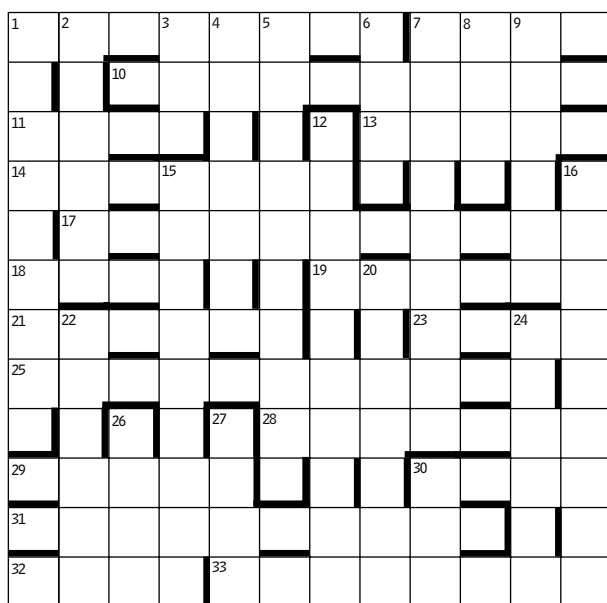


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ACROSS

- 1 Norm and Jill falling out – it could cause terrible battering (8)
- 7 Amateur swimmers heading for raised sandbanks (4)
- 10 Joy in poetry unknown in the States? Shock admitting that (10)
- 11 Short wave hits sailor – here's something to dry decks (4)
- 13 End of dirk pierces back – such a one did for Duncan? (5)
- 14 Musical work in two acts composed round one of seven advent anthems? (7)
- 17 Dance? Roller I put in, before I departed, to get hair to stand up (11)
- 18 General intelligence reversed trouble in brain tissue (4)
- 19 A garden was ill-tended? Warn these gnomes perhaps (6)
- 21 Body of water dried up, its parts being repositioned (6, 2 words)
- 23 Rarely drunk, displaying health (except for heart) (4)
- 25 He isn't bothered with reversing widow's entitlement, being part of the plot (11, 3 words)
- 28 It's unknown for cat to gulp back old coin (7)
- 29 Shop floor official a Liberal? This point is central (5)
- 30 Tribal father against being garlanded? (4)
- 31 Part of speech backing declaration? It's very noticeable (10)
- 32 Courteous old duke supporting woman (endearingly?) (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended. 33 appears in the entry for its second element.

AZED 2,132 Solution & notes

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 Down 2, i.e. Laliq with as for Ali; 3, 'drew kit'; 6, ma in sirs; 8, be gla(d) (rev.) + RA; 12, anag. + type (qv); 21, i(slande)r in anag.; 25 a dea in Cu; 29, w in tilt; see puff.

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33 Mary's delirious in victory – she wears the trousers, figuratively (8, 2 words)

DOWN

- 1 Sort of poker – girl holds it up, wanton rig (9)
- 2 Lecture: how surprising, short one, and in German forsooth! (6, 2 words)
- *3 A clumsy person (3)
- 4 Church window maybe, unclear if damaged (7)
- 5 New relocation of city, awkward – it involves movement of plants (10)
- 6 Poet's scratched some extra stanzas (4)
- 7 Extreme egotism always consumes a Latin tutor oddly (9)
- 8 Pug rolls up (4)
- 9 Summon one to appear in court held by person of distinction (6)
- 12 Medicinal alkaloid in soft food I fed to one French writer (10)
- 15 Charles losing head in execution wretchedly, and come a real cropper (9)
- 16 Concerned with carriage seat that shifts with time, yielding on the outside (9)
- 20 Britannica no longer with us, in short? What's moral? (7)
- 22 Wound once displayed by Marengo regular, losing outer parts? (6)
- 24 Tiny coin – I dropped it in Glaswegian drain (6)
- 26 Image created by company with trendy clothing (4)
- 27 All too public 'diary' left in the loo (4)
- 30 Argument ma's quit – leaving it involved a giant leap (3)