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Across

- 'King Emperor' engraved in battleship at sea in German silver (12, 2 words)
- Face to windward, being connected via modem (6)
- Coarse thread: there's adhesive holding one on page (5)
- Source of hardwood? There's none on timber tree in being cut twice (5)
- Edible fish coated in batter I almost vomit (7)
- Material for overalls? Search among garden implements (5)
- Choir feature in tribute to prince HM backed repeatedly (8)
- Sordid stuff left inside old collar (6)
- Homeric star? I, —, battling with arms maybe (6)
- Jock's tippie supplying support around noon (6)
- Short extract from Oscar ceremony (6)
- Fail through nerves, changing title in computer program (8, 2 words)
- It's dry round core of pot for perennial (5)
- Attorney General's aide corrected most of error involving Latin (7)
- Priest's daughter, extremely fussy about eulogy's opening (5)
- Old clod confined to single bed (5)
- Rarely used net from class abandoned us in rough sea (6)
- Strippers jiggling breast with candle (12)

Down

- Wild flower causing reduction in insect numbers? (7)
- Fauvist rubbish, including exotic feast seen from below (7)

- What rises somewhat, clipping top of wicket? (4)
- Throws up endlessly, nursing itch alternately? It could mean day off work (6)
- Leporine, raw, I jugged? (6)
- Purcell's composition about a Roman festival (8)
- Hoofed animal from Italy, caught in trap, struggling (5)
- Scots release, as of old, former member of the family? (5)
- Upmarket restaurateur, half cut, appearing in paper as 'Peg leg' (10)
- Probes former injury brought up in boasts (10)
- A unit at sea with mostly flat seas describing voyage? (8)
- Officer in charge with future king in time of revolution? (7)
- As regards character leading regiment in War, we're concerned with breeding (7)
- Called in intermediaries (6)
- Pigment is seen when climbing over Sicilian location (6)
- Prohibition disheartened aestheticist in military district (5)
- Foreign lingo for rainy day, yielding odd characters (5)
- Guinness, say, something served in pubs cold (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,535 solution & notes

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Across 11, eh in l, r; 13, sir in hoop (all rev.); 17, hidden rev.; 18, clar(in)o; 28, tait in she; 30, (T)wain; 'on the wagon'; Charles's w.

Down 1, BL under buss (qv); 5, a vane TT in care; 6, pose + d in Ionian; 8, hidden & lit.; 20, ick in sly; 21, meat + us (= unserviceable); 25, (e)venin(g).

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.