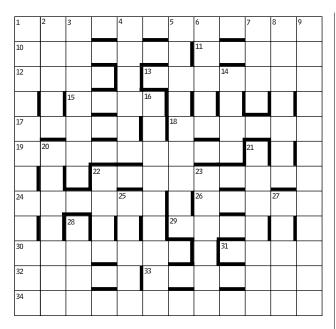
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ACROSS

- 1 Chemical from Albania in meals mixed with soup (12, 2 words)
- **10** Stupid fellow once creating fiasco, losing head! (7)
- 11 Old-time dance tune: volume not allowed in foreign museum (5)
- 12 Runic character in effect (from the sound of it) (4)
- 13 Sound choice satisfied (7)
- 15 What rubbernecks do in university, entering passage? (4)
- 17 One scarcely believable in any circumstances (5, 2 words)
- **18** Stony concretion rendering one often sore-headed, cross inside? (6)
- 19 Parrot about Latin stuff, the stuff of religious reformers (9)
- 22 Something to keep the sun off a tennis court (9, 3 words or 1)
- 24 Product of separation revealing couples in hell (dual item) (6)
- 26 Once ready to lend quickly, with nothing to lose (5)
- 29 Compatriot of Goosen, R switching parts opportune time (4)
- **30** Cereal grass spread round a meadow for a nicker? (7, 2 words)
- **31** Scottish flower historically forming unusual logo (4)
- **32** Hardy e.g. snowboarder may execute this (5)
- **33** Divine sculpture of gold given to Isaac (7)
- **34** Nice kids dressed up in drag, smoothly polished (12)

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PRIZERULES

£25 in book tokens for the first three correct solutions opened. Solutions postmarked no later than Saturday to AZED No.1,976, The Observer, 90 York Way, London N19GU

Across 1, scotch + anag. less I + r, 10, z in boo; 13, villa + gio; 14, S in anag.; 15, a in MO Ned; 20, r + Val in is; ref. Sheridan play & Val Gielgud, actor, writer and director, brother of John; 22, oggi (It. = today) in LA; 24, I + SOS + PIN; 27, du(0) + stup(id); 29, hat (rev.) + in (vb) + I; 31, pill in pool (all rev.); 32, reap(praise); 34, anag. incl. L.

Down 3, is in toe; 5, lac in ha-ha; 6, comp. anag. & lit.; 7, re + Goli(a)th; 8, poon + tang; the other (qv) = sex; 9, Mount Hawke, Cornish village; 12, stria in P-Eden; 16, jug + OS + lav; 21, lean + sot (rev.); 25, je (Fr. = I) in sue; 30, hidden rev.

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DOWN

- 1 They yield aphrodisiac fruit? Pass me a lot two anyhow once missing love (12, 2 words)
- 2 Still time needed after a strain (5)
- 3 In spelling, a Latinate language, one spoken in central Africa (7)
- 4 Tonguelike organ in the heads of little insects above the upper throat (6)
- 5 Describing element of lower valency likewise 'upper' is shown in modified symbol (9)
- **6** Like Dunfermline's royal red, initially deep in colour (5)
- Cape Town gran getting higher degree at Oxford? (4)
- **8** Sweet stuff from beetle worked up in a lather (7)
- 9 Rosette oddly planted in wood, dead, showing varying plant parts (12)
- **14** Little Margaret sounds like this dizzy (4)
- **16** Beer time in the caretaker's office (9)
- **20** Gusher (boring) to supply with copious alcohol? (7, 2 words)
- 21 Like a cat (rare), curiously oleic in hypnotic force? (7)
- 22 Possibly brilliant decapitated noble soon separated from base (4)
- 23 Flips small coin before last point in the States (6)
- 25 Cover (rustic-style, Scottish) we cut from periodical (5)
- 27 Whiff e.g. ass got following another's tail? (5)
- **28** Clay after makeover (bit of mulch on top) will do for this gardener (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended.