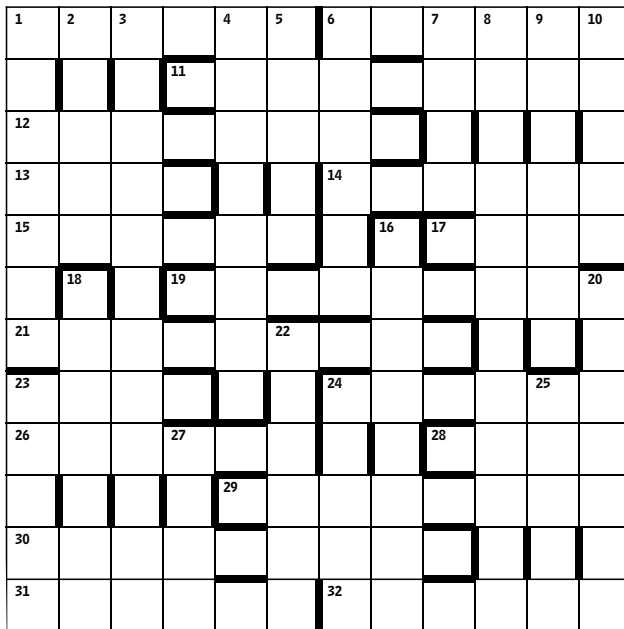


AZED No. 2,408 PLAIN COMPETITION PUZZLE



Name _____
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ACROSS

- 1 Sailor, drunk, red in the face (6)
- 6 Arrogant fellow, one followed by wife after party (6)
- 11 What's blighted in Scotland our scythe disposed of (9)
- 12 Scan rent letter (circular) in outline (8)
- 13 White wine or pop for ham? (4)
- 14 It grows into new stem, reverse of old one in rotation (6)
- 15 Young man forming link between Joseph and Ebenezer, ... (6)
- 17 ... Who are and will be such, it's said? (4)
- 19 Public reader: initials for one accompanying imperial archbishop? (9)
- 21 Multicellular group – density within promises dispersing (9)
- 23 Bar sandwiches I'd chew roughly coming out (4)
- 24 Turps constituent: to RA this is one painter's mixture (6)
- 26 Like many a loaf recipe going in to set (6)
- 28 Jar, not new – what you're aiming to fill (4)
- 29 Sort of hollow, quite attractive, Paul mucked about in (8)
- 30 What landlords do during beer shortage as a basic principle? (9)
- 31 The old check books with cut edging (6)
- 32 I may work on horse heading for stable, terribly weary (6)

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7	C	A	R	B	O	N	A	R	I	A	H	O	G
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10	R	O	N	N	E	A	N	D	F	I	N	E	S
11	T	R	A	G	G	L	E	T	A	G	G	L	E

Across 1, anag. + natch; 10, anag. less v; 18, lig(ate); 19, fin + anag.; 21, nu + anag.; 25, rbona in car l; 31, Jap(an) + E; 32, E(ast) nort(h) (rev.); 34, t in wine; ref. 'in vino veritas'; 35, comp. anag.
Down 4, anag. + it. & lit.; 5, yin in ng; 8, siege = company of herons; 9, an adage in C, e + SE; ref. Canadian city; 12, in cap in chin; 22, ref. Hannah A. (German-born American philosopher, 1906–1975); 23, Wl in anag.; 26, D in AR, OR; 28, as a in NL; 30, anag. less ch.

Rules and requests

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Judy Park, Leicester
 Shirley Wise, Otley, Yorkshire
 Peter Gladden, Sheffield

DOWN

- 1 One exercising complete control, universal, in spanners? (7)
- 2 Distorted sound from bass, Hank (or Terry) (5)
- *3 Restaurant serving snacks (12)
- 4 Mackerel in special curry, free (8)
- 5 Goal encapsulating end for player, behaviour focussing on goals (5)
- 6 Asian thatch material? Harvest fungus stripped palm (6)
- 7 Neglecting duty king's left gathering (4)
- 8 Treatment involving 'sun and air' hotel hype exploited (12)
- 9 Arid gullies shrivelled rosary – nothing appears in it (7)
- 10 Ancient letters pronounced as execration in Scotland (5)
- 16 Small blister that forms thus, universal in membranes (8)
- 18 Basic Box 'Brownly'? (7)
- 20 One often seen in park, beginning to roam? Tut! Tut! (sounds like it) (7, 2 words)
- 22 Reduce performance of barrel in river (6)
- 23 Team struts, and tastes being promoted round middle of April (5)
- 24 Youth when in intermediate stages (5)
- 25 In explosion it requires part of gunpowder (5)
- 27 Cathouse key (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.