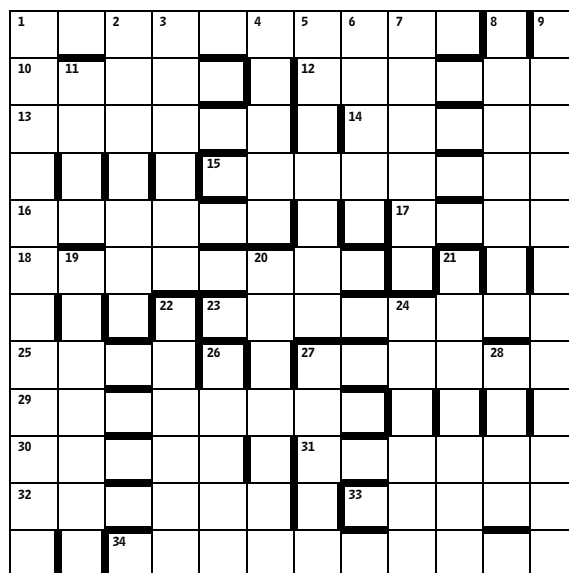


Azed No. 2,621 Plain - Competition Puzzle



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Across

- 1** Cook leg with spray misguidedly? It's not a *real* herb (10)
10 What Israelis will spend in marketplace of old (5)
12 Waste dump, upper surface on fire (6)
13 Everyone stays for personality, objectively? (6)
14 Gardener's first novel bud (5)
15 Tot, anger boiling, well aimed (8, 2 words)
16 Former charge: bring it to a close before end of audience (6)
17 Fellow with little English cheated (4)
25 Stable placed in grassy field, as is deliberate (8)
23 Slogan relative with love inserted in part of threadwork (8, 2 words)
25 One such (though not born abroad!) (4)
27 Hurdy-gurdy played live by the French (6)
29 What'll demonstrate such attainment? By its sound, a musical group will, briefly (8)
30 Fish (various), those originating in island group? (5)
31 Flower to occupy position in flag (6)
***32** Coarse (6)
33 Group of stars to perform touring Carmen? (5)
34 Member of fourth estate cultivating some prawns (10)

Down

- 1** Damn scarabee is represented in this allegorical series (12, 2 words)
2 Girl holds on, notice, concerning reproduction (7)
3 Abstract price adjusted before start of sale (6)
4 Major flow of water in Scots gully (5)
5 Children given lift, school period ending early – it's smashing for wee ones (7)
6 Bit of wood on old rocker (5)
7 Mash pureed? R. Blanc's sidetracked (6)
8 Chaps captivated came across love token (7)
9 Government minister perhaps resents a post being reshuffled (12)
11 Don't stop silly name being applied to saccharin (4)
19 Spacier spreads revealing heath-like plant (7)
20 Martinets giving student hostel a going-over with head around (7)
21 Predatory beast on top of its victim in compound? (7)
22 Scottish snob unfashionable in his taste (6)
24 Bantu woman's one 'eld in 'igh esteem (6)
26 Wherein crew moves around and is opening drink (5)
27 Lowers 50% of sail in vessel (5)
28 Non-pro RAF rank I'll be in (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

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33	S	A	D	I	S	T	S	E	C	A	D	S

Across 10, BA + ambo in lax; 12, KO l in sty; 18, (Po)orly; 27, anag. less l in lit; 33, st in sad is.

Down 1, anag. + opal + O US; 3, ha(t) + LM; 4, anag. less i.e.; 5, yt in a mal; 112, i.e. (num)ber th(ree); 22, spi(t)al; 26, as a mo (rev.); 29, croc(k).

Rules and requests

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