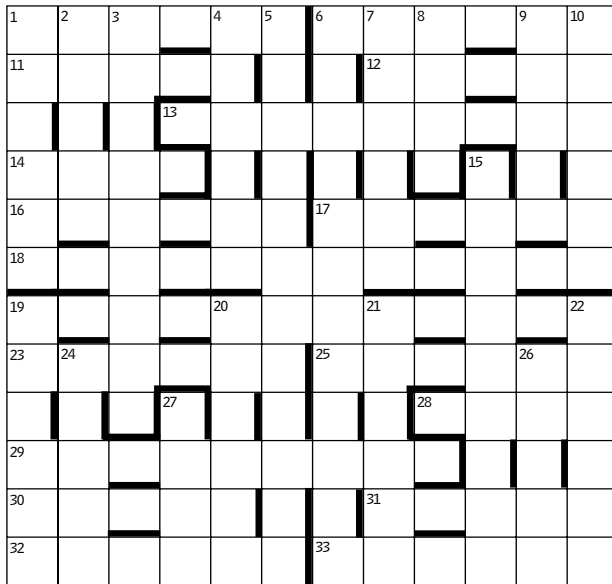


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## ACROSS

- 1 Second-rate US players in theatre get -up? (6)
- 6 Barbecued items, about two shillings (6)
- 11 First love, over-demure to begin with (5)
- 12 Footlights on briefly, bit of stage scenery occupying wings (5)
- 13 Roof's in good condition within ancient lake dwelling (9)
- 14 In grip of hurricane April's the opposite of spring (4)
- 16 Clots damaged rug with endless gloop (6)
- 17 Old rustic, one beset by threat to crops (6)
- 18 Archerfish burrows within i.e. isn't swimming – it affects vessel badly (12)
- 19 Heather often in grip of spirit died horribly – heart inflammation (12)
- 23 It's retrograde to call dad 'the missing link'? (6)
- 25 E.g. Blair thus becomes tense – it's press tycoon's sphere (6)
- 28 I'm energetic, so switching parts (4)
- 29 Pimples, last to wilt in colour and wither (9)
- 30 Fine pottery I presented to amir nervously (5)
- 31 See three wise men leaving the East and heading for West with me – possibly e.g. frankincense (5)

## AZED 2,240 Solution & notes

A	S	T	R	I	N	G	E	N	T	L	Y
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**Across** 1, anag. + (George) Gently (TV police detective); 10, par + lin anoa; 13, (b)runch; 14, debits; 15, J(ane) Asher, actress and wife of cartoonist G(erald) Scarfe; 17, 'feelay'; 18, eye + anag; 24, alpin K (= 1,000) a; 27, cf. attach; 29, anag. of first letters; 32, anag. + ds; 33 anag. incl. E in cantred.

**Down** 3, Trin. = Trinity (term); 4, 's in Rachel (= ewe); see Names in C.; 6, din girl + e; 7, I b min (all rev.); 9, latte(r); take = subtract; 10, jink it in per y; 11, pasty + ac (qv) in fed; 20, unit (rev.) in dee<sup>2</sup> 22, s, t in Nil; 23, cf. scores 30, (Au)thor.

## PRIZERULES

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**32** Source of Chinese fish Ken Hom put in stew, not hot but good, ... (6)

**33** ... and not this one, found in occident exclusively (6)

## DOWN

- 1 Nasty smell in the main left by a drunkard (6)
- 2 Mourner making carriage return, coffin bearer having mislaid lid? (5)
- 3 Take one old hare, bloodied – it *could* be obscene (9)
- 4 Short book, a western, for one who likes messing about? (6)
- 5 Independent renovated flat's included in posting (12)
- 6 Some applause for each poet (about nothing) – requirement on film set (12)
- 7 Assess, as of old, a fine charge with head of regiment (6)
- 8 Brown sauce an irregularity? It shouldn't last long (4)
- 9 Decide against declaration, Billy? (5)
- 10 Temporary splints dilate in centre of vessel (6)
- 15 My work's hard to shift – I'm so OTT, at it frantically! (9)
- 19 The governor's your man for soft woolly stuff (6)
- 20 Little fish covering deep ravine (6)
- 21 Skill retained by doctor gets on top of eastern skin disease (6)
- 22 Tomb tunnel, one cut by e.g. Damascene, unknown? (6)
- 24 What dresses helmet up? The —, possibly (5)
- 26 Inverted rune – that is a novelty (5)
- 27 Writer born in Romania (4)

*The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. 18 appears at the entry for a combining form, not at its alphabetical position.*