

Azed No. 2,438 Plain - Competition Puzzle

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Across

- 2 Leader of men in headgear for conflict of old (4)
- 5 Tea break at the Gabba? Certainly observed in homes all over the place (7)
- 10 Backsliding swindle takes one in (5)
- 11 Unpleasant woman adorns salon, say, shunned by same couple twice (5)
- 13 Flaky stuff returns round brown constituent of some vegetables (8)
- 14 *Tablet*, first to last what you'll see clergymen in (6)
- 15 Gateway honouring Rajput prince (6)
- 17 Records in wine year – little left (5)
- 18 Traditional performer runs in a crimson red trippingly (12, 2 words)
- 20 Life I end, looking back, in knotted rope, making atonement (12)
- 23 Stuffed dates distributed (5)
- 27 First half of *Ring* reversed and moved to end canon maybe (6)
- 28 Two Christian ciphers one put sequentially in the heat of the moment (6, 2 words)
- 29 Regarding intake, it's long time before name's recalled (8)
- 30 Five points released by government department? They reveal a lot! (5)
- 31 Pond plant consumed in singular eateries (5)
- 32 Dragonflies concealed in an ash etc (tons out of sight) (7)
- 33 Discharge following zero work (4)

Down

- 1 Exit road from highway not wanting abandoned pram (7)
- 2 Chocolate substitute? Energy source contains none (5)
- 3 Truant? I see he's caught by Master (distinguished one) (6)
- 4 Flag or fade away in prison cell (5)
- 5 I'll work with figures – complicated as it's Titanic (12)
- *6 A state pawnshop (12, 3 words)
- 7 Biker losing lead crashes during track event (6)
- 8 One in charge turns up following neats roaming here (8)
- 9 Sailors aboard boat developing calluses (5)
- 12 Tea maybe providing some time alone (4)
- 16 E.g. antibodies person's mixed with it (8)
- 19 Supplies fresh coat for US zebra? Experts required with that (7)
- 21 Equivalent of Farsi? Traveller turned up odd bits to stitch together (6)
- 22 Cardinal (low one), priest exhibiting traditional belief (6)
- 23 Sell seafood, all but a couple of pilchards (4)
- 24 Addict of a kind, one to disassemble about reduced weight? (5)
- 25 Part of thin trocar that's opening passage (5)
- 26 Goes off sex, troubled about its appeal (5)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,435 solution & notes

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Across 13, OM in anag.; 16, anag. + loved; 17, Marmite with on for m; 18, Teb(B)it (rev.); 20, (Count) Basī(e) + c; 27, anag. in ice; 32, g(ir)l in Dane; 33, alternate letters; see arsis.

Down 4, r in culler; 6, olé in Sra; 8, Hebe + n; 9, I in I temse; 11, rot + anag. in press; 19, but an ol(die); 22, anag. + hell; 29, anag. less s; 30, Japanese company producing computer printers etc.

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. 2,438**, 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.