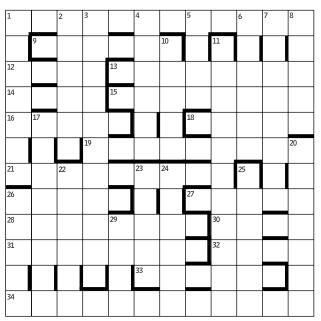
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ACROSS

- 1 Like a failing old tavern, stuck with rum nosh, rotten (12)
- 9 Organized ladies diving into Scottish river, rarely drunk on malt (6)
- 12 Draught of sole abandoned by tar? (4)
- 13 Astringent Learmark for treatment (8)
- **14** Seconds ahead, being once past (4)
- **15** New column, curtailed with time, for laureate (8)
- **16** Oath from Jock: 'It's a wee bittie hard' (5)
- **18** Maine's crack troops? They're flat-topped (5)
- **19** Ebbing river abroad cracks stern badly, soaking back (9)
- 21 Reader having to admit old wife is computer whizz (9, 2 words)
- **26** Squelch round the highlands? It's stag's head, look, one's after (5)
- **27** Cock, maybe, cross in appearance (5)
- **28** Not accepted in Sicilian town, left describing stomach pains (8)
- **30** Kindle, obsolete, leads to this in next decade (4)
- **31** With a passage for food to join, took dinner? (8)
- **32** Intrinsically anxious, lacking cure (4, 2 words)
- 33 At sea head, ay, do so to windward as before (6)
- **34** 'E's caught by S. Liston's cut, on going inside count as invincibility progresses? (12)

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The results of AZED No. 2,049 will be announced next week.

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- 1 Holding power, truncheon accompanies work here? (7)
- 2 Arrive gracefully, as young suitor about noon (6, 2 words)
- 3 Restart mine worked out? One washes ore from deposits (11)
- **4** Male on track having turned up for colourful birds (6)
- **5** Part of tack which a merchantman has on board (4)
- **6** Lift: Mary missing first in use (6)
- 7 Pest lives in shade (8)
- 8 Odist a Sekt befuddled (5)
- **10** What's said to guy inverting half of ring-bark? (5)
- 11 Bert and Elsie I see irregularly used as names (11)
- 17 A short book on Eton taken out when one pleases (8.2 words)
- **20** Am avoiding dynamiter at large with a short fuse! (7)
- 22 Right in centre of parade, on the rise value doubled (at least) (6)
- **23** Like water vessel number dipped in river (5)
- **24** Confederate solicitor receiving cheers (6)
- **25** Membranous coverings displaying limitless allure? (6)
- **26** Herd youngster? This horn'd guy possibly (5)
- 29 Part of the eye mostly recalling smiling ones? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended.