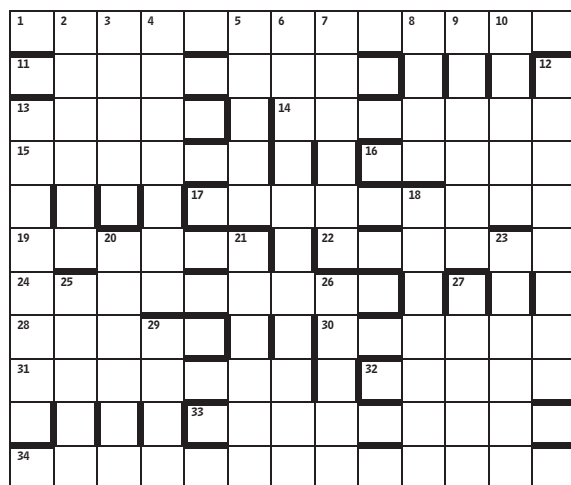


Azed No. 2,476 Plain



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Across

- 1 Musician, vocal practitioner taking in right dresser (13)
- 11 Goddess, entirely heroic (9)
- 13 Old coin like this is round copper penny (5)
- 14 Lancastrian at heart, source in a stew (7)
- 15 One served rotten breakfast Fido polished off? (6)
- 16 Vent not good at head of drain (5)
- 17 I ride nags at large displaying smoother face of leather (9, 2 words)
- 19 Wild Scottish gallop, breaking into charge (6)
- 22 Lady paramour, love lost, set aside (6)
- 24 Following girl around, confused group mostly showing lack of warmth (9)
- 28 it may give character at heart of mêlée a nasty hit (5)
- 30 Being philanthropic follower, dye clothing (6)
- 31 Vending machine: to the French salad staple (mostly) may be seen here (7)
- 32 Some warm clothing in the old West, found in wigwam usually (5)
- 33 Hawk, not in its best form to withstand strong wind (9)
- 34 Such as Amaryllis? She dresses unusually outside, being well up with fashions (13)

Down

- 2 King on silver coin the French shrink from as of old (6)

- 3 What produces wines with hints of redcurrant and 'legs' (5)
- 4 Poster posted inside seraglio for religious schools (7)
- 5 Killer one's escaped from, having greater dexterity (5)
- 6 Confused state before chaps set on what's left in Jock's estate? (11)
- 7 Hunting dog lives for a line of bones (6)
- 8 Rustic garment when it's not cold (4)
- 9 I love host street – drop in (6)
- 10 Sea's rising – hurry (5)
- 12 Oldie counsels: take grass planted in salt water up (8)
- 13 Confirmed villain setting food before Jude? (8)
- 18 Dubbing tapes of a kind recasting MSS page (7)
- 20 Irritate earl badly having to accept not drinking? (6)
- 21 Product of purification – boost involving half of us (6)
- 23 Small vessel left in chosen location (6)
- 25 Music to comic's ears? Note opposite reaction (5)
- 26 Shame once cast contains reduced number (5)
- 27 Hyacinthine plant from America, protected by inverted bag (5)
- 29 Sign of bad cough? Ring and stop work (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. It gives 4 at the entry for an alternative spelling with a different initial letter. It does not give the noun usage of 18.

Azed No. 2,473 solution & notes

1	F	I	J	I	A	N	R	A	U	L	I	C
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15	M	A	N	G	O	S	T	A	N	D	E	R
16	P	T	F	I	N	T	E	R	P	L	A	Y
17	S	E	R	G	E	A	N	T	F	I	S	H
18	A	D	E	S	S	L	T	I	A	N	T	H
19	L	I	E	B	I	G	S	C	R	A	P	E
20	M	I	T	R	A	I	L	L	E	G	I	N
21	S	A	Y	O	N	A	L	E	G	E	N	D

Rules and requests
 £25 in book tokens for the first three correct solutions opened. Solutions postmarked no later than Saturday to: Azed No. 2,476, The Observer, 90 York Way, London N1 9GU.

Across 7, cf. caul; 12, (f)atrest; 14, last letters; 18, anag. incl. r. & lit.; 24, géant (Fr. = giant) in serfish; 25, ref. Thomas Adès, British composer b. 1971; 29, I in gibel (rev.); 33, say + on; 34, Gen. In led.
Down 3, tun in (Ben)Jon(son); 5, US throne in Asian; 8, (m)ute; 9, ref. Giuseppe di Lampedusa, author of *The Leopard*; 15, anag. + a; 17, E in bra + anag.; sv gay; 21, ref. common superstition; 26, hidden rev.

Azed No. 2,473 prizewinners

INTERPLAY

- 1 **J. R. Tozer** (Raymond Avenue, London): Exchanges per litany? (anag. & lit.)
- 2 **S. Randall** (Devonshire Park, Reading, Berkshire): Relationship may be snowballing when wife's away ((w)inter paly).
- 3 **A. J. Wardrop** (Hillymead, Thornton Hill, London): Painterly working, something seen in chiaroscuro? (anag.)

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