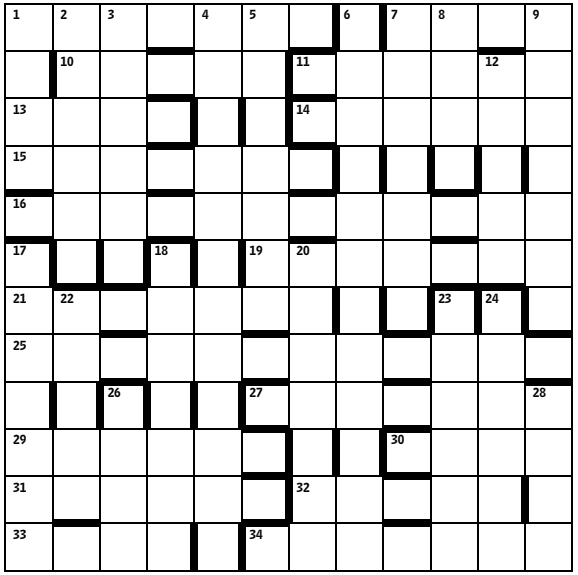
Azed No. 2,745 - Plain



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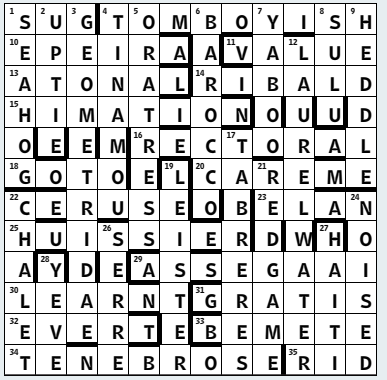
1 Trudge through mud? Page in cloth's damaged (7)
7 After dinner, last of meal consumed ran (4)
10 Bore, weak without money as introduction (5)
11 Pet has almost run in for a scratch? (6)
13 Man leaving comfortable seat – it's fragrant (4)
14 Little bell, round, found in Sri Lanka (6)
15 Seaman causing damage round old bark (7)
16 Typical element irritated by misspelt notices (12)
19 Crane maybe required to construct Greenwich abode (7)
21 Resinous stuff? Vehicle its association filled with one (7)
25 Tidy senior with ragbag put in order (12)
27 Prepare to get hitched? Liz accepting tease (7)
29 Cattle food not applicable for feeding to dog mostly (6)
30 What dancer may execute, left in a mess (4)
31 One lives an austere life, being without a modicum of comfort (6)
32 Drain installed in urinal (lav) (5)
33 Fungus like a sort of lozenge, not red (4)
34 Old quarter day, day avoided in Lent abed, lazily (7)

Down

1 Scottish reel like this requires doctor being called up (4)
2 Firework or taper set off before start of dinner (6)
3 A cracker taking look on weighing scales (6)
4 A stunner, damn fantastic, out of this world (12)
5 What's used in polish, unadulterated but with elements switched (7)
6 Like a leaf cluster, full-toned in a petal, i.e. splayed (12)
7 Façade, fine blend of three? (7)
8 Instrument, not loud, in protective covering (4)
9 Like Carthage, according to old orator, consequence coming in endless deferral (7)
12 Ancient statue, with animals – it creates a buzz (5)
17 Gouge page enveloped by one working throughout innings? (7)
18 Boater maybe going round a fen, rippling – it can be full during ebb-tide (7)
20 Garrison to house senior service, English (7)
22 The old king's mostly laid up in post-prandial periods in Perth (5)
23 Topcoat for e.g. legionary, a swell one (6)
24 Paul's correspondents out of gas, found in area round Rome? (6)
26 One managing bovine stud (4)
28 No longer conceal nameless beauty (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,742 solution & notes



Across 1, sug(ar); 10, hidden rev.; 15, h + (an)imation; 29, ages (rev.) in a sai; 32, ref. Chris E., former US tennis star; 33, see carpenter bee.
Down 1, ah in goes (rev.); 4, tin amou(r); 6, bar + occ(as i)o(n); 8, u in slu(it); 9, ref. H. Nash; 21, gam in rede.

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