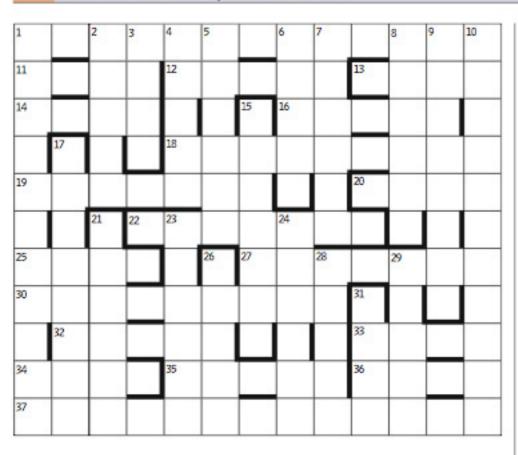
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ACROSS

- Like a wood-based perennial, making turf fuse oddly with smell (13)
- 11 Select extract from pellucid turns (4)
- 12 I mean to pen number and name combined (5, 2 words)
- 13 Engine, a favourite with youngsters, mostly creamy white (4)
- 14 Casanova gueen excluded from version of croquet? (4)
- 16 Joint eaten only when outer parts are removed (5)
- 18 Part of old oath, male one associated with navy, involving South Sea charm? (9)
- 19 Get all the wickets and have a short break (7, 2 words)
- 20 Absent computer key for ligature (4)
- 22 Gut churning, bad sign (7)
- 25 Rag, for audience, in more than one country dance (4)
- 27 I go up river paddling English dugout (6)
- 30 Change as UN matters will (9)
- 32 Government department crowd leaving military service (5)
- 33 Bit of Falstaff, a dalliance rebuffed, his creator's put by (4)
- 34 Polish? Her lover was (4)
- 35 Rotary I may be, with being involved in Rome convolutedly (5)
- 36 Stick centrally turned what flowers in Scots meadow (4)
- 37 Unhappy with sex one has that's deviantly strange, redden uncomfortably (13)

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PRIZE RULES

£25 in book tokens for the first three correct solutions opened. Solutions postmarked no later than Saturday to AZED No.1,873, The Observer, 3-7 Herbal Hill, London EC1R 5EJ Across 1, GB in pied; 11, ragi in halos; 13, see perrier; 15, rips for Eros in the roses; 18, rid in sum (all rev.); 19, scour = diarrhoea in ruminants; 20, cf. tyes; 26, anag. less a; ref. A. Dürer, German painter; 29, SI (qv) lane; 31, i.e. in G in joists; 32, rip = ripsaw.

Down 2, gl(ass) + Azed; 4, r open in anag; 5, s in had (rev.); 6, a go rot; sv agora²; 9, ten p (rev.) in swees; 14, rut in belike; 17, c(age) rice tid (qv); 21, (E)picene; 23, mo in is all in ma; 24, any d (all rev.) + st.; 27, blur(bed); 28, alternate letters.

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1 Meriel Armstrong, Southampton 2 S. Maciver, Alyth, Perthshire 3 Anne & Brian Harris, High Peak, Derbyshire

DOWN

- Most irritable? Not I time instead for what may reveal allergy (11, 2 words)
- 2 Servile fellow tailed plough (5)
- 3 Scare for Scots, following on (4)
- 4 Sweet biscuit? Each refused is sound for Jock (5)
- 5 Having no retainer, French one, what'll diners do? (6)
- 6 Young hounds ready for training in field? Here's one (5)
- 7 Boil? Perhaps you should —— doctor (6)
- 8 Summons resulting in fine Sergio's friend, had up, accepts that? (6)
- 9 Not hot, sunshine fitful round middle of October? Hardly a talking point (8)
- 10 Here FC trained, breaking current style, i.e. separate from the pack (11)
- 15 Ancient urn, tin-work (7)
- 17 Oxford scholar, beard matted in egg? (8)
- 21 Scavenger, one going after fowl, always up for tucking in (6)
- 23 Jugs? Second overturned in error (6)
- 24 Dismissal, dry in manner (6)
- 26 Guy in English sports car to stick in muddy conditions (5)
- 28 Murray's racket, not so interesting from the underside (5)
- 29 Some gaining laurels in Murrayfield's mudbath? (5)
- 31 Auntie's head's haloed by extremes of expensive brim (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2003) is recommended