

## Azed No. 2,682 Plain

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### Across

- 1 Outhouse deserted in cut-price holiday giving bank protection? (12)
- 9 Colourful decoration in pub a clumsy one overturned (7)
- 12 Tolerable and therefore to be repeated (4)
- 13 An Irish girl admits touching former sweetheart (6)
- 14 Cattle fair occupying country stage (5)
- 15 Not exactly a trans, offering list in exchange? (7)
- 17 Poet's dried up, a little to go round, stunned for a while (7)
- 18 Reluctant to appear in church costume (6)
- 20 Chinese idol he omitted from jokes (4)
- 22 Loop of thread reflected whiff (4)
- 24 Wooded vale, gloomy – complain at leaves (6)
- 26 Hard part of harness curiously tapered (7)
- 29 Wild sheep mum is unusually riding (7)
- 30 Part of dog's home is entertaining – look around (5)
- 31 Indirect efforts by which fool catches fish (6)
- 32 Hebridean location wherein you'll find wood pigeon? No question (4)
- 33 Course eaten, I'll be puzzled about recipe (7)
- 34 All hushed, tie being played? Cheer goal at Ibrox (12, 3 words)

### Down

- 1 Copper conventionally used for stalk in Scotland (7)

- 2 One left restricting wind from the mouth (6)
- 3 One favouring very good food-grain (5)
- 4 Vac being over, most of what follows requiring special case (7)
- 5 Scented crucifer ladies vote ultimate in blossom, possibly? (11, apostrophe)
- 6 Daughter with lover but lacking love? Flight may end here (5)
- 7 Ancient obelisks in form of Selene? (6)
- 8 Youngster? That's one so run wild, the noo (4)
- 10 What's in a shambles unless cold and bust, to consume (11, 2 words)
- 11 Sandarach put on African chieftain as a source of purgative (7)
- 16 Fern bush, one covering acre (7)
- 19 Glandular substance revealed by study inside senior (7)
- 21 Drugs? One of them is found in rising sports venues (7)
- 23 50% ill on the briny – suffering this? (6)
- 25 Ease like this is showing as tenant (6)
- 27 Jock's mood almost completely rising and falling (5)
- 28 Human resources regularly alternating with university independence (5)
- 29 Old flirt that is expelled from club (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended. It does not give the verb form at 17 (in Chambers Words).**

## Azed No. 2,679 solution & notes

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**Across** 6, Seine + r; 7, see cretism; 8, tat in roe; 10, k in anag.; ref. Harry B., Yorks and English cricketer; hidden; 15, pi in rout; 16, l 1 in Bern; 18, ref. Bizet opera.  
**Down** 1, a can in Ja; 2, o pop an ax; 3, tie + cat (rev.); 1 in l'll ad; 4, nie + CE; anag. + x; 5, ref. Ernie Wise; 11, CO + anag.; bar bed; 12, se(e) pium; all in sal; 13, p at ten; 14, hum Or.; arres(t) (rev.).

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