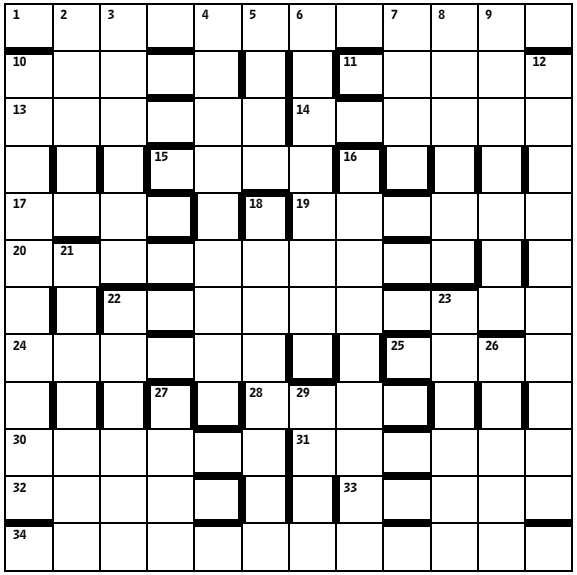
Azed No. 2,747 Plain



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Across

1 Gremlin that diverts English prof's little (12, 2 words)

10 Spore cases getting to soak mostly when penetrated by start of rain (5)

11 Projecting angle, one in vaulted passage north of the border (5)

13 Bright green stone filled with luminance dad's set before mum (6)

14 Some more madeira in fresh rendering (6)

15 Couple formerly exhausted tea (4)

17 Chime bringing together elements from district in kirk (4)

19 Directed round old bear bent over (6)

20 Persecuted Christians adroitest when hiding round Rome's capital (10)

22 Star with jinx goes round unplaced after run here? (10)

24 It protects driver in the outback, and sounds like rumpus without breadth? (6, 2 words)

25 Skene-dhu may be stuck in here – and what results when one's stuck in? (4)

28 One duck nips another producing separated fibre (4)

30 Bird that can't fly – it's limited in speed (6)

31 One poetic tree like another (6)

32 Plunge into trough – baconers do? O, this boar possibly (5)

33 Turkey has a certain stuffing, something that adds quality (5)

34 Trap teasers set deviously taking in tons? Quite different (12, 2 words)

Down

2 Foreign cash I added to pay once (5)

3 Justice included in essential life force or understanding of Buddhism (6)

4 Suffering calamities, energy spent, being addicted to faddish ideas (9)

5 Good place for pizza or pastry served up (4)

6 Cabbage climbing in branch? It's for plucking! (8)

7 Floppy disc I'm featured in (4)

8 Gets tips around end of dinner (6)

9 Sons going forward with a bit of learning, incessant (7)

10 Those jabbering to give opinion in press wildly (10)

12 Unenforced law to prevent getting wrongly dealt within (10)

16 One's into a Pres. abroad (or was) (9)

18 Stone erected above US writer possibly, extremely rigorous (8)

21 S. American diplomacy? It's aimed to deter rebellious behaviour (7, 2 words)

22 King excessively topping Queen or Knave (6)

23 I'm involved with a run requiring some guts (6)

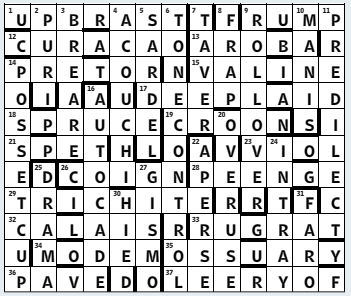
26 Not a bad shot, something very impressive but missing wicket (5)

27 Part of hop, no good in a drinking session (4)

29 Con artist's regularly shedding such seedy stuff (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,744 solution & notes



Across 12, 'cure a sow'; 17, dee + plaid (qqv); 19, cro(up)on; 21, alternate letters; 36, evap(orate) (rev.); 37, eery in fol(k) (rev.).
Down 2, Puri(tan); 3, rear in be; 6, anag. in anag.; 10, cf. humanist; 11, red in pile + ct; 14, cf 'cosset pup'; 31, far(rag)o.

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