

Azed No. 2,423 'Eightsome Reels'

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Each numbered square in the diagram is surrounded by eight blank squares. All clues lead to answers of eight letters, and these are to be entered around their appropriate numbers, clockwise or anticlockwise, beginning anywhere. Solvers must determine where each begins and the direction in which it is to go. The twelve unchecked letters at the corners of the completed diagram could form HER FORMAL PEP.

- Automate bistro, one gutted and given makeover
- Foreign letter in Times oddly creating awful stink
- Jellyfish making one jump in pain
- Surfaces for driving mothers? A rotter cuts in
- Staff at Fettes as term gets going lives in?
- Agency employee maybe hires out patterns for modelling
- Dainty footwear to cadge down under, with spikes
- Biblical people strike alliances (about time)
- Sporty types try matches
- Senior police officer adjusted hat and even bits of hair
- Like some basins wherein resinata is mixed
- Manifested on the wagon and unusually sedate about it
- At a display that includes what's fashionable
- Soapstone protuberance in place
- Most bad-tempered and tense, I, with nasty fly round about
- Fire-bird sang, then fluttered
- An American in Paris maybe aboard upmarket Range Rover
- Besom, modern, with tin coating
- Old-style appetizer: on it pâté's spread
- Nostrum: a suggestion includes 'thrice daily'
- Bird, stupid one, misdirected letter after party
- Produce, mottled green around tip
- Good variation of uterine birth
- Dye vessels in painted tinware
- 'Leg caught in ladder turned over' in mini news items?
- Being orderly, eats in, press around
- What's cover doing for novelist?
- No education? I slot back in, becoming informed
- Money put into local rail transport for Italian region
- Monkey showing shortened tail? We'd like to know
- Old silver coin, Persian, distributed around Hungary
- Bat that's become weak, caught in net
- Peg bowled over in brief affair, transient
- There's less forest ultimately developed with fir trees
- Trench and lock securing spring
- Soaks in water, surf crashing in – sun follows

Every answer is in The Chambers Dictionary, except one proper name. To avoid ambiguity, 6 should be entered clockwise.

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1	A	P	P	L	E	T	D	O	S	S	A	L
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13	A	P	I	S	M	L	O	B	E	H	A	N
	D	P	N	E	V	I	R	O	L	O	G	Y
17	E	I	G	N	E	R	P	A	Y	N	I	M
21	D	R	E	D	G	E	H	A	D	O	R	E
25	S	A	N	E	N	E	S	S	O	S	L	T
27	P	R	E	M	Y	C	H	L	O	T	A	H
	A	U	S	E	C	H	A	R	N	E	C	O
31	S	C	I	N	T	I	L	L	A	L	E	D
32	M	U	S	T	E	E	M	I	S	E	R	Y

Across 11, anag. incl. I, I; 12, lob o in coma; 13, a pism(ire); 14, a in (Aphra) Behn; ref. Brendan B; 17, Eng. i.e. (rev.); 21, dr. + edge; 25, nene in sass; 27, em (m) in pry; 31, till in anag.; 32, T in musée (Fr. = museum); 33, comp. anag. & lit.; ref. gloomy character in Pooh stories.

Down 1, ad in anag.; ref. former Daily Mail editor; 3, né in anag.; 4, Loos (WWI battle) + en(d); 9, tag in a tirl; 15, curari in up (all rev.); 18, cf. free chief; 20, anag. in my; 22, debt with men for b; 26, sh + alm(a); 29, reca(lled) (rev.).

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