



AZED 2,406 Solution & notes

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| 25 | S | T | R | A | T | I | C | U | L | A | T | E | | | | | | | |

Across 1, patch c in socked; 12, as in pee; 15, our in per (son); ref. e.g. 'Shall I be mum?' when pouring tea; 18, polis (h); 20, (f, l) agon; 23, lows + lung; 26, a in slid (rev.); 30, quine + all (rev.); 31, Cl + els (e); 32, comp. anag.; 33 anag. in slate.
Down 1, anag. in s gist l c's; 4, waste adj; 7, K + aurig (a) + um; see etym. at Auriga; 9, gringolad in Dee; 16, M in render; 17, Di + anag. less e + l; ref. Greek myth; 24, sw (arm) ling; 26, d + A + vit (a); ref. Derrick Macnutt, aka Ximenes; 29, i.e. falls when f is c becomes calls.

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DOWN

- 1 Drink, we hear, causing hostile crowd reaction? (4)
- 2 Queen ordered seal rings displaying flat diamond (6)
- 3 Being religiose shrouded Capri bust typical of satyrs (7)
- 4 Wintry greeting, reverse of conventional for Trump? (6)
- 5 Tree Malay's endlessly cultivated (4)
- 6 I'll take in study after rising – worried about exams? (6, 2 words)
- 7 Power dresser's topping feature, sexy (4)
- 8 A court has one in progress? (6)
- 9 Second disappointment with English and German wine (7)
- 11 Prone to get hitched with dame offering a warm welcome (9)
- 12 One of two after quarters housed by Chinese military (4)
- 17 Precaution for travellers, big ask when it's rough round cape (7, 2 words)
- 19 Attack formerly featuring marine, certainly (7)
- 20 Cleric freed group left enthralled by sorceress (6)
- 21 Mountainous region, service an uncertainty (6)
- 22 Camp, all male – see inside (6)
- 23 Pass, what those standing don't have in mid-week (6)
- 25 Last bit of cheese order for Fido? (4)
- 28 Bewildering construction presented by your self-absorbed setter? (4)
- 29 Part of hammer-head seen in water, tip of fin (4)
- 30 Support for millstone grinding last of corn, dry (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. 13 appeared in earlier editions and is in The Oxford Dictionary of English.

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ACROSS

- 1 Cause of excessive blinking shambles – a prop going berserk (13)
- 10 Herb from the border, cutting extreme pain (8)
- 13 Who'll be seen in Bondi beachwear when it's not cold? (5)
- 14 They provided household protection, broken pane put back (7)
- 15 Flattened shed replaced by ma in scale (6)
- 16 Between two ends of sentence I'm imprisoned – to —? (6, 2 words)
- 17 Porridge at an end? Eggs brought round (7)
- 18 Domestic fuel turning small element dirty (6, 2 words)
- 24 Maize liquor, fashionable this year (6)
- 26 Altar shelf on appro maybe, with no room for urn? (7)
- 27 Red matter included in quicker messages (6)
- 29 Stroll in small parish on fringes of the briny (6)
- 31 Game bird band's lost and dancing ceases (7)
- 32 Feature of antebellum pyramid, far from shapely (5)
- 33 Wayward miss packing costly pistols (8)
- 34 Don is clearly so inexperienced if confused with gender (13)