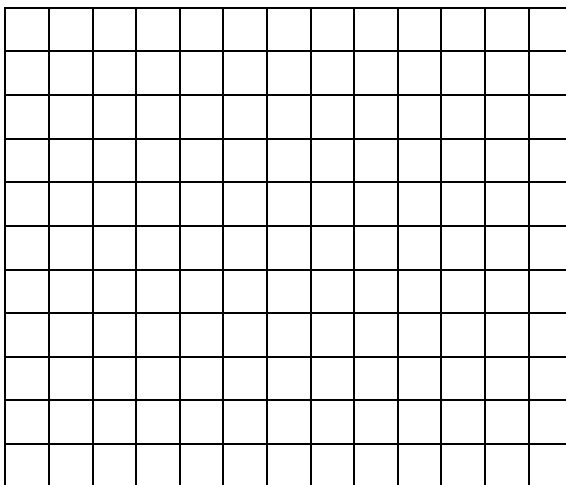


Azed No. 2,522 'Carte Blanche'



The symmetry of the bars in the completed diagram is such that it would look the same if turned upside down. Clues are given in their correct order. Entries submitted should include bars, but numbers are unnecessary.

Across

- Baby's sore? Deployed hand spray, soft for child's rear
- Aid to east-west understanding I block before heading westwards
- Jock's cautious, with being written out of score
- Gypsy fellow with a young salmon hiding inside dense thicket
- Link to club's head essential to those leaving
- Mammal of subgroup, meat on it only half cooked
- Artics having crashed, in hospital calling for church officer
- Carrion feeder, usually preferring gall to heart?
- Head over for jolly party
- Little bony bits? I let on when it's found in fine tobacco
- Roy and Dennis maybe joined in secret palavers
- Rag circulating in Port Talbot
- Parasitic worms, abundant, I detected in neat, poorly
- Mixed drink driver refused – he was tight
- I've supply of knitwear – heirs upset receiving nothing
- What excavations may reveal, assorted bits of bison and hens?

Down

- Grand lady unusually cussed about husband going after flighty char

- Those at rear in company do much to call for more effort
- Have a meal including something with sausages? It could mean the end of bangers
- Wheeze according to Sandy spattering end of hankie
- Ireland lacking tail winds, one borne aloft thereon noted
- A people in plains adjusted according to theories of philosopher /physicist
- Milkman's handcart, lighter
- Second proofs I read in form of verses
- Chinese massage system? Grumble when parts are switched (2 words)
- Some blast at antelopes with all feet on the ground
- Bees etc tamper with honey, flying around
- Part of old tree artist's shown in a group
- Tolerated amount offered in port city
- No performance arrived at? Not quite, start of lockdown introduced
- Bloodsucker, a vampire maybe perched up on an old bird's nest
- S. Asian tree obscuring sun for grain crop
- It follows that river I'll cross
- Lass yields to pass if this – it makes miss sound like a legend!
- Pair of duck changing over to Scottish loch – something for oriental-style pan?

Every word is in **The Chambers Dictionary (2014)**.

Azed No. 2,519 solution & notes

1	C	O	M	P	S	O	G	N	A	T	H	U	S
10	A	C	O	R	U	S	R	O	C	H	A	P	E
14	T	A	T	A	R	I	A	N	C	A	R	O	L
17	C	M	H	N	F	A	N	T	A	I	L	S	F
17	R	A	N	G	E	S	T	E	R	R	E	T	S
17	A	R	G	E	R	T	H	R	P	M	Y	I	T
23	C	I	R	Q	U	E	S	M	A	S	A	L	A
23	K	L	A	U	R	E	A	T	E	L	S	I	R
28	I	L	I	A	C	P	H	I	L	O	M	O	T
30	N	A	N	N	Y	T	I	A	L	P	I	N	E
32	G	H	E	T	T	O	B	L	A	S	T	E	R

Across 12, i.e. chap + e; 14, anag. in tan (vb); 17, i.e. R. (G)anges; 19, RE in tert; 23, 'circs'; 26, urea in late; 29, I lo m in phot; 32, h + anag. in gaster.

Down 2, comp. anag.; 5, anag. in grab; 8, see H. Davidson; har(d) + ley; 11, a mar ill in CA; 13, lit (rev.) for it in position; 18, Steptoe with final e to centre; ref. former TV comedy series; 21, E quant; 22, E in palla; 27, smit(ten).

Special announcement

We regret to announce that, until further notice, we are unable to offer prizes for solvers of the Azed weekly crosswords. The special monthly Azed clue-writing competitions are not affected and will continue as normal. Entry rules for these will appear as usual.