

Azed No. 2,473 Plain - Competition Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Pacific islander, reverse of artless, I judge inly (6)
- 7 First to last in head covering, I'll appear courtly (5)
- 11 Bruce going out with aunt in grand vessel (9)
- 12 Swear to cutting a quarter of food, having put most on? (6)
- 13 Family tree displaying system, matrilineal in part (6)
- 14 Member of seafaring folk who'll provide backing to look after you (3)
- 16 Bumph? Boy drops letters regularly at the laird's house maybe (4)
- 18 The core earth's middle pens? Possibly (12)
- 19 Exotic tree fellow sang to, transported (9)
- *22 Mutual action (9)
- 24 Relative of mackerel? Enthralled when French whopper's netted (12, 2 words)
- 25 Composer, one you'll associate with shades (4)
- 27 Heart of lightning jaggling back – unlimited maybe (3)
- 29 Something like Bovril I used to stuff carp? Send it back! (6)
- 31 Nasty spot that requires cutting with end of knife (6)
- 32 Deadly shot from distance catching sleuth (9)
- 33 Old sleeveless jacket, e.g., worn (5)
- 34 Book of Bible readings once gave guidance, including short one therein (6)

Down

- 1 US eccentric, not English, in fierce row (4)
- 2 'I need tart badly,' the old begged (9)
- 3 Giant barrel stored by playwright son scrapped (6)
- 4 Wild goat having to live caged in square (4)
- 5 Malay is such a continental capturing American market (12)
- 6 Among others, one with gun withstanding adversity (9)
- 7 One of a mutually destructive pair splashed paint over item (12)
- 8 Aussie pick-up, silent, not mobile (3)
- 9 USA having abandoned Giuseppe's island years ago was illuminating (6)
- 10 Trader from Cuba a ferry heading off wrecked (6)
- 15 Chest pain, worsened a lot with cigs, advanced (9)
- 17 What'll fix corsage from east in gay deceiver? Variety of paints (9, 2 words)
- 20 Friend with script containing special songs (6)
- 21 Jock's not going under ladder, the young holding support up? (6)
- 23 Myth about riding horse in ancestry of old (6)
- 26 Desert features some in passage range over (4)
- 28 Husband before termination, gracious as before (4)
- 30 World looking up? It's close to Taffy's heart (3)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,470 solution & notes

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Across 15, id in spar (rev.); ref. white-water rafting; 22, i.e. Qu in case; 24, Pl. US; 28, (E)tna in cap; 29, anag. less n & lit.; 32, a in peon; 33, rig + ado on.
Down 3, apaid (rev.) + use; 4, in in fort; see filler!; 6, ergo n; 7, anag. & lit.; 8, India with ab for l; 10, dress in flying; 20, cub (rev.) + anag.; 21, ga(ga) in bubo + 0; 25, gam(e) l; 27, pro in an.

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. 2,473, 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.