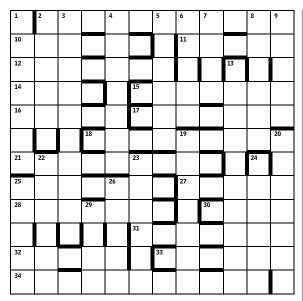
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Across

- 2 It's endlessly fine imbibing spirit, then beer and type of pop (11, 3 words)
- **10** One with bit of cloth (plaid?), new in, ideal for non-seamstress? (6)
- 11 Animal's head consumed in college dinner, ritually slaughtered (5)
- **12** Protective housing containing fish or duck (7)
- **14** Afternoon snooze over for mountain creature (4)
- 15, Insect, one devouring case in furniture wood (7)16 Mites causing opening of rind in purple
- fruit (5)

 17 Language replacing English in range of
- 17 Language replacing English in range of knowledge for space travellers? (7)
- **18** Old cast–offs, once typical, chaps found in street (9)
- 21 Extreme pressure on awkward tie-clip, being bound to fit (9)
- **25** Having undivided hooves, strong when taking in exercise (7)
- 27 Long Scotch? Slow down after gallon! (5)
- 28 Rule put out for what foresters could claim (7)
- **30** Race almost over? Bore (4)
- **31** Man holding conflict as something corruptive (7)
- 32 It is roughly about summer's end? (5)
- 33 Inept manoeuvring round rear of traffic it's often in a jam (6)
- 34 Hawkers' spiel? Resist being misled about touching and so on (11, 2 words)

Down

- 1 Bed sheet, what Mac's in when heated? (7)
- 2 Scottish dwarf orchid, growing wild (6)
- 3 Musical genre, difficult, including a list of performers (10)
- 4 Member of OT people, once more getting somewhat beset? (7)
- **5** Small swelling showing date in ancient dome (6)
- **6** Laundryman in Berlin that is given foreign sash (5)
- 7 Follower of self-styled prophet one third of young ignored (4)
- 8 Capital making one a bargain invested in health resort? (6)
- **9** Area shifted in reception room gaining Jock's reproof (5)
- 13 ER, age almost ninety, active it's inbred (10)
- 19 'Fidgety Phil' to scold, shuffling e.g. right and left (7)
- **20** Mostly kind where Wellington is showing inclination (7)
- 22 What's pinched (by reiver?) causing his week in prison (6)
- 23 Pass forward, and I'm coming up on the inside (6)
- **24** Butterfly lives under prom (6)
- **25** Squabbles well before time end in handshakes (5)
- **26** Old stone that is found at bottom of plimsoll (not soft) (5)
- 29 Sailor heading east what's net weight of vessel? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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Message (in diagonals): Fifty years of AZ crosswords.

Across 1, straff; TR in faff; 6, murage; 11, crepoline; o lin in anag.; 12, heinie; 13, psion; 15, wendigo; 16, lonicera; 19, sharri; anag. +RR + 1; 22, rotary; 25, acorn-cup; w + Cu in anag.; 28, markhor; oh in maror; 30, agast; 31, soutar; 32, triangles; 33, unseen; NSE, E in SN; 34, cerate; tar in fec. (all rev.)

Down 1, scholar's mate; 2, tremolo; Tiepolo with m for p; 3, renin; 4, foister; 5, flewed; 7, restraint; 8, a priori; a PC + first letters; 9, grog; g + Zog; 10, monodisperse; 14, visagiste; 18, stirpes; err in sits (all rev.); 20, hemione; 21, rousant; USA in root; 23, corsac; 27, calla; 29, agon; G in anag.

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