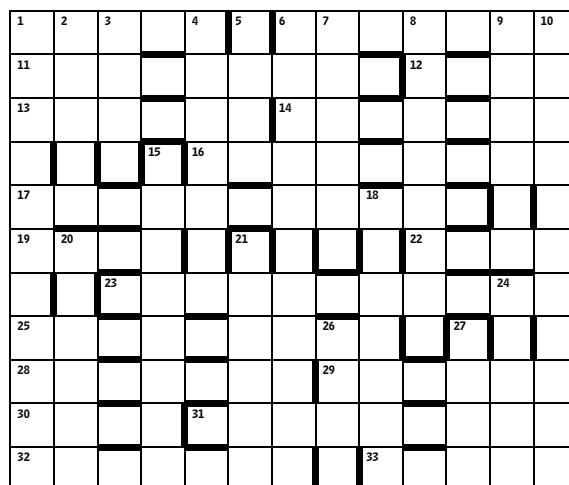


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Azed 50th Anniversary

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Across

- 1 Empty spaces V & A filled with insight, despatching men (5)
- 6 Producing what's central for charcuterie in sausage skin? (7)
- 11 To explain dodgy clue I'll require day (9)
- 12 Dip on this prom becomes increasingly crazy (4)
- 13 He has Moroccan tree planted within capital (6)
- 14 Power up front, i.e. ball shifted – typical of pushover? (7)
- 16 Dance in line that has loafer tripping around also (9)
- 17 Busily engaged? O, I dig on frantically at edges of fossilized mollusc (11)
- 19 Murray and suchlike, one following in G. Player's footsteps (4)
- 22 Latin book, including one that's not new in classical library (4)
- 23 Swimming in the sea, only tailless, unable to stand very salty water (11)
- 25 Ungenerous, that is without charge returned, recovers without lies (9)
- 28 Come in, clasp working? (7, 2 words)
- 29 Girl after a bit of excitement reverse saying no, losing head (6)
- 30 Dignified drunk (4)
- 31 Men will be involved with routine in this with nothing changing? (9)
- 32 Wrecks cement with insertion of explosive (7)
- 33 Foul-mouthed Scots in Duras novel (5)

Down

- 1 Going after notoriety (rumoured), German abused chit in local court once (11)
- 2 Site of Bowie's last stand in gala, momentous (5)
- 3 Equine disease, onset of rickets in young one (4)
- 4 Cost of travel round Iran is a distant culmination for voyage (7)
- 5 Fancy assistant No. 1 being demoted to No. 4 (4)
- 6 Sign most of fruit is in credit with sun rising (11)
- 7 Projectile launcher finally left, not having succeeded (6)
- 8 Top scorer in pack once, and so made to ingest stuff, being poorly? (8)
- 9 Feeble fool in escapade I'll encourage, given a lift (6)
- 10 Special forces shot Brent geese around edge of river (11, 2 words)
- 15 Couplets? Here's very short one penned in Norfolk town (8)
- 18 Orcadian landowner producing decorative slab in gold (7)
- 20 Tea cake, famously-short-lived: icer carelessly has left one in the middle (6)
- 21 Element in couplet central to poet, singly paired (6)
- 24 Name girl's given granny (5)
- 26 Spiritual part of empyrean, heading heavenward (4)
- 27 Franz's work was fabulous (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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1	K	D	R	U	M	A	N	D	B	A	S	S
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21	E	P	I	L	E	P	T	I	C	N	P	E
25	S	O	L	I	P	E	D	G	R	E	I	N
26	P	U	L	T	U	R	E	G	B	R	E	D
32	A	K	Y	A	M	M	A	L	W	A	R	E
34	T	I	S	R	I	P	E	C	T	I	N	Z

Across 2, rum in dand(y) + Bass; 15, bin in bug a; 16, r in açà ; 17, lingo in k(e)n; ref. Star Trek series; 18 trew men in st; 21, EP + anag.; 30, Derb(y) (rev.); 34, re etc in anag.

Down 4, a bit in moe; 6, dh (qv) + obi; 9, cf salon; 19, wig + anag.; ref. poem in Hoffmann: *Struwwelpeter*; 20, tende(r) + NZ; 23, l'm (rev.) in pert; 26, pum(p) + i.e.

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