Each across clue and two down clues lead to thematic solutions and none of them includes a thematic definition.

**ACROSS**

1 Shellfish's not left with time (6)
4 Second freezer (8)
10 Revised novel Tom initially rewrote (9)
11 Balding doesn't finish the wine (5)
12 Friends abroad are almost wrong (4)
13 Post office in country valley – just the opposite! (10)
15 It's disgusting having Her Majesty's address outside (7)
16 Forlorn scene at end of opera (6)
19 Warwickshire and England batsman's duck – caught (6)
21 Writers appearing in half the series (7)
23 Writing to king and queen, gaining initial support (4,6)
25 I ask about monkey (4)
27 River and waters ebbing (5)
28 Cooked heart of yellow maize (5,4)
29 Rewrote sonnet about New Year (8)
30 14 down's A.J. on board (6)

**DOWN**

1 Tailless duck, note (8)
2 Wild misadventure drops man into compulsory labour (9)
3 God's painful rear (4)
5 Warnings to reservists climbing into grottoes (7)
6 More than one falling with frequency? (10)
7 Sounds like cotton yarn among two political friends (5)
8 Antelope broke loose, full of energy (6)
9 A half-successful Roman courtyard (6)
14 Prince editing his holy work in pursuit of wisdom (10)
17 Changes to 5 when in the booth? (4,1,4)
18 Skill is half the solution for them (8)
20 Near the looo! (5,2)
21 Charming diocesan prison, reportedly (6)
22 Russian district's outside broadcast to keep going (6)
24 It's a crime that the clergyman has lost his head (5)
26 Some wide variety in Roman Chester (4)

Solution 15,455