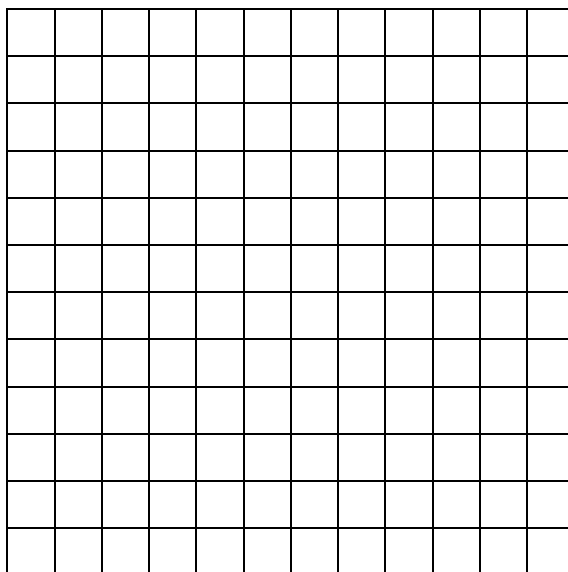


## Azed No. 2,591 'Carte Blanche' - Competition Puzzle



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### Carte Blanche

The symmetry of the bars in the completed diagram is such that it would look the same if turned upside down but not if given a quarter turn. Clues are given in their correct order. Entries (with a cryptic clue to replace the asterisked definition) should include bars, but numbers are unnecessary.

### Across

- \* Mountain pass  
A crowd's turned back in this fenced enclosure  
Rod, worthless, catching exhausted fish for supper?  
Waitress serving drink, a chatterer  
Foreign prince shown on Arabic tapestry  
Member of minority party in Oz, I, e.g. agitated about local waterway  
Composer breaks before end of concert  
Drunk falls over in place of bishop, bristling?  
'Peaceful' girl, not drinking, with fan round what encloses tennis court? (2 words)  
Delicate sponge cake – it receives new adornment on wedding day (2 words)  
See next page counsel's penned – you can't do better than that  
Take your medicine, one short in sherry glass (2 words)  
Dotty, Laura or Rosy  
Season for Horace? His first is holding the writer back  
Study illuminated from behind architectural block  
After start of election party man delivered speech with more detail  
Bit of leather 'moistened' encapsulates? Opposite of that  
Early composition to prepare for press, first to last

### Down

- Changes in playground allegiance forming current links? (2 words)  
Pomade causing cheer when foreign monarch enters (2 words)  
Ribbon, brightly coloured, growing narrower  
Burns I get treated: this saline solution and guts maybe  
Ring mount including bit of erbium? It only *looks* like gold  
Art having the ability to show consent in what's felt?  
Painter, silly, accepting closure of atelier  
Riders regularly cover these warm trousers?  
Period of a festival as in Rome and since  
Bacteria: see all erupt freely round middle of plate  
Part of hammer getting under pitfall of e.g. basalt  
Sang like a pigeon, holding note?  
Welshman probably having to learn about precipitation  
Box on in traditional Glaswegian bar  
River includes rising toll, to do with vassalage  
I'm swallowed by bot that's done for?  
Judge, as before, Spielberg's achievement in e.g. cinema  
Concerning unction, 'allowed, I introduced?

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

## Azed No. 2,588 solution & notes

1	S	C	A	M	B	L	I	N	G	D	A	Y	S
2	C	H	A	A	R	U	D	I	A	D	R	O	M
3	A	I	B	L	I	N	S	R	E	C	I	G	O
4	T	R	O	T	S	K	I	L	L	A	D	A	R
5	T	A	R	A	K	I	H	I	S	P	L	A	T
6	E	L	A	L	E	B	O	T	W	R	Y	L	A
7	R	O	G	E	T	E	N	T	A	I	L	E	D
8	G	R	E	N	A	D	E	S	G	F	U	M	E
9	U	E	I	T	L	R	A	M	M	O	N	A	L
10	N	E	S	T	B	O	X	E	E	L	A	N	L
11	E	N	T	R	E	P	R	E	N	E	U	S	E

**Across** 1, m in anag.; 13, I blin in as; 19, PL in sat; 23, author of *Thesaurus*; 25, anag. in gress; 30, ammo n al(l); 31, anag. in nox (L = night); 32, (Franklin) (D)elan(o) (Roosevelt); 33, anag. in entree.

**Down** 1, c + anag. in Sun (newspaper); 6, r in nil it; 9, sv raja; 20, a geist; 21, bed + rop(e); 27, albe(scent); but = although.

### 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. 2,591, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should be received by Monday week at the latest. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only). Emailed entries from overseas will be accepted, addressed to [jcrowther2000@hotmail.com](mailto:jcrowther2000@hotmail.com) £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 £16 a year. Cheques, payable to the Azed Slip, should be sent to The Azed Slip, Coombe Farm, Awbridge, Romsey SO51 0HN. To receive a sample slip, please send an sae to this address.

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