathy (5) | Is it Pat I love or the hard standing? (5) |
| 24 STASH | 25 LOOSE | 26 TEACH | 27 ZODIAC | 28 SADAT | 29 DINER | 30 SAYST |
| 15 ac | 16 ac | 17 ac | 29, 18 ac | 19 ac | 20 ac | 21 ac |
| Hide away second little moustache (5) | Unrestrained ecstasy on toilets (5) | Time every train (5) | Stars making a belt for old futuristic car (6) | Unhappy at former Egyptian leader (5) | Guest at evening meal sounds uncertain following A big noise (5) | 'Stays in a twist' Shakespearean said (5) |
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