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Across

- 1 Wee stain spelling area of wet mud (7)
 6 They're familiar to printers old and new in newspaper section (5)
 10 Godless hiding gun in disguised terrine (10)
 11 Ally constant in axis, say (5)
 12 Speak incomprehensibly, horse refusing jump? (6)
 14 I cackle wildly – it'll stop mount skidding (7)
 15 Relaxed no longer, when in grip of destiny (5)
 16 Small constellation, one with twinkly tail (6)
 19 Is it squigged in pats round either edge of river? (7)
 21 Wherein to find elite RA working? (7)
 24 What's next to do? Think about filling in that CV (6)
 27 Wood? River circles small one (5)
 29 Neutering precludes this cross-breed – nothing smelly (7)
 30 Tall Pacific tree, piece incorporated in cross (6)
 31 Snare-maker maybe creating fury, restrained by women's resistance (5)
 32 Rite suffused with an aura, as the case determines? (10, 3 words)
 33 Part of golf club: selected club lost latitude (5)
 34 Tangle in one end of leash at full stretch (7)

Down

- 1 This fortune-teller calls art? Is crystal ball possibly (5)
 2 Family of lice like this to catch in gym are on the rise (10)
 3 Faithful about family king abandoned, marking direct descent (6)
 4 Covenant reached by doctor, character closing surgery (6)
 5 Product of hydrolysis requiring instruments and electromotive force (7)
 6 Imagine once e.g. breaking hand in two places (5)
 7 Regular course test including a short piece? (7)
 8 Instrument essential to tune bells (5)
 9 Furrowed part of the US bordering another (7)
 13 Cable maybe chaps fitted in east when missing – here's proof (10)
 17 Australian shrubs cover one fresh pulled up (7)
 18 Fruit tasted, ready for plucking? (7)
 20 Paler or trembling, like lips? (7)
 22 First sign of racism in school creating turmoil as before (6)
 23 Unploughed field due to knowledge number's left in places (6)
 25 Plant bodies Aegean island's reared (5)
 26 Wildcat grabbing swan's tail in savage struggle (5)
 28 Wine holds up, short time bottled (5)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. 20 is given in a boxed list of prefixed words.

Azed No. 2,574 solution & notes

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130	S	131	P	132	E	133	C	134	T	135	R	136	E	137	L	138	E	139	M	140	U	141	R	142	S

Across 10, tie in anag.; 14, Otis in e.g. e; ref. song, *Miss Otis Regrets*; 20, anag. in spryer; 25, 'by poler'; 30, toge(ther); 33, aka p in Kos.

Down 1, sv whisky john; 3, anag. less b; 6, comp. anag.; 7, n in goosey; 8, h(ot) air; 8, (g)odso(n); 11, anag. in steam; 19, comp. anag.; 26, oak in PE.

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