## AZED No. 2,053 "Wrong Number" COMPETITION PUZZLE



Address

## Postcode

Each clue contains a one-word definition of the word required at the number where it stands but belongs as a whole to a word of the same length elsewhere. Method recommended is to find, after solving a clue, a definition of the solution in one of the other clues to words of its length: this will show where the word is to go. Competitors should submit with their solutions a clue following these rules to replace the definition asterisked. NB The clue thus submitted will of course belong as a whole to a word appearing elsewhere in the finished diagram, which must be determined.

## ACROSS

1 Outlet is broken? Lost this requirement for sewer possibly (4)
4 Plant imp initially in inn sofa, misbehaving (8)
10 Collapse affecting banks? Transport tons (4)
11 Narrowing opening of spyhole troubled nosiest (8)
12 Cover with verdure to do with inside edge on borders (9)
13 What's concealed in chest? I'm essential for peers(6)
15 Engineers given compass bearing for 'royal cubit' (5)
16 Thrash must conceal one story to do with punished Olympian (9)
18 Jock's eye runs in lid infection - disturbance for Scottish writer (6)
23 Bell often does well, injuries restricting century (6)
24 Decorate lake in teasing art? (9)
26 Romance disrupting mates, e.g. ma eloping? (5)
28 Houseboat one glimpses secured by Taiwangantline? (6)
29 Officer throwing off crest shocked female governors (9)
30 SeeConservative unseated in upset recapture gap (8)
31 Piles of gravel? Arab provides case for it (4)

## AZED 2,050 Solution \& notes

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## RULES ANDREQUESTS

Send correct entry (one only) with clue as indicated (onseparate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to AzedNo.2,053,POBox 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should bepostmarkednolater than Saturday. Please add a brief 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). Chequespayable to the Azed Slip, should be sent to The Azed Slip, CoombeFarm, Awbridge,Romsey SO510HN. To receive a sampleslip,please sendan sae to this address. For muchmoreinformation on the AzedSlip, visit www.andlit.org.uk

Across $1,=$ a very short putt; 7, B + asis; 11, Co + raninlot; 15, baba + co(OK); 16,first letters; ref. A Christmas Carol andBobMarley, notable Rastafarian; 18, anag. in ague; 25, Ein(Stirling) Moss, former racing driver; 29, ref. Judy Garland song: '...clang, clang, clang, went the troll(e)y...';30, comp. anag.; 31, it + Alison with a for so; 32, seeperrier; 34, benny = amphetamine;ref. Graham(or Damon) Hill,former racing driver
Down1,g+ anag.;2, aladinanag.; 3 , comp. anag.; 5, anag. + Eking; 7, bog + an; 8, rabiin AN; 9, anag. \& lit.; 17, gale(rev.) in puce; 19, anag. indarg (qv);21,ID in mage;ref. 'mid-life crisis'; 22,loo input (all rev.); 24,MO (modus operandi) + tor; $27, s(a) y+n o d$.

32 Drink constricting summer vac for one conforming to social norms(8)
33 River beside edges of lake? Rod's appropriate here (4)

## DOWN

1 Dad put in laundry abit of rag - the fuss! (7)
2 Monuments, most (far from normal) containing bishop (5)
3 Value items unusually used as fodder (8)
4 Talk about dissipation without a sure garland (7)
5 Those with undeveloped feathers glisten strangely in upturned tin (9)
6 Lost after commotion about runner (6)
7 Wherein anglers may fish in some regions (4)
8 Loin in pastry crust? It poses a tricky question for Scots (7)
9 Commonfuelmeasure? It excites me, free, this (5)
14 Terribly clean young man in pack, he was just above rankers (9)
*17 Guess (8)
19100 rupees includes centre of wreath woven in holes (7)
20 What bowls a Meteor out? It's purely hypothetical (7)
21 Wag in poor condition enters party - no place to programme fine stuff (7)
22 Welcoming end of shoot, Carlo played castanet (6)
24 See what pressure curiously buries come back to one? (5)
25 Partners work with return of concession (5)
27 Cheeky girl leaving terminal? A tasty catch (4)
The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended.

