## AZED No. 2,047 'Cherchez la Femme’



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$\frac{\text { Postcode }}{\text { All clues are normal. At ten intersections (squares at which across and down }}$ answers meet or cross each other) it will be found that the relevant letters of the two answers do not tally. In each case solvers should enter the letter midway between the two non-matching letters alphabetically (treating the alphabet as cyclical), the two answers affected becoming non-words. The letters entered may be up to six letters away from the non-matching letters in each case, e.g. X might represent W/Y, V/Z,U/A,T/B, S/C or R/D. The ten letters thus entered, read row by row fromleft to right and top to bottom of the diagram, form a female forename. No across or down word in the diagram is affectedmore than once, and the replaced letters may occur in either order.

## ACROSS

1 Freshwater fish is gobbled by hawks? (7)
6 Old, bent over, held in check (5)
11 Strip distributed in most of daily papers (10)
12 Clot that's horrible Earl therefore cut out (5)
14 Stops what audience takes to be start of soliloquy? (5)
15 Golly, no go catching grayling, being clumsy of movement (8)
16 Quick bow, girl circling middle of dress in fine lace (8)
18 Old soldier among those limping in retreat a long way (5)
19 Queer process for preserving the dead (6)
22 Litter:takehalf away in enclosure (6)
24 Ispoilt cat with a bit of love, such as a stroke (5)
26 It's universal in mass meeting following formalities? (8)
28 English rose's head wreathed in spotted succulent (8)
30 It mayresult from vegetative reproduction (atermneeding explication) (5)

## AZED 2,044 Solution \& notes

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## PRIZERULES

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Down 3, ranger in été; $4, \mathrm{Lin}$ (Augustus) Pugin(1812-1852); 8,3meanings; 9, sA in anag.; 12, right in anag. lessr, \& lit.; 14, beef + Brot (Ger. $=$ bread) $+\mathrm{H} ; 15$, abb aside; 21, goit inye(rev.); 24,Einbond (vtr); 27, (par)lour.

## AZED No. 2,044 prizewinners

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31 Essential for prize: style displaying piquancy (5)
32 Pecs're sexier - result of gym with these, working out? (10)
33 Leader of legions certainly captures castle producing testudos? (5)
34 Milkmaid's overturned round seat messily covered with froth (7)

## DOWN

1 Alluring dandy's clothing? It's extra-bright (7,2 words)
2 True Arita is erroneously 'crafted at - ' (7)
3 Hollow created by big name in broadcasting by quitting (6)
4 Slimy sediment frompower cable gripped by salt (8)
5 Kick out bastard writing off IOUs (4)
7 Like some rays absorbed by the ocean, it colours things purplish (6)
8 Polite behaviour that is involved in bus and train commuting (10)
9 Lecturer filling many sheets in field of study (5)
10 Book got fromlibrary, say, such as poetic miscellany? (5)
13 Nonentity writing up everything on watch? (10)
17 Feature of early car, feature that's often ringed? (8)
20 Number One closely examined cut jewel(7)
21 Lid on Earl Grey, initially, brewing - like a cup? (7)
23 Doubt as before? Just so (6)
25 They tend Queen in grip of stroke endlessly (6)
26 It's nonsense, all but the first line (5)
27 Lack of coordination always requires insertion of stent? (5)
29 Nigerian cutter turning up navy unloaded (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended.

