

Azed No. 2,681 Plain- Competition Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Pustule genetically modified? No help fiddling round that (8)
- 7 Birds to preserve, first to last (4)
- 11 Get aid with oil being mined for rosy mineral (9)
- 12 Grumbles when having to return nosh (5)
- 13 Grand foreign lady (with no trace of accent) very much withdrawn in Geneva (6)
- 14 Get high round hostelry with wife in light jumper (9)
- 15 Maiden, one responding to appeal, displaying sulk (4)
- 16 Intimidating display from African chief once, not his first (4)
- 19 Set of principles Liz admitted, marked with notches? (9)
- 21 Sailor I spotted in bar, lingering as before (9)
- 24 Bantu speaker, last to establish settlement (4)
- 26 Put up with wind as unseen nuisance (4)
- 29 Yeoman, one starting game that accepts wretched fee (9)
- 30 I'll be involved in 50% of bunkum, being crowned as Pope (6)
- 31 Complex organic compound – it's stupidity disposing of outer elements (5)
- 32 Was at table in e.g. Oxford and dined, with room for more? (9)
- 33 Bureau ill cut out to simplify using computers? (4)
- 34 Make for old poet in a text reread in Parisian day school (8)

Down

- 1 One's thick-bodied and hairy, almost killed in thrust (8)
- 2 Short poem, endless claptrap king penned (5)
- 3 See me oil RR that's faulty? I'll deal with gear (7)
- 4 Cotton worker from north cutting finger badly? Not the first (6)
- 5 Multiplex, showing such as the Hydra (10)
- 6 Nitro blasted core of igneous rock (6)
- 8 Dried salt-free meat hung by way of being stuffed with egg-free food (5)
- 9 Aid to modern travel replacing kite etc (7)
- 10 Granted bit of cash in eastern Europe (4)
- 13 Flagrant misbehaving round city wherein relation's put up (10, 2 words)
- *17 A follower (8)
- 18 'Sympodial'? It's disguised in a clue (7)
- 20 A Latino mistaken for east Asian (7)
- 22 Fancy fish tasted for supper (6)
- 23 College to think highly of including English institute (6)
- 25 Treat changes to seat with this cement (5)
- 27 Group poetical effort created by children gathering (5)
- 28 Poker stirring dust (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,678 solution & notes

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32	L	A	N	D	S	T	E	W	A	R	D	S

Across 1, I in anag. + ache; sv moustache; 14, anag. in quern; 16, (ma)scarp(one); 29, col on; 32, à la E.
Down 2, cue (rev.) in anag.; 8, (b)ar + anag.; 15, i.e. Spoonerism for Bess chawed; 22, jag + ged; see jag¹; 31, tun (rev.).

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