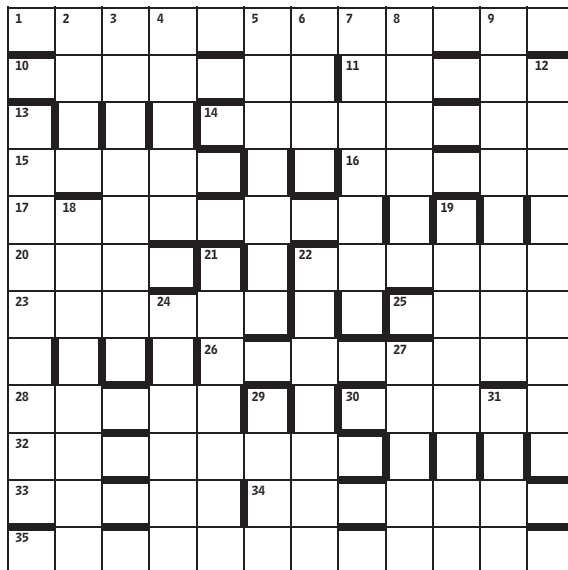


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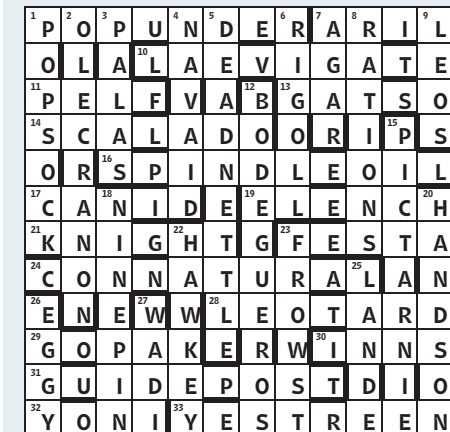
- 1 Fixed metal case yielding choice wine, lot disposed of by compact group (12)
- 10 Dancing in pier one's joined supplementary performers (7)
- 11 In the manner of noisy pet showing reverse of appeal running round yard (5)
- 14 Podium beneficial to champion (8, 2 words)
- 15 Extract of vulcanite? That's enough of that (5, 2 words)
- 16 Music club, a real find, very remote (5)
- 17 Protesting strongly about power, Surinam's in upheaval (8, 3 words)
- 20 Many in 16 will, and tick 15! (4)
- 22 Fussy officer on board, having a 'thing' about exemplar of industry (6)
- 23 Like Mariana's whereabouts, month before arrangement of date (6)
- 25 Once lost it may be found among several ornaments (4)
- 26 As before discharge useless female performer, tramp inside? (8)
- 28 Like a semiconductor, installation for 20p (in full)? (5)
- 30 Some foreign money backing third team? (5)
- 32 Nautical rope turned sails etc having negotiated inlet (8)
- 33 Buffet closed with sun outside (5)
- 34 Wild zeal? Report without it included, making one cross (7)
- 35 'E eats out in NW city – it 'elps in sampling local dairy product? (12)

Down

- 2 Brass accepted as currency in Croatia (4)
- 3 Philosophical work, thoroughly serious one I ingested (8)
- 4 See me zip up for US fight (5)
- 5 Kept record of gnarled tree in outer region (7)
- 6 Heads of ringers in aquatic sports – they're normally submerged (4)
- 7 Musicians together recognized as steel, endlessly toothful (7)
- 8 Soft and slow, idly moving if old (6)
- 9 Tramp abroad, dimwit imbibing tea (8)
- 12 Undo misbehaving in the papers, revealing hubris (9)
- 13 Mantle once removed with maiden, celebrates about it (9)
- 18 What Glasgow beggars suffer, mounting crowd hit badly (8)
- 19 Was prominent circle leading party, outwardly vigorous? (8, 2 words)
- 21 They figure prominently in encaenia, peal enveloping education? (7)
- 22 Finely woven, to reach as of old round tailored shin (7)
- 24 Poet composed under tree, attaining maximum excitement? (6)
- 27 I lost relish being cooked in ovens (5)
- 29 The sound of noisy birds making one curse? (4)
- 31 Helpless ass scratched loaf (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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Across 7, comp. anag.; 10, a give (rev.) in late; 11, p + elf (G. = eleven); 17, can(d)id; 19, L in e'en ch; 28, Leo + tard(y); 29, GOP + a k; 30, in + N, S; 33, yes tree N.

Down 2, anag. incl. R + anon; 3, i.e. palms with a for m; 7, agar(l c); 12, bode + anag.; 22, Hawkey(e); ref. Fenimore Cooper, *The Last of the Mohicans*; 25, i.e. l and e = le; 26, cf. yegg; 'have egg on one's face'.

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.

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HANDS-ON

- 1 **D. F. Manley** (26 Hayward Road, Oxford OX2 8LW): Second to *Chambers* one must get Don's fantastic *Manual!* (h an + anag.; ref. *Chambers Crossword Manual*).
- 2 **L. Ward**: Massage is so lovely yours truly drops off at end of session (*handso(me)+n*).
- 3 **C. A. Clarke**: Manual worker numbers needing to be contracted going up (*hand + nos (rev.)*).

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