AZED No. 2.360 PLAIN COMPETITION PUZZLE

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- 1 Confusing series of letters pub/hotel asap sorted out (12, 2 words)
- **10** Piano exam to do with very small passages (5)
- 11 Scottish wallop, brownish with a dash of tannin (4)
- **13** Optimistic generally but losing head becomes viperish? (7)
- **14** Revolver using shot, ten loaded (6)
- **15** Selection of bottles packed in parcel (large) (6)
- **18** Fiend did wrong in deed (6)
- **19** Outer petticoat, one of five lining bottom (8)
- **20** Lime tree? It grows wild in *this* mere (4)
- 21 Successes ending in party, old-fashioned booze-up (4)
- 23 Like part of flower friend chucked in river (8)
- **26** Religious pamphlets maybe: part of NT introduced by translator (6)
- 29 Quality of sound and tempo limiting Britten's early duet (6)
- **30** Car I found in canal, wrecked (6)
- *32 Things to be seen (7)
- **33** Place of worship? Before entering disciple turns back (4)
- **34** Outstanding court performer, not one given holiday from hearing ... (5)
- **35** ... During lawsuit, writer wanting to hammer select group? (12, 2 words)

AZED 2.357 Solution & notes

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Across 2, a TT in fir stack; 13, Fal (rev.) inpond; 18, anag. less b; 20, ramis in anag.; 21, in terse x; 26, cf. route; 27, 2 meanings; 33, det(r) ain; 35, stern + he in sets.

Down 1, mpass in1,1+one+d;2, 'fell sick'; 3, ref or m; 5, tangles+t; 6, Tai+aha!; 8,1 in anag.; 12, consternate; 17, r+anag. in fish; 19, Att. + (q)uite; 24, B+st. in ire; 28, has te(a); 'Moreh., less speed'.

Rules and requests

Send correct solution (one only) and clue to replace definition asterisked (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to **Azed No. 2,360**, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX26WX. Entries should be postmarked no later than Saturday. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only). £35,£30,£25 prizes and Azed bookplates for the three clues judged best. The Azed

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- 2 Vaguely laid-back? Will of iron conceals it (4)
- **3** Science in action, present with alliance of powers (6)
- 4 Food eaten alfresco, no good in endless bad weather? (5)
- **5** Malay state to manage in British Empire latterly, then independent (6)
- **6** Fine acreage for moorland plant (5)
- 7 Shuffling feet, a don's no good with a tune (8)
- 8 Camp you'll rarely find top in stories? (6)
- **9** Poet's destroying Lucan translated in German (8)
- **10** Only in Afghan language, name for 'knob' (10)
- **12** Carapace butler chopped up in food (10)
- **16** Goats etc jumping apace round Scottish track (8)
- 17 Silky stuff one's wearing with rustle moving around (8)
- **22** He-man shifted mass forward (6)
- 24 Half of some originating in ME most lacking in colour (6)
- 25 Carved incisions denoting early SA civilisation six (6)
- 27 Litter vandalised antiquities some thereof anyway (5)
- 28 Chemical compound one held in awe, containing nitrogen (5)
- **31** Patterned fabric that shows wild horse rearing (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.