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## **ACROSS**

- 1 Dim, holding a little back that can be acted upon (7)
- **6** Censure what should go clockwise going the wrong way? (5)
- 10 Pedimental ornament's wild erotica RA left (10)
- 11 Hit difficulty having to reverse (4)
- **12** Clock, in case, went in (6)
- **14** Pipe smell, unpleasant, universal when scruffy hick's around (7)
- **15** Pale-faced Scots peddle indefinable quality (6)
- 17 Page one in history devoted to Rome (6)
- 19 Old carriage, no carpet, decrepit (8)
- 21 Tea for one, all but the last muffin? (8)
- 22 Savage (female?) may be addressed thus rudely, or in unctuous fashion (6)
- **24** One clothed in treated pelts, soft (6)
- **27** Source of famous stone placed in course (7)
- **29** Fair occupying old place delighted (6)
- **30** Eddy up north, one recalling Simone? (4)
- **31** Diplomat of yesteryear involved in mess abroad (10)
- **32** Praise in some parts came into being about nothing (5)
- **33** Girl involved certainly recalled significant engagement (7)

## AZED 2.375 Solution & notes

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- 1 Thrust in certain areas identified by some spot checks (5)
- 2 Light, bright summer wear, look, mess in Scottish quarter (10, 2 words)
- **3** What's wrong about black cuckoo? It's a monster (7)
- 4 Energy I put into place that feels special (4)
- **5** Where monks can chat over tonsure and parrot about it (8)
- **6** Like those old snaps, a jumble in the main (5)
- 7 Fool turned up restrained by lock for transgression (8)
- 8 Thong available in lingerie market (4)
- **9** Scottish potter fashioned pot with rule (7)
- 13 Descriptive of separation record, note, quickly splitting up (10)
- **16** Quarter of Kiev: pay is OK roughly thereabouts in these? (8)
- \***17** An offer (8)
- **18** It's stiff breaking special rule one barters (7)
- 20 Is it cobs they're after? They're off their trolley (7)
- 23 The old lose thread? Quite a lot by the sound of it (5)
- **25** What Scots masochist enjoys, mistress holding end of flail? (5)
- **26** Lens protector, black, coated in sticky stuff (4)
- 28 Rising party in South Africa creating splash? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.