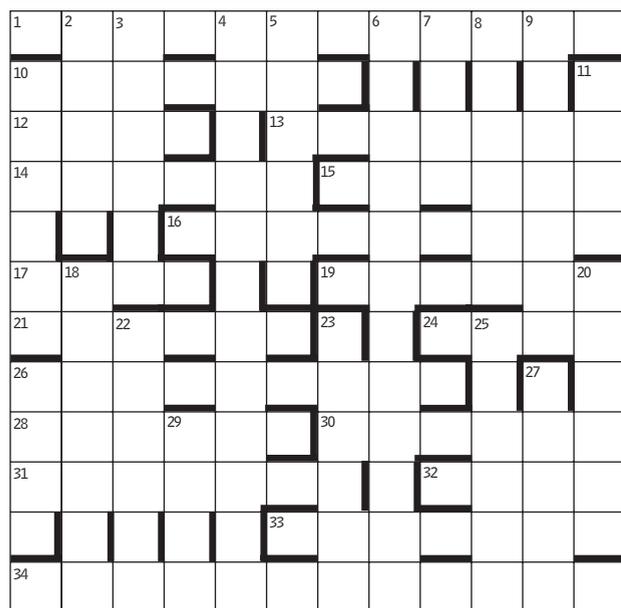


AZED No. 2,222 Plain COMPETITION PUZZLE



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ACROSS

- *1 Salutory warning (12, 2 words)
 10 Sketch Queen among unruly corgis? Not good (7)
 12 What Scot's to do, making his hollow with end of pick? (4)
 13 They've special privileges, returning lake in boggy ground (7)
 14 'Amber tincture' getting a solicitor half cut? (6)
 15 Men in cast possibly (6)
 16 Grass as fodder like veg (nip off) in leaf (9)
 17 Who'll render France lawful when it strays? (4)
 19 In Mideast one duly made to suffer barbaric punishment (6)
 21 If with mean scraps ... you may have got this (6)
 24 Small portion in Scotland? South denied something similar (4)
 26 At least four cups once cursed that'll need polishing (9)
 28 Opera star making comeback by way of protein (6)
 30 American anger once over online depository for world news (6)
 31 Suffering that boy's held in, a paragon of good behaviour (7)
 32 Following greeting Top of the Pops? (4)
 33 Let out in prison, one walks tall (7)
 34 Crepes hornet spoilt – it's beneath the crust (12)

AZED 2,219 Solution & notes

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Across 12, b in Mira; 14, geck(o); 16, a in or thin; 19, op in mers (Fr. = seas); 24, CE rule; 27, s crutiny; 29, bar K (rev.); 32, at + lier in es (Fr. 2nd person sing., pres tense of être); 33, AZ for one in honey.

Down 1, m in a bomb in ZA; 2, fris(son); 3, if (rev.) + anag.; 6, (s)almon + d; 8, Ed in hey; 9, enc. aval + l + re (rev.); 17, ran in coach; 18, anag. in sny; 20, pent lt. l; 24, 'conquer'; ref. William I, Richmal Crompton's William Brown, and game of conkers.

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DOWN

- 2 Old sword as goad, end of weapon going in (5)
 3 Grain hostilities? Combine mostly limits that (6)
 4 Lorry of a kind? Short answer: one that's gained access (12)
 5 Fans of sport, lives belonging to it when brought up (6)
 6 Court unusually dividing river vessel, being responsible for performance (12)
 7 Group capturing hearts, once close (4)
 8 Pacific islander with nothing sheltered in rain tree (6)
 9 Recover from being pale, entering form of therapy (7)
 10 Irritation for old poet – he's taken in by clown using dialect words (6)
 11 Being so makes car drive off, instinctively (4, 2 words)
 18 Disguised, travel round Austria in a mask (7)
 20 Spectator's left entranced by grand exterior (6)
 22 Circulation of survey, say, Liberal one in general (6)
 23 Resorts which anyone can go to in southern country (6)
 25 Worried about genetic identifier attached to another organ (6)
 26 Spiritual father, last to take lead in a hostelry (4)
 27 Snack between meals, always with a slice of bacon on (5)
 29 Reynard's tail behind, brushlike? (4)