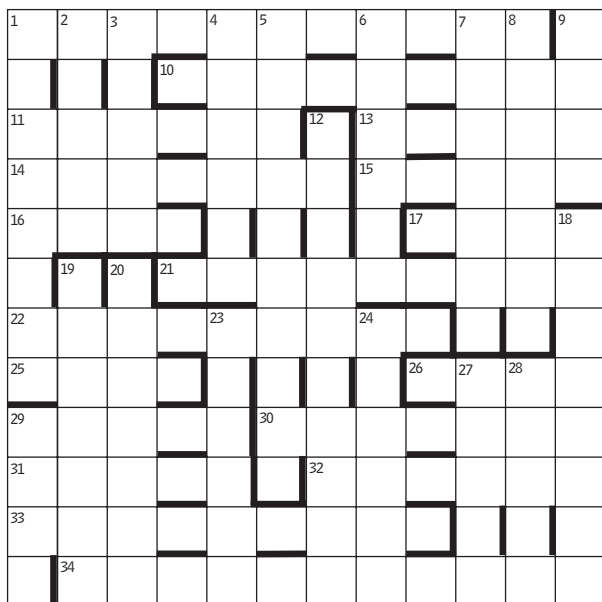


AZED No.1,824 Plain



Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

ACROSS

- 1 Aggressive insect, big 'un crawling on tail of a pair of donkeys (11, 2 words)
- 10 Wild Canadian fruit parrot very quietly hides in bundle of goods (9)
- 11 Blinker on head of kouprey that is stripy-faced cow (6)
- 13 Made to get up and wash briefly, middle left to last (5)
- 14 Bauble for Walter, gross in stomach (7)
- 15 Doll showing cleavage to ogle endlessly (5)
- 16 Grey mum is kept inside alas (4)
- 17 French river rodent (4)
- 21 Rock boundary fortification, sound (9)
- 22 Ornamental borders: art fringing lake (9)
- 25 Pop group in Arab dress (4)
- 26 Grass on end of pitch enveloped in soaking (4)
- 29 Strip, i.e. reverse of clothe, involving touch of eroticism (5)
- 30 Spoil fringe of llano? It might (7)
- 31 Ape, reddish-yellow except for tail (5)
- 32 Bishop, one wearing double Irish wool (6)
- 33 Small shot to lag in distance (9)
- 34 Ace gent somehow eclipsing the others, where the spotlight falls? (11, 2 words)

AZED 1,821 Solution & notes

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

PRIZE RULES

£25 in book tokens for the first three correct solutions opened. Solutions postmarked no later than Saturday to **AZED No.1,824**, The Observer, 3-7 Herbal Hill, London EC1R 5EJ

Across 1, he in war; dove (It.) = where; 11, L in anag.; 13, PE brine; 14, be(TT)er; 15, grate(fully); 18, Re (qv) + I in spend; 24, f + anag., & lit.; 27, tilt(h); 31, on in in taco; 32, s in contra + ins; 34, 4 meanings.

Down 1, hip gr. all in wafting; 3, arbas in eh?; 4, r in tela (rev.); 7, johnny = condom; 8, c + rabbit; 10, utis in anag.; 26, RN in (d)ual; 28, Enna (rev.); ref. A. Frank, diarist; 30, sunn(y).

AZED No.1,821 Prizewinners

- 1 Hilary Casey, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leics
- 2 Anne Stevenson, Thurso, Caithness
- 3 Robert Whale, Twyford, Berks

DOWN

- 1 Form of yoga that gets dust on bikini (8)
- 2 Part of US store partnership brands (5)
- 3 Field that's awash when worked (5)
- 4 What you can assemble from Ikea is miniature art form (6)
- 5 Bit of publicity put up in UK he's recast as architectural decoration (10)
- 6 Drug cops turning up very good cocaine, smuggled (6)
- 7 Spout ramblingly, rising to perform once on one's feet (7)
- 8 Jock's squinting, his eyes following lecturer in old company (7)
- 9 Card's discarded king - revoke possibly (4)
- 12 I am short but with muscle - sheathed bundle, flawless (10)
- 18 Part of recorded message perhaps: 'Press one to be transferred'? (8)
- 19 Emptied bottle in cru is drunk 'corky' (7)
- 20 To be poised, class carries book on head (7)
- 23 Stake made by one following gee-gee in group exercising together (6)
- 24 Pound retained by hardline Palestinians for their porters? (6)
- 27 Wimp put on sodium application for the hair (5)
- 28 On rig at sea maybe identifies seal (5)
- 29 White elephant? A favour often follows it, ironically! (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2003) is recommended.