## AZED No. 2,036 Plain COMPETITION PUZZLE



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## ACROSS

1 Ground-ice, brittle whenit's about zero (6)
5 Bore, probably, like bishop cracking joke(6)
9 Panelled ceiling - front missing from patch with strain (9)
12 Parasitic worm from Turkey, one with mate (8)
13 E.g. tin mine, hard to get into prosperous state (5)
14 Peter, or Paul? (5)
15 Non-flyers hiding head? It enables high-flyers to spread their wings(7)
18 Ma abandonedrattle as worthless (4)
20 Sails lazily round North America in lagoons (7)
21 Being flexiblel can swim in strand (7)
24 Hope to make something having set out cap, dress and corset? (4)
26 Hootenanny, party that's died with distribution of rye (7)
28 Before love, stuff to beread about it (5)
29 Primer 'perfectly completed' might be rendered so? (5)
31 Stunning plot in which dealers are complicit (8)
32 Old rustic, loin damaged, having to limp round endlessly (9)
33 Maoriperplexed about Japanese - might this help? (6)
34 Adopt at-tot with minimum of effort (6)

AZED 2,033 Solution \& notes

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## RULES ANDREQUESTS

Send solution, whichmust be completed correctly, and clue to replace definition asterisked(on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to AzedNo. 2,036, POBox 518 Oxford, OX26WX. Entries should bepostmarked nolater than Saturday. Please addabrief explanation of your clue(oneentry only). $£ 35, £ 30, £ 25$ prizes and Azed bookplates for the three clues judged best. The Azed Slip, containing details of successful competition entries and Azed's comments, is available on subscriptionat $£ 13$ a year for 13 issues ( $£ 16$ for overseas subscribers). Cheques payable tothe Azed Slip, should be sent to The Azed Slip, CoombeFarm, Awbridge, Romsey SO5 OHN . Toreceive a sampleslip, please sendansae tothis address. For muchmoreinformation on the Azed Slip, visit www.andlit.org.uk

Quotation: 'the uncertain process of letter-writing'(T.S.Eliot)

Across 1 , tattie-claw;i.e. Cinalaw; 6, hubcap; 11, epopees; 12, aquaculture; QA in anag; 13, nonchalance; (m)ochalace; 15, racketeer; 16 , liefer; ; between $/ \& r$; 18 , roseal; 19, scripturists; anag.incl. sir $\times 2$; 21, scoreboards; oreb in anag.; 23, nilgais; NL + gas; 26, mount;mout(h); 27, palpitates; alit a + set (rev.); 29, ground-bear; anag.; 30, ironstones; anag. in IS; 31, octet; Ein OTT; 32, sinewed; w in Sind; 33, sewerage.
Down1, apoll's + anag.; 2,IOC +e; 3,EP + of inhr; 4, l(l've)r inlad; 5,'ack in
were +s ; 7 ,blots so Med; 8 , treeunder c ; 9, hidden; 10, i.e. per r + lust rate; 14, anag. + ate SW; 17, rot on in due; 20, col + lari; collar = arrest; 22,bb in rota; ref. Francesco Robba(1698-1757);24,ling inn; 25, cf. esnes; 28, gees(rev.).

## DOWN

1 Ilove nectar etc, the best spirit (12)
2 Ridge to slam withe.g. dynamite (5)
3 Village league? What you're doing up, three short (4)
4 Lured mariners will be seen to have erred in tangling with such sirens (6)
5 One of mixed SA race, as subjugated by imperial monarch (6)
6 Man of refinement, a bishop possibly, but out of work (5)
7 Custard apples etc not planted among nuts (though ban's lifted) (7)
8 Huge pothole fractured gasket inlet and trouble's beginning (12)
10 American oak - there's doubt mostly over bitter fruit (10)
11 I'm breaking racket, open about energy fading? (10)
16 Maybe lassie's rinsing some clothes in Dreft (4)
17 Idle wastrel producing abusive term about lecturer (4)
*19 À la carte (7, 2 words)
22 Monkeys I caught by gripping long-bladed knife from below (6)
23 A ruby ring, curiously crafted, West African (6)
25 Old Turkish governor, a man promoting lowest to top position(5)
27 Thatcher's bundle, old certainly, with reduced length and mass(5)
30 Archaic oath featuring in the Goon Show (4)
The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended.

