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Each numbered clue, except 1 Down and 9 Down, is really two clues, side by side but not overlapping, to the two entries of the same length for the two spaces symmetrically opposite each other in the diagram, as numbered. Either word may be clued first, and the division between the two clues is not necessarily marked by punctuation. Solvers must determine which goes where. Lettered clues are normal but are to be entered in jumbled form diagonally down to left and right from the central column (A to the left, B to the right, $C$ to the left, etc). J and $K$ together form one word. When the diagram is complete, the central column will be seen to contain a three-word phrase from a well-known Christmas carol. 1Down and 9 Down (otherwise unclued) are two further phrases from the same carol. Competitors should submit with their entries a normal cryptic clue to the three-word phrase which immediately precedes the one in the central column.

## ACROSS

1,33 Crummy but popular syce dodging round both ends of horse succeeded with clasp for prop to increase height $(6,6)$
6,32 Object in test: it's chic to chat in French about druggie - one's motivational $(6,6)$
10,31 Mexican dish cheers man like fish that's not old inside or distended $(6,6)$
11,30 Having left a long time going over theme of this puzzle one's almost late producing brainwave maybe $(4,4)$
14,29 Little fish in cove snapping line goes swimming for small inlets $(4,4)$
15, 26 E.g. acute tonsillitis, a feature of Penang in autumn monsoon by the sound of it, is prevalent $(6,6)$
16,25 Oily paste: dilute one including a snort by the medium of beer dosed with heroin $(6,6)$
17,24 Top golfer in tangle producing phrase that threatens people beside start of hole - he'll receive counselling $(6,6)$
20,23 Sign of turn and A. Nel's bowling: open batting (with turn) very quietly - that is, one waited for the tea period! $(6,6)$

## AZED 1,905 Solution \& notes

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## RULES AND REQUESTS

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Across 1, i.e. 'Sh, tum!'; 10, per nancy, 14, 'sider'; 15 , d in anag. \& lit.; 17, monas(tery); $18, \mathrm{~s}+$ Tean; 19, i.e. (M) urali(tharan), Sri Lankan spin bowler; 23, h (= heroin) in case; 26, ego le(ave) (all rev.); 30, I in anag.; 32, anag. + e + pair; 32, needles(sly).
Down 3, trog on; 5, s + naked; ref. Genesis; 6, co. (rev.) + tad's; ref. rowing eights with coxes; 7, I other a all in help +y; 9, n in terrie(r); 16, as in benj + is; 20, cf. Fonda, name of US acting family; 21, (f)orgone; 27, 3 meanings; see line ${ }^{1,2,3 ;}$ 29, comp. anag.; sura ${ }^{2}$.

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## DOWN

1 See preamble $(4,2,5)$
2,28 Part of window leading turned out almost ineffectual common sense required ( 4,4 )
3,22 Eating on the move, whereby one enters a legit ramble or trudge in the highlands $(6,6)$
4,27 E.g. Cameron or Clegg? Not mine - one follows Brown ultimately; he's oddly tender (4)
5,26 Calculator: one getting into basics cuts hard exercises with sums - introductions only required $(4,4)$
6,21 Above us tomb of stone or rock rose sharply in the air but airless - essential to go round it $(6,6)$
7,19 Restrained in case (being old), I'll progress very little in a foxtrot, say $(7,7)$
8,13 Fantastic vin: we hope caller's seen in it what's repugnant in bubbly asti for Frogs etc $(9,9)$
9 See preamble $(5,6)$
12,18 Having taken a bit of a kip in a way woolly Indra wandering round East did his stuff! $(6,6)$

## LETTERED CLUES

A Turbulent age in aeon that's transformed tropical America (7)
B Nets catching odd bits of flat coral types (7,2 words)
C Drains steamer, power gone off inside (7)
D Row breaking out in court (7)
E Wild idiot clutching numberless Kalashnikov in gang robbery (7)
F Supplies new work force for regressive authority in Mersey's centre (6)
G Some African currency units following the French (5)
H Top footballer (4)
I Purée folded in remoulade (3)
J, K Sports facility forming part of Centre Court (3)
The Chambers Dictionary (2003) is recommended. One of the answers at 17,24 is of two words.

