

Azed No. 2,434 Plain - Competition Puzzle

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Across

- Arachnid scuttles round head of monastery before liturgy – me? (13)
- Poor liquor accompanied by English constituent of mineral water (8)
- Thoroughly adult and kindly disposed (5, 2 words)
- Substance used on transistors – please puff (6)
- Linked group in microcircuit adjusted pitches (7)
- Lawyer links about five cases (7)
- E.g. wooden partition essential to mask re-entry (6)
- Funeral ceremonies over, a little food follows (4)
- Zone one's abandoned, so-so having absorbed new strike (4)
- Blind ox, wild about introduction to sill (6)
- Aggressive thrust that's damaged period (7)
- Contralto solo with company backing in Brazilian dance (7)
- Gown with tail of ermelin, making you hot (6)
- Hell's angel appearing regularly in brisk rides? (5)
- Like some ponies let out, with special stable boy around? (8)
- I believe in recreation – it's seen flourishing behind part of fence (13)

Down

- Old blackguard, fellow in service (4)
- German dish, cold grub (5)
- One of the speedwells in the bin, scrapped (6)
- Become mentally confused, as solitary fellow all arsy-versy? (6)
- The unfinished opera isn't rewritten showing reprise for chorus? (11)
- German cab driver, clipped on the weather (6)
- Whose plumage changes completely in wintry periods? (5)
- Morgan e.g., top removed, being more than a little warm (5)
- Rag with new information coming in that's touching (7)
- Orchestra on boat's made a mess of arrangement (9)
- Drunk (9)
- A quantity of wine skilled profession boosted from within (7, 2 words)
- Minor road, embarrassing smell over ditch (6)
- Rowan up north I knew when rambling round about (6)
- Mustelines yielding bit of leather to line oriental footwear (6)
- Lower monastic hood after start of service (5)
- Most of lamb is chopped up in meat stew (5)
- Forest-dweller, one tucking into rice liquor (5)
- Supports bargain price being raised (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,431 solution & notes

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27	M	I	N	T	Y	S	B	O	U	R	N	E
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Across 1, s, e + away; 12, a in anag.; 13, at² + OK; 14, heat in ced(e); 19, rap in AA ho.; 21, Dee (rev.) + i.e. in r, r; 24, cass(one) in bee; 27, mint³ + y; 30, tarp (rev.) in SS; see sprat.

Down 2, r open in anag.; 4, anag. + as is; 6, s tea + DEd.; 8, erven I in intent; 9, i.e. ski'd; 18, (di)stresses; 23, g Laur(US); 24, ref. rowing.

Rules and requests

Send correct solution (one only) and clue to replace definition asterisked (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to **Azed No. 2,434**, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should be postmarked no later than Saturday. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only). £35, £30, £25 prizes and Azed bookplates for the three clues judged best. The Azed slip, containing details of successful competition entries and Azed's comments, is available on subscription at £16 a year. Cheques payable to the Azed Slip, should be sent to The Azed Slip, Coombe Farm, Awbridge, Romsey SO51 0HN. To receive a sample slip, please send an sae to this address.