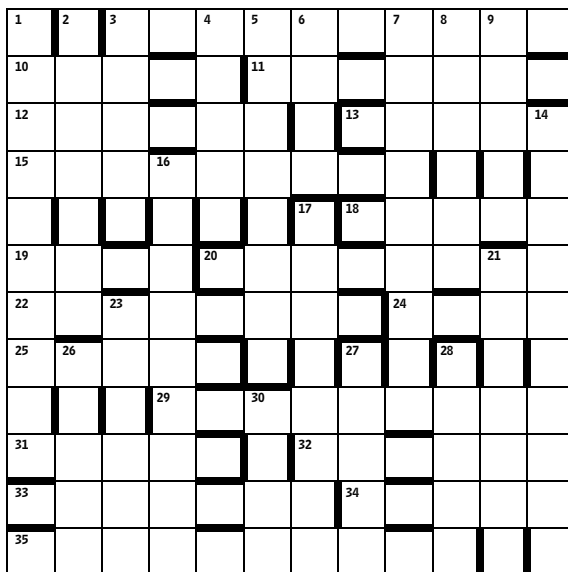


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### Across

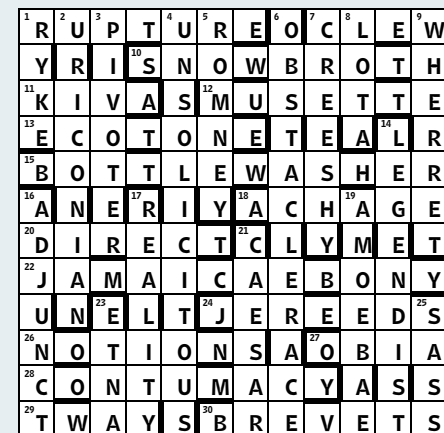
- 3** Ransack channel for handy menial in sea-food joint? (10)  
**10** Deity viewable by anyone immersed in shimmering rays (5)  
**11** Scrambling up tree, fourth of date palms (7)  
**12** Glass decorations giving one kicks round edge of tumbler (6)  
**13** Decline a small drink, imbibing nothing (5)  
**15** Poorly, in grip of scare, a disorderly mob? Och aye (9)  
**18** Players booed endlessly (and drunkenly) by character at front of stalls (5)  
**19** Items of oriental hosiery, a bit the worse for wear (4)  
**20** Curtain material? Sounds like something cat's caught in (8)  
**22** Favouring home that's about new? Jock's bang opposite (8)  
**24** Book 4 summarily includes English group of notes sung on same note (4)  
**25** Needing to diet? Number going outside to be seen (5)  
**29** Boards required for those digging protective ditches (9)  
**31** Rope from rear decapitated SA carnivore (5)  
**32** Ultimate for artist having to share garret (6)  
**33** One bolting sword round sheath? No p-poet (7)  
**34** I'll be involved in long run – langlaufers follow it (5)  
**35** Cent losing out to major currency, third going in fall, sad (10)

### Down

- 1** Eccentric priest, not against a bit of tendentiousness, a rationalist (10, 2 words)  
**2** Liqueur, almost the last of it, worthless, imbibed in company (7)  
**3** Surge following opening of farce, break from Shakespeare (5)  
**4** Tasty barbecue item? Stop pinching one (5)  
**5** Anything but forthright, disturbing the antis (8)  
**6** Booby – or another seabird (4)  
**7** What you can get thinner from? Concoction of three girlfriend swallowed (9)  
**8** Colourful bird to be sold in marketplace (6)  
**9** What's poet read? This crafted with art maybe (5)  
**14** Large bill includes e.g. jigger for Oxford scholar (10)  
**16** Helm anchor? Check strain that's twisted sloop's rear (9)  
**17** Moved away, having retired, directed inside (8)  
**21** Regular variation spoilt duet, except for the first, not so good (7)  
**23** Odd pieces from Sicily (ruined) transported as mementos (6)  
**26** Bored with pleasure, there being little left in bed (5)  
**27** Climb in mountainous Caledonia (5)  
**28** Workman on roof maybe starting at bottom got going again (5)  
**30** Flat stage removed from outskirts of Herts location (4)

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

## Azed No. 2,534 solution & notes



**Across** 1, uptur(n) in RE; 13, to in EC one; 24, Reed for w in Jews; ref. Oliver R., actor; 28, Mac in anag.; 30, revet in b, s.

**Down** 2, 1 conia in urn; 5, n in Rome + y; ref George R. (1734-1802); 6, anag. in O brace; 7, cree + shy; 8, A to L (rev.); 14, e.g. end in list; 16, DJ un in act; 19, o(n)e in anag.; 25, sa(dne)ss.

### 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.