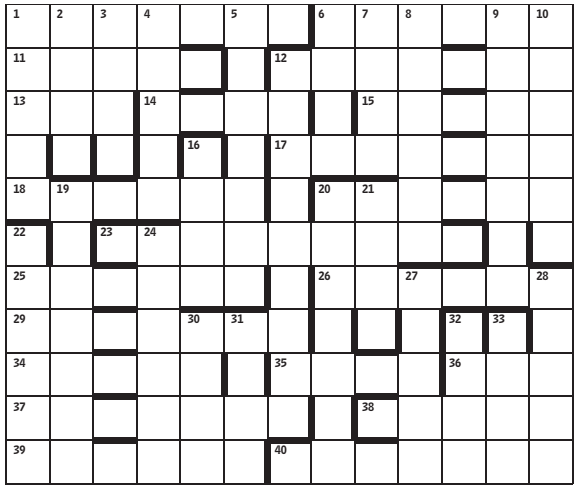
Azed No. 2,480 'Little Extras' - Christmas Competition Puzzle



Ten thematic clues are without definitions and lead to answers which must be similarly modified before entry, forming non-words in all cases except one (coincidentally). The link between them is hinted at by the title of the puzzle. Two of them are plurals in their unmutilated form. All other clues are normal.Bracketed numbers indicate grid entries throughout. **Competitors should submit with their entries a normal cryptic clue to the plural compound noun (15, 2 words) which identifies the theme.**

The answer to every clue is in The Chambers Dictionary (2014).

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Across

1 Work on reversing confusion over marsupial (7)
6 Register disapproval of that lot (6)
11 Well dry, look, lacking what's central to monsoon (5)
12 Wide branch caught in angler's tackle (7)
13 Monkey active in central Asia (3)
14 Jock's bearing what happens in court mostly reversed (4)
15 Lassie's fit, most alluring having shed stone (5)
17 Damage in the manner of Syrian 'caper' (7)
18 Tight holds partially circling sumotori (6)
20 Chaplet, cheap one turned round back of head (6)
23 Young fish caught in fishermen's gear (9)
25 Certain Christians shame university retreats (6)
26 Show failure to clean depth in winding tubes (6)
29 Turned increasingly caustic about island image of old (7)
34 Diet universal for some African people (5)
35 Coarse fellow, German (4)
36 What's intrinsic to many Londoners (3)
37 Scramble racing following ring, structural (7)
38 Left off worshipping God alone in church forecourts (5)
39 It is not irregularly seen alongside sun spots (6)
40 Shut up in school? One the contrary one's seen in King Tut exhibition maybe (7)

Down

1 Cop's corrupted, in grip of power certainly (5)
2 Against being excluded from dance – it's mildly stimulating (4)
3 Ordinary involuntary response of listener (4)
4 To row backwards at sea, sailor's on board according to nature (5)
5 Rebels maybe use leverage in the States (7)
6 Way of working followed by crooked gang (4)
7 One in debt, it seems, too much for Scotsman (4)
8 Publican once offering tawny around Christmas with a bit off (6)
9 Some upset about poor service wherein breakage is inevitable? (7)
10 Source of oil that's polluted seas, and NE state shortly thereafter (6)
12 Having got stuck into drink, he trots jauntily (9)
16 Touch headgear when one leaves (4)
19 Name in realia distributed in script defying scholars (7)
20 Discolourings of the eye, a deficiency mostly involving germ (7)
21 Stale pud I wrapped in napkin holder? (4)
22 Polish up fly for river fish (6)
24 All-weather stuff covering track, pitch and leather (6)
27 Treats formerly giving John hollow teeth? (5)
28 Bellow from deer, red one seen round heart of heath (5)
30 Sally e.g. made by a military group I avoided (4)
31 Antipodean tribes, certainly old-fashioned (4)
32 There's only some stodgy reading will do for literary circle (4)
33 Damn king quits, causing cessation for poet (4)

Azed No. 2,477 solution & notes

1 S	2 C	3 U	4 P	P	5 E	6 R	S	7 H	8 E	9 P	10 S
11 P	O	L	E	Y	12 S	E	R	O	X	A	T
13 R	U	C	K	S	P	P	14 I	S	T	L	E
A	C	E	O	15 M	A	U	V	A	I	S	E
16 T	H	R	E	E	D	17 G	I	N	N	18 E	L
19 W	A	20 R	21 P	L	A	N	E	N	C	C	E
E	N	E	L	22 P	23 I	24 S	C	A	T	O	R
25 A	T	W	A	I	N	26 P	R	27 A	28 I	S	E
29 T	30 R	A	N	S	F	I	X	L	N	T	C
31 H	O	T	T	Y	U	R	32 D	O	N	A	T
33 E	P	E	E	I	S	T	34 A	W	E	T	O
R	E	R	R	35 P	E	S	T	E	R	E	R

Across 11, see humble[2]; 13, hidden rev.; 16, H in treed; 19, warp lane; 22, Isca (Dumnoniorum, Roman name for Exeter) in anag.; 28, comp. anag.; 29, tra(l)ns + X if (rev.); 31, 2 meanings; 33, pee (p) in anag.; 35, stere in per.
Down 5, E + pad in SA; 8, X tin in anag.; 10, recto in anag.; 18, i.e. eco-state; 23, f in in use; 27, i.e. A. Lowe; ref. actors in *Dad's Army*; 28, (d)inner; 30, comp. anag.

Rules and requests

Send correct solution and clue as indicated (on separate sheet, also bearing name and address, securely attached) to Azed No. 2,480, PO Box 518, Oxford OX2 6WX. Closing date: Saturday 4 January 2020. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only). £100, £65, £40 prizes and Azed bookplates to the three clues judged best. Extra prizes for those judged very highly commended. Results will be announced on 12 January 2020. The Azed Slip, containing details of successful competition entries and Azed's comments, is available at £13 a year for 13 issues (£16 for overseas subscribers). 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. For much more information on the Azed Slip, visit www.andlit.org.uk.