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### Across

- 1 Hard-plated fish from foreign river rolling part of roe (5)
- 7 Government file making sense? (5)
- 12 Fruit pest, rare thing enveloping most of stem (8)
- 13 Child pockets crumpled bump – it's suitable for seedling (8)
- 14 Pair of characters in oyster place changing places for sort of smoothie? (6)
- 15 One needing psychiatric help grieves having wings clipped (5)
- 16 Publicity stunt? It stimulates artificially (4)
- 17 Mass entering bewildering system, on edge? They're misbegotten (8)
- 18 Rate 'stormy' vague in precise measurement of space (10)
- 21 Nick bits of earlier recorded stuff? Could be Grub Street denizens (10)
- 24 Stop fumbling after cross comes back – I won't catch a thing! (8)
- 26 What caused ferment in parliamentary establishment (4)
- 28 Roman army issue, troublesome flyer when holding line (5)
- 29 One that's set off in search? (6)
- 31 Wild celery, herb seen round shopping area (8)
- 32 Piece of embroidery showing two figures beside queen and king? (8)
- 33 He leaves the highway for track no longer used (5)
- 34 Return of comic dame, central character in Christmas range (5)

### Down

- 1 Stone cold performer turned up leading road race? Context not requiring drivers (12, 3 words)
- 2 Brownish-yellow piece of pseudo-chrysolite (5)
- 3 This size, OS, is not right for OU gels (4)
- 4 Elderly female or male entering, keen competitor on the circuit (6)
- 5 Page in section of the Koran, as above (5)
- 6 Surfing tyro got mermaid helplessly rolling about (7)
- 8 Tympanist missing entry – rather odd (6)
- 9 Food store – see one denied pant for meal concealed (6)
- 10 Gentleman's society I included in endless snub (7)
- 11 She runs local concern, job with medium pressure around one (12)
- 19 Pliers somehow gripping ring device assisting plane's descent (7)
- 20 Chairman presiding over room as alternative to senior steward (7)
- 21 A number as introduction for unaccompanied wind (6)
- 22 Cocktail coming from vineyards cheers (6)
- 23 This dinghy a liner envelops, result of degenerative process (6)
- 25 Grant maybe topped by latest of cuts, alarming (5)
- 27 Proceed directly, as in court (5)
- 30 Stone that's reddish-brown with being dug out of turf (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.**

## Azed No. 2,528 solution & notes

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**Across** 13, WR + I in axe; 15, (r)aja + x; 2 defs.; 25, c loth in une (Fr.); 27, star ch(Amber); 31, comp. anag.; 34, 'prose'; 35, r in anag.

**Down** 1, comp. anag. & lit.; 2, c in nare + en(d); 3, I in dates + saron(g); 9, jam (rev.) + air in anag. less s; 19, comp. anag.; 20, (St) John's on; ref. Dr Samuel J. in his own words; 23, as Pen(n), founder of Quakerism; 26, c + occi(put); 30, foss(a).

### Special announcement

We regret to announce that, until further notice, we are unable to offer prizes for solvers of the Azed weekly crosswords. The special monthly Azed clue-writing competitions are not affected and will continue as normal. Entry rules for these will appear as usual.