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Across

- 1 Quartet of banjos harmonizing rag (4)
 4 Zero stake for Jock in grave, borrower's bond (8)
 10 Star group? I hop frantically united with such playing (9)
 11 Printing plate? Choose what's right for printers (7)
 12 Selection of life statues that makes a Roman holiday (5)
 15 Having lost new exhaust, was over the limit? (4)
 16 Rough lump of old metal, green wrapped in cloth (6)
 17 Shakespearean company, as is fitting, seen in flickering strobe (6)
 19 Heaven's including extremes of rapture? That's touching (9, 2 words)
 21 Crown appearing in bowlers? They'll end in headlines maybe (9)
 24 Learning about Civil Service goes over legal deed (6)
 25 Reduces tea-bags when stirred (end of bag coming off) (6)
 27 PC goes off, having written off expenses briefly (4)
 29 Line I have written between opposite sides (5)
 30 Slush spoilt lido? Information Aussie finds reliable (7, 2 words)
 31 Judges in authentic practice (9)
 32 Was searching to put off match official from behind (8)
 33 Trees displaying little width, quite round (4)

Down

- 1 Taipan e.g., from east in occupation on body of water (8, 2 words)
 2 Female absorbing energy beneath sun's radiance (5)
 3 Yokel, gormless, doffing cap (4)
 4 Place thick piece of wood as part of scaffolding (6)
 5 Bad shower disrupted Sabbath display (9)
 6 What sounds like thug, unruly youth with a quiff? (6)
 7 Finest trimmed bonnet made to order (7)
 8 Render what goes to make winter pretty (9)
 9 Former paddock, area enveloped in bushy creeper (4)
 13 Cook is i/c shelf – it's for flipping stuff in pans (9, 2 words)
 14 Sailor on latitude in what's seen as guide for night-time sailing? (9)
 18 Raised perched hawks – male ones (8)
 20 Come round to treat with new upholstery? (7)
 22 Lava-flow from volcano's centre almost at an end – shelter (6)
 23 A secondary thoroughfare in foreign parts (6)
 26 Demonstrative term from character, first to last (5)
 27 Teacher offering improvement when it's lacking (4)
 28 Parched by a desert? Thus beset possibly (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,586 solution & notes

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Across 10, O ma in gent; 14, cat + Dr in heal; 15, (an)gry + p(e)t; 26, (M1)stake; 28, (for)eland; 32, e + (Pontius) Pilate; 35, Hal tern E + anag.

Down 4, tabar (rev.) + 0; 7, (C)ovid; ref. *Ars Amatoria*; 16, emp(t)y + re an; 31, a lit(any).

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