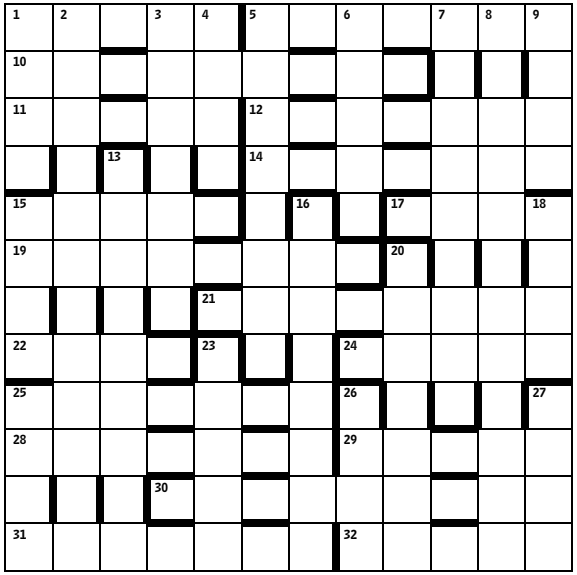
Azed No. 2,741 Plain



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Across

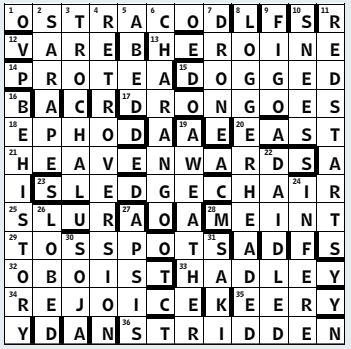
1 Fun once hosted by Labour do (5)
5 Grey panel disguised small anchor (7)
10 An addict that is given preference to wife? It's no joke (9, 2 words)
11 Underground excavation to plug end of mine (5)
12 Applies poultice to chaps in soft liquid (7)
14 Scots pickled cheesecake maybe I have stuffed (7)
15 One often portrayed in kirk, special one often sainted? (5)
17 It descends to a river partly through a tunnel (4)
19 Piece of church music, end bit, hard, soon coming round (8)
21 Left potato in temporary privy (8)
22 Cracksman having yen to introduce bomb (4)
24 What angler fixes to hook, making contact from behind line (5)
25 Church interrupts ruler out of order, cross (7)
28 What's this, involving a bit of rapacity? (7)
29 Singer given latitude within, totally archaic (5)
30 Form of powdered resin I'll pass to getting recast (9)
31 House-husbands best when busy around obligation (7)
32 Styles e.g. fence round pricey motor? (5)

Down

1 See band turning to round of applause in this informal do (4)
2 Get the better of varied amount and love comic revue (12)
3 E.g. 22 going off, ruin pet (7)
4 Kinder abroad, not at home, creating rubbish (4)
5 Fights breaking out, work in place that's busy at Xmas? (8)
6 Indian manager, one from Chennai, say, first off, receiving upper class (5)
7 Like a short course, second creating difficulty in the US (9)
8 One making inferences, unusually inferior, about karzy (12)
9 Five years denied strong drink, one shares quality with 28 (4)
13 Surgical transplant, with the author's own hand, we hear? (9)
15 Green and tasty, possibly with a bit of grey in? (4)
16 Keep what's appropriate to part of coiffure (8)
18 Excessively long utensil (4)
20 Good car model in centres of activity (7)
23 Hot wind? One follows mostly cold spell (5)
25 Picnic party without cake outside? There's meat (4)
26 Ancient fort found in crater at Helvellyn (4)
27 Magic herb making one relax, life mostly passing (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,738 solution & notes



Across 1, do cart so (all rev.); 20, s (south) in eat; 25, slur(ry); 32, bois (Fr. = wood) in OT; 36, dirts (rev.) + anag.
Down 3, cha in trol(ley); 5, Azed with b for z; 8, anag. + e in logged;16, anag. + y; 24, infer(til)e; 30, so + ja(r); 31, k in sai.

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