

## Azed No. 2,632 Plain

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### Across

- 1 Being worse off, I'd returned wretched vehicle, cross, old (13)
- 11 Father leading service with uncton, by which one may be guided from aloft (8)
- 13 What signals repetition including a bowler's slanting line (4)
- 14 Pedimental ornament actor flourished before her late majesty (7)
- 15 Local barge clad in tin dispersed roughly (6)
- 16 Eleven characters in a row? That's quite a stinker! (4)
- 18 One called backward, with minimum marks? (6)
- 19 Shield's black lead forged with little inner weight (5)
- 20 Dreadfully parched, lacking hydrant – try US porter (6)
- 23 Letter from Greece received by writer – it's juicy stuff (6)
- 25 Type of cement wears out, high explosive shifted (5)
- 27 Tirade getting aisles rolling (6)
- 30 Showy plant from Italy king avoided put in danger (4)
- 31 Buddhist monks celebrated in this year (6)
- 33 Trilling of glee's a vocal exercise (7)
- 34 Bit off head of cuttle, something to chew on (4)
- 35 Programming language caught dividing two men, a worry (8)
- 36 Awkward places he has to negotiate round? (13)

### Down

- 1 Terms for heavy conditions at Murrayfield? (4)
- 2 E.g. sea bream, species very short of water (6)
- 3 French maybe having to accept rule, gutted? (5)
- 4 What dalit's denied, as opposed to water buffalo! (5)
- 5 Worthless poncho in tatters (6, 2 words)
- 6 In practice I scored run (6)
- 7 Drop of medicine, thick milky stuff (5)
- 8 With little energy, one woozy drunk, here, registering copper's time? (10)
- 9 Turns black box in the course of studies (7)
- 10 A little child swallowing most of what's mistaken for xerophyte (10)
- 12 Grazed round Africa, wild and beautiful (9)
- 17 Creative school maybe starts off going round island (7)
- 21 One starts rising scales, not paying attention (6)
- 22 Chum holding girl up, *not* authentic (6)
- 24 Follows on, as in courts (6)
- 26 Little Alice? I am still after answer (5)
- 28 'Relating to Egyptian deity' is your first clue? (5)
- 29 Scottish willow of this kind is found round Australia (5)
- 32 Month in Tel Aviv and Cairo evens out (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.**

## Azed No. 2,629 solution & notes

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**Across** 14, a + mir in mal; 16, monkey with a for key; 17, to r; tor(rent); 22, bott(L)e; 28, c + air (rev.); 31, k in grie(f); 33, anag. + d in deserts.  
**Down** 3, e in spun (rev.); 5, dam + bro(0)d; 6, born Armand Fernandez (1928-2005); (b)arman; 7, o' in anag.; 13, y(0)u + ky; 18, anag. with 1 for e, & lit.

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