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Across

- 1
- Look to restrict left back, awkward to deal with (7)
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- The Scots restrain one diving into pool (5)
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- Meal cooked with liver, English but perfectly appropriate in France (10, 2 words)
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- Some old-time vehicles no longer go (4)
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- After noon the French walk in arid region (6)
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- Lassie's prim, turning pinker about first of jokes (7)
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- Foreman on board, I was not AB? Possibly (9)
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- Drains baths needing a going-over (4)
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- Romance's beginning to go off? Make up roughly (6)
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- Sole: slice of lemon where it's cooked maybe cheers (6)
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- Cats getting left out in Irish festival (4)
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- Poet's supremely happy: amid high tension he's glib, excited (9)
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- Leg breaks keep a tight hold – tampering with nature? (7)
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- Purple rags – return for recycling (6)
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- A river, not English, dark blue (4)
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- Source of flowery essence, form of ling one lizard's hidden in (10)
- 33
- Noted Marxist, divine spirit for secret police (5)
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- Techno giant admitting very little backing I ignored for radio tuning (7)

Down

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- Diarist very informally suggests this porridge? (4)

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- Article blended material, not a lightweight builder's stuff (10)
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- Old boy got up, interrupted by a very rowdy party (6)
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- Something to wrap bones? Take one, very large, fed to dog maybe (7)
- 5
- Where to find piggy-wig's ring? It's cracked by Lear – snap! (8)
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- Fruit: it's devoured by someone on being cut (5)
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- Smarmy, jovially but regularly self-effacing (4)
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- Wink to the Bard, difficult, I notice (6)
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- Not being shallow, nep seeds'll get scattered (8)
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- Warm surface water (10)
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- Like cricket ball needing replacement, half circle shape distorted (8)
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- It grows wild in Brazil, yet a tiller is working at it (8, 2 words)
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- One that doesn't even get a third in finals or anything (7)
- 22
- Models of early Christian donations? One's seen in silver copy (6)
- 24
- Candied root (old-style) – I'll include most of peel (6)
- 26
- Bit of cash once pocketed by Abel Ganz (5)
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- Fool crept furtively, hiding head (4)
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- Good land not being worked for sticky clay (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. It does not explicitly give a reference in 3.

Azed No. 2,422 solution & notes

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Across 3, see baby-bouncer; 12, tr(icks) (rev.) in no h; 17, (t)ext + anag.; 19, (t)oper + a; ref. Verdi o.; 24, anag. in bin; 26, O’Grad(y) + E; ref. 1943 Betty Grable film, Sweet Rosie O’Grady; 32, i.e. rid in tent; 34, comp. anag.; Portuguese resort; 35, PE terse eme.  
Down 1, f set in 0 fable; 5, b + ite(m); 6, ere pig in jo; 14, a in anag. less 0, & lit.; 18, pho1 + nates; 21, ob. + lique(urs); 27, ani in do; 30, ‘tight’.

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