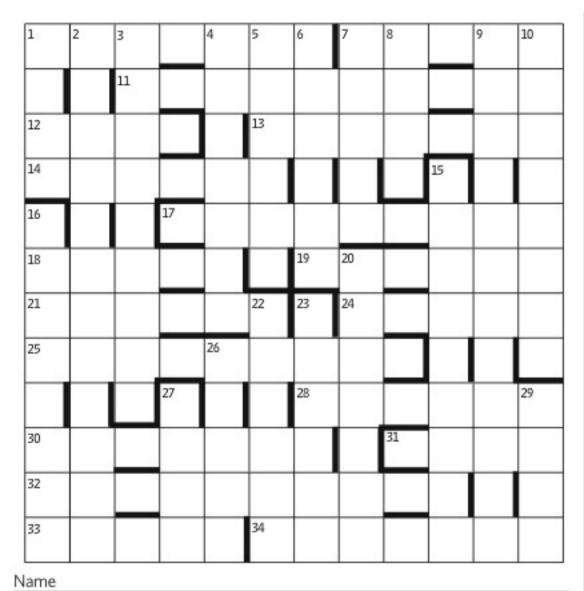
AZED No. 1,823 Plain COMPETITION PUZZLE



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ACROSS

- 1 Take hubby but not by undoing wedding contract (7)
- 7 'Free' estates likewise historically including reverse of same (5)
- 11 Edible seaweed, hardy one I'm stewing (10)
- 12 Greatly amuse one taken in by cunning (4)
- 13 Upper mine layer always enveloped in a clod crumbled (7)
- 14 Very well off, Ed disposed of currency in Tajikistan (6)
- 17 Music Neil arranged, trivial, generally frowned upon (9)
- 18 In line with a way in (excluding railway) (5)
- 19 Sister securing bib entangled underdeveloped ear (6)
- 21 Joints tire badly in grip of chronic bone disease (6)
- 24 Oil pa's to brush on with this (5)
- 25 Descriptive of a particular muscle that's near bum (9)
- 28 SA lights, black in origin (6)
- 30 Pastry mould to fasten round minced lamb (7)
- 31 Good base for bloom? (4)
- 32 One running errands in Asian country for tropical plants (10)
- 33 Result of tickle experienced round end of nose? (5)
- 34 Medium within which bard's unleashed what's (for him) created in passion (7)

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RULES AND REQUESTS

Send solution and clue to replace definition asterisked (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to Azed No. 1,823, 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 1, DSO in Beck's (popular US beer); 7, alternate letters; 11, enrob(e) (rev.); 14, ant + anag.; 18, anag. in il(l); 19, crus(her) (qv); 29, comp. anag.; 31, tide (rev.) in expo + RS.

Down 1, b oba; 2, (Umberto) Eco + anag.; 4, plan in anag.; 7, anag. in tot; 8, (p)atina (rev.); 9, ras + s in case; 13, bit + Minou (Fr. = pussy-cat) in US; 16, gang(liar); 17, r in gul(a); 21, E + anag.; 27, (can)tata, 'be seeing you' = 'goodbye'.

AZED No. 1,820 Prizewinners

1 Bill Duffin, Cottingham, E. Yorkshire 2 Judy Hume, Preston, Lancs 3 John Lenthall, Chesterfield, Derbyshire

DOWN

- *1 Touch lightly (4)
- 2 The finer lion, ill, displaying what restricts mane? (12)
- 3 Gym machine, vehicle almost all treated as favourite (9)
- 4 It's found in limited copper ore (7)
- 5 Composer (Richard) lacking measure to provide computer extras (6)
- 6 Transparent stuff any child can turn out, extruding CD (6)
- 7 Lowly squire e.g. mum brought up (5)
- 8 Lustful fellow displaying some subtle charms (4)
- 9 Help rising jazz great, first to last, in sound required for calling (12, 2 words)
- 10 Offensive breaching stone square bits of fortification (8)
- 15 Rub cat with oil vigorously, dealing with intestinal parasite? (9)
- 16 Sea cow maybe identified by homo sapiens? (8)
- 20 Irregular noun unruly youth overlooked (7)
- 22 There's glamour in one asked for late-night kiss or valediction! (6)
- 23 Whistle-blower interrupting meal that's off-limits for Jewish diners (6)
- 26 Saw bill grow with time? (5)
- 27 Wader in the same place on small island (4)
- 29 Hick no longer serious about wicket (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2003) is recommended. It does not give one (slightly obscure) literary proper name, and 32 appears in italics at the entry for its first element.