Azed No. 2,642 Plain - Competition Puzzle

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Across

- 1 German student returned to grind attending school (6)
- 6 Former skin disease like this envelops a leg (6)
- **11** Exercise position, one of healing abandoned by Tory (5)
- **12** King with prince exhibiting austerity? (5)
- **13** Continue spreading round mass, clearing waste rarely (9)
- 14 Grief forgotten in chasteness (4)
- 16 Non-speaking film star portrayed as twit in press (6)
- 17 Varying role involving activity of computers, idle (6)
- 18 Psychic unusually muddled yes/nos, right? (12)
- 19 A lord combining with chapter 'promoted' church (12)
- 23 Artist muses, what one might call a bit down in the mouth (6)
- 25 Ultimate in protection *caeli* dispatched for Rome? (6)
- 28 Pipe spelt with little p (4)
- **29** Foreign agent in committee with gallery confronting king (9)
- **30** E. European region, region I adopt in part (5)
- **31** Large predator accounting for duck on Scottish island (5)
- **32** Engraving maybe daughter posted in Scotland (6)
- **33** Judge taking amusement after retiring in private room (6)

Down

- 1 Tables converted in home protecting e.g. northerner (6)
- 2 Tree moss from New England in its native environment (5)
- 3 Magician's instrument art's in waving one (9)
- 4 Root layers, twisted, old, with endless imbalance (6)
- **5** Grand family manager employs ten mostly in grand family historically (12)
- *6 By oneself (12)
- 7 Chief magistrate with a bow receiving Henry, note (6)
- 8 Substance, hard, found at bottom of mine (4)
- 9 Silly sentimentality's ultimate in piffle (5)
- **10** Stubborn American making tracks after arrangement for Reno (6)
- 15 Novella that is distinguished by blue ribbon in shop (9)
- **19** Abstract pictures, daubed, central couple disposed of (6)
- **20** Turkey stuffing denoting rear end of body cavity (6)
- 21 E.g. bone is crushed for potter's paste (6)
- 22 Mite unpacked present in course of Christmas, getting up (6)
- 24 Fragment of ancient poetry's measure, stirring (5)
- 26 Old swindler regarding set up (5)
- 27 No longer observe special rule book (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,639 solution & notes

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Across 1, c + anag. + cross; 10, cf. a porcine; 14, l an in gaga; 18, hidden rev.; 23, co(t) ho(t); 31, pota(to) (rev.); 33, anag. in sweered. Down 2, retro (rev.) in anag.; 3, crout(on); 4, (c)hippie; 12, ref. periodic table; 24, t + empt(y).

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. 2,642, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 GWX. Entries should be received by Monday week at the latest. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only). Emailed entries from overseas will be accepted, addressed to jcrowther 2000@hotmail.com £35, £30, £25 prizes and Azed bookplates for the three clues judged best. The Azed slip, containing details of successful competition entries and Azed's comments, is available on subscription at £16 a year. Cheques, payable to the Azed Slip, should be sent to The Azed Slip, Coombe Farm, Awbridge, Romsey SO51 OHN. To receive a sample slip, please send an sae to this address.

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