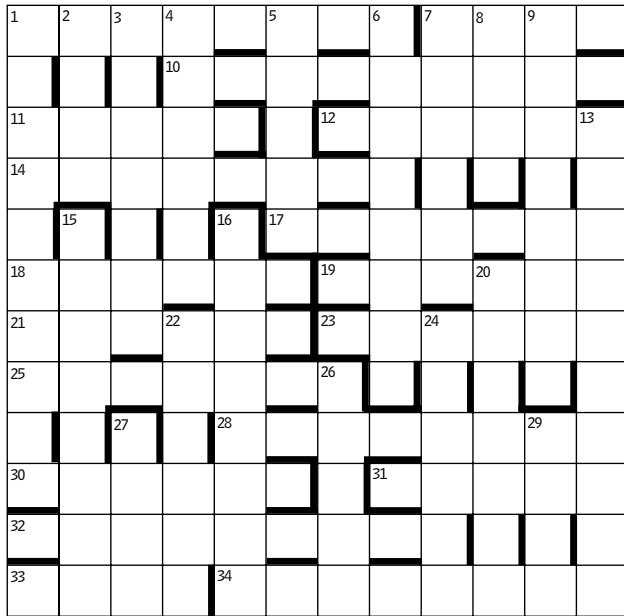


# AZED No. 2,116 'Christmas Devilry' COMPETITION PUZZLE



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Clues are of two types. **Acrosses** are of Printer's Devilry type. Each is a passage from which the printer has removed a hidden answer, closing the gap and sometimes taking liberties with the punctuation, but not disturbing the order of the remaining letters. *Example:* Vaulting above tunnel entrance appears inane, scary. *Answer:* PESTO. *Undevilled version:* Vaulting above tunnel entrance appears in an escape story. Every passage, when complete, makes sense. Each **down** clue, except one, has been distorted by the superfluous addition at any point (i.e. beginning or ending at a word break or within a word in the clue) of a consecutive jumble of the letters of one of the across answers. Solvers will need to remove the intrusive jumbles before they can solve the clues, which make a modicum of sense when the jumbles are removed. Closing up the gap may require some manipulation of the clue's punctuation, but there is no further tinkering with word-division elsewhere in the clue. Jumbled across answers have been inserted in down clues in clue order, i.e. 1 Across in 1 Down, 7 Across in 2 Down, ..., 34 Across in 29 Down.

Competitors should submit with their entries a clue to **15 Down**, which may be defined as part of the puzzle's title but is otherwise unclued, in the style of the other down clues, with the jumble of the appropriate across answer included. Please underline the superfluous jumble in your clue. **NB** Preference will be given to clues which make sense in both their original and their expanded forms.

## ACROSS

- 1 Many birds will be flying south with wing (8)
- 7 As soldiers, chat in a mess (4)
- 10 To buy are guns, of thousands – won't seem excessive to collectors (9)
- 11 Some fine puddings – too much after a big main course? (5)
- 12 He's rather unfit, soft, must train extra-hard (6)
- 14 The traffic's down as environment for residents (8)
- 17 You don't have to be clear, children, just loving and patient (7)
- 18 A bad-tempered teacher, clot in class, at his peril (6)
- 19 A plain sponge is OK, but many think it more, fed (6)
- 21 The concept of humans was not part of Hitler's philosophy (6)
- 23 It's hard to communicate with grandpa, now he has Betty (6)
- 25 Best men should know how to, hands being ready at all times (7)

## AZED 2,113 Solution & notes

B	R	E	A	D	C	H	I	P	P	E	R
L	O	N	G	A	R	M	N	I	O	B	E
A	B	E	R	S	O	U	R	C	O	L	D
C	O	R	D	S	U	X	O	A	N	A	I
K	T	G	A	I	S	T	A	R	K	E	N
V	O	I	D	E	E	I	D	O	I	S	T
I	N	D	O	C	K	B	L	O	N	D	E
S	A	P	R	O	B	E	A	N	K	R	G
A	W	A	N	N	A	H	T	Y	L	E	R
G	A	N	I	S	T	E	R	V	I	V	A
E	B	O	N	U	H	A	I	R	N	E	T
D	I	N	G	L	E	D	A	N	G	L	E

### Rules and requests

Send correct solution and clue as indicated (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to **Azed No. 2,116**, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Closing date, Saturday 5 January 2013. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only). £100, £65, £40 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, electronic option £11. 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. For much more information on the Azed Slip, visit [www.andlit.org.uk](http://www.andlit.org.uk)

- 28 Our young one not keen on jaw? Marmite sandwiches for tea (8, 2 words)
- 30 Why bother with other resorts I like? (6)
- 31 As a result of the economic present, charges will rise (5)
- 32 Some people suppress any sign of emotion and hence of humanity (9)
- 33 It's irritating seeing many cuts throughout the film (4)
- 34 Fishermen lay sea nets to trap their catch (8, 2 words)

### DOWN

- 1 Pigment boiling duct – mine ore after crushing (10, 2 words)
- 2 Granny's snaffling first bit of peasants' bread (4)
- 3 Insect: end one on hollow treille (a trade) (7)
- 4 Most crawled slowly uphill for a writer's fad: cairns (6)
- 5 Small poet, a sort that'll do for ships' companies in sound (5)
- 6 Market raised toast in Marne for French inventor (8)
- 7 Maybe Peter or vet found with air swirling around, under shelter (6, 3 words, apostrophe) (6)
- 8 It's topping for those in the sun, a certain coast, outré (4)
- 9 Do resist mixing compounds e.g. in bun ICI file (8)
- 13 Doctoring scares about measure: muscle cell parley (Barts) (10)
- \*15 See preamble (8)
- 16 Warbler (MO) ogles about me: bonbons rarely (8)
- 20 One of old accomplices as a team fête tailless gazelle (7)
- 22 Fibre from Moroccan tree having hart, i.e. herd, inside (6)
- 24 Abrus reuse is accepted in contemplation (6)
- 26 Expert chaps, one verse sale idly involved (5)
- 27 With news broadcast (English, not international) in state of agitation (4)
- 29 Was she lass ended in upland tract? (4)

Every answer is in *The Chambers Dictionary* (2011), including one abbreviation.