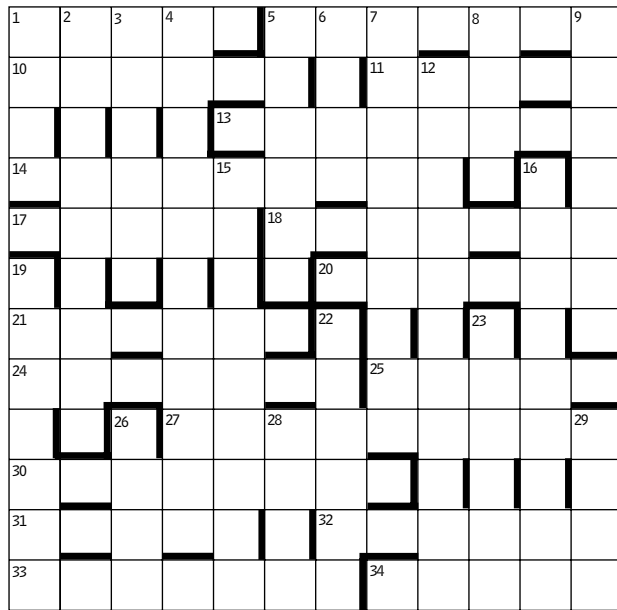


AZED No. 2,250 '27 Across' COMPETITION PUZZLE



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Each clue requires the addition (at any point) of a single letter before it can be satisfactorily solved. The added letters, in clue order, including an appropriate one at **27 Across**, form a phrase to fit the occasion. A similar phrase may be spotted in the completed grid. Competitors should submit with their entries a clue to the unclued word at **27 Across** (to be deduced) involving the required missing letter, like all the other clues. **NB** Preference will be given to clues that make some sense both with and without the missing letter.

ACROSS

- 1 Old cot of a sort succeeded? Wrong (5)
- 5 English saints made hay in old verse form (7)
- 10 Who'll accept trendy modern type of salad? (6, 2 words)
- 11 Antelope around Zambia: might one see itself in oriental garden? (5)
- 13 Most pick clothing seen unravelling, being frank? (8)
- 14 Father, among set of beliefs related to church, with climbers adoring (9)
- 17 Army unit take in pens, historically (5)
- 18 Spear fruit in SA? His gets e.g. inside (7)
- 20 Lean don after Scottish race is over, niggardly among locals (6)
- 21 Airborne soldier given pint following windy plain (6)
- 24 Ask supervisor in mine down one with money invested (7)
- 25 Inuit may travel with this cow, one kilometre behind (5)
- 27 See preamble (9)
- 30 Debt written off, Met create recast addition (8)
- 31 Roll, say, coated in edible fish mites (5)

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P	I	N	K	S	T	E	R	S	A	M	P
U	N	A	E	C	O	A	U	T	H	O	R
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D	Z	E	R	E	N	T	R	I	P	L	E
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Across 1, pink (a)ster; 7, samp(led); 13, Ez. in (snicker)snee; 14, ret, soz (rev.); 16, i.e. le(ft) in bed; 19, L + anag. + limber; 26, zer(o) in den; 27, cf. let rip; 30, dolla(rs) (rev.); 31, anag. in sisal; 33, m(in)istry + st.

Down 1, put + z (= zero); 3, anag., less e + a, & lit.; 5, tour Malines (aka Mechelen); 6, i.e. (p)runin(g); 7, pup(p)ets (rev.); see creature; 8, a (tight) head; ref. rugby union; 11, asp + I distract with as for act; 16, anag. in bust; 21, sv ball; 22, MP lo in ey(e); ref. Tom & J., cartoon series, & WW1; 24, mile k (rev.); 28, cf. diet.

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- 32 Hungry? Camper maybe is heading for that, faint as before (6)
- 33 College lie about a Councillor (7)
- 34 Lay back in embrace of chosen gallant (5)

DOWN

- 1 All but centre of potato cake eaten away, it sinks (4)
- 2 Arm voice becoming animated – it heats quickly (9)
- 3 Bread from flour made surer during period Jack consumed (6)
- 4 One raising e.g. mugs, record very much superior to medium tin cans (11)
- 5 From energy hosing river comes flow of water (6)
- 6 Jug? There's not so many in umber, without lid (4)
- 7 US rogue, like many in a war, appearing in courts, had up (9)
- 8 I'll be given tuck with no end plan (4)
- 9 Old copper sizing wayward Susie, the old enemy! (7)
- 12 Making misjudgement of anger I turn disorderly (11)
- 15 Bout included, drunk Pimm's – twitch follows, rocky (9)
- 16 Fish decline? Bet set includes that islander (9)
- 19 Describing position of heavenly boy, one's ringing about rising success (7)
- 22 Little energy, right at heart of snowfield, cause to lag as before (6)
- 23 Luther *might* have fashioned this blend of oil in wine (6)
- 26 Old judge in female underwear, ties ailing (4)
- 28 Each Scottish learner on organ (4)
- 29 The lad pulled up about 500 thorns (4)

Every answer is in the Chambers Dictionary (2014), except one proper name.