AZED No. 1,818 '5 Down' COMPETITION PUZZLE

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Some across clues are abnormal. Competitors should complete the grid and submit with their solutions a cryptic clue to **14** (which must be deduced) reflecting this abnormality.

ACROSS

- **1** OK south coast resort, except for outsiders (7)
- 6 Old roué involved in minor affairs (4)
- 11 Crowd noise with switching of halves, having no match at lbrox? (4)
- **13** Dim backs seem half lost passing (6)
- 14 See preamble.
- 15 Lapwing, parts of very pale colouring interchanged (6)
- 16 Collected myths etc endlessly tacked on from the end (4)
- 17 Perverted oicks running wild (5)
- 19 Snouts like this I spotted stuck into cooked sole (8)
- 24 A bit of broccoli, say, not so tall in feet (8)
- 26 Place of worship shedding luminance in lovely spot (5)
- **27** Burn to analyse by the sound of it (4)
- 29 Spirit dad displayed after nasty blow? (6)
- **31** Being spoilt, fed on glace, 'Alaska' inside, a light sweet confection (13)
- **32** Rodent mucking about in a rut (6)
- **33** Depression that's advanced (his second) dispelled by famous physician (4)
- **34** It's steep in the Cairngorms, but one returns after having succeeded (4)
- **35** Mass of water enters prospector's trough turning groove in machine (7)

AZED 1,815 Solution & notes

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RULES AND REQUESTS

Send solution and clue as indicated (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to Azed No. 1.818, 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 8, suggesting low-calorie soda; 11, 'odour' + toil + anag.; 15, sv. con'; 17, o' r l on; 21, E in anag., & lit; 24, pen for v in over; 29, sv. rock salmon; 30, anag. in rue; 31, tap = taproom; 32, a r(0)sy; 33, hidden rev.

Down 2, A1 in pocke(t); 7, M + I don; 9, cf mite; 14, Acer I all in age; ref. maple syrup; 22, OC cur(e); 25, n + elbo(w) (rev.); 28, v for n in June.

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DOWN

- 1 Food Sean's PR ordered (Bond lacking coherence) (11, 3 words)
- 2 Foul regicide concealing identity in flight once (6)
- **3** Reverse of animated about bit of salted tripe (4)
- 4 Player is unconventional with boot (6)
- 6 Second attempt made by revolutionary circle? (4)
- 7 What Yanks are taught to remember, right, low in spirits? (7)
- 8 Chestnut saved (stiff coating removed) in autumn (6)
- 9 US private exchanging sections in plans? (5)
- 10 Girl pursued by old 'uncle' in hollow relaxation (11)
- 12 Spicy sandwiches half cut from spit-roasting machine (5)
- 18 Thus to smother a thing sprinkles the oil and vinegar (7)
- 20 Jock's lazy, energy put into raising of his pants (6)
- 21 Struggled getting roast out of one oven into another (6)
- 22 Skewer English man round head of pike (6)
- 23 Page in account sounded old-fashioned (5)
- **25** PC operating system, one given up in '59 (5)
- **28** Honky, always following on (4)
- 30 Like the Ancient Mariner, memorably, adjusting yard (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2003) is recommended. The spelling of the second word in **17** is given in the SOED.