

# Azed No. 2,445 Plain

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## Across

- 'Grand' applied to musical theme indicating canyon (5)
- Bask nervously with e.g. terai on in salty plain (7)
- Steam turbine supplying energy, oil driven, in a tall building (9)
- Entreaty has early pair in urgency cutting delicate membrane (6)
- Mount for Sancho Panza, and stuck in musket back to front? (6)
- Socially acceptable, albeit mousey according to hearsay (4)
- Xanthippe not so hot after her spouse's end? (7)
- Seamen brought back fish (5)
- Aussie driver, stout, gripping column in reverse (8)
- Aids to balance in flight, crippled before storm's onset (8)
- Invert pictures etc backed with poles (5)
- Imp doing drugs – volume not accepted (7)
- Green cheese? A turn off for fools (4)
- Sad sack whenever going round in a fog (6)
- Minor French nobleman? See one alongside his queen (6)
- Like many French roads, with fork to circumvent rotary system? (9)
- Marine worms wriggling in reeds (7)
- Short number REM put out often scored a hit in the lists (5)

## Down

- Avian disease, potential energy being restricted by chatter (5)
- Copy pa's left, divided, as memorial (5)
- Lecturer tucking in to food falls for Veronica? (8)
- The old drive, using 9 gallons (not fashionable) (4)
- Wild escapade, act giving away a habitual druggie (10, 2 words)
- One banged up for a stretch after second-class robbery (4)
- Voluntary fees in moderation, and not a song (9)
- Dependent territory, hence housing not available (7)
- S. American plant to acquire in climbing saddle (7)
- Woodland shrub famous racer planted in sidewalks (10)
- Space-time phenomenon to grasp one's well up in (9)
- Overture, piano, played louder round Italy (8)
- Section held by friend of Robin Cook maybe? (7)
- Universal acclaim for increase (7)
- Egyptian province, new for e.g. Julius (Caesar) (5)
- Kite, fourth from shelf moved to the top (5)
- Agricultural communities, one of which may be identified with Muslim ruler (4)
- Release group from slum life given lift (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

# Azed No. 2,442 solution & notes

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Across 14, paw in (i)sl(e); 16, O in anag.; 17, 'rune'; 22, hidden; 29, E in squal(l); 30, comp. anag. & lit.; 31, a rag (rev.) in sully; 33, es in anag.  
 Down 1, as in anag. + by; 3, soul + Dan; 5, A, M + bo(OK); 8, comp. anag.; 9, anag. in utter; 10, prop in a pin + qu(it)e; near vb; 15, gey (rev.) in elance; 19, NFU in anag.; 23, a deser(t) (rev.).

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