## AZED No. 2,040 ‘Printer's Devilry’ COMPETITION PUZZLE



## Postcode

Each clue, except $\mathbf{5}$, is a passage from which the printer has removed a hidden answer, closing the gap and sometimes taking liberties with the punctuation, but not disturbing the order of the remaining letters. Example: Vaulting above tunnel entrance appears inane, scary. Answer: PESTO. Undevilled version: Vaulting above tunnel entrance appears in an escapestory. Every passage, when complete, makes sense. Competitors should submit with their solutions a 'PD' clue to replace the definition at 5 . NB Preference is given to PD clues in which breaks before and after the word omitted (before and after omission) do not occur at the ends or beginnings of words in the clue. Please give the full undevilled version of your clue as well as the clueitself.

## ACROSS

1 On my plough, cut chunks of bread and cheese (7)
7 It's important to game that we quicken the pace (4)
10 Can you afford to resand a second car? (9)
11 Using old methods a doctor studies specimens - his luck's out (5)
12 Is our local, Pat, to close with dwindling support for hops? (6)
14 Ihaven't seen the whole group but there was OK show last night (8)
15 It's most important which back to play with (4)
17 Memories of earlier mistakes return to give the repast sense of shame (7)
18 Ioften read through the sport's past performance (9)
21 Ales getting drunk after exams but school turns a blind eye (9)
23 Does the pithiest poet make the most of the fees? (7)
25 As mystics go l'd place him well up in the swanking! (4)
27 A billy found in Dutch waters (8)
29 Katharina is that feisty, lamed by Petruchio (6)
30 Striving for an audience, an orator in the middle of the fowls (5)
31 The angry captain cautioned his first man dressing down ( 9,2 words)

## AZED 2,037 Solution \& notes

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| ${ }^{\text {ch }}$ C | U | P | R | 1 | ${ }^{5}$ | E | T | S | ${ }^{18}$ | K | W |
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## RULES ANDREQUESTS

Send correct entry (oneonly) withclue as indicated(onseparate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to Azed No. 2,040, POBox 518, Oxford, OX26WX. Entries should bepostmarkednolater than Saturday. $£ 35, £ 30, £ 25$ prizes and Azed bookplates for the threeclues 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). Chequespayable to the Azed Slip, should besent to The Azed Slip, CoombeFarm, Awbridge, Romsey SO510HN. To receivea sampleslip, please send an sae to this address. For muchmoreinformation onthe Azed Slip, visit www.andlit.org.uk

Across 2 , scuttlebutt; 10 , a charne $(I) ; 13$, ung(u)ent + le; 19, cinROH; 2, D + alles (Ger. = everything); 22, a cha(r)ge; ref. Tennyson's The Charge of the Light Brigade; 26, i.e. rimin prose; 32 , vive(rs); 33,loges(rev.); similar symbols; 33,RA + anag. in Tate.
Down1,bacCar.a; 3, chip + hinanag.; 4, is intrum(pets); $6, \mathrm{e}+\mathrm{vet} ; 7$, sellinbona; $8, t+$ alkie; 9 , tre(at) $+w ; 15$, cameo(n) +0 in orle; 17,hinanag., \& lit.; 21, lin steen+e; 27, c+Avie(more);28, cf.twos; 29, slip (rev.).

32 His voice may be heard in English homily (4)
33 The last in the series filtered group of academics at work (7)

## DOWN

1 Unmoved by alms, Tony faced withholding charity (7)
2 Could others make a better fist of things than the selected? (4)
3 Inface of angry mobsl've never set urge to wield abaton(10)
4 Trivial malfunctioning in a computer pad, maybe (7)
*5 Christian festival (6)
6 Why is the Brie ring her ensemble for the ceremony? (5)
7 Ilove knitting, especially gloves - this paid for my wife's birthday (4)
8 Earlier elections gaveus Labour MPs but after the layman prevailed (8)
9 A poor recent record has meant my supporting the sot less(5)
13 In India after the bet is in plentiful supply (10)
16 'In' latex was clearly a subject far from taboo in Rome (8)
19 Might Oscar ever have preferred his image of brawn? (7)
20 For an obliquity may reveal his title's origins (7)
22 You have a dog, do you? Mating whatever it fancies? (6)
23 You'll findmany lionized in life nod lower (5)
24 It can be unbearably painful to pull out (5)
26 Before abanquet host's listing wines to be served (4)
28 If it's there on offer, you'll always see a hat free of charge (4)
Every answer is in The Chambers Dictionary (2008); one is an acronym.

