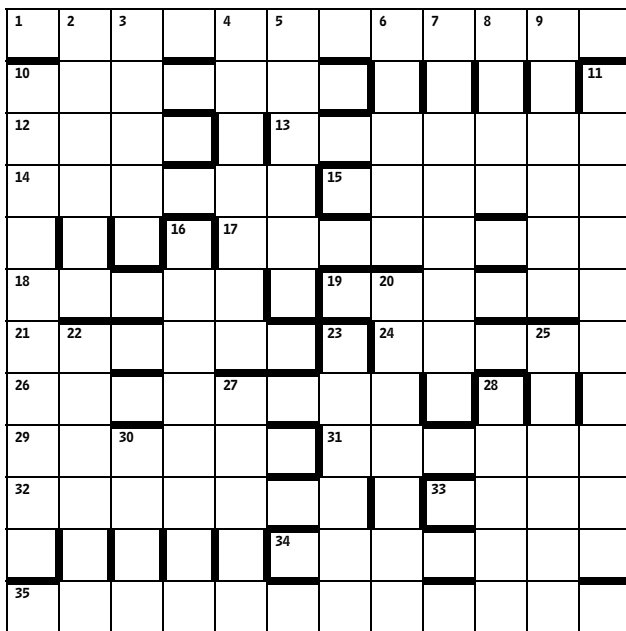


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## ACROSS

- 1 An act of contrition involving mostly chaste time, conveying legal right (12)
- 10 Irish rustic church I concealed in devious clue (7)
- 12 Regular refrain from nurse about runs (4)
- 13 Comfort e.g. for each in part of Divine Office (7)
- 14 I'm regularly smashed at Christmas – one should be into some milk? (6)
- 15 Like former debt given back, it's often disposable these days (6)
- 17 We were devoted to manes – deduce odd ones from image (8)
- 18 Lure for angler in Dee, age about five (5)
- 19 Countryman's shaft, one inserted in slab (6)
- 21 What even the best have occasionally, not on time (6)
- 24 Model of Austin, first scrapped, like former brands? (5)
- 26 Fish o' the sea, inclusive set numerically (8)
- 29 Churchill's trademark time? In retrospect disastrous (6)
- 31 Sweet-smelling wood adored for carving (6)
- 32 Old boy yearns for figures *without* curves! (7)
- 33 Old clothes rare ruler has not (briefly) trimmed (4)
- 34 Born a royal prince, heading for retirement? (7)
- 35 Moved to a new disposition? As teams' diets will be (12)

## AZED 2,376 Solution & notes

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| 1  | P | O | P | O | D | A | M | V | E | R | S | S | R |  |
| 2  | A | V | I | C | U | L | A | I | S | O | T | H | O |  |
| 3  | N | E | C | K | F | O | R | E | S | T | E | A | L |  |
| 4  | D | R | O | P | P | E | R | S | H | A | P | L | Y |  |
| 5  | O | S | T | H | E | C | A | L | C | R | A | M | P |  |
| 6  | W | H | A | T | N | O | T | A | A | Y | B | I | O |  |
| 7  | S | O | W | P | I | A | S | T | R | E | E | N | S |  |
| 8  | E | T | E | S | F | C | P | I | R | A | T | I | C |  |
| 9  | M | O | D | U | S | T | I | N | A | J | A | T | E |  |
| 10 | I | L | I | A | D | B | R | A | S | I | L | I | A |  |
| 11 | S | P | O | S | O | U | N | G | E | F | I | A | T |  |
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## AZED No. 2,376 Prizewinners

### SOW(PIASTRE)ENS

**1 R. J. Heald** (13 Eshton Court, Mapplewell, Barnsley, South Yorkshire S75): Among barnyard animals lies holy son whose love has become a symbol of Christmas (*pie son with tree for O, all in sows*).

**2 Dr S. J. Shaw** (Goosnargh, Lancashire): Wandering star is seen welcoming three leaders from Orient with presents (*first letters in anag.*).

**3 A. H. Harker** (Oxford): Scatter needles when pine, perhaps, is brought inside (*sow + as tree in pins*).

**VHC (extra prizes)** D. K. Arnott, M. Barley, J. G. Booth, J. M. Brown, Dr J. Burscough, A. & J. Calder, C. A. Clarke, M. D. Cooke, V. Dixon (Ireland), W. Drever, D. Harrison, B. Lovering, D. F. Manley, R. J. Palmer, R. C. Teuton, J. R. Tozer, Ms S. Wallace, Mrs A. M. Walden, G. H. Willett.

## PRIZERULES

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## DOWN

- 2 Component of uric acid in pee-pee (6)
  - 3 High-pitched sound from line dressed for hunting? (5)
  - 4 Extinct sea creature, form of thin ray (7)
  - 5 Herbal infusion from one of the cordylines, healthy (6)
  - 6 Nasty water spirit that is going after a duck (5)
  - 7 Dad's up and down? That's obvious (8)
  - 8 Something to go with tattie? If I cooked with it, that'll make fine pie (4)
  - 9 Paddy, for example, like McCoy after Church? (6)
  - 10 Strong wind coated crop in tatters (10, 2 words)
  - 11 Teds err wandering round etc – what urban youth aspires to? (10, 2 words)
  - 16 Rare arachnids pet maybe found in faeces one overturned (8)
  - 20 Moths can end up on clothes finally (7)
  - 22 Ball missed by keeper often goes this, once past (6)
  - 23 As Med's stormy, I put in, leaving open waters (6)
  - 25 What text critics argue over like veteran campaigners? Mostly (6)
  - 27 Does it indicate hesitations, a negative quality? (5)
  - 28 Aims when going after fish (5)
  - 30 Put down in a bed for Marie Antoinette? (4)
- The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.*