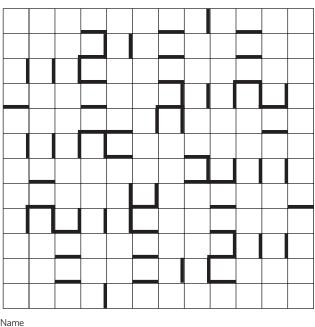
AZED No. 1,901 'Jigsaw' COMPETITION PUZZLE



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Clues, which are normal, are presented in alphabetical order of their solutions. Solvers must determine where each is to go in the diagram. Competitors should submit with their solutions a normal cryptic clue to replace the asterisked definition at 26.

- 1 Grade after top one? Old-style call to attention needed (4)
- 2 Part of meal for jaunt in pannier (7)
- 3 One's can, crooked, inebriate (5)
- 4 Old vagrant polishing off a couple in a bar there's hubris (9)
- **5** Unusual cadet, bagging prize, scored well at cards (8)
- 6 College with barrels housed in a hut financial incentive required (8)
- 7 Bowl for drinking, about at an end (4)
- 8 Small stone layer (7)
- 9 Between us and our neighbour runs claim, endlessly fraught (8)
- **10** Start going out in fur with few grey patches? (9)
- 11 Skeletons found in reef or completely locked in cases (7)
- 12 Ridge distorting half of stair carpets (6)
- 13 Ancient judge I'd sent up when in court (6)
- 14 From 'ere catching taxi involved light amount? (8)
- **15** Little energy in antelope joint (4)
- **16** Some laugh on giving Maori greeting (5)
- 17 Philosopher inclined face (4)
- 18 My home is mountainous, spelling end for black bean plant (4)

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Across 12, c apert ea; 14, comp. anag.; see chippy¹; 15, têt(e) + RI; 20, alternate letters; 23, sc(a law)ag; 24, Bened(ick) (rev.); ref. Much Ado About Nothing, Swan Theatre; 26, up in alit (all rev.); 30, Z in anag.; 31, curs alternating with roe; 32, may + anag. all in diss.

Down 2, it for Ein spree; trade name; 3, n in anag. less s; 4, (c)heap; 5, Leic(s) (rev.); 6, anag. less I; 7, cf. (G)in tra(P); 10, anag. in phiz + a; 16, gorp (rev.) & lit.; 18, Ats (rev.) in curd; 23, pud in SS; 25, 3 meanings; 27, hidden; ref. Greek mythology; 28, KO + (b)re(ed).

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- **19** Gulls gobbling black bony fish (6)
- **20** 9 dressed in dark blue oriental fabric (9)
- 21 Disorganized type got AB drunk in US sub (7)
- 22 Tropical tree incorporated in a piano specially constructed (9)
- 23 I'll abandon off-key piano and use trombone (7)
- 24 It often has an outrigger on the side of it (4)
- 25 Ban misbehaving among players gathering over ball where lob's retrieved? (7)
- ***26** Clean up (8)
- 27 Streaks crazily round middle in Lord's thus? (8)
- 28 Prison activity (4)
- **29** Heavy bombardment creating difficulties from the rear (5)
- **30** Cheers G & S refrains (4)
- 31 Exciting metal supplanting uranium in plain (6)
- **32** Aerofoil edge caught by battery aimed skywards (7)
- **33** A drinker's measure with *this* fish could be a lie! (5)
- 34 Success in cabs shows a measure of crystalline symmetry (8, 2 words)
- **35** Old-style punch I threw out when boxing right (7)
- **36** Awfully grey dandy less good in what's coloured before weaving (8)

The Chambers Dictionary (2003) is recommended.