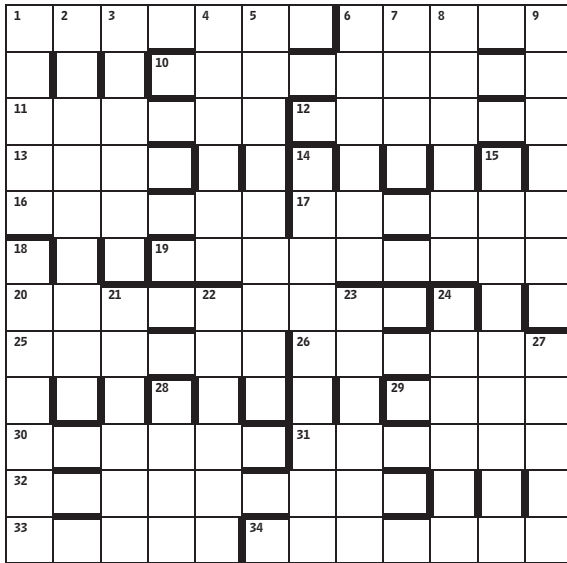


Azed No. 2,443 'Printer's Devilry' - Competition Puzzle



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Each clue, except **1 Across**, is a passage from which the printer has removed a hidden answer, closing the gap and sometimes taking liberties with the punctuation, but not disturbing the order of the remaining letters. **Example:** Vaulting above tunnel entrance appears inane, scary. **Answer:** PESTO. **Undevilled version:** Vaulting above tunnel entrance appears in an escape story. Every passage, when complete, makes

reasonable sense. Competitors should submit with their entries a 'PD' clue to replace the asterisked definition at **1 Across**. **NB** Preference is given to PD clues in which breaks before and after the word omitted (before and after omission) do not occur at the ends or beginnings of words in the clue. **Please give the full undevilled version of your clue as well as the clue itself.**

Across

- *1 Unit of rock strata (7)
- 6 Showing kind Nestor will always encourage pupils (5)
- 10 As craftsmen they are trained in tally, well qualified (9)
- 11 Those naughty kids have got involved in ark (6)
- 12 We now have moles in the garden, a next nuisance (6)
- 13 You'll find what chef calls fare (king of garlic stuffing) (4)
- 16 Downing his last pints alone in the empty bar (6)
- 17 As drum-major he carries the bone (6)
- 19 Not being judge – nothing objectionable in others' deeds (9)
- 20 The army receives pay increase so battas are lifted (9)
- 25 A citizen of Kolkata by the maids around (6)
- 26 If I lope, regularly for wild-life programmes (6)
- 29 Never having said goodbye, he's just stout (4)
- 30 This is where I go out, and by this doer (6)
- 31 After diagnosis of this a demise is unlikely (6)
- 32 The troops were ordered to surround offensive (9)
- 33 The area offers presentable flats for high earners (5)

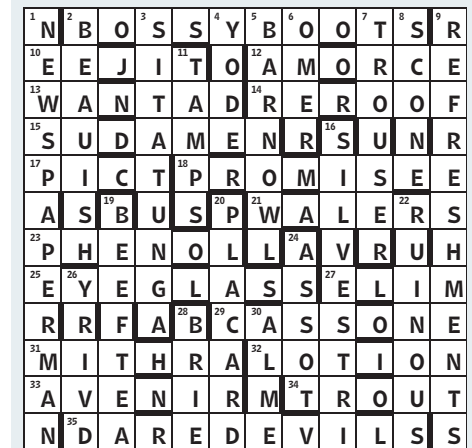
34 I've rarely heard magistrates criticise in summing up (7)

Down

- 1 We're worried about her – she's being strange of late (5)
- 2 My passionate secretary shows heart with love's filing (9)
- 3 After shower every morning one's in bed, ripping? (6)
- 4 One strains to overtones, keen to join in (6)
- 5 With inexperienced cast I found inarticulate (9)
- 6 The cameramen need the roller for extra height (6)
- 7 Wing lost in church crisis (4)
- 8 In TV cookery programme chef shows his den, starting recipe (6)
- 9 It's better to keep hot pork pies, undermine one's reputation (7)
- 14 Furious madam at her toilet fired tall domestic! (9)
- 15 Verily they approached us with gentle words and lowly responded (9)
- 18 The safari guide had to finish off – I'm pally, wounded (6)
- 21 Wretches collecting rock fragments travel pits (6)
- 22 How otherwise refer to whey-faced nuisance? Ask, perhaps (6)
- 23 It's said an emperor chose his horse, foul (6)
- 24 Once you've had a tad, wine like this will win you over (6)
- 27 To recondition some wheels, get the felt ripped off (5)
- 28 Preparing cookers one probably needs to have coach (4)

Every answer is in The Chambers Dictionary (2014), except 19 (in the OED).

Azed No. 2,440 solution & notes



Across 2, anag. in by Boots; 10, jee (rev.) + it; 25, anag. less a; 29, n ossa (rev.) in CE; 32, 1 in lot on; 35, are d evil in DS.
Down 1, anag. + perman(ent); 3, it in sat + a gnu (rev.); 6, cf. Rome; 7, u in resort (rev.); 8, comp. anag. & lit.; 9, freshmen in anag.; 11, t + amps (amplifiers); 16, l vest in siri; ref. Constantin (or Alan) S.; 19, beef 't ea; 22, (f)ruil(t) + no us(e); 24, 0 in asst; dupe (vtr); 26, 1 v in dry (rev.); 28 brie(fly).

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. 2,443 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.

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