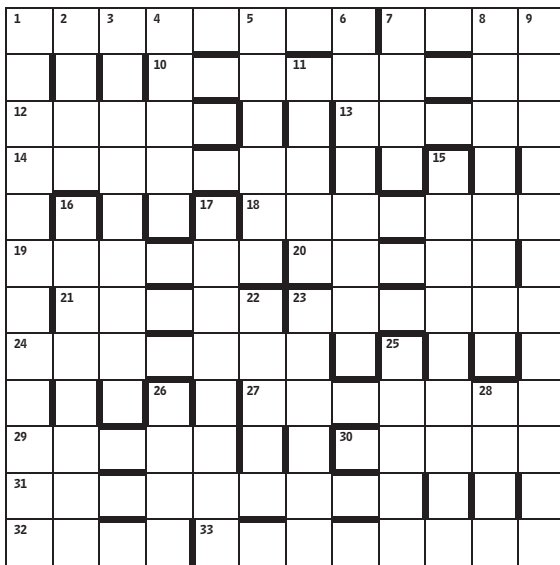


## Azed No. 2,447 Plain - Competition Puzzle



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### Across

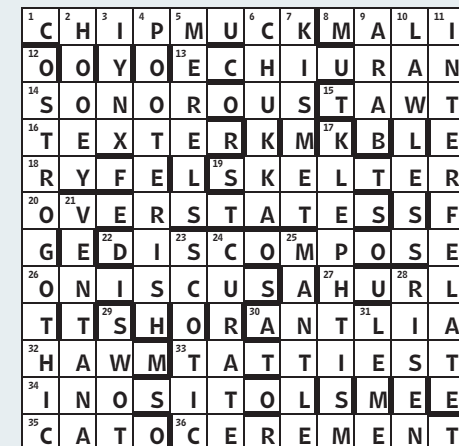
- 1 Lads grabbing twisted tabs securing lines (8)
- 7 Party William's cutting (4)
- 10 Soft-rayed little fish: best cut pub's got in (9)
- 12 Bass doubling, creating some distortion on soundtrack (5)
- 13 Twelve heading east – uninhabited spot contains —? (5)
- 14 Fishes, oily, swimming round foreign sea (7)
- 18 Aquatic umbrellifer, red mostly, found in margin (7)
- 19 Prepared in e.g. sewing group, tinted antique? (6)
- 20 Getting a lift maybe 'Arry does this protein (5)
- 21 Rotten bit of tangerine I found in sweet (5)
- 23 Busts arranged round centre of belvedere, part of larger group together (6)
- 24 Help! I eat terribly spicy kebab (7)
- 27 A wisp, me? Wrong – OS-style, more like (7)
- 29 Organic compound got from major artery in fish (5)
- 30 Light ring on side of can releasing extinguisher's content? (5)
- 31 Office stuff, unavoidable (9)
- 32 One learning in school label for type of rock (4)
- 33 End of race and lads dry off in stable room (8)

### Down

- 1 I'm off drinking, the French party included – strong words from the vicar (12)
- 2 After regular dismissals, jovially unctuous (4)
- 3 Particular stuff in the veins, look, strange occurring in the chest (9)
- 4 Early jazz piece to plug? There's little money in it (5)
- 5 One cloth that's blue or bluish – it's uniquely excellent (6)
- 6 *Punic struggles* – be seated round for head's prominent feature (8)
- 7 Neat Scotch fellows upended (4)
- \*8 Akin (8)
- 9 Like a good looker, with parts amounting to XL? (12)
- 11 Fair, I am brought up as one training to be an escort (5)
- 15 Style of painting I exhibited in galleries bizarrely East rejected (9)
- 16 Whack ancient S. Asian tree with foreign apple in it (8)
- 17 First to exploit indefinable quality in garment, leading figure in rag trade? (8)
- 22 In Maryland I'm estimating what can be spent there (5)
- 23 Some EU members given a lift round Austria, arriving at upper house (6)
- 25 Local gutter to divert left (5)
- 26 TV etc mostly coming up the same (4)
- 28 Cocktail or swig of Scotch clubs left out (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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**Across** 14, 0 in son rous(e); 18, ry (= railway) + fe(w); 19, l(o)t in skeer; 20, verst in Oates (member of Scott's expedition to south pole); 22, disco + anag.; 27, (c)hurl; cat = vomit; 30, comp. anag.; 33, (neeps and) tatties + t.

**Down** 2, 00 in hey; 3, 1 + (l)ynx; 4, ire to (rev.) in posh; 6, 'chucker'; 9, a + rab(l'd); 10, w(l)le in lass; 11, in terre late; 12, anag. + go thic(k); 17, KL + anag.; 23, I in scotc(h); 24, u in crate; 28, s in rien (Fr. = nothing); 29, sv mug.

### 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. 2,447, 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.