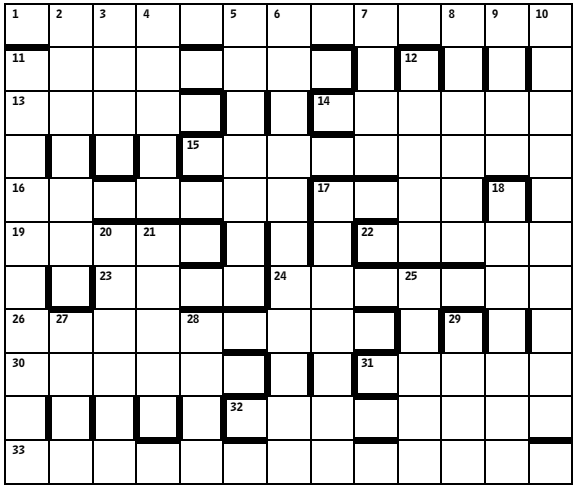
Azed No. 2,739 Plain



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Across

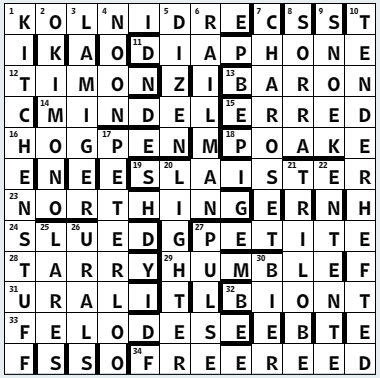
1 Modernization rendering one strangely agog about international decoration (13)
11 Old serviceman, in essence reverse of free but filled with energy (8)
13 Copper with support of law trailing bloodscker (5)
14 Hint, reverse of banal, splitting outsiders in audience (6)
15 Stimulant that could make one live, astir (9)
16 Forewings become reversed on Asiatic bird (7)
17 Peter keeping folio in cover? (4)
19 He's freed from road accidents, insensitive (5)
22 Spot, in short, is endless contamination (5)
23 Reputation once made in battle (4)
24 Waiters chatter about recipe to scan (7)
26 Piece of art, cup fashioned with lustre (9)
30 One about to drop off? I may be in agreement (6)
31 Flow of mud? How surprising when it splits both sides (5)
32 Scottish millstream on the market? This'll be included (8, 3 words, apostrophe)
33 One favouring recreation? Fencing is tense in a way (13)

Down

2 Walter's wench regarding cheesy pastry (7)
3 Advertisement boosted big mouthful (4)
4 Enteric region, part of mobile umbles (5)
5 Part of spurge family I see among crumbling ruins (7)
6 It may attract bees, i.e. with garden cut roughly (11)
7 Shopping centre making money without limit (4)
8 Pacific island country and what surrounds it – it's sickening (6)
9 Early festival, restrained by the sound of it (4)
10 Upper-class in strange reversion to cover unduly (10)
11 Pair of notes of different lengths to frustrate easy task (10, 2 words)
12 A bit of Scotch, giving one good boost (5)
17 Mantras concealed in Bowie hit (7)
18 Such as Brown Bess, girl tucking into strong drinks (7)
20 Container in chemistry lab due to crack when filling completely (6)
21 Trooper former monarch despatched, making money abroad (5)
25 Group of fellow graduates displaying quality (5)
27 College harem, wherewith story ends? (4)
28 Alternate bits of sphere on heraldic fur (4)
29 Siamese twins in three pairs? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,736 solution & notes



Across 11, a in dip + hone; 23, r in nothing; 29, hum ble(w); 33, lodes in fee; 34, ree x 2 in f(e)d.
Down 1, anag. + hens + 'tough'; 4, with no on, one = e; 10, tender + he + anag.; 22, ENT x 2 + E; 26, cf. sural.

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