Azed No. 2,630 ‘Playfair’ - Competition Puzzle

**Across**
1. Explosive artillery holds in reversing rupture (6)
2. Gun going off boy becomes miserable (6)
3. Driver on probation, I cried roughly weekly, say (10)
4. Opening created by bullet remaining (5)
5. Bit of timber in dry measure thereof (5)
6. Feudal court changed method (not hard) after conflict (8)
7. Holy ascetic, sober heartless Hindu (5)
8. Historical document, part about university (5)
9. Stuff hole in tip of scabbard (7)
10. Primitive creatures? See one twinkling on a bee flying (7)
11. Lost lingo included in central tenet of Confucianism (5)
12. Take heed about prime element of baby’s rearing (5)
13. Dad worked with regular features of comical mental state (8)
14. Aid in forecasting weather without extremes person describes (5)
15. Chaps leading a lesson about one type of rock deformation (10)
16. Rarely dull, crazy don goes round tub swimming (6)
17. Church in scattered arrangement (6)

**Down**
1. Wee fish that is tailing pike, see (6)
2. Tumour’s mum’s taken in to treat misshapen one (10)
3. Acting after tipple? Such a one may be sensational (6)
4. Monster that’s tucked into Asiatic bird, a kind of poultry (7)
5. Rib involved outlook for Adam, without restraint (5)
6. Bushman’s shield – animal he’s flayed to make it (8)
7. Fellow consuming college recipe for young fish (5)
8. Make a mess of roll, twisting leg (8)
9. Lost to view (5)
10. Morecambe maybe intercepts diverted call about office work (8)
11. Second hearing to do with network surrounding queen (7)
12. Rules for Jouster, boring, Earl penned with love (6)
13. Lives with right leg in chains (5)
14. Mead I avoided in disorganized parties (6)
15. Keep moist, having firm footing by the sound of it (5)
16. Who may be seen aboard bottom at Lowestoft? (5)
17. Composer cutting last slow movement (8)
18. Rupture
19. Explosive artillery holds in reversing rupture (6)
20. Entame in anag.; 22, fat in solar as; 25, r o + a refit (rev.); 29, anag. of alternate letters, A R I; 31, cf trolls; 4, see posh 2.

**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. 2,630, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should be received by Monday week at the latest. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only). Emailed entries from overseas will be accepted, addressed to jrowe@2000daihead.com. £35, £30, £25 prizes and Azed bookplates for the three clues judged best. The Azed slip, containing details of successful competition entries and Azed’s comments, is available on subscription at £16 a year. Cheques, payable to The Azed Slip, should be sent to The Azed Slip, Coombe Farm, Axford, Rossiny 5051 ON. To receive a sample slip, please send an s a e to this address.