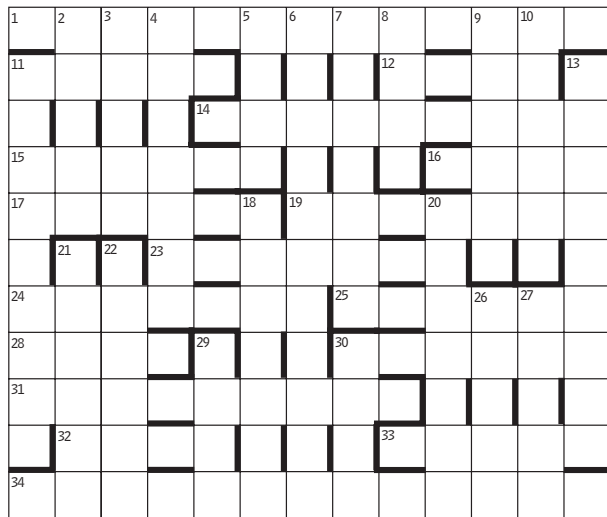


# AZED No. 2,168 'A Christmas Crossword Celebration' Competition



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The first recognizable crossword puzzle was published (in the US) one hundred years ago this month. Azed offers the accompanying puzzle to mark the occasion. Clues are of two types. From the answer to each **down** clue one 'C' has been omitted before entry (even if the full answer contains more than one 'C'); definitions in each case lead to the untreated word, and subsidiary indications are to the treated word as entered. Each of the **across** clues, except 23, has been doctored by the omission of one 'C' at some point; the full answer is to be entered in each case. Numbers following clues indicate the length of grid entries throughout. Competitors should submit with their entries a clue to 23 (which must be deduced) in the style of the other across clues. **NB** Preference will be given to clues that make some sense with *and* without the extra 'C'. *The Chambers Dictionary* (2011) is recommended. It does not give the proper names at 20 and 21, which may be unfamiliar to some, and one plural form elsewhere is somewhat questionable (though apparently a legitimate Scrabble® word!).

## ACROSS

- 1 Lout seen in a rap Hamlet played with open-air auditorium (13)
- 11 Man-made resin, special one left by artist (5)
- 12 Bishop's hair with little left to list suddenly (4)
- 14 Birds messed up loo with foreign snacks passed round (9)
- 15 Number one rook almost in retreat, one of a series (6)
- 16 Sot typically almost always bottled? Illusion (4)
- 17 At entering fidgety mare – protective covering required (6)
- 19 Ma's making more racket, row that is curbed by bishop (7)
- 23 See preamble (7)
- 24 Rack sailor's found behind petroleum (7, 2 words)
- 25 Greeting ash half spent on faulty loom (6)
- 28 All during hunt recalled triumphant shouts (4)
- 30 Declaration one of us included in traditional welcome (6)

## AZED 2,165 Solution & notes

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

**Across** 1, sch. + mock; 11, see mull?; 13, ma stic(k); 17, alternate letters; 21, kid in so + o; 26, (ma)scot + ch.; 28, aria in (hy)mn; 29, (s)quare; ref. B. Behan's play *The Q. Fellow*; 29, kind iv in sing; 32, den in dead.

**Down** 3, ousel in he; 5, con + anag, in chin; 6, re to in fop; 7, a reg (ret); 8, 0 in anag. + ct; 9, ro (=run out) in dog (qv); 14, lien tag in c, e; 15, tak a ma ka; 24, 2 meanings; chow, dog; 25, w in 0; ref. Oliver Reed, notorious drinker, star of film version of *Women in Love*; 27, cran(age).

## Rules and requests

Send correct solution and clue as indicated (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to **Azed No. 2,168**, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Closing date, Saturday 4 January 2014. **Results will be announced on 26 January 2014.** Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only). £100, £65, £40 prizes and Azed bookplates for the three clues judged best. Extra prizes and Azed bookplates for those very highly commended. The Azed Slip, containing details of successful com-

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- 31 Old hooking tool that's dug inside arid fruit? (9)
- 32 Exited, last to leave – it's the wine (4)
- 33 No longer coupled? Time for winning around end of union (5)
- 34 Among the stars, diner's tie hanging, truly Scottish (13)

## DOWN

- 2 Roughly handle a spot on the skin (5)
- 3 Meddled with amount put to buyer (5)
- 4 Archetypal bigot tucked into wine, in intermediate position to shoot (7)
- 5 Air navigation system cheers airmen in extremis (4)
- 6 After imaginary illness the prior worsened, unhealthy engorged (11)
- 7 Strange ideas consuming Afrikaner devoted to eating (7)
- 8 Cargo barge, feature of Manila's commerce (4)
- 9 Get tame thus ... male tiger when it's trained (6)
- 10 Greek monk, see, immersed in English philosopher (6)
- 11 Compound mineral shattered most of lorry in violent impact (9)
- 13 Fellows in gym after scrape climbing steep slope (9)
- 18 Swag turning up above centre of finery (7)
- 20 US folk musician loves appearing in name on cup? (7, 2 words)
- 21 Rock and roll pioneer styled 'Rancho' (6)
- 22 Former border as in a small bed (6)
- 26 She may keep a Skye inn, half-hearted about island (6)
- 27 Gold covering a sort of trumpet (5)
- 29 Status of professor, old-fashioned type (4)
- 30 What's put over a pan, warm (4)

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