## AZED No. 2,041 Plain



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## ACROSS

1 Old Scots major maybe switching two thirds of zigzag (4)
4 Whimsical trifles, a handful, wrapped in stale pancakes (8)
10 Trees yielding valuable drugs - ideal stream ME state sent westwards(9)
11 Edentate mammal keeping nuts in a small trench, round (9)
13 What may have started auction, no longer tolerated (4)
14 Craft this tune? Croat folk dancing (4)
15 House for soldiers cheers when filled with variegated bloom (7)
16 Red colouring: funny nose is infused with one (5)
17 Place for money - rest'll get confused therein (10, 2 words)
20 Fruit trees may form this ring with garden designed round court (10)
23 Cup game's header missed by troubled footie player after time (5)
24 Like food a pub's cooked with reduced fat (7)
26 The old quit part in play, a part requiring backflip (4)
27 Tiresome nipper, imp at large round heart of latifundium (4)
28 E.g. crocus leaves, length reduced among long-stemmed climber (9)
29 Weatherproof coil rolling? (9)
30 Journey burden? One has fewer cases than usual (8)
31 Probe sink: end of blockage follows (4)

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## DOWN

1 Mods preceded this, at being clothed in hooded jacket (7,2 words)
2 Versifier of a kind cobbled a rhime about lav chat (12)
3 What's shot replacing pair in centre of zoom? Bits of old Palestine (5)
4 Antiseptic, type mostly superseded (6)
5 E.g. Nigerian tree, a long way off No. 1 in arboretum (5)
6 Snotty Scottishbrat, extremely undersized one (6)
7 Emerged from egg, eyes initially shut (7)
8 Maggie T's vital prop ('Anything for a slug of Scotch')? (12)
9 Dover in Scotlandnow, so you must relocate (5)
12 Grand French cereal crop, tons cut (5)
17 Your setter, adult, in contest, one getting almost top score (7)
18 Under sun, skin tumour becomes malignant (5)
19 Isopteran, half to take note of, millions disposed of (7)
21 Girl with oomph veils hint of sexiness under mantle? (6)
22 Duck on table specially cooked - suggesting orange? (6)
23 Not speaking? It's what mastication holds up (5)
24 One in leg before, no score - could be grand (5)
25 The one familiar to Trekkies gets one inknots! (5)
The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended but does not include the reference in 25.

