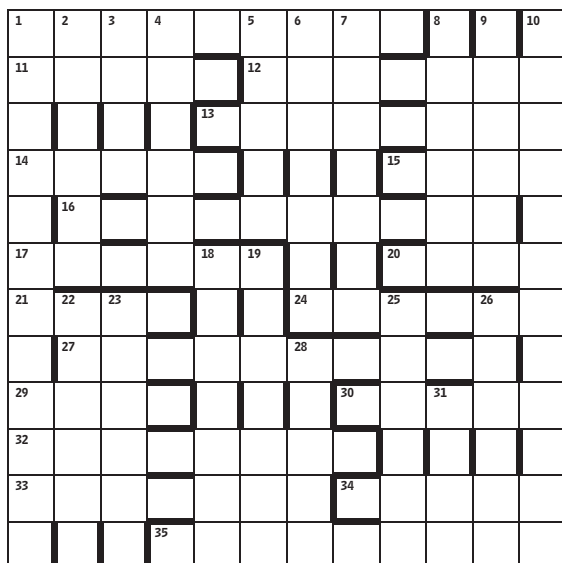


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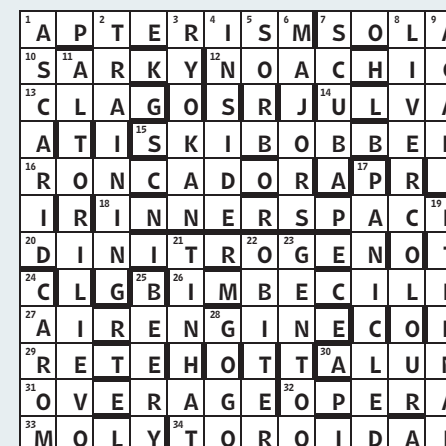
- 1 Clothing in school leading to grumble (9)
- 11 A trim body, rippling? Could be brat, so muscly (5)
- 12 The old despair with a phone that's out of order (7)
- 13 Green tops? The tops indeed (8)
- 14 Sage unaccompanied by that last bit of onion (5)
- 15 A tin shed like this? Ikea's not involved (4)
- 16 With resin applied and money invested, offering over-optimistic prospects (10)
- 17 Horror-struck commanders facing end of engagement (6)
- 20 One commands no respect, plenty being withdrawn (4)
- 21 Section in buff uniform wheeling satisfyingly (4)
- 24 Mysterious goddess, endlessly angry but cold inside (6)
- 27 Design song about extraterrestrial orreries? (10)
- 29 What's youngster after end of fagging? (4)
- 30 Showy bird making an impact after entering (5)
- 32 Heart in theatre grind or suffering bypass? (8, 2 words)
- 33 Early dialect I don't understand, including odd elements of Gallic (7)
- 34 High moorland was ruined by spades (5)
- 35 Plate by river showing those that may expect royalties? (9)

### Down

- 1 Robbery with violence: do this to find a brigand? Not I (12)
- 2 Robot dog I avoided by rearing inside (6)
- 3 H-hooter making one laugh (4)
- 4 Month in Siam wandering round for flowering plant (6)
- \*5 Chirp (5)
- 6 It's associated with trash being flogged, blowzy (7)
- 7 Understanding what gets pair of nets entangled with barge's stern (7)
- 8 Weed in the Munros maybe, conked out (6)
- 9 Clock in square went round (6)
- 10 What's sent Ted crazy with love, captivated by Liz? (12)
- 18 Punch causing blood to spread from below (7)
- 19 Sign which restricts self-confidence (7, 2 words)
- 22 Pair wanting company going round in what commuters take? (6)
- 23 Drudgery alternating with former rail company, widen out (6)
- 25 Constant upward drift? It was especially noticeable in shires (6)
- 26 Tag, last to take the lead in Highland trudge (6)
- 28 King's companion in Elizabethan England (5)
- 31 The best of northern England, one of its rivers, if not the first (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.**

## Azed No. 2,457 solution & notes



**Across** 7, sol + a; 13, c + lag; 15, bob in anag.; 20, anag. incl. ir(on); 26, MB + lice (rev.) in i.e.; 27, n in anag.; 29, (disc)rete; 30, hidden; ref. A. Wyn Jones, Welsh RU player; 31, cf. average; 33, last letters & lit.

**Down** 1, scar in aid; 3, y OK in ran; 4, ins (h)ide; 6, jam (rev.) + (h)ors(e); 7, cub<sup>2</sup> in SA; 9, anag. less ME; 17, i.e. panic-led; 21, in in that; 22, o(r)biter; 24, mora c. (rev.); 25, ref. Wallace B.; 28, Gogo(l).

### 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. 2,460, 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.