

## Azed No. 2,693 - Plain

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### Across

- 1 Plays out time once arranged (6)  
 6 Girl had briefly excited males (6)  
 11 Red-flowered tree the rain battered around year's turning (9)  
 12 Close-cropped number, excessive (4)  
 13 Without involving iodine shield old joint (5)  
 14 Fool's invention is holding together tip come adrift (9)  
 15 Such as Derrick making contribution to horological repairs? (7)  
 18 Mirror that is framing periodical (5)  
 21 Old Dobbin with a touch of tussis? Vet may prescribe this (6)  
 22 One third of eglise its vicar assured (6)  
 23 Swarm maybe circling island that's most local (5)  
 25 Place to set a trap – gunners (especially Scots) endure (7)  
 28 One puffing away on a last bit of bowl, fragrant stuff (9)  
 29 Club for golfers in Argentine? (5, 3 words)  
 30 Small amount of money, very small, last in purse (4)  
 31 Hide peels untidily in blotches (9)  
 32 End of beer in bar? It makes one go without perhaps (6)  
 33 To build on, lop off stone strip (6)

### Down

- 1 I.e. Hyman's lingo, tortured? I moan this maybe (8)  
 2 Type of millet fancy women love (5)  
 3 Left municipality on the way up, far from critical (5)  
 4 I'm captivated by lilting rhymes, sparkling (8)  
 5 Edible lichen, mature, used to stuff three cod cooked (12, 3 words)  
 6 Lives in wretched place, celebrated, embittered (12)  
 7 One under prayer wall in frenzy (5)  
 8 Conveyance, half to do with the kitchen, we'll collect in the vestibule (7)  
 9 Emerges as is not seen in form of isosceles (7)  
 10 Pip displaying depression when book opens (4)  
 16 Part of kitchen furniture maybe displaying slipper (8)  
 17 As in Rome when going round street diverted à l'outrance conveys what's this? (8)  
 19 People will accept a tax rising with time – it's within scale (7)  
 20 Gas shortage causing wild panic among drivers (7)  
 24 One looking ahead around start of Diwali for ceremonial meal etc (5)  
 26 What covers 'eifer in compound? (5)  
 27 West Indian is hanging around for boundary (5)  
 28 No cons here giving cheers? It's banned (4)

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

## Azed No. 2,690 solution & notes

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15	P	R	A	U	H	R	P	R	E	D	I
17	L	A	T	T	I	C	I	N	O	O	T
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19	B	A	T	W	I	N	G	S	L	E	E
21	L	U	R	K	C	F	S	S	T	O	P
22	I	R	O	E	L	E	T	T	E	R	E
23	G	I	O	C	O	S	O	O	S	O	D
24	H	E	P	C	A	T	N	O	S	E	R
25	T	N	S	O	S	S	E	L	E	T	O

**Across** 13, (cham)pak + a poo; 15, RA (Rear Admiral) in up (rev.); 22, grim(ace); 25, R in luk(e); 26, i.e. top E's; 29, let + r in teres; 33, O dea(r); 35, e in anag. & lit.  
**Down** 1, pa (rev.) + pleb + light; 2, vara(n); 6, torc(here); 7, see skew²; 11, (r)ela-tive; 21, anag. in ale; see October; 27, p + E + r in do; 31, (f)reak.

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