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Across

- 1 Cooker maybe, start of timer on – a small program (6)
- 6 Church hanging girl returned after celebration (6)
- 11 Serpentine, no longer the pool I repeatedly swim in (9)
- 12 Eye condition clumsy fellow gets over in deep sedation (8)
- 13 Copying an ant, but without resentment (5)
- 14 Male playwright, one eclipsed by female one (5)
- 16 Groovy, I, active around 50 – that's medical science for you (8)
- 17 Major formerly in English, that is going back (5)
- 19 Muslim often having to profit by the old game (6)
- 21 Splash – a wee dram applied to lip (6)
- 23 A doter yields his heart madly – to behave thus? (5)
- 25 Goose in sauce – makes good sense (8)
- 27 Early arrival having nosy look around front of mansion? (5)
- 28 Article kept in ugly old brass pot (5)
- 30 Sweet wine once drunk after tea (8)
- 31 Trace found from dig in ruin of Incas (9)
- 32 Mixed-race person from Thailand in the Louvre? (6)
- 33 Nameless one with this may represent Eeyorism! (6)

Down

- 1 Dacre deviously includes promo under cover of columns? (7)

- 2 Wind information from America (4)
- 3 New birth: male born somehow is pleasing all round (12)
- 4 Battle conclusion: not dead finally – relax (6)
- 5 Domed tombs maybe from time prior to Hindu festival (5)
- 6 One of paired forms? Prod him if nodding (7)
- 7 In cunning Scottish manner yells wildly trapping English (6)
- 8 The soil opens shifting to reveal tube of vascular tissue (12)
- 9 Refrain entering a turnstile – encouragement for one of ladies' team? (8)
- 10 Poet's thin song interspersed with extremes of emotion (5)
- 15 Huge fish hoisted up full of poison (8)
- 18 Shakespeare's 'grimy'? In folios it would denote 'bold leader' (7)
- 20 This writer's penning 'doeth ill' as disrespectful label for nonconformist (7)
- 22 Obligation has people replacing bishop, crazy old fellow (6)
- 24 See Australian tucked in so nod off – under one of these? (6)
- 25 Healthy spots attended by millions for a short period (5)
- 26 Hush introducing dancer curtailed old instrument (5)
- 29 Half remembered climbing tree (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. 7 is implied but not given explicitly.

Azed No. 2,417 solution & notes

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Across 1, hit the randy on; 6, ny(l)on in ae; is in cere; 7, anag.; tau pie; 8, anag. in i.e d; cf. pigeon-toed; ta-ta mi; 10, anag.; E in palla; 11, RC (rev.) in to SS; OT in lama (rev.); 15, RR o in sow; or (rev.) in cove; 16, has sar1; n in anag.; 17, anag.; anag.; 18, pyre + Ne; l in styes.

Down 1, has t; y; actin'; 2, anag.; hidden; 3, rut in anag.; anag. incl. e; 4, 'osier; 4, man E (rev.) + l; 5, cit in real; needles(s); 10, par snip; anag. in SS; 12, ava in anag.; anag. in on; 13, anag.; coo + my (sv coom); 14, hidden; t + eras.

Rules and requests

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Solutions postmarked no later than Saturday to:
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ALTARAGE/PROPOSAL

1 **Dr S. J. Shaw** (1 Simfield Cottages, Langley Lane, Goosnargh, Lancashire PR3 2JS): Sunday's offerings get two answers arranged with a 'Right & Left' design, a line below favouring Chambers (anag. incl. a, a, r, l; pro + pos + a l).

2 **H. Freeman** (London NW4): See Lara get a fantastic benefit collection, idea footballer also exploited (anag.; prop + anag. ref. Brian L. & RU football).

3 **S. L. Cloughton** (Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire): Pool nearly all spare change to make offering at a large Reformed Church collection (anag. less e; anag.).

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