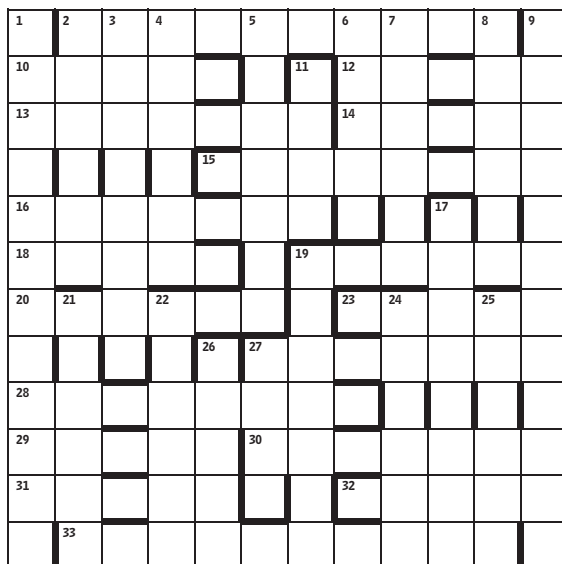


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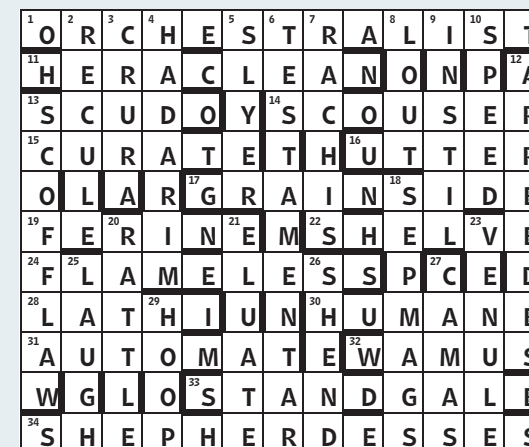
- 2 Sidewalks fringing legendary mount and woodland shrub (10)
- 10 E.g. a this, when played ... does raga perhaps (5)
- 12 Take against second half of spread (5)
- 13 Timber support back to front in places of worship (7)
- 14 Meagre encouragement – only a bit of it – making one sick-looking (5)
- 15 Instruments for cutting clinging weed (8)
- 16 Nocturnal mammal ran amok in former meeting-place (7, 2 words)
- 18 Macbeth's recurrent theme? His heart leads us into drama initially (5)
- 19 Recline where one often does? It's declared to be false (6)
- 20 Youngster devouring red bananas stuffed with bacon? (6)
- 23 Green mineral: it's taken from mine to level (5)
- 27 We'll be roused with naker for reveille? (7)
- 28 Food stuffed with strong flavour about to turn foul (8)
- 29 Reversal for monastic centre following end of faith in Asian capital (5)
- 30 Cell may include this lout after breaking wine bottles (7)
- 31 Having clubs in charge, not good for the Aussies (5)
- 32 Letch transfers using industrial equipment (5)
- 33 French season in gallery put back private interviews (10)

Down

- 1 Where things are fitted together, boss helps Amy getting sorted out (12, 2 words)
- 2 Bit of butter on some bread cut for scout (6)
- 3 Contrarily heading for exposure in pergolas? (8, 2 words)
- 4 Traveller from Indonesia going round ME sultanate (6)
- 5 Titled chap holding everything up, an idle fellow (7)
- 6 Snake climbing, right inside tree (6)
- 7 Go left for The Falconers' Band (6)
- 8 Diet no longer, getting stuck into Easter venison (6)
- 9 Opposed to team bar? Careful thought formerly required (12)
- 11 All ready (one assumes) for anti-mozzy stuff (4)
- 17 I'm anything but grand – with hole in it the pantie needs mending (8)
- 19 Bash maybe to flog tickets at inflated prices (7, 2 words)
- 21 Noun phrase: shortened form of it occurs in a peculiar talk (6)
- 22 Repugnance I displayed in endless deference (6)
- 24 Fortified retreat, separate, to leave when Queen's gone (6)
- 25 Geological formation is scorching – I kept inside (6)
- 26 Cocktail ingredient man gives me when this (5)
- 27 Snow goose, like a whitecap? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,476 solution & notes



Across 1, r chest in oralist; 14, s in anag. & lit.; see etym. at scouser; 15, cur ate; ref. famous early *Punch* cartoon; 16, (g)utter; 22 she l(O)ve; 24, mël(é) in f lass; 30, man in hue; 31, au tomat(o); 34, hep in anag.; ref. name recurring in Greek verse etc.

Down 3, cru + r, a; 4, sv cheder; 6, anag. + men tar³; 8, 2 meanings; 12, r reed In sea (rev.); 13, scoff + (Jude) Law (actor); 25, i.e. la ugh; 29, 2 meanings & ho op.

Rules and requests

£25 in book tokens for the first three correct solutions opened.
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