

# Azed No. 2,539 'Printer's Devilry' - Competition Puzzle

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Each clue, except **6 Down**, is a passage from which the printer has removed a hidden answer, closing the gap and sometimes taking liberties with the punctuation, but not disturbing the order of the remaining letters. **Example:** Vaulting above tunnel entrance appears inane, scary. **Answer:** PESTO. **Undevilled version:** Vaulting above tunnel entrance appears in an escape story. Every passage, when complete, makes reasonable sense. Competitors should submit with their entries a PD clue to replace the asterisked definition at **6 Down**.

**NB** Preference is given to PD clues in which breaks before and after the word omitted (before and after omission) do not occur at the ends or beginnings of words in the clue. **Please give the full undevilled version of your clue as well as the clue itself.**

## Across

- This is where the horses are coming between races (7)
- Being home, she can't wait for lessons to end (5)
- To a crude and slovenly American: muck (9)
- Victorious armies keen to look a long time over it (4)
- In retirement among many, pleasing, in a choir (6)
- I select the name applied to a gallery piece with flashing lights (6)
- A coat of white wasted, wall's becoming discoloured (5)
- My wife doesn't like to cook it, straight from the river (6)
- Was it wretched affairs made mad verses? (10)
- A society pad, what he'd expect for celebrity portraits (10)
- The club's new signing is recognized as lively, gifted (6)
- Dad, after yet another night at the local, burns unsteadily (5)
- Was the Ramsbottom lad prodding that, live? Mistake (6)
- We go out for meals occasionally but avoid posies (6)
- Is Tony (popular in British jokes) less familiar to US audiences (4)
- 'In my opinion, Boris benefits the country,' by Hardliner (9)
- A well-informed person can grasp such things while ignorant (5)
- Delicate nymphs find the attentions of oversexed siting their tolerance (7)

## Down

- During space odyssey would astronauts ever need to? Real! (5)
- Highland stalkers on all sides coming in waver (9)
- It's a bar – many have 'winery' – often wish I owned it (6)
- Should wealthy patron list rooms to work in? (6)
- Wretched folk with the sun blazing; for all it's worry, spell continuing endlessly (10)
- A heraldic wreath (5)
- Make sure you pick the right men in the woods! (6, 2 words)
- For an inexperienced surgeon setting a shattered loddie (4)
- Yon bonnie laddie will surely get led up (7)
- Stethoscopists can detect even a mine (10)
- These are tired old jokes from the past, admired (9)
- In Mozart's opinion, Figaro must outwit his master (7)
- Party activist has worker to demonstrate affiliation (6)
- Who took control after shocking event in the senate that way? (6)
- In the class, wry attempt to close ranks if threatened (6)
- Thin of yore, has gone to seed physically (5)
- Our director's unrelenting – he never gives his cast (5)
- I've solved crosswords for years – is this my first getting up to scratch? (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.**

# Azed No. 2,536 solution & notes

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**Across** 19, flee(t); 21, e in gad; 22, pa(n) ca(n); 23, cf. mise; 32, side + a in r, l; 33, an in Eve + scent l(a)y; '... gone tomorrow'.

**Down** 1, (Dawn) French + pitch; 5, I jo in Fr. le; 6, T in reuse; 7, warre(n); 8, anag. in aia; 14, a scad in cur + a; 20, I c for final e in empire; 26, ad in eve (qv); 29, gren(ache).

## 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. 2,539, 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). Emailed entries from overseas will be accepted, addressed to jcrowther2000@hotmail.com.

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