

## Azed No. 2,567 Plain

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### Across

- 1** A hot slice of tart epicure cooked to feed healthily (12)  
**10** Big fish: company boss is about right (4)  
**11** Bushwhackers may have these tin hats, battered (6)  
**13** Urgent – plump in the middle? See lens measurement (7)  
**15** They ply their wares to men in camp – result's getting drunk (7)  
**16** Party provided warmth about start of evening (6)  
**17** Colts accepting start of training? (6)  
**18** Heat meat for cottage pie, setting aside first three quarters (7)  
**19** Falling backwards dumps catch (4)  
**21** Canapé tastes of almond in the middle (4)  
**23** Experience, taking in flash? One has no shorts! (7)  
**26** Evergreen climbers from Sri Lanka and the States, one of them (6)  
**28** It's imbibed by Rama possibly (6)  
**29** Damage fine stone, scratching sign of love or concord (7)  
**31** Line fashioned with top style? (7)  
**32** Person catching fish he skins (6)  
**33** Vacated theatre and left only half set? (4)  
**34** Mitre might be this indication of grade (12, 3 words)

### Down

- 1** Slough features in this involvement of Ed with Cissy (7)  
**2** Turning point right within theme of discourse (6)  
**3** Glutinous helping of chilly porridge served up (4)  
**4** Non-resident with state support, poorest struggling with ennui (12)  
**5** Old bungs foiled user opening special up (6)  
**6** To recap, with it Roman somehow encapsulated ... his admired philosopher (12, 2 words)  
**7** Chilled Scotch in Jock's bar? (5)  
**8** Linking arms thus we each express nearness initially (6)  
**9** End of September? Hitter hit out (9)  
**12** Mayday, with character leading show, plump (4)  
**14** E.g. Christian doctor, just as timely (9)  
**20** Lay about wandering male, minor luminary? (7)  
**22** Rolled up coat following guide (6)  
**24** Dénouement left out of drama, no longer available (6)  
**25** Banter (one might suppose) I introduced to restrain (6)  
**26** Approach part of archipelago? (4)  
**27** Old soldier, last promoted to lead 20's a slight one? (5)  
**30** Heading heavenward, maid leaves glittering stake (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.**

## Azed No. 2,564 solution & notes

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**Across** 1, to in spliff; 11, anag. in coli(c); 12, b + (mother's) ruin; 27, a bo(y) in CC; 31, OU in anag.; 33, naga in Turin; 34, I'll c in pork (rev.).

**Down** 4, i.e. not (rev.); 6, flu ENT; 7, ref. Cressida Dick; 8, cf. jive; 16, rotal in mu(sic) (rev.); 17, anag. + d; 21, t + l in umber; 23, gore (rev.) in pi(E); 24, comp. anag. & lit.; 28, Bord(eaux); 30, 2 meanings (coin/wallaby).

### Rules and requests

Send correct solution (one only) and clue to replace definition asterisked (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to Azed No. 2,560, 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). Emailed entries from overseas will be accepted, addressed to jcrowther2000@hotmail.com