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**ACROSS**

- 1 Hastily inserted plaster on colt having taken a wallop going round (12)
- 10 Place this country holds ordinary: spot north of the border (5)
- 12 The old settle down when entering water (5)
- 13 Urchin? He's given runny egg-dip (8)
- 14 Vestment in church, English, consumed by decay (6)
- 15 Childless person cuddling our mum at tea party? (6)
- 18 Athens was one, displaying endless refinement (5)
- 19 Turned gassier gobbling second portion of seaside fish and chips (8)
- 20 Struggle getting female lecturer off the bottle (4)
- 21 Foot – put iodine on one, then see doctor (4)
- 23 Jock's flame's given a breather, needing uplift (8)
- 26 Slipped round when one's in, making calls? (5)
- 28 Like what's in some wines? Dispose of tin can (6)
- 29 Topping decoration I installed in terminal (6)
- 30 Scots lass has everyone turning? Shows what punters may go for, cobber! (8)
- 31 Jersey etc and other trimmed lines (5)
- 32 With wicket thus bats on freely – at Edgbaston? (5)
- 33 I cut art fashioned in rock with thin layers (12)

**AZED 2,403 Solution & notes**

1	P	O	S	T	W	A	R	S	I	A	M	B
10	H	I	E	D	A	N	O	I	N	T	E	R
13	A	L	A	N	G	J	S	T	H	O	L	I
14	S	C	B	K	N	E	E	H	O	L	E	S
15	M	A	R	T	E	L	L	E	O	I	E	E
16	I	K	E	A	R	L	I	N	P	L	A	Y
17	D	E	E	J	A	Y	P	V	S	Y	L	A
18	T	S	Z	A	P	B	P	E	E	W	I	T
19	E	W	E	C	H	E	E	S	E	H	E	A
20	F	A	R	C	I	A	D	S	L	I	N	G
21	A	L	L	I	A	N	C	E	S	T	O	A
22	L	E	N	O	H	S	I	L	V	E	R	N

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**Across** 1, fighting's ceased; 7, part in meter; 10, made tracks; 11, a lot of nard; 12, reedy grass; ref. Alan Partridge, TV character created by Steve Coogan; 14, low thigh; th(is) + anag.; 15, know heels; h in anag.; 17, tar mel; 19, not off pitch; 22, day gee; 27, wee pit; 28, ye choose; 29, sar fee; arc in if (rev.); 30, flings rocks; palling with s for pa; 31, bond between friends; nail (rev.) in ace; 32, Greek space; to in SA; 33, knee low; 34, vill cerne; anag. in Sn.

**Down** 1, fizz mad; anag. in PhD; 2, coy lake; 0 + anag. in i.e.; 3, breeze; 4, Ring ... staged; 5, lows ripped; piles (rev.) in roped; 6, meantime; 7, oon hips; h in anag.; 8, fight ... mixed; 9, zee bray; 13, belly jeans; je + anag.; 16, willy light; whit in anag.; 18, port ... Boney; birthplace of Bonaparte; 20, leaving home; a lie + nor; 21, Turk's dagger; 23, kin to Saul; see 1 Samuel 9, 1; 24, tub at sea; 25, fetal.

**AZED No. 2,403 prizewinners**
**SWALE ('Spoonerisms')**

**1 W. Drever** (Shekinah, 60 Beaks Hill Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham B38 8BY): Birch a lout with old-fashioned wicker lashes (*lurch about; w in sale*).

**2 T. C. Borland** (Cuckfield, West Sussex): Whacked traders might like promotion cut by week (*tract waders; w in sale*).

**3 J. C. Leyland** (Marsden): Bent Curragh Jockey leads to lost wager after stewards' enquiry (*Kent borough; anag. of first letters*).

**VHC** D. Appleton, M. Bath, Ms K. Bolton, C. A. Clarke, V. Dixon (Ireland), Dr I. S. Fletcher, G. I. L. Grafton, M. Hodgkin, J. P. Lester, M. Lloyd-Jones, E. Looby, B. Lovering, C. G. Millin, T. Rudd, J. R. Tozer, Mrs A. M. Walden, R. J. Whale.

**DOWN**

- 1 Special focus I see's involving wild harp seal study (12)
  - 2 Part of crab left for menial to consume (5)
  - 3 Famous initials artist added below representation of thug (6)
  - 4 The waste round middle of compost in an old pile (4)
  - 5 Native Americans hew seat with head of axe (8)
  - 6 Promissory note, a clue strangely involving dinar (6)
  - 7 King's old charioteer without a show of hesitation getting source of varnish (8, 2 words)
  - 8 Letters used in collaring featured in judge's sessions (5)
  - 9 Anglophone abroad, boy diving into river, sinking rapidly (12)
  - 11 Guards try holding first letter of password up (5)
  - 16 Jogger maybe to give up going round major route (8)
  - 17 Brothers of Helen and Diana, source mostly varied I'll follow (8)
  - 22 Language among urban Glaswegians (6)
  - 24 Type of bowling that's rife, arm free (5)
  - 25 It's true about one small number of legitimate descent (6)
  - 26 Derrick died before start of Azed, one departing life (5)
  - 27 Light helmet one left in position (5)
  - 29 Treasury falls if this creates names? (4)
- The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.*