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Across

- Once again holds mount back, handier than the rest (6)
- Fermented dairy product – what shall I say? – gobbled by plonker? (6)
- A prince folded ancient get-up – one could pack plenty more in it (8)
- Stopper and bolt drawn back (4)
- Ten freely breaking rule in vacation formerly (7)
- Small carnivore making comeback in Bessarabia (5)
- Cool phrase repeated after middle of intro (5)
- Last throw getting spattered in old fan ... (9)
- ... With such a noise? Watch out, fourth of punkahs following (6)
- Cheers with HM coming on board – they're stunning (6)
- Specialist giving word of honour taking bards back in (9)
- Pop king kept in chest (5)
- Mate, last changing location of island (5)
- Bairn set fire to money, left inside (7)
- Ice field, hostile round small latitude (4)
- Centrepiece of cut in untidy tousles needing a shave? (8)
- Went (originally from Scandinavia), being tested skirting Norway (6)
- Leader of team in London club kicks (6)

Down

- Naughty imp is pert, unruly – describe when had up (12, 2 words)
- Jewish community from Florida having a whip round? Au contraire (7)
- Bundle consisting of Irish coats but no tie (5)
- Sentence to carve below stone head of repository (7)
- Light vehicle beside shambling nag (5)
- Where tribal elders meet king dropping in, voice raised (6)
- Number two's second after word number one brought up (7)
- How many prefer Scotch, fierce in tangle with English (7)
- Bondman, somewhat brisk when cut up (4)
- Being gormless, Scots hens running about in puddle copy geese? (12)
- Lively dance, one followed by disapproving noises in ladies' organization (7)
- Anaesthetic getting right inside a blood vessel (7)
- Singles contest in wrestling place, clubhouse excited? (7)
- Albanian water buffalo in the open (7)
- Concluded restraint tucking into pud freely (6)
- Some of the family in Australia, including large part of it (5)
- Aristo, rarely French, he replaces one in large house (5)
- Vigorous activity, quite often American, making money in Addis (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,455 solution & notes

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Across 1, dog + anag. in anag.; 10, revel pub (rev.); 15, cf. loath; 19, x in EEC s; 24, pel(t) + ham; 32, first letters & lit.; 33, l in dazin' + on.
Down 2, Bari in sud (Fr.); 3, E Pilate(s); 4, bened(icit)e (rev.); 7, gore in lea (all rev.); 11, homme (Fr.) in mad + an; 20, comp. anag. & lit.; 26, so fas(t); 27, anag. less so w; 29, a in (l)ste.

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