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Across

- 1 Great king imprisoning a fair lady within fort (8)
- 7 After gallons strong drink makes you morose (4)
- 11 Kylie Minogue's No. 1 follows hostile reception, then terrible anger (9)
- 12 Child getting end of finger stuck in nozzle (6)
- 13 Bingo making bishop lustful (6)
- 14 Old slaver that is off isle with hand on board (5)
- 16 Votive deity card distributed, filled with love (10)
- 17 Song for audience, 'A wee strip o' plaid'? (4)
- 18 Bagpiper's drone maybe causing irritated mumble (6)
- 20 Child clutching end of train leapt once (6)
- 22 Scrap leaving highland regiment much depleted on both wings (4)
- 24 Ciné 'as-been abandoned propriety (10)
- 28 Continental holiday cheese, seconds consumed (5)
- 29 In short storm mostly easterly's beginning to blow (6)
- 30 Flog one that's cracked? It might have served gruel often (6)
- 31 Liquorice for laddie to spoil, taking in a paper round (9)
- 32 Misfit left out of old card game (4)
- 33 Grades trotting round double bend in equestrian event (8)

Down

- 1 When appearing in press that's cast aside, they hardly pause to look (9)
- 2 Marine fish to exhaust with a rod at sea (6)
- 3 Old Egyptian ruler, person leading lost tribe (7)
- 4 Unruly Goth studded with metal, performing illegal stunts (7)
- 5 A&M volume that's all right removed from pulpit (4)
- 6 Male entranced by goddess revealing bust (5)
- 7 Indian village producing chana (4)
- 8 So yes, this does for the answer – irregular masonry does (6)
- 9 Whom subtenant maybe pays to speak about crooked lender? (11)
- 10 Forward breaks a leg, completely losing it once near (11)
- 15 Quick peek that shows Jock's great when given lift in cast (9)
- 18 Unruly kid let off in quarrel (7)
- 19 Lots of ashes farmers put in two thirds of slurry mixed (7)
- 21 Shelter offering unpleasant warmth in place for wintering cattle? (6)
- 23 A tailless rat, climbing – it's a greenish colour (6)
- 25 Lawn is level, but sloping upwards (5)
- 26 Bill for magistrate (4)
- 27 Stored in phial, a retrogressive chemical, now banned (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,439 solution & notes

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Across 4, s + g in anag.; 11, par + E in eon; 13, P + Rémy (Martin, brandy); 15, refill(l) (rev.); 16, gar(n)ish; 19, 'buckle'; 30, v in (K)eats (rev.); 31, l'm + Ari(ta); 34, c(o)y s(o); pair of 'ducks' in cricket.

Down 2, anag. in v X; 3, creme (rev.) in ry; 5, ergo l in PA; 8, oust in anag.; 9, (m)unshi + p; 12, foci l in relate; 17, ref. opera *Aida*; 21, l met in cot (all rev.); 22, bistro with E for O; 25, r in fals(e); 28, (topa)zine.

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