

Azed No. 2,448 Plain

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Across

- 1 Rand maybe in transmission of data? One's choice no longer (5)
- 8 Extra Scotch, medium dry (4)
- 11 Spongy, running inside, like Pyramus' eyes? (10)
- 12 Boiled leeks containing slice of conference pear (6)
- 13 Cavity's rent a molar? More treated with this (6)
- 15 Vertebrate of a kind from America I included in observation (7)
- 16 Always having to turn in, the moment causing irritation for the poet (7)
- 17 Claret vessel: a little left after meal imbibed by those that shouldn't? (5)
- 18 Hip flask of yesteryear bedecked corslet (7)
- 22 Woman, twice married, breaking cover, causing confusion locally (7)
- 23 Bill, aged, shivering like poor Tom (tragically) (5)
- 24 Cavities requiring return of doctor, no longer healthy (7)
- 26 Quite pooped (as once)? Take a nap round opportune time (7)
- 29 Creon, or the edict he issued? (6)
- 30 Beast reminding one of Hitler, equipment stuff being one short! (6)
- 31 Shortening not in a crust? It ruins more than one of these (10)
- 32 Some times are bewildering by the sound of it (4)
- 33 Yearlings stop joining gee-gees (5)

Down

- 1 Able to see clearly again (chains tended to be loosened) (12)
- 2 Being a primate, he turned up with ordinary, entering a school (7)
- 3 Company sent up king causing some laughter in theatre (4)
- 4 Wooden bit of tableware shunned by upper-class (5)
- 5 Grand, in the manner of sporting occasion (4)
- 6 Bird in Shakespeare supposedly arrived in doubled piece of muslin (6)
- 7 Emperor (Queen included) that's taken up an alias (7, 2 words)
- 8 String-pullers formerly? I'm not one that's devious about money (9)
- 9 Tincture seen in coloured glow, a rich orange (6)
- 10 Left to rest, soldiers during rest disturbed getting discharges (12)
- 14 Racket, deviously subtle vehicle for campaigning Brexiteers? (9)
- 19 Food crop? After climbing tree one misses nothing (7, 2 words)
- 20 Last jam? Shame to open it (7)
- 21 Flowerbed came back to life with grass curtailed (6)
- 22 West Dorking church showing place of origin? (6)
- 25 Splat – I'll dive in. Jock's reluctant (5)
- 27 Bother – nearly late, lift needed (4)
- 28 When it's missing leg, inclined to go for big hit (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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Across 5, anag. + hat; 10, E + anag. in a pile; 11, ur in plea; 12, and in gap (all rev.); 14, 'dun'; 15, (Socrate)s + colder; 18, col. (rev.) in bulky; 20, halt ere s; 22, dealing with v for a; 25, saps(a go); 29, v 1 dame (Queen in French pack of cards); 30, reel in tined; 32, anag. incl. no.

Down 2, re(p)lic(a); 3, l in fuel + lin; 4, firk(in); 5, anag. less a; 7, ho nor aria; 8, na in apage; 12, Arkle in paves; 13, spa (rev.) in collar; 18, s in Batman; ref. Alastair C., English b.; 24, cf. ledge; 26, see mir¹⁻²; 27, hidden rev.

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