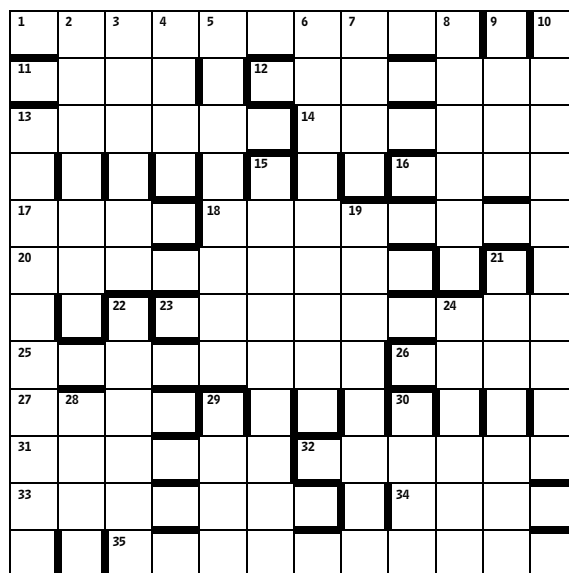


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### Across

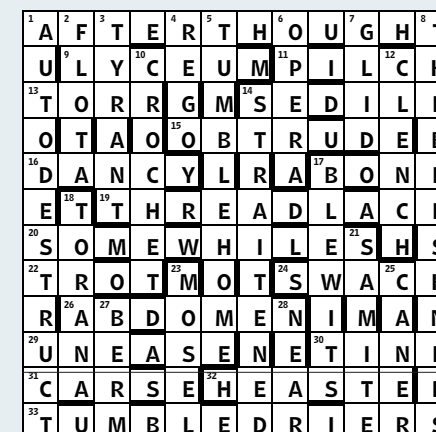
- 1 Who's involved in it? Cited Ken Hom (not English) (10)
- 11 Barrier, one that is removed – it's perishing! (4)
- 12 It fires stones, stray penetrating buttress (7)
- 13 I love being included in Cub Scouts – one of muster maybe? (6)
- 14 Former junior court official lives in Poona these days (6)
- 16 US bumpkin, honest – more than one's seen in closet once (4)
- 17 Highland joint, slice one's tucked into (4)
- 18 Counter-irritant? Miss pain when it's correctly applied (8)
- 20 Like volunteers in a caper with outstanding characters (9)
- 23 One unseating e.g. Herod rent him in pieces? (9)
- 25 One entering turn off embarrassed – it's unsuitable for regular traffic (8)
- 26 Dance, one in the White House years ago (4)
- 27 At the time of retiring certainly goes after secluded spot (4)
- 31 I sit out on fringes of party – I don't have many others to speak to (6)
- 32 Certificate: I'll leave one doctor sees to (6)
- 33 Dismisses pointed tool, we hear, for low gnarled tree (7)
- 34 Libido that's intrinsic to our genes (4)
- 35 What'll upset Rome re sins – a favourite theme of his? (10)

### Down

- 2 Copper one's dropped into muddy drain, losing it (7)
- 3 Small beer? Three in combination on the way (6)
- 4 Supply member of the force protecting queen (4)
- 5 Duffer stuck awkwardly the lady's clutching (8)
- 6 Plants devouring insects trapped in quivering sheen (9)
- 7 Onset of destruction with carpet bomber? (4)
- 8 Point out former impairment limiting lives (6)
- 9 Not enough to satisfy angler, caught in open kiddie (4)
- 10 Worry about botched remake, typical of supply-and-demand situation (10)
- 13 Discipline needed going round one small island, of little value to Uncle Sam (10)
- 15 Working at Tiber mud, British extracted old Roman bowl (9)
- 19 Anti-damp precaution that is not seen in Scots town, Jock's own (8)
- 21 Medley composed by gleeman (7)
- 22 Post-harvest features used up in steamer (6)
- 24 Strong winds from opposite quarters with rose buffeted between them (6)
- 28 Land owned unconditionally – and part of wood also (4)
- 29 South Africa invested in Arab banks (4)
- 30 Facility for sewers, openings for effluent they use inside (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.**

## Azed No. 2,550 solution & notes



**Across** 1, though in anag.; 16, nc in day; 17, b(e.g.)one; 26, anag. + omen; 32, east in HE (= His Eminence); 33, anag. in tumbler.

**Down** 1, auto + c in anag.; 5, anag. + ome(n); 8, t + hebe + Esk + seen (rev.); 14, trait in anag.; 23, comp. anag. & lit.; 25, i.e. 'Cana' (of Galilee); 28, n + ear; tight = miserly.

### Special announcement

We regret to announce that, until further notice, we are unable to offer prizes for solvers of the Azed weekly crosswords. The special monthly Azed clue-writing competitions are not affected and will continue as normal. Entry rules for these will appear as usual.