

# Azed No. 2,543 Plain - Competition Puzzle

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## Across

- 1 Prom one's included in elapsed riotously (9)
- 11 Stream swollen with a violent snowstorm (5)
- 12 Crone's miscast as protector of public morals (6)
- 13 The most important thing, half of what's due (9, 2 words)
- 14 Do without tea as a temporary expedient (6)
- 15 Is Holding about the ultimate in fast bowlers maybe? (4)
- 18 Tiny thing clutching old covering – for which cot is doubly suitable? (7)
- 19 Shrine: sanctified one erected by academy (5)
- 21 Group of NA dialects, 51 in belt (6)
- 23 Melon when stuffed into shopping bag (6)
- 24 Extract from writer's eulogy, anything but wordy (5)
- 25 Primitive pictures brat scrawled on tedious course? (7, 2 words)
- 29 Ristorante? You may get pickled roes in this one (4)
- 30 Azzurri's for ward one's opposing twice? (6)
- 32 Like well-drilled pack, promptly (as before) getting name sewn into strip (9)
- 33 Liquid from chemical process? Cheer when it includes uranium (6)
- 34 Get rid of last of glühwein in bar (5)
- 35 Left outside, primate entered, with defensive protection of a kind (9)

## Down

- 2 Savings scheme that's contributed to as usual (4)
- 3 Cave dweller in ooze enveloping sea's roar (7)
- 4 Dart of old making you go pale, head disappearing (5)
- 5 Rover Matt's turned up in (5)
- 6 Sour, one drunk up with a dash of Evian (7)
- 7 Word formed from another, i.e. crafted with advert (8)
- 8 Deviously Ursula's refused what's central for Boris – typical (5)
- 9 She memorably lacked footwear – scan toes wriggling (8)
- 10 Racing star embracing nymph – one providing aid to the legless? (11)
- 11 Supporter accepts tax as before for deflection of radiation (11)
- 16 Fab performer in short song one released in twinkly style (8)
- \*17 A soft leather (8)
- 20 Ruckle tipsily swallowing a wee Scotch? (7)
- 22 Clear up club completely (7, 2 words)
- 26 Follow American river (5)
- 27 Reservoir, answer for boat-dwellers (5)
- 28 Heart throbs, quick no longer (5)
- 31 Weight nag shed creating bodily firmness (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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# Azed No. 2,540 solution & notes

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Across 1, cha(-cha) in anag.; 10, ref. Marcus Annaeus Lucanus, Roman poet and prose writer; 19, thin gamy; see hootenanny; 25, cf. rusted; ref Red D.; 29, to in Or(E)ans; 31, CEO + r, l; 33, comp. anag.; ref. Carla B.; wife of Nicolas Sarkozy.

Down 2, S + Caglia(ri); 3, Arlington in aid (rev.); 8, le in Vance (Packard, US journalist and social critic); 20, HE + k in urea; 24, sv conch; comp. anag. & lit.; 29, ossi(fied).

### 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. 2,543, 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.