## AZED No.1,810 'New Year Resolutions' COMPETITION PUZZLE



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This being the time of year when new year resolutions can start to crumble, Azed has decided to share his own list with solvers and invite them to make their own contributions to it. With the exception of 16, 17,
19 Across each clue represents a resolution consisting of both a definition (one or more words) and a mixture of the letters (beginning at the beginning or ending at the end of a word in the clue) of the three answers as indicated (in the correct order). Both indications of the first answer precede both indications of the second, etc. In each case either the definition or the letter-mixture may come first.
Competitors should submit with their entries a new year resolution of their own in the same style to replace the asterisked definitions at 16,

## 17, 19 Across.

## ACROSS

1,6,10 I must smarten up my dodgy condenser and such other of the car's parts not quite fit to junk, so that my wife won't bemoan tearfully what causes those appalling 'runs' $(7,5,9$ )
11, 12, 13 Make down payment on swimming lessons as relative beginner needing encouragement: a late bather, I gasp exactly like a distressed dugong! (5,7,6)
*16,17,19 Run fast (4); show-off (6); bird-trainer (9)
21,24, 26 Join 'Grow It', aid circle with e.g. accent on developing titration as means to wear down barrenness of soil since of old $(9,6,4)$
29,30,31 Cut down on fodder (replacing cake with a tea egg salad, say) and take note of what the ascetic imparts to pupils - could Scotch give way to TocH drink? $(6,7,5)$
32,33,34 Join a choir, enlisting in an activity 'of the people', old-fashioned but not yet dead, one pa has heard of (usefultip) $(9,5,7)$

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## RULES AND REOUESTS

Send solution and triple clue as indicated (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to Azed No. 1,810, 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 at $£ 13$ a year for 13 issues ( $£ 16$ for overseas subscribers). Cheques payable to the Azed Slip, should be sent to The Azed Slip, Coombe Farm, Awbridge, Romsey SO51 OHN. To receive a sample slip, please send an sae to this address.

Across 10, a tar + axia(I); 12 zeab all in sile; 15, tad (rev.) in sue; 17, ref. low-calorie loaf; 26, alas in DI; 28, PE in'ung; $30, f+$ at wa( $r$ ); 33 , ng ton all in wee digs
Down 2, alternate letters in anag.; 3, anag. in bore; 5 , gean in exit; 6 , riz (qv) + A; 7, p + earl(OBE), \& lit.; 3rd prizewinning clue by M. Barley in Azed No. 1,554; 8, comp. anag.; 11, (b)reede(r); 16 , i.e. $s$ and ling; $18, k(1$ 'd) in prance (n); 23, a in lines; 27, swan(son)g; 29, (Du)blin(er).

## AZED No. 1,807 Prizewinners

1 Stephen Best, Nottingham
2 Graham Billing, Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire
3Mrs M. Bootle, Aldborough, N. Yorks

## DOWN

1,2,3 Switch to digital: interference on old system has shown steady increase in the past year, until carrying on with it has become a delusion, an affliction in the air, a lamentation! $(5,9,7)$ 4, 5, 6 Improve my reading - not to be imprisoned by pulp is end I seek - i.e. start giving e.g. Aristotle another go, or any author who shows me how not to duck life's major issues (6, 9, 4) 7, 8, 9 Rejoin the ordinary local dramatic society, i.e. return to make another bow (or two) in becoming minor player for current production of My Lady's Mount $(6,5,7)$
14, 15, 18 Achieve linguistic expansion (learn new language), steepish in view of my hang-up to understand form of Chinese or modified version of some dead patois $(9,9,7)$
20,22,23 Set clear limit on sugar (saccharine better) in the nursery, and cheer children up by pressing into service that old telly I had abandoned ( $7,6,6$ ) $25,27,28$ Get the cat treated: he terrorizes all the mogs in the area with his stupendous 'physique' and keeps getting booted out of neighbours' posh dos $(5,5,4)$

The Chambers Dictionary (2003) is recommended.

