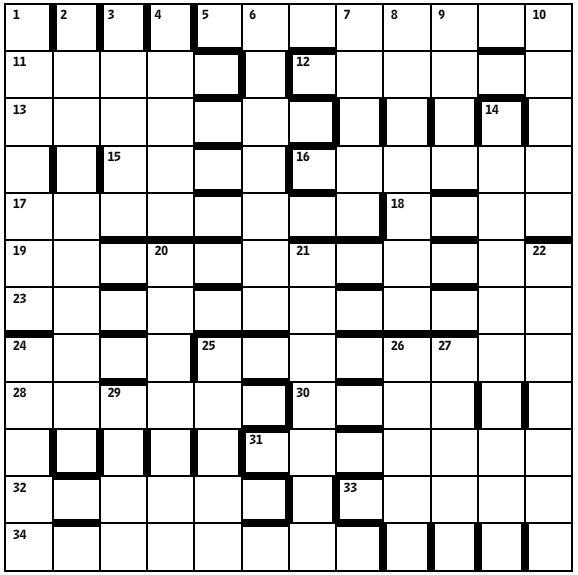
Azed No. 2,733 Plain - Competition Puzzle



Across

5 Stodgy pudding producing club chat (8)
11 Beef or duck served in wild onion (5)
12 Salad herb yielding distinctive smell on heat? (6)
13 Nasty spirit but mostly whipped up with an egg (7)
15 Sign of fatigue for Scots on board brigantine (4)
16 Traveller going to and fro in playsuit? (6)
17 Packing e.g. vest in tight? (8)
18 Drink knocked back, old poet's addled (4)
19 Regarding determinate variation, see wild riot etc imbibing strong drink (12)
23 What rattles — look at price involved — varied shellfish (12)
24 Vagrant person, parasite avoided by CID (4)
25 Henry's included in derisive shout — it omits nothing (8)
28 Network's genuine, holding it back (6)
30 I'll be caught by chance in bankruptcy (4)
31 Like creeping plants, forming odd pattern (7)
32 Rankers in army abroad going for foreign lady (6)
33 Primer, once new, held in spoon? (5)
34 Founder of democracy (John), first in Seychelles, getting agent's fee? (8)

Down

1 Cuddle bimbo somewhat without clothing? (7)
2 Poet's featured in picture, strangely parrot-hued (10)
3 Bomb work mounting: it's armed at sea (5)
4 Weedy group, half crazy to get stuck into beer (5)
6 Lewd display? I buzz off following earlier probe (7)
7 Clam mostly heated in wooden bowl for Sandy (5)
8 Lamb's fur, reverse of dark — it lost value (7)
9 What'll make Jack pack fine porcelain (4)
10 One of Macbeth's witches described climbing round centre of pit (5)
14 Nice pillar fashioned sloping downwards all round (10)
20 Bad actor circling beach in precious antique? (7)
21 Ruin part in best repertory (7)
***22** Skullcap (7)
24 Peevish? Not what *I* am doffing topper (5)
25 Endless song about international capital (5)
26 Flirt with poppet, full of sexiness (5, 2 words)
27 Poll's associated with me? Poll led by adult maybe (5)
29 Trendy old twit (4)

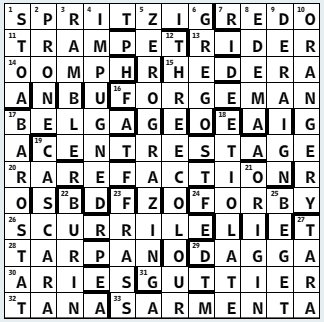
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Azed No. 2,730 solution & notes



Across 7, (c)redo; 14, oomp(a)h; 17, l in bega(t); 19, cent. rest age; 26, l in anag.; 30, (V)aries.
Down 3, ref. novelist, Eric Ambler; 6, GR + ego; 12, cf. tricolor; 17, bar + anag.; 18, o in anag.; 19, a scar in ca; 23, i.e. fr as s; 25, e.g. in (hedge one's) bet; 27, t(l)ara.

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