## AZED No. 2,025 'Carte Blanche'

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## Postcode

The symmetry of the bars in the completed diagram is such that it would look the same if turned upside down, but not if given a quarter-turn. Clues are in their correct order. Prize contestants should mark the bars in their solutions. Numbers are unnecessary.

## ACROSS

Fruit farmer's instruction to employees, we hear, offering some cash to Azeris?
Very brief beachwear creating bronzed look, good one Mordant press, quill mostly dreadfully yellow Chaps fish leaving dock and aim endlessly for oily catch Lateral route for Churchill, say, succeeded with Bevan? Like library books having a label on, 'revised' Traders heading for China and what's excellent and special They may be seen in anserine nests A shirt worn for e.g. tattie-howking? Study cross that's reversed, with a curse on it Bedding material? Jokes, tucking end inside Singular place for example turned over outfits Predatory insect - seven found in misshapen udder
Took food nicked from ship's chill cabinet Fared badly in English or French escapade Cremation urn, I? Not this(variant thereof) Vow forgotten, it turns heart to harlot Arab trader perhaps, rum-runner of yesteryear?

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## PRIZERULES

£25 inbook tokens for the first three correct solutions opened. Solutions postmarked no later than Saturday to AZED No. 2,025, The Observer, 90 York Way, LondonN1 9GU

Across 10, ere inhof; 13 , Annintry; 14 'putts'; 16, pal + agi(ft); 22, rasse(rev.) in Babi + a; 31,f(r)iar; 33, hidden; 35, asso' Nance; dote (archaic) = bestupid. Down1, sh(u)t up!: 2, cf. maker (qv);3, penk(nife); 5 , anag. in imari; 6, comp. anag., \& lit?; 7, (Chart)reuse; 8, anag.; cf. 6 Dn; 9, faze + anag.; 15, anag. + lass; 18 , Welsh mining town where in 1966 a pile of coal waste collapsed, killing 116 children; 24, an (rev.) in sky; 26, o Leic(ester); 27, cf. genre.

AZED No. 2,022 prizewinners
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## DOWN

Spruce up and bend with injection of a varnisher's resin (2 words) You'll find nothing encloses water that flows here (2 words) Mandarin may appear in this, with many trees covering old abode? 'Pocketed' animal? Men depict this running wild Treatment for arthritis: might subcontinental leader suggest this? Jump over settle, quite plain
A Queen song, new one produced in early Feb?
E.g. one beginning to feel the effect of anaesthesia (6)

Young ladies seen as absorbing love objects
Egret's mashed up, trapped in old-fashioned back shock
absorber (2 words)
Matting set under plates?
Hospital stuff involving basket weaving or knitwear?
Spaniel losing tail in snare
City's old native quarter in the middle - couple finally changing places
There's little money in writing, and it's rarely stinted
Wilder (say) when one's bottled? That may or may not be true of me!
Fish caught in trap I raised
Like some ancient books Kipling's priest's opening for Christmas
The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended.

