

# AZED No. 2,183 'Eightsome Reels' COMPETITION PUZZLE

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Each numbered square in the diagram is surrounded by eight blank squares. All clues lead to answers of eight letters, and these are to be entered around their appropriate numbers, clockwise or anticlockwise, beginning anywhere. Solvers must determine where each begins and the direction in which it is to go. The twelve unchecked letters at the corners of the completed diagram could form U MAY - DAY VALET. Competitors should submit with their entries a clue to replace the asterisked definition at **16**.

- 1 Fish company once netting fish – little left
- 2 Good newspaper includes favourable slant on news item, being avaricious
- 3 Early instrument bungled test with wood splitting
- 4 Occupant like young cuckoo, fluttering?
- 5 As rag's beginning, rest disrupted in lodgings
- 6 Pass certificate? Master put out when page is missing
- 7 A metal mined in mountain for slating
- 8 Form of giant web or aerial flap
- 9 Type of pear coated in salt? It may come with the menu (2 words)
- 10 Creepers cut short round part of fence?
- 11 Investment funds? It's mad replacing first with tons
- 12 First to admit poverty's extremely dismal
- 13 Follower of reforming churchman, one featured in window
- 14 RC brother making point about passion

## AZED 2,180 Solution & notes

C	H	L	O	R	A	C	N	E	S	L	I
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### Rules and requests

Send correct solution (one only) and clue to replace definition asterisked (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to **Azed No. 2,183**, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should be postmarked no later than Saturday. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only). £35, £30, £25 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

**Across** 1, H, lin nag; 10, ro (recto) ux; 13, mars h; ref. Romney M.; 14, inter in wise; 15, bein(g); 17, t in anag. & lit; 19, Mon + 'tickerless'; 23, alternate letters; 26, spr(a)y; 28, anag. in rope; 30, (m) uniton; 31, ENT + ropy; 33, in + target (qv) (rev.) + e.  
**Down** 4, adios + t in ration; 7, lin seres (rev.); 8, (c)lass A; 18, co. in sura; 20, o' + r in anag.; 21, RR up in lit.; roller = Rolls Royce; 24, h in sank; 27, hidden.

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- 15 One pop superstar appearing in Lesotho entertainment guide
- \*16 Unobtainable quest
- 17 Church in danger reorganized, full of divine influence
- 18 Cord intertwined or substituted
- 19 Like a cook's implement, at university left in box
- 20 Measure to draw from river turning east
- 21 Char, one engaged by one's brother perhaps
- 22 Faith in WI tea rain's ruined
- 23 Study order, electronic, for lacework
- 24 Shrank from treatment for E. coli, embarrassed about it?
- 25 Limits tax paid by a parson etc on going doolally
- 26 Minimum of efficacy found in pills? Vets may have to lance these
- 27 Stretch best line out
- 28 Marine mammal: one caught by RN in sea, swimming
- 29 Greek lines aloft in sculpted niche
- 30 Basking excessively, is she crazy holding unguent back?
- 31 Rope carefully examined, similarly trimmed in naval escort
- 32 Bits of old armour permitted in form of cross
- 33 Horn sometimes seen halved in unruly cattle
- 34 Cheers managed about one of Turkic group
- 35 Close friend of Virginia, well off
- 36 Obsequious claptrap about day roaming Italy

Every answer is in the Chambers Dictionary (2011).