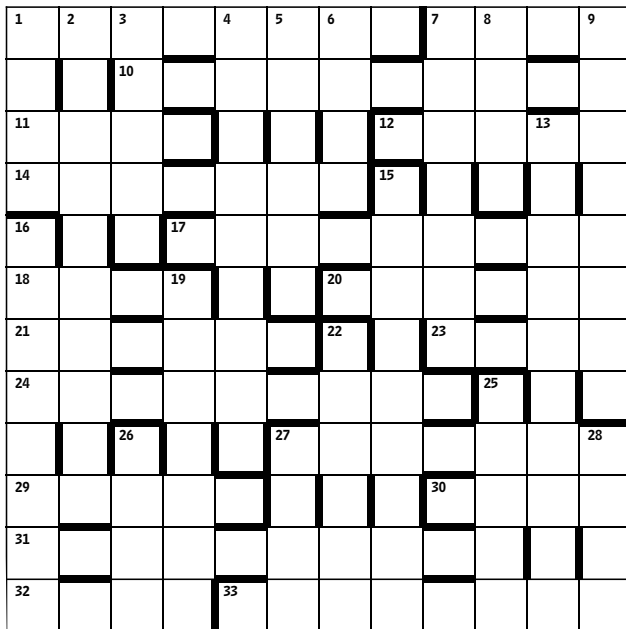


AZED No. 2,412 PLAIN COMPETITION PUZZLE



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ACROSS

- 1 Cocktail, strong, host mixed (8)
- 7 Limestone and carbon found on mountain pasture (4)
- 10 Book of anthems: intone with harp (transposed) (10)
- 11 Steepish turns? Partly – this helps with road-holding (4)
- 12 Love following e.g. Queen around – star group (5)
- 14 School briefly taking leave in grass (7)
- 17 Family of birds use art weaving round nest as of old (9)
- 18 Vehicle with breadth reduced for engine part (4)
- 20 Large venues made of stone with return of opera (6)
- 21 Muck streamed without limits at road's edges (6)
- 23 Cyril's partner often succeeded, making contact? (4)
- 24 Hunting dog mauled sick badger, second dispatched (9)
- 27 River with 'pain' applied about it (7)
- 29 Old-fashioned approach, one attracting attention (5)
- 30 Measure of precious metals – plenty showing return (4)
- 31 Zonked by electronic music entirely gripping wild dancer (10)
- 32 Scots down: no score, and English accordingly making comeback (4)
- 33 She keeps the books, reckless when going wrong (8)

DOWN

- 1 Two-master, British/American ship (4)
- *2 Found everywhere (10)

AZED 2,409 Solution & notes

1	B	L	E	P	H	A	R	O	S	P	A	S	M
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AZED No. 2,408 Prizewinners

LUNCHEONETTE

1 M. Barley (Rivermeade, Romney Road, Ower, Hampshire SO516AF):

Across 13, (c)ossie, & lit.; 15, squashed with ma for shed; 16, I'm in dot (i.e. full point), e; 24, chic + ha; 26, ret(urn)able; 31, b(and) + anag.; 34, green + anag.; ref. TV gardener, Monty Don.

Down 1, 'booze'; 2, Qu in anag.; 3, pi in anag.; 4, hi + lame (rev.); 6, den in ego (rev.); 8, a ct 1 on, & lit.; 9, mo sell E; 20, anag. & I in Circe (ref. Greek myth); 23, laps in (w)ee(k); 28, i.e. AZ in me.

Diner munched on lettuce when needing to lose weight (anag. less w).

2 T. Borland (Cuckfield, West Sussex): Ordered lettuce when losing weight, on being seated in this? (on in anag. less w, & lit.).

3 Dr I. S. Fletcher (Cirencester, Gloucestershire): Front of neck with the count Lee played, place for bites? (anag. incl.; ref. Dracula films, Christopher L.).

VHC D. & N. Aspland, E. Dawid, V. Dixon (Ireland), **R. J. Heald, D. F. Manley, P. W. Marlow, C. G. Millin, R. J. Palmer, A. Plumb, I. Simpson, P. Tharby, J. Vincent & Ms R. Porter, Mrs A. M. Walden, R. J. Whale, A. Whittaker, G. H. Willett. ANNUAL CONSOLATION PRIZES** **J. R. Tozer, C. G. Millin, Mrs A. M. Walden, P. Tharby, A. J. Wardrop, D. & N. Aspland, B. Lovering, Ms K. Bolton, T. J. Moorey, I. Simpson, V. Dixon, M. Hodgkin, A. J. Whittaker.**

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Keith Jarvis, Heaton, Newcastle
Tom Blakeson, St Albans
Renee Batchler, Uxbridge

- 3 Take in enthusiastically what's post-larval? The reverse (5, 2 words)
 - 4 Speak in service once? Was hesitant doing so (9)
 - 5 A glitch, this, one's lot in life (6)
 - 6 Fish – a shop serves more than one, battered (4)
 - 7 Warm crumbs on one's face (7)
 - 8 Uptight, as identified by first half of session on couch? (4)
 - 9 Enzyme causing decay in legumes (8)
 - 13 Escape being fettered? Shipwrights may have fixed such (10, 2 words)
 - 15 Pulp cleanser made from thin coral (9)
 - 16 Production of Tosca includes beginning once rendered dissonant (8)
 - 19 Evil spirit began flying around – loathe being trapped by it (7)
 - 22 Fellow over a barrel? That's what the world sees (6)
 - 25 Week's routine put on paper (5)
 - 26 China etc with time assuming dominance in the Orient (4)
 - 27 Kiss in meadow coming up – and spectacular leap (4)
 - 28 Head twice (at least) catches a person absent after noon (4)
- The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.*