

Azed No. 2,415 Plain

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Across

- 1 Like Donald in Scottish song, worried re bar, stranded outside? (12)
- 9 Syrian garments showing down! (4)
- 10 Welsh poet settling initially in Lincoln? (4)
- 12 Israelis dance to this almost hourly (4)
- 13 Uncle known for his stories recalling part of old Babylon (5)
- 14 Disfigured, but sceptical about start of treatment (5)
- 16 Trump's preference: hurt Reds deviously (8)
- 18 Nuts turning gold seen around on evergreen tree (7)
- 19 Pharmacist's jar, empty, left inside urn, round (9)
- 21 House peg on board – we're bored to receive charges (9)
- 24 Means of scraping out utter shambles in Church (7)
- 28 In the ground, what'll catch e.g. moles, thrashing no longer (8)
- 29 Life's ending in calamity, where the damned end? (5)
- 30 Often a feature of Chelsea hydro, after treatment (5)
- 31 Jack blasting out volume, getting a nasty look? (4)
- 32 Cookie from across the pond flipped over in pursuit of love (4)
- 33 Test No. 2's out for runs in test ground (4)
- 34 Pledge serious change? (12)

Down

- 1 Poet on love: 'the precursor to rebirth' (5)
- 2 Irrational belief, a bugbear – almost all led astray (10)
- 3 Lecturer amusingly introduces such a barb (5)
- 4 Thump on ring in wrestling event (5)
- 5 US heat's disturbed rest over US city, rising (6)
- 6 Where views are exchanged online or assorted parts of motor car (hard replacing starter for Rolls) (8, 2 words)
- 7 Night flyer in bay circling round fleet (7, 2 words)
- 8 Eton accepts such rarely, governing body say (7)
- 11 Historically keen navy leaving German port (5)
- 15 Ant, I recede in disarray – with these on the prow? (10)
- 17 Prohibition involving the raising of dresses, illegitimate of old (8)
- 19 Telegraph following cases up, making one depressed (7)
- 20 He utters gibberish, rough speech including indistinct words mum missed (7)
- 22 Quarry of a particular hound, barking to rest (6)
- 23 Poet's *Greensward*? Welsh singer omits final line (5)
- 25 Cannon gunners brought up, welcomed by Commander (5)
- 26 Feature of Cape gooseberry? Cook before middle of lunch (5)
- 27 Southern poet and dramatist in artful style (5)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. Two proper names may be unfamiliar to some.

Azed No. 2.412 solution & notes

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Across 1, bull + anag.; 11, hidden rev.; 20, st + Aida (rev.); 21, rd in (p)oure(d); 23, Len (Hutton) + s; ref. Cyril Washbrook, regular opening batsman for England with Hutton; 27, ache + r + on, & lit.; A, nicknamed 'the river of pain'; 31, anag. in tout; 32, O + E so (rev.).

Down 3, pupal (rev.); 8, i.e. anal(ysis); 13, bolt in chains; 19, ug in anag.; 26, cf. East; 27, x inlea (rev.); 28, 3 meanings & n + abs.

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AZED No. 2,412 prizewinners **UBIQUARIAN** 1 T Rudd (Bronson Road, London SW20): An antique pot I rub will yield this potent being ordered near and far (comp. anag.). 2 RJ Whale (Twyford, Berkshire): A — dress? Shapeless burqa Saudis are in, perhaps (comp. anag. & lit.). 3 M Lloyd-Jones (Newcastle Emlyn, Cardigan): Frizzy auburn hair with sides cut, the same as cuts seen everywhere (iq in anag. less h, r). **VHC** M Barley, TC Borland, Mrs S Brown, P Crossley, Dr IS Fletcher, J Grimes, RJ Heald, JC Leyland, DF Manley, TJ Moorey, A Plumb, Dr SJ Shaw, RC Teuton, P Tharby, JR Tozer, Mrs AM Walden, Ms S Wallace, AJ Wardrop, A Whittaker