

## Azed No. 2,673 Plain

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### Across

- 1 Papery fabric used in soft apparel (5)
- 6 Hunting dog? Much older one in sport (7)
- 11 Welcoming King Emperor chorus sung badly? This was natural cleanser (12, 2 words)
- 12 Lines penned in excited promo for spicy fish titbit (7)
- 14 Bluff that's most ingenious separated from rest (5)
- 15 Betrayers of others' sexual preferences? They're some way from target's centre (6)
- 17 Treat to sexual advances? Husband replacing second can (7, 2 words)
- 18 Old suckers and weeds (5)
- 19 Operating illegally, making head of police furious (6)
- 20 Poet's array, No. 1 for reader held in palm (6)
- 23 Scotsman's pants, little height in the legs (5)
- 25 Shorten rewritten poetic lament for the dead (7)
- 27 Processed ham, tinned, not tough – one bought to do the job? (6)
- 29 Rock at sea, ever avoided one by one (5)
- 30 Coal tar compound – there's nothing left inside fish (7)
- 31 Development of bodily fibres that'll flex energies on us (12)
- 32 Like crude style of pop, lively, catching current fashion (7)
- 33 Dance that's touching when grasped by little chap (5)

### Down

- 2 Regarding after-effect of stimulus I cut almost all alcohol out (10)
- 3 Hummel overseas providing bit of elegance in ringtone (5)
- 4 Sweet-smelling powder, once an advantage when sex is involved (6)
- 5 Casks pouring out stream (6)
- 6 Implant one inserted in reverse of strong horse above bone (7)
- 7 Taste displayed in excellent fur's pattern (6)
- 8 Dog catching rodent? One or the other up north (6)
- 9 Unprocessed rubber, tinge including a dash of latex (4)
- 10 She isn't unusually special – it won't be featured inter alia (8)
- 13 What growing gymnosperms show, decay, hard, in mantles (10)
- 16 Savage article, namely one forming leader (8)
- 19 Versatile opener? Grandmaster dispenses with his first around start of event (7)
- 21 Obstacle bound to occur in impure morals (6)
- 22 Watch of traditional design, one scaling heights? (6)
- 23 Ancient rustic, anonymous, taken in plague (6)
- 24 Beetle diner found consuming bit of lettuce (6)
- 26 Secret union (5)
- 28 Parisian landmark? It was grand as part of artistic education (4)

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

## Azed No. 2,670 solution & notes

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**Across** 15, naked in soil; 25, comp. anag.; 29, all in anag.; 32, ref. Paula Rego (1935-2022), Portuguese-British painter; 35, Sam. + a.

**Down** 3, L in (s)upine; 8, r in agee; 20, har(d)ness; 22, tell as (rev.); 24, Cleo + me(n); ref. comedy film, *Carry On, Cleo*; 26, comp. anag. & lit.; Singh, common Sikh name; 30, (bill and) coo + m.

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