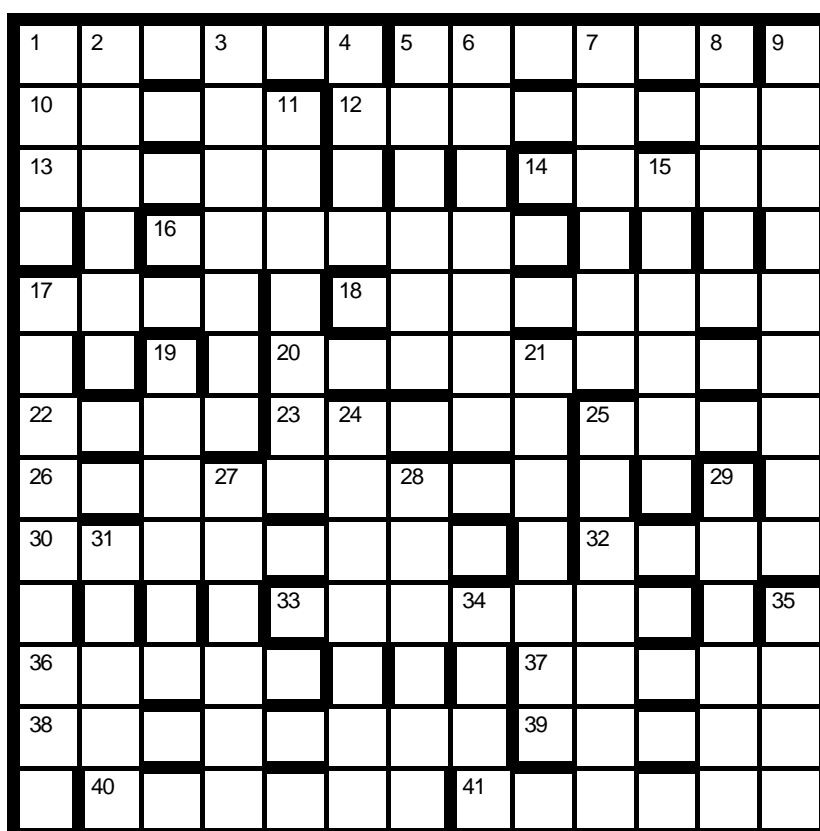


## Azed at 2,500 - Deza Vu by DRC

This plain puzzle features eight of my favourite prizewinning clues from 48 years of Azed competitions, as well as a 1994 clue from Azed which shows him on top form. The rest of the clues are mine, and include guest appearances from a slight variation on the entry which scored my first ever HC (in 2008) and a later competition clue which was returned to me by Azed - much to my chagrin - with a typo circled in red ink!

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### Across

- 1 Gets game in Perth, scoring runs (6)
- 5 Knight leaving lake with old blade (6)
- 10 Together with 36, wore smiles *far* from regularly? (5)
- 12 Curry house has one? (8)
- 13 Water that is engulfing number at rear of vessel (5)
- 14 Grand stuff, grub (5)
- 16 Left spread lies about welcoming Conservative condemnation (7)
- 17 Stokes associated with fine effort (4)
- 18 Take the lead in Cinderella, playing girl who works in rags (8)
- 20 Marlborough's second crusher in conclusive quartet of victories (9)

- 22 It's long, not finished by November (4)
- 23 'ow Dick Turpin left 'is victims to fret? (5)
- 25 My letters could make lad sad (4)
- 26 Being otherwise, Albert's swallowed 'ole (9)
- 30 Samson's love for Delilah perhaps closer to lust in coarse song (8)
- 32 Call for postman's extreme care when passing horse in van (4)
- 33 Harry returning most of money sunk into estate (7)
- 36 What's suggested by Kop end ever so unhappy with Merseysiders' front three? (5)
- 37 Animal horn in short supply (5)
- 38 Names I must jot endlessly (8)
- 39 Crossword setter from Oxford Times fails to intimidate (5)
- 40 Frank Sinatra's life changed but strife developed (6)
- 41 Things tense? Do nothing except AZ puzzle! (6)

**Down**

- 1 To stop pressure on ear building up, chew and swallow when climbing (4)
- 2 Riley Elf originally moved in a mysterious way (6)
- 3 Given unconventionally for Jack's head (7)
- 4 Old blighter's thrown off Pop Idol (4)
- 5 Drug a Romeo's used to stop recurrent 'male trouble' (6)
- 6 It briefly can aid upset stomachs? (7)
- 7 Boy band with no end of adolescent support (6)
- 8 Imagine most firm blows echo (5)
- 9 Ingenuity department led by enemy of Capone (A) showed (9)
- 11 United tick right boxes with regard to towering defender (7)
- 15 Connected with opening addition to café, provided lift (6)
- 17 The dodderly can't shy me! (9)
- 19 Pasty recipe incorporating minute caterpillar (6)
- 21 Drive well at Troon after turning downwind (7)
- 24 Navy avoiding smuggled rum - in essence (7)
- 25 Fifty, including the odd boundary (7)
- 27 Not so much about English going north as in a different direction to Scots (6)
- 28 Garbo in Sydney: Oz resident wasting time after heading for Brisbane (6)
- 29 Disreputable house with new wing where setter's found? (6)
- 31 Torquemada, say, promoting auto-da-fés initially for the smallest things (5)
- 34 Vulcan wanting power hammer (4)
- 35 Stump either side of middle (4)