

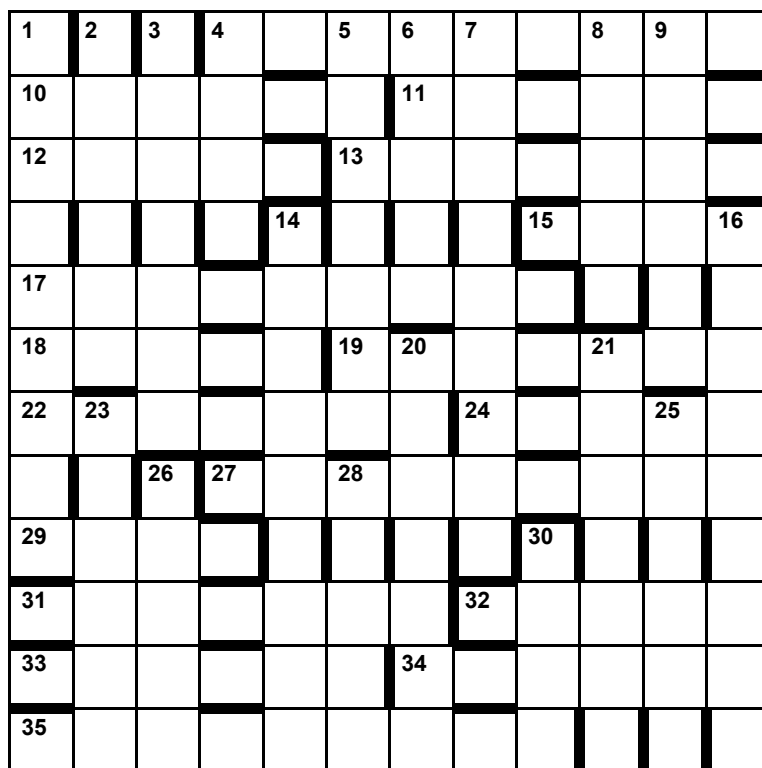
Azed No. 2,764 - Plain

Across

- 4 Unlike china clay spread around post feast (9)
 10 How surprising, concert recalled an enormous butterfly! (6)
 11 Sickly-looking child, in small poster (6, 2 words)
 12 One entering US college dance with mixed competitors (5)
 13 Work that stands out to be situated in surplus returned (7)
 15 Old hamper revealing personal piece? (4)
 17 I can't wait for the denouement, fear opening 50% of powers? (9)
 18 Constant charity is soothing (5)
 19 One's left things, tons beside property (7)
 22 Translator translated English poet for the crown? (7)
 24 Dye incorporated in blue ribbon? (5)
 27 One piece isn't for us – spare seat needs adjusting (9)
 29 Spread wherein nobleman throws rave (4)
 31 Char in college less profitable (7)
 32 Poet's cut dirge in pieces (5)
 33 A number we'll interrupt at intervals as of old (6)
 34 Fan being out of order interrupts heat for house-warming (6)
 35 She wrote verses having assumed attitude round wild trees (9)

Down

- 1 Masonry filled with rubble? Meet clump mixed up (9)
 2 Church chandelier, straw one with ring within (6)
 3 Sound like cushats, oddly colored (7)
 4 Lose control, strikes on the up (4)



- 5 Fine pasta, at being swallowed emphatically (7)
 6 Rough cloth we'll spread out to dry (5)
 7 Paddy with artist imbibing ales drunkenly in gym (9)
 8 Tons included in clan was staggering (5)
 9 Jock's staggered having turn off after middle of Aintree (6)
 14 Cowboy maybe in group of three entering river abroad (9)
 16 Controlled intake, mixed, I detest, but he tucked in (9, 2 words)
 20 Gentleman covering up heath plant (7)
 21 Insect suckers: one may be observed in e.g. emmet lair (7)
 23 Famous crossing, part of visitatorial tour (6)
 25 Sort of blonde, object arrived at in more than half yellowish white (6)
 26 Mostly fine yarn in old pot (5)
 28 One of Faraday's discoveries captured in photograph en effet (5)
 30 Fish, such as may infect sheep with end of cuticle (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2016) is recommended.

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Across 16, anag. + 1 on; 24, ac + table; 28, pi in elate; 29, ref. seven ages of man.

Down 5, sv yard; 7, anag. in anag.; 9, gru(ng)e; 17, ot for h in schism; 22, lep in sec (rev.); 25, craw(ling).

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