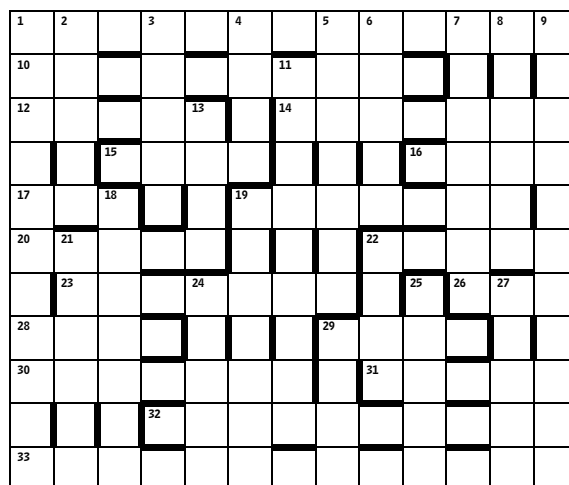


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Across

- 1 His garden's prepared with gap for yucca (13, 2 words)
- 10 Burslem product – squat, mind (10)
- 12 Jock's husky, no good when fed nothing (5)
- 14 Former commander at sea, one having pain trapping his foreign counterpart (7)
- 15 Eucalypt hosting European member of Rosaceae (4)
- 16 Monkey? One accepted in place of clue (4)
- 17 Beside river in spate? Less than half – but it's fairly high (3)
- 19 Bird fed in groups of three (7)
- 20 Women grasped in cold dance, anything but tender (5)
- 22 Learner lacking in courage making pass (5)
- 23 Italian cook's starter, whipped dolce, straight from the freezer? (7)
- 26 Tip I've removed from salad plant (3)
- 28 Cold wind returning, accounting for young pampas creature (4)
- 29 Secluded spot, acceptable after retiring certainly (4)
- 30 Endlessly ambitious, one may inhibit clots (7)
- 31 Trouble cutting off furlong round Grand Canyon (5)
- 32 Garnets I found among stones he's fashioned (10)
- 33 Creeping snail died, swallowed by rats in lonely places (13, 2 words)

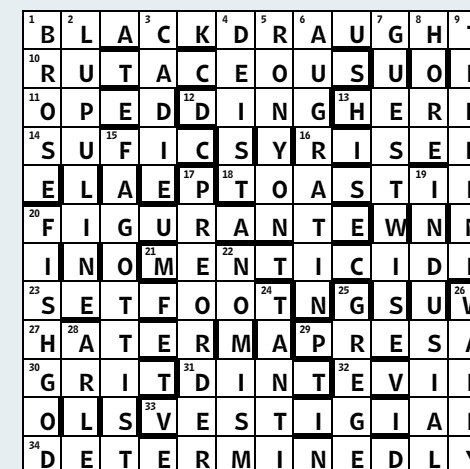
Down

- 1 Old Harry, eccentric, that may reveal winning number (11, 2 words)

- 2 Video that trails concert, introducing orchestra's leader (5)
- 3 African people turned up round edge of equator (5)
- 4 Making awkward progress dropping bling – it's not real (4)
- 5 Mother and children lacking nothing on which games are played (7)
- 6 Franco-US artist supplied by fellow serving drinks (not his first) (5)
- 7 What thugs used on piercing wretched target (7)
- 8 Raptor having a catch under wing (6)
- *9 Kinship (11)
- 11 Simple optical device we learnt after adjusting section (9, 2 words)
- 13 Some cows'll follow you wanting nothing – like a rash? (4)
- 18 What can be rendered spicier when one goes for heart of pimento? (7)
- 19 Typical of theologian, allowing some obscurity (7)
- 21 Bairns fidget so, and relish misbehaving (6)
- 22 Diary anyone may read left in the loo (4)
- 24 Councillor admits age rising, calling for social worker (5)
- 25 Something that accompanies memento, a folly (5)
- 27 Defenceless and somehow protecting king, English (5)
- 29 Disciple holds one up in sanctum sanctorum (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended. One less familiar proper name may be verified in Google.

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Across 10, ut² in anag.; 11, cf. dope; 16, alternate letters; 21 men + l c in tide; 23, oft in toes (all rev.); 31, ref. film *True G.*; 34, term + anag. in dey.
Down 3, cadi + E; 4, is in det(our); 5, (l)rony + on; 15, got ti in fast; 20, Hg in anag.; 25, e.g. in gre(y); 26, ref. *Where's W.*, series of illustrated children's books; 28, (b)arle(y).

Rules and requests

Send correct solution (one only) and clue to replace definition asterisked (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to Azed No. 2,625, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should be received by Monday week at the latest. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only). Emailed entries from overseas will be accepted, addressed to jcrowther2000@hotmail.com
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