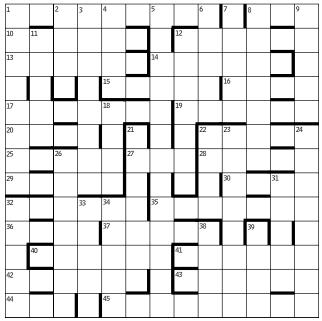
AZED No. 2,074 'Forty Years On' COMPETITION PUZZLE



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The Azed series began forty years ago, on 5 March 1972. In this puzzle, each of four theme words, which form a complete set, has two variations connected to it in the same way, though the nature of the connection is different in each case. Competitors should submit with their entries a normal cryptic clue to the word formed by removing the final letter of the theme word which has a special connection with the title of the puzzle. (As it happens, all four theme words form dictionary words when their final letters are removed, but this is purely coincidental.)

ACROSS

- **14** Back writing, prepares for attack? (6)
- **15** Women in service giving wife rare kidneys I dismissed (5)
- **16** Theme word A (4); variations: 1 Ac (9), 12 Ac (6)
- 17 Part of famous coaster's cargo damaged in water (7)
- 19 New potato not far off (6)
- 20 Working as a diplomat maybe, producing propaganda? (4)
- **22** Dad turning on friend in dismay (5)
- 25 Dark gee ridden by tyrant (5)
- 27 A wee bit o'parritch in Caithness (3)
- 28 Flowery distillate giving one a bang when knocked back (5)
- 29 Pleasing eastern land of yore (5)
- **30** Old Indian copper, name for something of little value (4)
- **32** Husband briefly in charge showing determination (6)
- **35** Pangot thrown in taunt (7)
- **36** Lassie's wee bittie book removed from dress (4)
- 37 Some singers jump in daring fashion, front to back (5)
- **40** Gathering to limit trouble, one receives goods in trust (6)
- 41 Father admitting he's former spouse (6)
- **42** Theme word B (6); variations: 8 Ac (3), 32 Dn (5)
- **43** How does some milk sound? I never touch a drop (6)

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Send correct solution (one only) and clue as indicated (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to Azed No. 2,074, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should be postmarked no later than Saturday. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry 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 subscription at £13 a year for 13 issues (£16 for overseas subscrib- AZED No. 2,071 prizewinners ers). Cheques payable to the Azed Slip, should 1Namey Namey, Address Address be sent to The Azed Slip, Coombe Farm, Awbridge, Romsey SO510HN. To receive a sample slip, please send an sae to this address. For much more information on the Azed Slip, visit www.andlit.org.uk

Across 7, see bumper1; ref. former Pakistan cricket captain Salman B., sent to prison for corruption; 13, anag. incl. u; 14, Pin copice; 19, ref. Tom-noddy; 21, PP in coin; 23, comp. anag.; see etym. at millinery; 25, trouver (Fr. = to find) + E; 28, anag. + 't, & lit.; 30, b and a; ref. former African leader; 32, Hoft in anag.; 33, slo(win)g; 34, anag. in DS. Down 1, C-in-Cinanag.; 3, pooh (rev.) +

anag.; 5, chines in Cats; 6, cf. Skye; 7, i.e. Uinblest; 8, toy + main won3; 12, anag. +richa; 16, anag. less ng; 18, ta (rev.) in anag.; 24, ref. famous line in film Carry On Cleo: 'Infamy! Infamy! They've all got it in for me!; 29, up in se(t).

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- **44** Improvise, lacking kit for well-loved car? (3)
- **45** Confectioner is doubly busy with father around (9)
 - 1 Gained entry in queer kind of embroidery (8)
 - 2 Concerned with switching parts of curb (4, 2 words)
 - 3 What's pulled up inside fish? It has a secret meaning (8)
 - 4 A humble bonfire should get going thus for Jock (4)
- 5 Riddle setting, deviously, one may identify widespread affection (13,
- **6** Expunge point in centre of speech (5)
- **7** Fish about in gondola? (5)
- 8 One of two forms, not bright, in favour of climbing height (7)
- **9** Get on well with such as Galloway, being obsessively enthusiastic (5)
- **12** Theme word C (7); variations: 10 (6), 13 (6)
- **18** Purgative, bitter possibly, about over (4)
- 21 One in charge of e.g. palace provisions having power over crown (in part) (7)
- 22 Dancer seen climbing tree in E Asia (4)
- 23 Pederast tangled in parts of harness (8)
- 26 Young ladies holding bearing up in crocs (7)
- **31** Theme word D (5); variations: 11(5), 24(8)
- 33 Profitless, first off, becoming profitable (5)
- 34 Dried tubers: reduced charge if without rice (5)
- **38** Females in Spanish espadrilles (4)
- 39 It's limits of the icy waste for him, one imagines! (4)

Every clued answer is in The Chambers Dictionary (2011), except the not unfamiliar foreign word at 45, which is in The Shorter Oxford English Dictionary (1993).