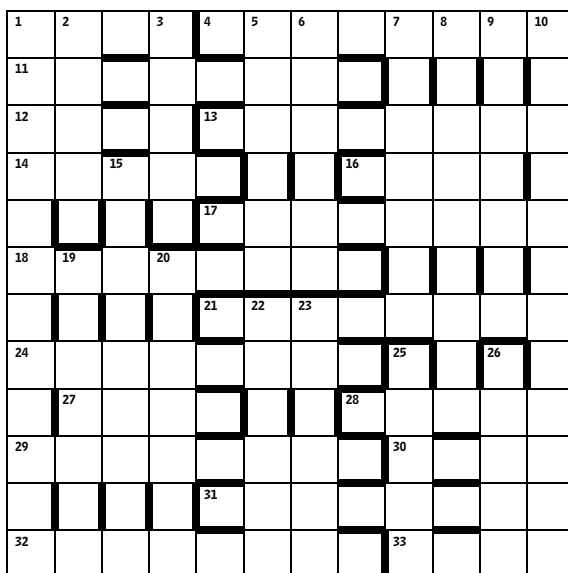


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Across

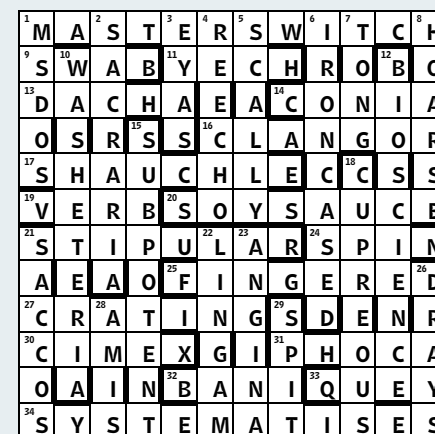
- 1 Cream bun consumed in lunch outing (4)
 *4 Cavities (8)
 11 Make love amid dissolute routs, alfresco (8)
 12 Village abroad? One making return journey as reminder (4)
 13 Being obsessive, name distinctive rock type (8)
 14 Former trader, line fixed in jetty (5)
 16 Measure of cloud cover, fair, that evens out (4)
 17 Like brightest stars, making name that is special in dancing hits (8)
 18 Revolutionary, executed maybe protecting his leader, brittle when heated (8)
 21 One who'll fix faulty gas rings wasting good energy (8)
 24 Translation of *Crito* includes empty talk describing a climax (8)
 27 What's uprooting wort from historic field? Rats! (4)
 28 One playing around with characters, a feature of moral philosophy (5)
 29 On the wagon, imbibing nothing, soak turned journo was staggering (8)
 30 Feature of shores, lacustrine or palustrine? This splinter possibly (4)
 31 Worship opening with head of episcopate, about monarch, absent (8)
 32 Safeguard introduced by merchant navy for fencing contests (8)
 33 A cause son's abandoned in part of city? (4)

Down

- 1 Fundamentally strengthen e.g. dam, dry, protected by spar (12)
 2 Commotion with left replacing right in haste (5)
 3 Budget? Chancellor's last cut initially in the bag (5)
 5 Boss issuing repeated call to attend – no charge included (6)
 6 Sitar player getting into first half of raga soaring rapturously? (6, 2 words)
 7 Youngster mounted on pre-eminent stallion maybe presenting rodeo challenge? (7)
 8 Interval arranged around middle of opera, going on for ever (9)
 9 Take fresh sample from a tree, gnarled, edging street (7)
 10 Excessive fattiness ruined the orator in the main (12)
 15 Colouring matter favoured with density I sent for (9)
 19 Hammer maybe decapitated copy in gutted engine (7)
 20 Snuffs to sprinkle without getting up (7)
 22 One stocking, second put on matador a bit short? 6)
 23 Climbing pear, eastern, displaying flower (6)
 25 Knight e.g. displaying distinctive character, following Lancelot's lead (5)
 26 Inundation well above odd ones appearing in Tees (5)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended, but does not give the simple compound at 9.

Azed No. 2,518 solution & notes



Across 1, S + anag. in match; 9, swim with AB for I'm; 13, a + ch in da2; 16, clan + gor(e); 17, anag. + ch in ule; 24, alternate letters; 27, i.e. C rating; 30, mic (rev.) + (s)ex; 33, que(r)y.

Down 1, do in MSS; 2, C rar(e) in anag.; 3, cf. easy; 4, (b)reec + O; 7, i.e. 'up to no good'; 10, ashet in anag.; 12, O + I in scen(t) all in bice; 22, i.e. I in gam; 23, n gin in AA.

Rules and requests

Send correct solution (one only) and clue to replace definition asterisked (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to Azed No. 2,521, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should be postmarked no later than Saturday. Emailed entries from overseas will be accepted, addressed to jcrowther2000@hotmail.com. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only).

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