

Azed No. 2,603 'Wrong Number' - Competition Puzzle

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Each clue contains a one-word definition of the word required at the number where it stands, but belongs as a whole to a word of the same length elsewhere. Method recommended is to find, after solving a clue, a definition of the solution in one of the other clues to words of its length: this will show where the word is to go. Competitors should submit with their entries a clue following these rules to replace the definition asterisked.

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NB The clue thus submitted will of course belong as a whole to a word appearing elsewhere in the finished diagram, which must be determined

Across

- *1 Buttocks (5)
 5 Like upright text (in short), alias one's cracked, making Greek dance (7)
 11 Effect lively caper (not constant) with toe (7)
 12 Moor male with malformation of hat (5)
 13 With start of eulogy I abandoned false praise in gravelly tone (4)
 14 'Snarly' outer rib? It won't get inflamed (8)
 15 Climbing dens a safeguard for last of mice in a row (6)
 18 Send central part of skeletons out, snugly packed (7)
 21 Giggly girl with the group exuding mere whiff of happiness? (9)
 22 Mother-in-law traditionally displaying silver with application in clothes (9)
 24 Fell timeless bits of atoll arc – such as are dead (7)
 28 Chinese caging dog with malaise – creature akin to one called Manx? (6)
 29 Each had sex wildly – is growth drastically reduced thereby? (8)
 30 Record of past life in ordinary brief space (4)
 31 Wherein one may find special fruit clusters? (5)
 32 Cherished scripture is keeping translator getting stuck into it (7)
 33 Crooked Ronnie caught displaying cruel conduct (7)
 34 Grammar school imprisons mature fruit (5)

Down

- 1 Irish get all agitated, showing personification of wild beasts (8)
 2 Stock explosive in erstwhile spring drill (8)
 3 Can odd bits of potato rear crookedly? (5)
 4 Swaying polar pine – it yields a pleasant aroma (9)
 6 End of bird leads to proprietor requiring drug (6)
 7 Publication plugs this cup I love – like a sip? (6)
 8 Left beds in eager broadcast documentary (9)
 9 What may be kept on file? See some of what can circulate (4)
 10 One gets pale, usually at first, having to climb mount (4)
 16 Couches with endless artifice I nail in new style (9)
 17 I minced leg badly, just missing front of monster coach (9)
 19 Around middle of march, pop soon gets frazzled in appearance (8)
 20 Place label in surface for e.g. cleavers (8)
 22 Drug after endless nausea dealt with discomfort (6)
 23 Pen going round university, touching, for sponsor (6)
 25 Treat bent tuber (5)
 26 Friends having to climb pass (4)
 27 Blow missing boxer's head, fray's ending, making one livid (4)

Every word is in The Chambers Dictionary (2014).

Azed No. 2,600 solution & notes

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18	G	O	N	A	D	I	A	L	B	A	Z	O
19	C	R	I	C	K	S	E	A	L	I	O	N
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23	S	U	S	A	N	N	O	R	C	R	Z	A
24	E	R	U	C	T	S	P	U	T	E	A	L
25	T	R	I	A	Z	O	L	E	O	L	L	A
26	S	E	T	E	R	N	A	L	N	E	S	S

Across 1, anag. with a for t; 11, RA (rev.) + Magna C(arta); 18, crick(eters); 21, to lit in oh; 25, men(a)ge; 31, see lazy S.; 32, see rift; 34 AZ O in anag.; 35, (c)all o(ut) (rev.).

Down 4, salad less lad + Ted; 8, rain in Eng. ER; 18, i.e. cos sets; 23, tens(I)on; 30, see harrow².

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. 2,603, 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 £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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