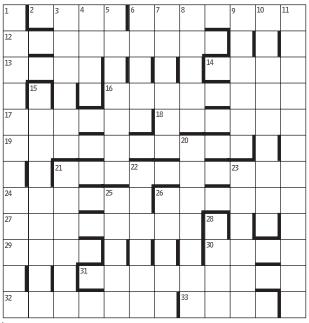
AZED No. 1,971 Plain COMPETITION PUZZLE



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ACROSS

- 2 Jack follows Jack in old-fashioned (traditional?) music (4)
- **6** Society flirt, one of irresistible charm (7)
- 12 Wherein one may find Usain Bolt after a dash? (9)
- 13 Get working smoothly, for this makes a lot of money (4)
- **14** Clever thing to do with drumsticks in old-style pancake (4)
- 16 You'll see us in whites tailored like this (8)
- 17 Tore frantically round Church in clerical vestment (6)
- **18** Part of Arden recently in recession troubled Shakespearean (6)
- **19** Getting squiffy in guessing game, ruler following crazy fancies (10)
- 21 This flower disguised server at e.g. Wheeler's? (10)
- 24 Fern managed after setback to make love (6)
- **26** Rousseau's work-place, whence French an' little English emerges (6)
- **27** Awkward blows, ballot box indicating delayed but strong response (8)
- 29 Engagement above one's level, one hears? (4)
- 30 Heads of leaders in Diamond Stakes showing blinkers (4)
- **31** Moving tale about ancient glow, northern, revealing disembodied spirit (9)
- **32** Being in a heap that's suspended (7)
- 33 Lower house constantly falling short (4)

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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. 1.971, 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. For much more information on the Azed Slip, visit www.andlit.org.uk

Across 1,1+RM+anag. all in vein; 11, X in yes (rev.); 12,1 do all in ochre; 14, loca(tion) (rev.); 17, sv Basque; AR in anag.; 20, anag. less in; 23, PT+gyre (rev.)+anag.; 26, i.e. Ivor N(ovello, one-time lover of Siegfried Sassoon) in lo; 21, to (qv)+ad; 34, 'ducked'; 35, i.e. dis-tressed

Down 2, anag. in vice; 3, Exe + c; 4, sv ryepeck; 5, a loom (rev.); 8, ref. 'Let them eat cake'; 10, anag. in sent; 13, hem I set all in etc (rev.); 15, ruelles in ct; 22, anag. & 2 meanings; 24, = false dice; 30, sued (rev.).

AZED No. 1,968 Prizewinners

1 Anne Bishop, Leighton Buzzard 2 Mike Lunan, Thurso 3 L.J.&M. Cartlidge, Dorking, Surrey

DOWN

- *1 Skill at rowing (12)
- **3** A pound coin, mixed alloy (6)
- 4 Something in the pudding supplied by creator of Adrian M? (4)
- 5 Old gold or silver coins: ceremonial rupees (7)
- 6 The old sounded dejected a great deal (5)
- **7** Copper-lined imitation bark basket (6)
- 8 Umbellifer growing wild in Siena (5)
- **9** Echo lingers in part, sinking (6)
- **10** Scraping away seed in rising weed (9)
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- 11 Silly me reed's broken in a way that can't be mended (12)
- **15** Double lavatory shag-pile carpet kept half cut (9)
- **20** Ceramic pigment touching in Rodin's creation? (7)
- 21 Ferry almost stuck in bog, iced up as before (6)
- 22 Taking the sacrament, custom in what's endlessly sacred (6)
- 23 In Wisconsin, an animal trap for large deer (6)
- 25 English within solidi half erased? We may refer to footnotes (5)
- 26 Department of hydromechanics in RAF base? (5)
- 28 Bone found regularly in Dublin Bay (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2008) is recommended.