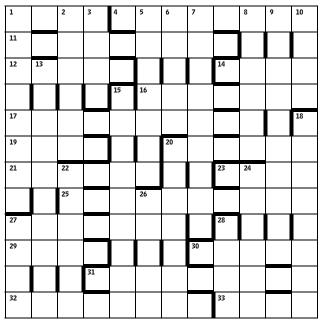
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## **ACROSS**

- **1** Fox burying head in mound (4)
- 4 Ne'er-do-well who gets heroin, bypassing a rule (8)
- 11 Pastor with peculiar haircut I noted at the sides, and nothing on top! (9)
- 12 Language group current in Bhutan (not hard) (5)
- **14** Vamp's covering minor quarrel, and felt furious (4)
- **16** Spicy food, hot and not English detestable? (7)
- 17 One of the hardwood trees, the genera wild rook nests in (10)
- **19** Embarrassed by over, have a second try (4)
- 20 Royal favourite in power cutting do (6)
- 21 Mixed martini, not right for covering of blood vessel? (6)
- 23 The essence of Italy, Latin penned by a master (4)
- 25 Ruthin corn, to it appearing alien? (10)
- 27 Left hour for dipping into a trusty old catholicon? (7)
- 29 Orcadian gullies, reverse of steep? I'll plunge in (4)
- **30** Ball for Andy, set showing one with no games for opponent? (5)
- **31** Very uncivil in RSC, lan replaces one queen in part of another in play? (9,2 words)
- **32** Shed duke rebuilt, once stripped of outer casing (8)
- **33** African chief, one clad in leather (4)

## AZED 2.397 Solution & notes

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#### **PRIZERULES**

E25 in book tokens for the first three correct solutions opened. Solutions postmarked no later than Saturday to **AZED No. 2,400,** The Observer, 90 York Way, London N1 9GU

Quotation: 'O Lady, we receive but what we give' (Coleridge)

Across 1, chocoholic; ch(ew) x 2+lic(k); 7, Sclavs; scav(age)s; 13, technomania; 14, dadode; alternate letters; 15, yapped; a + Depp (rev.); 16, headwater; he a dater; 18, sweep-washer; s + anag, incl. w, w; 19. litres; 20. ingesta; 22, sacella; a in sella; 24, Nesiot; is in ton (all rev.); 26, thornbili; anag. + bli; 29, vigilante; gila nin anag.; 31, cresset; comp. anag. & lit.; 32, five bob; I've in FO; 33, idolatrous; do latro (n) in is; 34, nonetto; 35, walliest.

Down 2, alexia; hale + X + A1(rev.); 3, cha; H in ca. + a; 4, hodge; 5, ice tea; H anag. + wea(k); 6, chop; Choep(horol); 8, copra; 9, ampassy; pass lin Amy; 10, nesh; hidden rev.; 11, sideration; anag. + tie on; 12, schalstein; anag. + anag.; 17, stemson; anag. + son; 20, inlier; in + anag. less and + l; 21, tortes; ort in Tees; 23, lisle; l, r + isle; 25, Stasi; is in stai(d); 27, hero; 28, beta; 30, NVQ; ginn v, e.

#### DOWN

- 1 Bandage that's elastic I put round large end of oxter (8)
- 2 Soldier joining revolutionary group of vassals (6)
- **3** Spithead has berth for this core section (4)
- **5** Skull-cap: each strangely is inscribed with something like an X (7)
- **6** Object, getting fit, runs included (5)
- 7 I support inland revenue going into fiction bookselling (9)
- 8 N. American deer making a den in Wisconsin (6)
- 9 Intercommunicate, like cat with a scent around (10)
- 10 Rude fellow annoyed husband (4)
- **13** A geek coming up interrupts a row? It raises one's blood pressure (10)
- **15** Recollection, as in names recollected (9)
- **18** Without last rites due possibly when Granny L's interred (8)
- 20 Small winding rope in the sea, short length thrown in (7)
- 22 Plain cotton for India, quantity in swatch half rejected (6)
- 24 What gula reveals? It's not far from it (6)
- **26** Form of divorce? There's gossip about one (5)
- 27 Pike follows acting typical of seniors in Dad's Army? (4)
- 28 Care for the old with cold on the chest (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. It does not give **32** (in the OED and Webster).