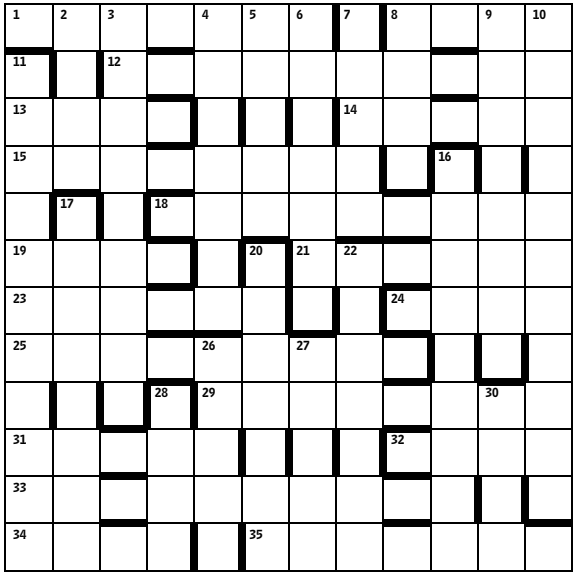
Azed No. 2,753 - Plain



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Across

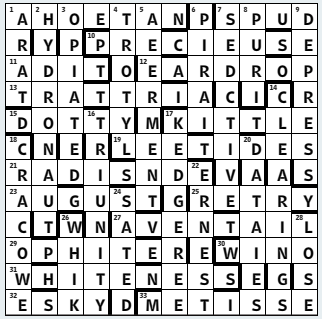
1 Lawyer (briefly) to question, with time, dubiously rebuked (7)
8 Old bird served by US restaurateur in his salad? (4)
12 Being abnormally tense, forward on board in a hoy, sick? (10)
13 Ornamental shell, one attached to hand (4)
14 Trouble with sailors on deck (5)
15 Clubman Jock's chatter takes in one with general intelligence (8)
18 Yells with bed's shaking in heavenly style (9)
19 Oriental tipple to quench – litre disposed of (4)
21 Fortifying outwork? More than one of them could form salient (6)
23 Valve (obsolete) was trying, with nothing in it (6)
24 Brightly coloured fish, fathom deep in seaweed (4)
25 Something like marram, grand cooked in sauce (9, 2 words)
29 Gather in fragments round house for aardvark (8)
31 Where to spot group assembled, gripped by Pythagoras? (5)
32 As of old, willingly in bar polishing last off (4)
33 What's yet to appear turning out in fruit (10)
34 Set dropping even bits out of the blue (4)
35 Which chant suggests a degree of polish? (7)

Down

2 A dozen Scotch cakes, say, consumed in west Wales (4)
3 Major strike, event involving US eccentric (9)
4 Like indulged child, so plied with treating (7)
5 King having advantage with outstanding corporation (5)
6 Med port, depressed about end of affluence (7)
7 What may be seen after stunning celebrities? (5)
8 See ending of concerto and of grand opera, maybe (4)
9 What includes British flier I'd seen flapping? (8)
10 Somewhat deformed by being guided round mine? ... (11)
11 ... Passage therein shaped by act, fast push (11)
16 Jewish period that finds Yemeni catching nasty rash (9, 2 words)
17 Wordy address: one resounded amid clamour (8)
20 Wild praises for deities worshipped by expat Greeks (7)
22 Entails moving towards one coast of Scotland? (7)
26 Mock Spenserian stuff, opening of epic (5)
27 Fine pottery piece of tiling captured in ballad (5)
28 Veteran rowers fell short (4)
30 Cook removing stew from cooker, modern (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,750 solution & notes



Across 1, Mahometan; 7, mash; 13, trat + tria(l); 15, Odd; 17, k+(l)ittle; 21, radiosonde; 23, worship; 27, sallet; 29, sophister; 31, whit + anag.; 32, beer.
Down 1, aerate; 3, flat; 4, anag. incl. 0 less a; 5, affeerment; 7, seductive; 8, Puri(m); 9, crush; 17, rice; edge in anag.; 18, cr a cowe(r); 20, i.e. in dates; dataries; 26, whi(s)k; 28, (c)lose; miss.

Two-word compound: MOOSE FURS (anag. of FOURSOMES).

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