AZED No. 2,052 Plain


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## ACROSS

1 Like a failing old tavern, stuck with rum nosh, rotten (12)
9 Organized ladies diving into Scottish river, rarely drunk on malt (6)
12 Draught of sole abandoned by tar? (4)
13 Astringent l earmark for treatment (8)
14 Seconds ahead, being once past (4)
15 New column, curtailed with time, for laureate (8)
16 Oath from Jock: 'It's a wee bittie hard'(5)
18 Maine's crack troops? They're flat-topped (5)
19 Ebbing river abroad cracks stern badly, soaking back (9)
21 Reader having to admit old wife is computer whizz ( 9,2 words)
26 Squelch round the highlands? It's stag's head, look, one's after (5)
27 Cock, maybe, cross in appearance (5)
28 Not accepted in Sicilian town, left describing stomach pains (8)
30 Kindle, obsolete, leads to this in next decade (4)
31 With a passage for food to join, took dinner? (8)
32 Intrinsically anxious, lacking cure (4, 2 words)
33 At seahead, ay, do so to windward as before (6)
34 'E's caught by S. Liston's cut, on going inside count - as invincibility progresses? (12)

AZED 2,049 Solution \& notes

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## PRIZERULES

£25inbook tokens for the
first three correct solutions opened. Solutionspostmarked nolater than Saturday to
AZED No. 2,052, The Observer, 90 York Way, LondonN19GU

Across 1, crew t in sopped; 11, ca' + ace (rev.);13, ein ambry; 15, chiv(alry);16, foulest ${ }^{2}$; see tend; 17 , is tost (rev.); 19, comp.anag.; 23 , ex in anag.; 29,0 in up (rev.) + rout; 30, 'rowed'; 33, any ine.g. (all rev.); 34, rest inpressed.
Down1, = scoffs; 3, (we)re + bus(y); ref. JohnR., created by lan Rankin; 5, san in anag.;9, (cr)isis;ref. Oxfordriver; 14,trap inspy; 18, Hedda(Gabler) incr; 20,n/a in anag.;22,NUT + ted; 24,ref. JohnD.; 26 OK (rev.) + ans.; 28,horn; ref. 'onthe horns of a dilemma'.

## AZEDNo. 2,049 prizewinners

Theresults of AZED No. 2,049 will be announcednext week.

## DOWN

1 Holding power, truncheon accompanies work - here? (7)
2 Arrive gracefully, as young suitor about noon ( 6,2 words)
3 Restart mine worked out? One washes ore from deposits (11)
4 Male on track having turned up for colourful birds (6)
5 Part of tack which a merchantmanhas onboard (4)
6 Lift:Mary missing first in use (6)
7 Pest lives in shade (8)
8 Odista Sekt befuddled(5)
10 What's said to guy inverting half of ring-bark? (5)
11 Bert and Elsiel see irregularly used as names (11)
17 A short book onEtontaken out when one pleases ( 8,2 words)
20 Am avoiding dynamiter at large with a short fuse! (7)
22 Right in centre of parade, on the rise - value doubled (at least) (6)
23 Like water vessel number dipped in river (5)
24 Confederate solicitor receiving cheers(6)
25 Membranous coverings displaying limitless allure? (6)
26 Herd youngster? This horn'd guy possibly (5)
29 Part of the eye mostly recalling smiling ones? (4)
The ChambersDictionary (2008) is recommended.

