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Across

- 1** Greedy one studies food supply – his targets were sounder, but loose? (12)
- 10** The old caution a nation initially welcoming conflict ... (5)
- 11** ... Those engaged losing millions – it's a sign (5)
- 13** Join climbers in Cairngorms? Retreating, deer whines (8)
- 14** Eastern prince, reverse of British noodle? (5)
- 15** Melting glacier shifting right to left – sort of nutty? (7)
- 17** Old peasant troubled shrink admitting start of eccentricity (7)
- 18** Cheeky minx, woman replacing husband, mimsy one (5)
- 19** Coarse Scots when going after Mrs Grundy, firing off extremes (5)
- 21** Like a debutante presented to Her Majesty in very fine fabric? Quite (5)
- 23** Is this player, shiner, exciting in orchestra? (5)
- 25** Disciple of theological pioneer admitting 50% of errors (7)
- 27** Downy plant coverings: chaps installed full amount almost (7)
- 30** Militant supporting what's left of spread (5)
- 31** I'll be captivated by s--spiffy little bird on the river (8)
- 32** Place giving Aussie bad feeling? Leaving capital optional (5)
- 33** Catch when fishing round island that's closest for some (5)
- 34** Erring, betray S. Peter in office of religious elders (12)

Down

- 1** Rash that's gone is characterized by ditty wet composed (11)
- 2** Staffage appalling at Balmoral in queen being put up therein (7)
- 3** Crows with recipe taking second place in 'Bake-off' submissions? (6)
- 4** Where chalk's applied at the right moment (5, 2 words)
- 5** Some turning up seeking famed Louvre piece head off (4)
- 6** Part of knight's foot armour, forged o' steel, left and right (8)
- 7** Unusual lamp, grand when planted in a border (6)
- 8** Heap of refuse, last to be cast from furnace's function? (4)
- 9** Iron tenon: some instruction required with one installed (8)
- 12** Product of teasop creator ... OAP's thrilled with it! (11)
- 16** Satisfied sound, once, about effort of scrum in easy win (8)
- 17** Render in rough stone old-style wharf, possibly first installed (8)
- 20** Nurse comes round opening up premed alkaline (7)
- 22** Prophet's descendants rising proudly to the surface, last rising about halfway (6)
- 24** Critic having to push off, disowned by leader (6)
- 26** Prepare for solids? Och aye, mashed neaps (5)
- 28** What kept Pyramus from Thisbe – or Ida from mice! (4)
- 29** Passage in Iliad italicized (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,556 solution & notes

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Across 3, anag. + f in sly; aphrodisiac; 13, ma(n)ra(n)ca(n); 20, (s)ign + O my!; 26, i.e. de-test; 31, Ch. in Truman with E for a; 32, i.e. p and ermit + e.

Down 4, role for l in pig; 5, sv bong; 9, see lo-cal at low!; 11, sell gen in tast(e); 18, it in trium(ph); 19, gel (rev.) + a tee; 22, K + 'left'; 25, comp. anag.; 27, (sh)er(ry) in tn (qv).

Special announcement

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