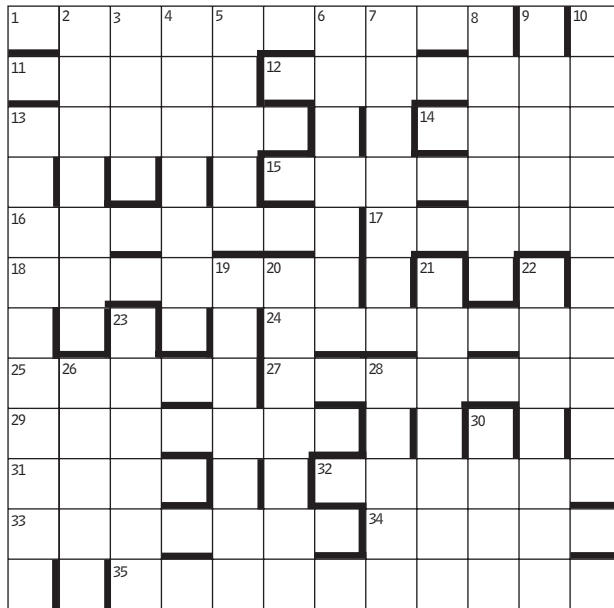


AZED No. 2,148 Plain COMPETITION PUZZLE



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ACROSS

- 1 Twits we maltreated in quarrel? It's difficult to say (10)
- 11 What'll start cancer of the mouth returning? A cigar (5)
- 12 Coal fires may generate small fluid bits of slag like this (7)
- 13 Her embroidered jacket girl displayed – see gold lining from rear (6)
- 14 Pilot opposed to diminution of navy (4)
- 15 My nest is large (depending) though it's quiet inside (7)
- 16 51 and old-looking? Able to get away – a good chap at a party (7)
- 17 A dash of milk in tea? That's the idea (5)
- 18 They're (excessively?) liberal, last to be worried about boundary set back (7)
- 24 Ceanothus to procure through Amazon? Send it back (7)
- 25 Ponder this at large – it could create bane with torpedo? (5)
- 27 Contracts are horrifying with the writer behind time (7)
- 29 Penny, old one being eclipsed by (relatively) new (7, 2 words)
- 31 Scotch presently had victory back up against English (4)
- 32 With a good lather? Not so one's rolling in tub, the indirect way (6)
- 33 Slight cut during diabetic's medication (7)
- 34 Shrew, irritable and cross (5)
- 35 High retro flat, needs changing inside (10)

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C	H	O	P	S	O	C	K	Y	G	A	T
A	O	S	E	P	R	A	E	S	E	P	E
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L	A	L	A	R	E	C	H	O	U	G	H
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P	A	T	A	G	I	A	L	L	E	S	S
H	N	E	R	E	C	Y	C	L	A	T	E

Across 1, hops in cocky; ref. martial arts film star; 13, an in bee; 14, clot in th(at); 15, i.e. f on t = ft; ref. fountain beloved of the Muses, poetic feet; 19, mat is in drat; ref. Noel C.; 23, eme an in dour; 27, blur; ref. rock group; 28, i.e. links (G.) = left; 29, comp. anag. less t; 32, Mores (co.); 33, a tag in pal; 34, talcy (rev.) in rece (l've).

Down 2, ace (rev.) in hoke (qv); 2, E in p (= penny) so, & lit.; 5, c + 0 in ABC; 7, anag. + lere; 9, t(h)e + anag. of the; 10, I in a mill's (rev.) + anag.; 17, Fr. + anag.; 20, I in morgay; 22, r in anag.; 24, comp. anag. less w; 25, s + lvan (the Terrible); 26, I in Manc; 30, hidden rev.

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. 2,148**, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should be postmarked no later than Saturday. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only). £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

DOWN

- 2 Concerning estate owned outright, a look on face says it all! (7)
- 3 United involved in contest defeat Celtic (4)
- 4 Part-exchange, 50% of deal going into process (7)
- 5 Wife must have e.g. Aga, getting spliced? (5)
- 6 Exchange old recipe used in cheap stew, special part of meal (7)
- 7 No longer relished receiving ball – like one treated to bumper? (7)
- 8 One in grip of retro, going wild? (6)
- 9 I am attached to pagan deity – or was (5)
- 10 Reworked epics that'll include new limerick typically? (10)
- *13 Customs union (10)
- 19 Aussie bird displaying sexiness – I recount being entrapped by that (7)
- 20 Route artist's taken in varying tints (7)
- 21 One form of deception within another? That should help you get a grip (7)
- 22 What spinner does, form of dismissal changing a test (7)
- 23 Finish making incision in part of face affected by rhinophyma? (6)
- 26 Hill maybe getting e.g. Jack warm? (5)
- 28 Land in France and Germany once in equilibrium? (5)
- 30 Dark plain? That of Flanders was spoken ill of (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended.