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Two letters must be removed before entry from the answers in each row and column (i.e. one from each when there are two answers in a row or column, and two from each single answer in a row or column). The letters removed, which may not occur consecutively in single answers but do occur in the right order, should be placed in the appropriate peripheral squares outside the main grid, in the order in which they are omitted (i.e. left then right, top then bottom). Clues lead in their definition parts to full answers (lengths indicated by bracketed numbers) and in their cryptic parts to the treated forms as they appear in the grid, which are real words in only a few instances. When the puzzle is completed, the peripheral squares, read clockwise from the top left-hand corner, will reveal a cryptic clue to a two-word answer. Competitors should submit with their entries another cryptic clue, of their own devising, to this two-word answer. Every answer, except one literary proper name, may be verified in The Chambers Dictionary (2008).

## ACROSS

1 With long locks, it's an effort getting steamer in (6)
5 They rise above sailing ships to power the main body (8)
10 It prints by water power, sharp beam activated (11)
12 Slunits company excluded from rows of figures (6)
13 Implant lacerated back after first bit of exercise (6)
14 Thus recast the AV was topping for Anglican clergy ( 9,2 words)
15 Bristle facing strangeness that is CAP scheme (8)
16 Neglect cat (5)
17 Ruling aggregate of votes 'Ill yield to in newspaper (10)
21 A cord with minimum of effort controls goshawks (10)
24 Ear's associated with running water (5)

## AZED 1,997 Solution \& notes

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Across 1, ut inblack; 12, bra + in +1Ac.; 14,firstletters + n; 15, WIZen; 18, I sad in spee(d); 19, ould inmy!; 20, anag. \& lit.;ref. shorthand; 25, t for sinincrease; 27 ,lin sold ${ }^{2} ; 33, R+k$ in yes.
Down 1, bottom + hinanag.; spec = speculation; 2,(T)yrol(rev.); 9,r in anag.;10,sv bail1;ale dinbock;16, oBninhobby;17,Uri (Geller) in anag.; 21, anag.les NT; 23, pein ta-ta; 26, hidden \& lit.;29, MP in ye.

## RULES ANDREQUESTS

Send solution and clue as indicated (on separate sheet alsobearing name and address, securely attached) to AzedNo. 2,000, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX26WX. Entries should bepostmarkednolater thanSaturday. Please add abrief explanation of your clue (one entry only). $£ 50, £ 40, £ 30$ prizes and Azed bookplates for the threeclues judged best. The Azed Slip, containing details of successful competitionentries and Azed's comments, is available on subscription at £13a year for 13 issues( $£ 16$ for overseas subscribers). Cheques payable to the Azed Slip, should be sent to The Azed Slip, Coombe Farm, Awbridge, Romsey SO510HN. To receive a sample slip, please send an sae to this address. For muchmoreinformation on the Azed Slip, visit www.andlit.org.uk

26 Sow in moundlayers contributing to platforms? (8)
29 Buttercups with dividing underground parts(9)
30 It's satisfying following a fixed routine (6)
31 Continue shooting toxic dose? (6)
32 Mum's holding a frolic and it's upset unaccompanied singer? (11)
33 Section of three-master's onboard timber extending aft (8)
34 Chain of stores: they progress in stately fashion (6)

## DOWN

1 Cook's measures slobs left on edge of plate in a mess (14)
2 Shaving disparate groups from among Trappists, tonsured (6)
3 Scotch stain round front of many a Scotsman's vest (6)
4 Tube worm, one chairman kept intin ( 9,2 words)
5 Worked-over plot is what gardeners normally plant in (7)
6 Tinies look up after exercises (7)
7 E.g. squid ink cheers up Japanese broth (8)
8 Emollient chant about love and reverse of it (8)
9 Instinctive aptness at play you'll see child, male, in (14)
11 American demonstrated recipe with cooker (6)
18 Make withdrawal apply to the past (8)
19 Monastic community adapted opera to include religious teaching (8)
20 Bail out with paddle, windsurfer's sine qua non (9)
22 Part of onrush of regiments, it summoned Israelites to battle (6)
23 Greek character appearing in paltry Irish epic ( 7,2 words)
25 Oneput in to block uppish bowlers (7,2 words)
27 Carrying forward old drinking cup (6)
28 Melodious piece took flight, all but the last round (6)

