## Across

1 Try to get rid of Western reporter (4)

4 Sylvan scenery do owls keep coming back? (5)
11 Daughter at university "coping" initially and "extremely happy" Lancaster say (5)
12 Balances in bank initially shown in old European currency then Euros characteristically? (6)

13 Weak person's story behind somersaulting man (6)

14 It's funny, in Lozère I will eat well (4)
15 Rescue boats turning back near large island (4)
16 Buttonhole function in a court (6)
17 International union, woman observed in retrospect, eroded by large island $(3,6)$
20 Setter's workings (4)

21 Marshland plants depleted in the centre (4)
24 Move opening of hatch to drop pick through (4)
26 Antipodeans will cover up old portable device (4)
27 Garish zigzag possibly trailing latest in innovative style (9)
29 Film's plot's new on and off set (6)
33 Flying insect on river creating draught, possibly (4)

34 Rump Parliament's end pre-empted by multitude (4)
35 Flattened ring on wobbly table (6)
36 Divides extremely small lollies (6)
37 Block off cul-de-sac perhaps (5)
38 Explorer's talk overheard (5)
39 Adult rating in stereotypical message? (4)

## Down

1 A reclining pose after layer put on lip...arranged time off for painter $(5,7)$
2 Tonsil study supported by bits during commercial (7)

3 Slaughter fish attached to copper line (7)
4 We must accept bestselling priest's convenient story $(5,3)$

5 Cry over the old character at the end (4)

6 My Word! Look! Before it's all over...this? $(3,3)$
7 Take risks mostly outside school one could slip (4)
8 Number overused primarily by the church needs backing singer's easy lilt (5)
9 Classic trees (4)
10 Event to attend for introductory offers (4-3-5)
17 We should leave latest home (4)
18 Impractical uniform with flipping Mediterranean island $\tan$ (8)
19 I will go before Society Islands goddess (4)
22 Chimp, say, consuming green veg to calm down (7)

23 Material attempt by

SW city with no capital being raised (4-3)
25 Glass with iron frame to remove skin (6)
28 EU country wrong to detain old man (5)

30 Note extremely loud combination (4)
31 Cats and dogs perhaps going backwards something that might be choreographed (4)
32 Dependable sort leads in rescue operation - Clark Kent! (4)

