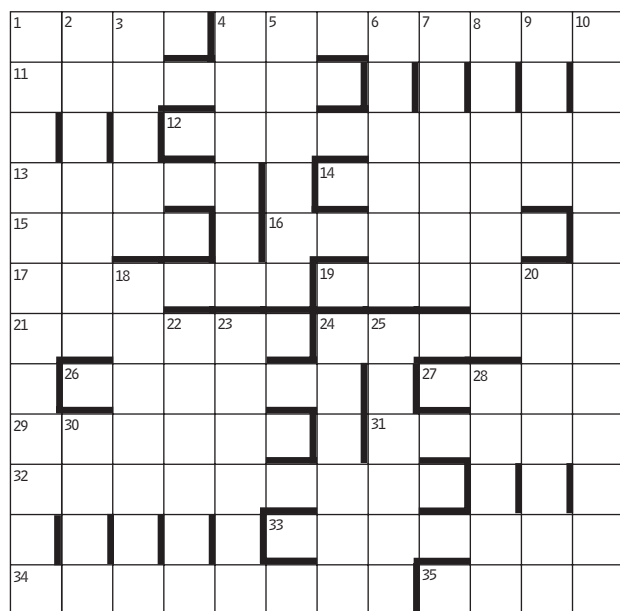


AZED No. 2,226 'Playfair' COMPETITION PUZZLE



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O R A N G In a Playfair word square the codeword (in which no letter recurs)
E S T I C is followed by the remaining letters of the alphabet, I doing double duty
K B D F H for I and J (see left). To encode a word it must first be split into pairs
L M P Q U of letters, e.g. CRITIC AL. Each pair is then to be seen as forming
V W X Y Z the diagonally opposite corners of a rectangle within the word square,
 the other two corner letters being the encoded form. Thus, in the example shown,
 CR gives SG (not GS, which RC would give). Where a pair of letters appears in the
 same row or column in the word square, its encoded form is produced from the letter
 immediately to the right of or below each respectively. For the last letter in a row
 or column the first letter in the same row or column becomes the encoded form.
 Thus IC becomes CE. When all the pairs are encoded, the word is joined up again,
 thus CRITICAL is encoded as SGCICEOP. Answers to the four clues in italics must
 be encoded thus in the diagram. The codeword must then be deduced with the help
 of the answers to normal clues, so that the diagram may be completed. **Each of the
 encoded words contains a hint to identifying the codeword.** Competitors should
 submit with their entries a normal cryptic clue to this codeword.

ACROSS

- 1 Unpleasant king, hostile on the outside (4)
- 4 *Old cast-offs, one penny for each, grabbed by young ones* (8)
- 11 Patriarch's number one à la mode (7)
- 12 Development of tumours, lo, I spy mutating in chambers (9)
- 13 Rulers' title that's always tacked on to them (5)
- 14 Moon distances left astronauts shattered, as tot somehow lost (6)
- 15 List at St Andrews getting degree after course (4)
- 16 Prominence is seen in circular earthwork (6)
- 17 *Attack just after circling b-boxer* (6)
- 19 Element in composition beneficial to capturing exploit (6)

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

Rules and requests

Send correct solution (one only) and clue was indicated (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to **Azed No. 2,226**, 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 at £16 a year,

Across 1, d in anag.; 10, I'm in anag. less pe; 13, i.e. (t)hesp; ref. David Tennant, Scot-tish actor; 21, a Can. In anag.; 24, (a)te(l)er; 26, a percu(ssion); 28, anag. less anag. incl. 0; 30, (z)wei (Ger. = two) + l; 32, orphan adj.; 33, 2 meanings; 34 a DJ + a cent.

Down 1, anag. in buster; 4, comp. anag.; 5, A1lager (all rev.); 6, f + eh in I men; 9, anag.; ref. Tippi Hedren, film actor starring in Hitchcock's *The Birds*; 12, anag. less l + Lent; 22, épice(l)er (rev.); 29, upat.

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- 21 Staff officer switching divisions in extreme aversion (6, 2 words)
- 24 *US flirt, touchy woodworker* (6)
- 26 Spirit getting drunk after alcoholic drink returns (6)
- 27 Rang off from devastating nerves (4)
- 29 Winner, paid nothing, coming in to dress (6, 2 words)
- 31 Randy Scots, reverse of sober after contact sport (5)
- 32 Peer off—key in a tune ruined musical (9)
- 33 The old appreciate priest, in grip of a pox! (7)
- 34 *Monk quietly returned drink in Italian eatery* (8)
- 35 Poet's growl echoed in transept? (4)

DOWN

- 1 Practising linguist of old making wayward sister repent (12)
- 2 Corporation issue, letting in local fellow (7)
- 3 Girl of a Thai people found in parts of Burma (5)
- 4 Like much church music, reduced option includes bit of Rutter (6)
- 5 Litre in vat good for large number of work units (6)
- 6 Fungal parasite from narcotic drug (not hard) covering the States (6)
- 7 I'll take part in conga dancing — absolutely straight (6)
- 8 Pea net's adjusted with weight (7)
- 9 Fibre: portion of brioche provides reverse of this (4)
- 10 Elizabeth two times more astute about society, a know-all (12)
- 18 Touring abroad (having left Britain), part needing to be plugged in? (7)
- 20 Fine fabric, quite German, opening mouths (7)
- 22 Climbers I'm surprised to see accepting advice once climbing (6)
- 23 Cap, a bit lacking to the French (6)
- 24 The old begin as fools, entering college (6)
- 25 Angelic creature, she's upset about censure (6)
- 28 Management making millions in a racket (5)
- 30 A few days in Edinburgh? Pet's first going for nothing (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.