## AZED No. 2,058 Plain COMPETITION PUZZLE



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ACROSS
1 Chinese ruler, one requiring something to deal with the insects (8)
7 A tangle? Net's there in one with it (4)
10 No serious affair, a tiny thing involving what's true but unsteady (9)
12 The old succumb to sea-sickness? Sailors on board hasten as before (6)
13 A traditional Afghan council requiring day of fasting locally? (6)
14 Wells maybe the seabreaks into, yielding fine gravel (7)
16 Big win at the pokies? Second with reserve fund backed (6)
17 Recording system for capturing 'fab' number? (4)
18 What can be mistaken for this American forest? Taiga can (8)
21 Spiny creature nipping booby in swimming races (8)
23 Look concealed by those embarrassed (4)
24 Wannabes do (a father taking lead in publicity) (6)
29 Nigerianking has foreign company protecting church vessels (7)
30 Pastor distributed ancient service book (6)
*31Vigorous (6)
32 Spiny fish 'urts badly - feelin' pain inside (9)
33 Indian drum, back to front in luggage compartment (4)
34 Part of bee's anatomy: one's achy whenit's deployed (8)

AZED 2,055 Solution \& notes

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Down1,r for Oin school; 2, dale(rev.) in con; 4, ha(t) intalk (rev.); 5, anag.lessI+ own; 6, min obit (rev.); 8 , sv shoat; 12, rub +err inboom; 17, alephinace;seebeth; 18, ref.rear window adornments in cars; $23, \mathrm{n}+$ sassy (rev.); 24, Pinterm(rev.).

## RULES ANDREQUESTS

Send correct entry (one only) with clue to replace definitionasterisked (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to Azed No. 2,058, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX26WX. Entries should bepostmarkednolater than Saturday. Please adda 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 ( $£ 16$ fo overseas subscribers). Cheques payable to the Azed Slip, should besent to The Azed Slip, CoombeFarm, Awbridge, Romsey SO510HN. Toreceive a sampleslip,please send an saeto this address. For muchmoreinformation on the Azed Slip, visit www.andlit.org.uk

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1 Following misguided path, crass walker becomes low on funds(12)
2 Bodily deficiency, advanced, more diseased, weheah? (7)
3 Portly actor once losing weight? He's good fun (5)
4 Knight errant abroad discarding extremes of household chore? (5)
5 Chaperones not available among cavorting nudes (7)
6 E.g. Sumatran on site, working (6)
7 Reject as spurious amateur article about position coming up (8)
8 Old clothes lined with wool left by court maiden long ago (5)
9 A magic mantra when this is this (12)
11 Is leaving some Bantus for piecework? (4)
15 Sun brings in melting of ice and cheers of community (8)
19 A drug Itake internally dispersed pains(7)
20 Seating arranged to display shrub (7)
22 The old take possession of space in front of church (6)
25 Tardigrade mammal, one of deadly group (5)
26 What Scots have for breakfast, losing itch for fry, singularly? (4)
27 What's in a steak? Bit of brisket has all-round quality (5)
28 After time Muscovite maybe is seen to pack up (5)
The ChambersDictionary (2008) is recommended.

