

# Azed No. 2,526 Plain

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## Across

- 2 Poacher: filches cockles with bark? (11)  
 10 Mast beam airily wobbling I removed, unhappy about it (8)  
 12 What's walker, tired, recalled? Some of it anyway (4)  
 13 Young child left in care of stranger after court's conclusion (7)  
 14 Rabbit filmed I put back in heart of burrow (5)  
 15 Love retracing instant in past poetically (5)  
 16 Ascetic, ailing one in ragged strip (9)  
 17 Ancient tower in a short time caught by cannon from the rear (6)  
 20 Woman with great adoration for vintage roller (4)  
 22 Lizard shedding tail, object of mockery up north (4)  
 24 Small marsupial heading for mound in river (6)  
 26 Husband, year on his own with mum's sponge (9)  
 30 See me go frantic catching last of rhubarb in sink (5)  
 31 Decide against declaring in blackjack? (5)  
 32 Our ball needs blowing up, round and segmented (7)  
 33 With troops in lines traditionally, representing command a Tory ignored (4)  
 34 Wretch born on dock boat (8)  
 35 Storage cassette? The fee's out of order, and advice outdated when it's sent back (11)

## Down

- 1 Like ancient cursive script proclaimed in scribbled sheet, look (11)  
 2 Leader of octet aboard vessel afloat, bold and vigorous in style (7)  
 3 Former ambassador from Italy taken in by swindler (6)  
 4 Lewd woman making one cry out with pain (7)  
 5 SI unit last brought to the fore in a lecture (5)  
 6 As disappearing fast round river, look inquisitively for small amphibian (7)  
 7 Ivy, embraced by Spanish gent? See her 'glow'! (5)  
 8 Husband covering a limo freely in metallic oxide (6)  
 9 We're engaged in contests on piste? Observe exercises from below (5)  
 11 Toper wretchedly had no more to drink – does it prevent full flowering? (11)  
 18 Garnett, briefly, plus forename – a spell-binding character (7)  
 19 Unable to walk easily round marshy ground, yellow gluey stuff (7)  
 21 Dead in conflict, he drove his chariot once (7)  
 23 One regularly hailed as ageless dullard, that is coming last (6)  
 25 Appear in new form? Art maybe taken up, then English (6)  
 27 What naphtha mostly deals with? Treat ash-plant with it (5)  
 28 Sucker of a sort left at head of river (5)  
 29 We retrained, but only intermittently? That's weird (5)

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

# Azed No. 2,523 solution & notes

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**Across** 1, stage + anag. less c; 9, apish in per.; 13, Rom in AA; 15, un + lot (rev.) + d; 20, ca(r)nal; 22, Emma + t in La; ref. Jane Austen; 23, etc in dele (all rev.); 26, i.e. hidden in basin douche; ref. 14 Ac.; 31, anag. of p(e)n, ew(es), ra(ms); 32, in Greek mythology mother of Perseus by Zeus, repeatedly imprisoned; 34, p, e + anag.

**Down** 2, tar OK; 4, see cog<sup>2</sup>; 5, ref. Jeremy I.; 7, e + (Pontius) Pilate; 10, e in anag.; 11, anag. in Anne; 18, ref. Clare B., presenter of *Rambings*, BBC radio series; 21, comp. anag.; 28, B + pee (rev.); ref orchestral tuning note A.

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