

## Azed No. 2,555 Plain

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### Across

- 1 Rat maybe tucking into a bit of butter? It may have a bearing on one's intake (8)
- 8 Exchange some in stalag sent back? (4)
- 12 A bit of extra weight put on ere pastry's disposed of (9, 2 words)
- 13 Variety of Scandinavian line, one used to tie up nets etc (6)
- 14 Former king gets patriotic composer in for stock of poems (6)
- 15 Hypnotic, McCartney's composition, duet at first put out (7)
- 17 Head of empire going west once laid waste (4)
- 18 These pictures may show recess he adorned with such cherubs (5)
- 20 Teas interrupted by a split melon (10)
- 22 Want a blend of colder trouser fabric perhaps (10)
- 25 Bruce's hiding place beside loch, providing his chance (5)
- 27 Make fun of Old Tom having little energy (4)
- 30 Dresser from Rhyl originally I had found in lake (7)
- 31 Animate foot-warmer by the sound of it? (6)
- 32 Girl's heart captured in spin of coin? Imaginary! (6)
- 33 Types of synthetic rubber openers, almost new, flexible (9)
- 34 Ice sliver for Scotch? Mixed us jigger (half each) (4)
- 35 What's evident in guest's last letter, see, penned by a correspondent? (8)

### Down

- 2 Aspro dealt with skin infection (5)
- 3 Good Friday: dad, as RC, prepared the day before (9)
- 4 Menu extra: mushroom rolled in crust partly (7)
- 5 Rhythmic pattern of motet cheers around highest note rising (5)
- 6 A quantity of lovely gravy is served up in this (6)
- 7 Duck or lift top off (4)
- 8 Swell strong at sides of river (6)
- 9 Regarding desire for intake, commander's retaining muscles (7)
- 10 Pig (by name) imbibing steins, drunk for duration (11)
- 11 CERN involved in fashionable item for putting in military defence? (11)
- 16 Aid to measuring distance? A journal mostly filling tiny amounts up (9, 2 words)
- 19 Student, one taking advantage of support around middle of programme (7)
- 21 Damaging charge received, a long time coming up? One may be on list (7)
- 23 Aim to miss goose, catching wing (6)
- 24 Purposes for Scotch, topping stingers? (6)
- 26 System for rewarding waiters? Patron contributes in part (5)
- 28 Lift after opening of ballet dancer's leap (5)
- 29 Legal rights from period long long ago (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. The plural form at 33 may be considered questionable.**

## Azed No. 2,552 solution & notes

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27	L	I	L	I	U	M	S	O	G
30	P	O	L	Y	G	A	M	I	A
31	E	N	E	M	A	R	A	L	A
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**Across** 5, act in trus(t); sv tract<sup>t</sup>; 14, chum(p); 15, I in kilt (qv) E; 16, KO u pre; see curry<sup>3</sup>; 19, n thesp in too (rev.); 21, anag. in Tours; 32, (C)alabri(a); 34, ibe(x) in t, t.

**Down** 2, u in echo + 0 in anag.; 8, tinty + pe(n); 9, comp. anag. & (sort of) lit.; 12, o + anag. in raise; 17, age (rev.) in assai<sup>2</sup>; 28, comp. anag. & lit.

### Special announcement

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