

## Azed No. 2,640 Plain

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### Across

- 2 Ultimate in rank assuming first place, a shocker (4)  
 6 Architectural support, one of five in school (7)  
 12 Edible fish, maigre churning mud with rain (10)  
 13 Worthless types, droll, made room for by broadcaster (6)  
 14 Male member featuring in coarse stuff (4)  
 16 Vest's half in form of linen, ginger (7)  
 17 Like some windows, crumbled, one on inside (9)  
 18 Piece of parchment, variable length? Old one (4)  
 20 Temporary account supplied with money, \$1,000 (6)  
 23 Mother recalled a Spanish broom, for instance (6)  
 24 Like RNVR, open to attacks fended off (4)  
 26 Go-betweens mend shirt badly (9)  
 28 E. Anglian birds fiddle with wings over the Atlantic (7)  
 30 Like Scottish chips, lightly fried, not English (4)  
 31 Severe colic suffered in the trenches in places (6)  
 32 Fine stringed instrument Ravi is playing, including type of jazz (10)  
 33 CID officer briefly about to examine accompaniment (7)  
 34 Being enthralled by housemistress, one won't be wholly detached (4)

### Down

- 1 Contest among varied rose beds made flat in a way (12)  
 3 Police officer that's lost her leg (4)  
 4 Bracelet Maria ordered with lines inscribed (7)  
 5 Is a bum term in vocab ... this possibly (from clerk)? (7)  
 7 Large salmon tavern served in country spot (7)  
 8 One interested in lumber once, grubby, but not if old (5)  
 9 Stale pud, still turning up, I swallowed (5)  
 10 Be subjected to officer commanding rude men being drilled (9, 2 words)  
 11 Sign yon sheep out? Result of counting them maybe (12)  
 15 Tea-time treat – creating intense shudder for Spooner? (9)  
 19 Mother busy in lav, post one drops? (7)  
 21 See one former Persian ruler leaving university in his royal headgear? (7)  
 22 Hacking suits oddly put on have shortened (7)  
 25 Outdated unit not fit for purpose in fuel (5)  
 27 Exodus signalling (with time) dispersal of the Raj (5)  
 29 Junk shop purchases any merchandise, all but earliest bits disposed of (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.**

## Azed No. 2,637 solution & notes

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**Across** 11, chee(k) in anag.; 15, 2 meanings; 20, t in pari-m(utuel); 22, ref. T. & Lyle, & hidden; 28, m in a bob; 33, y in anag.

**Down** 8, K + Emp.; 9, anag. incl. p; 10, R in mise + members; 25, anag. less anag.; 27, hidden; 29, me + s(it)e.

### Rules and requests

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