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### Across

- Like an Aussie hobo, swallowing extremes of grog in time (5)
- Backward kids in school, a failure (6)
- Colour therapy from USA, aroma varied (8)
- Opening of public bar, distinguished scientists in jumpers (8)
- Bow elaborately played took lead in Weber (5)
- US tableware? Alas, *this* cruet we smashed (5)
- Fantastic diamonds are topping in rubescence (6)
- South Indian lute played with kind of viol (6)
- Specialized artist, scribbled score held in clenched hand (9)
- Spooner's rabbit call? It can set you tingling (9, 2 words)
- The French jaunt? Give it all you've got (6, 2 words)
- Small underground stem, a feature of garlic or melilot (6)
- Source of oil from Japan, sealed in a paste (5)
- Former spouse, violent, not cold inside (5)
- For which Eton is well known, not as rendered discordantly in the WC (8)
- Portman maybe shifts sections with eastern transfer (8)
- W. Indian opener bagging runs, object of quest of old (6)
- Ten's first at start – count backwards – uprising followed me (5)

### Down

- Big drum that's bashed after noon for Mikado (5)
- A Euro-juju? Lor, that's odd, providing for immediate needs only (12, 4 words)
- Grand old knight provides assistance for travellers on the road (7)
- Denizens of the everglades chatter about rising putrescence (6)
- Archetypal rustic, modest fellow? That's about right (7)
- Deep blue briny around Malta (5)
- Coarse abuse, son going for college (6)
- Support king following church rule book (4)
- Classes tucked into tureen's stew, showing no compunction (12)
- State of affairs ragged by troupes (7)
- National costume? Trademark's mostly seen in dress (7)
- Fine Shakespearean as part of Sebastian touring Ulster? (7)
- Scottish cuckoo? Caught in net it's lacking in value (7)
- Turkey kept in fridge (for Laurence) where brothers live (6)
- Sea's holding nothing for a climber (6)
- Lowly worker in part following leader of party (5)
- Bait, one left by angler twitching round end of line (5)
- Short poem? Sounds like a whopper (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. 11 occurs only in earlier editions but may be found on the Internet.**

## Azed No. 2,449 solution & notes

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**Across** 1, a + anag. in we; 11, nat(l've) in paella; 15, anag. incl. E less s; 17, cf. Maoist; 25, see redd<sup>1</sup>; 33, a d l eu (Fr. = had).

**Down** 1, t + anag. in wins; ref. ski resort; 2, a + anag. + en (qv); 4, cf. a stew; 6, ref. St P., P. Simon; 7, PE r + a in vite; 9, 3 meanings; 16, E clamps y; 26, comp. anag. & lit.; 23, s + moo (rev.).

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