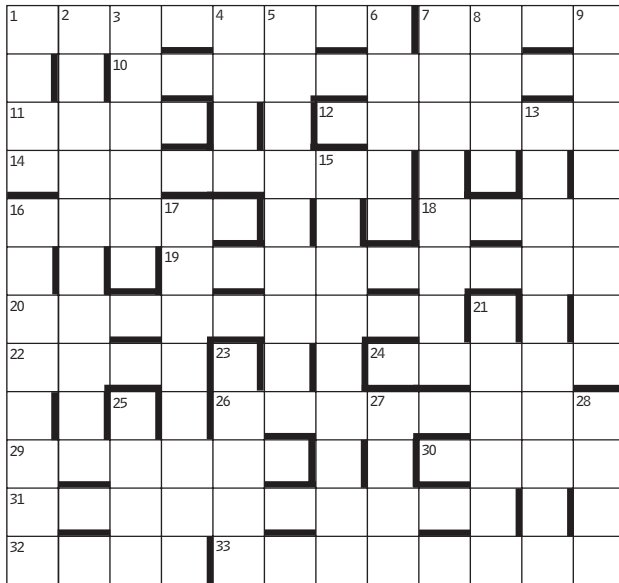


# AZED No. 2,154 Plain



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## ACROSS

- 1 Dandy returned cereal in antique cupboard (8)
- 7 Scottish bear top BBC official released from net (4)
- 10 It's hard in varied tree range (10)
- 11 Thicket has stunted old hedge (4)
- 12 Fortress devastation mostly overturned, dammit (6)
- 14 Fish to eat? He fumbled with it imbibing spirituous liquor (8)
- 16 Fashion, integral part of futurism, I think (5)
- 18 A plate of insects from Roman province, second held back till last (4)
- 19 Fishing vessel – or what she resembles closely? (9)
- 20 Arab with power vested in observance – one on the make (9)
- 22 Backward lout retaining name as astringent (4)
- 24 Coarse linen that goes into the making of Lycra shirts (5)
- 26 Cut back on fish, limiting recipe (8)
- 29 Messenger more open to view clutching latest from battle (6)
- 30 Pen brief CV including last item in career (4)
- 31 Not disputing a tennis set, injured (10)
- 32 Sandal wood (old-style) gate (4)
- 33 Fairy's kept in by swirling snow, not wanting drill? (8)

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**Across** 1, ticca; c + Act; 5, Gisborne; ref. Guy of G., enemy of Robin Hood; 11, lion; nil (rev.) + 0; 12, attone; tat in eon (rev.); 13, esne; snee(ring); 14, torchiers; chor(us) + anag.; 15, dame; 17, duds; sudd(enly); 19, vote; vet + 0; 21, weatherliness; anag. in anag.; 25, gast; cf. stag; 26, ginny; yin in ng; 28, claw; 30, lair; A(p)ril; 31, antisense; s in in senate; 32, gate; 33, garret; rate in Gr.; 34, intro; 35, draisene; ne(w) a + anag.; 36, posse; PE in SOS.

**Down** 1, encomiastic; anag. + I in mastic; 2, paeon; a in pean; 3, declare; cl(ass) in deare; 4, canoelist; anag. + s in it; 5, shoo; so ho; 6, androgenous; anag. in and nous; 7, boater; t, e in boar; 8, sears; r in seas; 9, dense; 10, laggardness; anag. in lass; 16, indorser; rod (rev.) in in ser(vice); 20, cinerea; anag. less in crea(tion); 22, sasine; a s in SE; 23, renga; cf. Regan, daughter of King Lear (ref. *King Lear*, 1, 4, 313); 24, abler; (f)abler; 27, intro; intro(version); 29, site.

## PRIZERULES

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## DOWN

- 1 Punch ruined carousel (4)
- 2 To propound theories about myth, he and I use mere waffle (10)
- 3 Fungus – farming in short must contain one (6)
- 4 Old Scottish tenor did this with last bit of folk (4)
- 5 Literary society paid money to hold ancient books, German (9)
- 6 Opposite of us up north, with the intention to be rid of English (5)
- 7 Draughtsman lumping it when extreme characters are switched (8)
- 8 In gathering of spring grain, crop first half of cabbage (4)
- 9 Popular controller managing the ranch (8)
- 13 It has its own key, being within all eight? (10, 2 words)
- 15 I'll provide stuff for those bowing – and scraping? (9)
- 16 Fighting cock, beak ripping into old quail (8)
- 17 Thyroid inhibitor hit a roué being treated (8)
- 21 Reversed figure I cloaked in loose old gown (6)
- 23 Serving girls having to get right inside nasty spots (5)
- 25 What'll make one change veal to duck? It's considerable (4)
- 27 Bank charging nothing? Head should be forced to last! (4)
- 28 Aussie sledger (maybe) against pursuing moderation (4)

*The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended.*