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Across

- 1** Knave in charge of wobbly kago with judge on board making anything but smooth progress (8)
- 7** Baby's mum wiping bottom – not something one could get out of! (5)
- 12** Higher organism turning 'tail' pursued by a peasant farmer with energy (9)
- 14** Wherein political gossip circulates, 'ideous in endless run' (9)
- 15** Jewish speciality, hot, to collapse? Reverse of this (5)
- 16** Super character I found in Vergil (5)
- 17** Old Scottish ship capsized – 100 on it overturned inside (7)
- 18** Cape for woman or unaccompanied man, might one conclude? (6)
- 19** Skipper briefly bagging duck, but it's worth 40 points (5)
- 22** Cutters in sound? They may be looking out for shoals (5)
- 25** In retrospect rue being taken in by flyer for poisonous apple? (6)
- 28** Being busy, no time to make room for love and suchlike (7)
- 31** Just like mater, accepting recipe for cereal (5)
- 32** What's enjoyed in Kenyan tavern? British ale, without hesitation (5)
- 33** Indulged girls fed with old English trotters (9)
- 34** Sweet client I'll leave dancing round floor (9)
- 35** Regimental horses to feed by the sound of it (5)
- 36** Drops backward booby, say – why don't we? (8)

Down

- 1** Eye sweet: fool? (11)
- 2** Like a symbol I see on either side of leg (6)
- 3** Mites one removed from above and around fruit trees (6)
- 4** Some cats raking up limestone tract (5)
- 5** Traitor while following Trump (not one Democrat)? (5)
- 6** Tasteless adornment, not new (6)
- 8** Rat run, a pest, going round outskirts of Yeovil (6)
- 9** Tent for travellers, not our type principally? (5)
- 10** Fillet in quarters Scots served up (5)
- 11** See rims messed up round melon being divided into segments (11)
- 13** Like barley sugar, say, or chocolate, one of Easter's pair replacing egg? (9)
- 20** Being free of taint, showing compassion about what's at centre of hurt (6)
- 21** Very old coat? Half of it covers more than half of terrier (6)
- 23** I'm opening sprinkler with lots of little holes (6)
- 24** Regular helpings of beer is imbibed by drunk once provided (6)
- 26** Tool used in erection of fireguard (5)
- 27** This sec last? It's confused with claret maybe (5)
- 29** Tangle of brushwood ideal for conifer (5)
- 30** What scavenger's retrieved – one left little amount (5)

Azed No. 2,554 solution & notes

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Across 14, feta (rev.) in gold; 18, w 1 s in TT; 23, FE + pud (rev.); 28, i.e. ku(k)ri; 30, anag. + ne; 33, anag. incl. n.

Down 1, US firm in anag.; 4, iPod for a in day; 9, rid + ethe + rods; 11, ripe ti in pea; 13, ass for I in climate; 20, a do + sin (rev.); ref. seven deadly sins; 26, cf. Mensa.

Special announcement

We regret to announce that, until further notice, we are unable to offer prizes for solvers of the Azed weekly crosswords. The special monthly Azed clue-writing competitions are not affected and will continue as normal. Entry rules for these will appear as usual.

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.