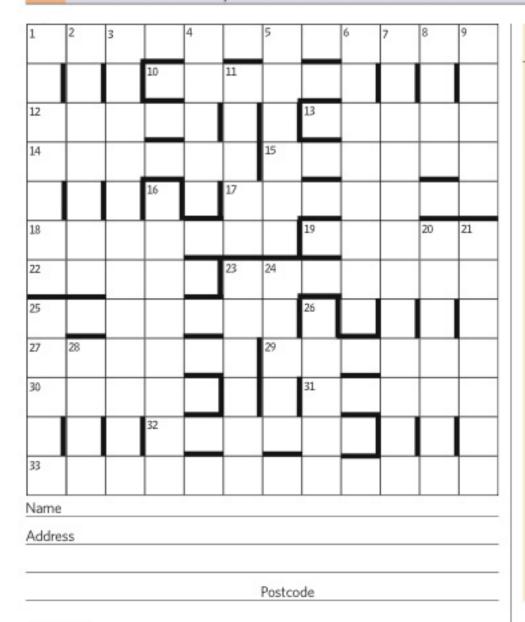
AZED No. 1,849 Plain COMPETITION PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Mixed help given by box office to obscure bleeder (12)
- 10 Feature of formal US orchard round radiating leaf formation (6)
- 12 Huge number often led by man's inhumanity (5)
- 13 E.g. John, learner in school (5)
- 14 He rode into battle to consider circling foreign fort (6)
- 15 Gene's form beginning to lag in Parisian walk (6)
- 17 English in translation of Racine: important matter for Belgian sleuth (7)
- 18 Tiles representing transactions in Japanese city (7)
- 19 One was drunk from end of lunch before afternoon snooze (5)
- 22 Gentle snore? It would have been terminal for Bottom (5)
- 23 Enthusiast, having arm twisted, tasted university on the inside (7)
- 25 Integument showing long outside edge (7)
- 27 Whereon beard once grew swarmed almost (6)
- 29 Embroidery contains name for organ familiar to doctors (6)
- 30 Type of song from heart of fairylands, including elaborate lyric (5)
- 31 At least 500 herrings, payment to new king, we hear (5)
- 32 Leeks, cooked with hot stuffing, in some tin (6)
- 33 Former first lady is knocked back and mostly battered in the papers (12)

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Across 1, dogs break fast; 15, cl(ass) in save; 18, nogs I (all rev.) in me; 27, SA + nest; 29, OTT in anag.; 30, verb sense; 31, French river; O + Ise(r); ref. Thomas Campbell: Hohenlinden; 33, men in anag. Down 2, op Latin all in gum, with vague ref. to D. Brown's The Da Vinci Code; 3, br. + v in aura; 4, ref. R. Bacon, philosopher & scientist; 6, hidden; 17, forel + i.e.; 23, re in heat; 26, C + redo.

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1 Colum Duddy, London W13 2 Tresanne Halliwell, Falkirk, Stirlingshire 3 Brian Taylor, Bolton, Lancs

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UPBRAID

1 R. Gilbert (Shepton Cottage, Dark Lane, Bentham, Cheltenham GL514TZ): Bounce? At an end. Help!... Brown's bottled (br. un up aid; see bounce). 2 J. C. Leyland (Huddersfield HD7 6JP): Posh pine boards refurbished after removing one's worn-out carpet (U + anag. less anag.).

anag.).
3 R. C. Teuton (Frampton Cotterell BS36
2DN): Twit in wacky pair with Bud? (anag.;

ref. Abbott & Costello).

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DOWN

- Sitter maybe, plenty animated (7)
- Nettle-tree yielding thick soup dad's tucked into (7)
- 3 Moths ruining raiment daily (12)
- 4 Gaff bass and dab (5)
- 5 Insectivores aloft in a ti, terribly active (6)
- 6 Man holding trench hammer (8)
- 7 Where surfers gather? In fact entrée is free (12, 2 words)
- 8 Cheers as Sun King's entered (4)
- 9 Skin condition presented by eta, literally (5)
- 11 Bacon and mushrooms served up, centrepiece of breakfast (5)
- 16 Old Soviet intelligence service, name in army canteen producing gloom (8)
- *20 Hyperbole (7)
- 21 Blind cave-dweller in posture true to his name? (7)
- 23 Prepared for death, and fed with last bits from the final rite (6)
- 24 Village headman switching ends of woven rug (5)
- 25 Spy deployed opposite prompt propaganda campaign? (5)
- 26 Clear broth with bits in recipe to approve (5)
- 28 Hooker on top of his (?) game called up for occasion (4)