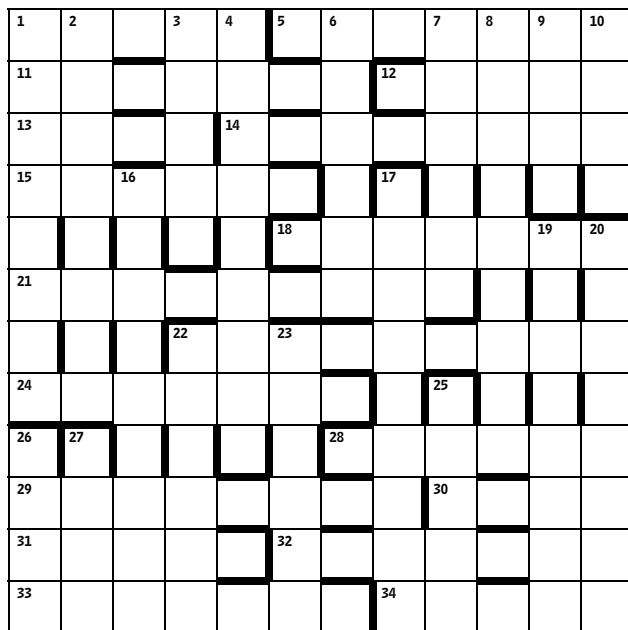


# AZED No. 2,382 'WRONG NUMBER' COMPETITION PUZZLE



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Each clue contains a one-word definition of the word required at the number where it stands, but belongs as a whole to a word of the same length elsewhere. Method recommended is to find, after solving a clue, a definition of the solution in one of the other clues to words of its length: this will show where the word is to go. Competitors should submit with their entries a clue following these rules to replace the definition asterisked. **NB The clue thus submitted will of course belong as a whole to a word appearing elsewhere in the finished diagram, which must be determined.**

## ACROSS

- 1 Broken-down train not in? Almost everything about that'll indicate variable units (5)
- 5 Part of nasty latex in a particular mode (7)
- 11 Low round valley featuring tree in early stage of artist's work (7)
- 12 One in circus you'll see diminish leaving US and turning up in pub activity (5)
- 13 Suitable head of state installed, showing punch (4)
- 14 Start of youth and pals are playing – scam (8)
- 15 Mostly unfeeling on the whole, the US kind is called a hooker (6)
- 18 Estates gaining concealment in salient (7)
- 21 The French in Loire town, anything but crusty (9)
- 22 What storyteller offers following devious sophi in accommodation once (9)
- 24 Daily deed, one feature in Shakespearian sketch? (7)

## AZED 2,379 Solution & notes

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## Rules and requests

Send correct solution (one only) and clue as indicated (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to **Azed No. 2,382**, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should be postmarked no later than Saturday. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only). £35, £30, £25 prizes and Azed bookplates for the three clues judged best. The Azed slip, containing details of suc-

**Across** 1, pur(e) tin a penance; 13, per in sext; ref Alex Comfort, author of *The Joy of Sex*, etc; 17, infer + alternate letters; 29, cigar t (rev.); 33, gere(n't); 34, b Edward.

**Down** 2, p + urine; 3, i.e. lin (hunting) pink; 8, comp. anag.; 9, CE + real; 16, dog in poo + an (rev.); 20, tin + die (rev.) + s; 25, scarre(d); 27, i.e. min us = ums; 30, a + lit (Fr. = bed).

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- 28 Recharge biography turning up bagged in reference library (6)
- 29 Limits start of inflammation with peppery seeds (8)
- 30 Kids into robbery perhaps, lives looked into by the Met? (4)
- 31 Tract of sleeplessness recalled for the record (5)
- 32 Excess in drinking vessel involves falsification (7)
- 33 Powder sandarach on fashioned boa (7)
- 34 Song pal's played, last from album (5)

## DOWN

- 1 Plant artist among tangled root and I love composition (8)
- 2 Boy or girl naps after work (8)
- 3 Shrink from weak end of fun filling in this setter endlessly (5)
- 4 Country lodging in filth with crisp coating (9)
- \*6 Strumpet (6)
- 7 Labrus properly aligned with regard to pouch (6)
- 8 Come about in calm, reverse of tense end to voyage (9)
- 9 Order rent to go up, central element for ruler (4)
- 10 Zambia's leader in limo? He commands utter power (4)
- 16 Romancer making courante dance, right? (9)
- 17 Love in progress to make things happen slower in song (9)
- 19 No time for weapons etc? Itch it's futile to scratch (8)
- 20 Stun a blue tackled, first in team to go, non-functional (8)
- 22 Sign of omission with litre bottled? Many welcome top-up thereof (6)
- 23 Red nag set free roamed at large (6)
- 25 A choc's bad for one? He may recommend training with weights (5)
- 26 Not a vessel for spirits? Near, near (4)
- 27 Small coin held in grip – a rappen? (4)

*The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.*