AZED No. 1,906 'For CJM at 80' COMPETITION PUZZLE

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C. J. (Jeremy) Morse will be 80 on 10 December. Over the course of the Azed series, and the Ximenes series before that, he has established himself as the most brilliant and successful competitive clue writer of all, with a long string of outstanding clues to his credit, many of which have won prizes. To mark the occasion, the accompanying puzzle incorporates eight of CJM's gems, all of them Azed prize-winners (seven firsts and one second), printed in italics. Competitors should submit with their solutions a normal cryptic clue to MORSE. NB The answer at 33 Across was the clue word set for a competition puzzle marking 30 years of the Azed series.

ACROSS

- 1 Strike poses a tricky test involving a row between one small trade union and another one (12)
- 10 Surly US cheat has to accept rule (4)
- **11** Rendition of Donne given standing up? (5, 2 words)
- **14** Stop getting tanned, abhor catching sun and treat heatspots immediately (9)
- 15 Old lard became liquid in me, having turned (5)
- **16** Measures of e.g. grain got out of shape (5)
- 17 'DI IN SEX ROMP' could furnish material for artist with twisted mind (7)
- **21** Worthless opener for India (not imposing) playing in test (5)
- 22 Tankard with guarter of pint in it probably has no zip (6)
- 23 Art giving succour, that is after onset of Alzheimer's (6)
- 26 Big cheese, old hat, died (5)
- **28** Salt completely stuck in narrow opening (7)
- 29 Take spin in Scotland round old mountainous region (5)
- **30** Changing tack they'll produce kid secundum naturam? (5)
- **32** Marlborough's second crusher in conclusive quartet of victories (9)
- **33** With this gem, is setting done? No, coral would add further lustre (5)
- 34 S East's distinctive qualities (4)

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AZED 1.903 Solution & notes

RULES AND REQUESTS

Send solution and clue as indicated (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to Azed No. 1,906, 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 f13 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.

AZED No. 1,903 Prizewinners

Across 2, t in Paris hop; 10, a in XX + is; 14, rope in PL (= Poet Laureate, currently Andrew Motion); 15, too in

prore; 20, rotul(a)e (rev.); 21, 'side'; 27,

Down 3, ax + anag.; 4, cf. rips; 5, RO in

diets (rev.); 6, torte + ill (rev.); 7, croak =

die; 9, anag. + n all in tec E; 18, aeon I all

in man; 22, on in goat; 24, see ascot; 28, so(p)ra; 29, ne(sting) x 2.

see clinker; 20, inn in cat (all rev.); 31, love for a in can; 32, f + ranc(our); 24,

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tun + st in gate.

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DOWN

- 1 Ace filly laps remainder of field (8)
- **2** One with two coeval siblings can, defending right (4)
- **3** Unfit, I am in favour of exercise and runs (8)
- **4** Scottish dump discussion brought up (4)
- **5** Punnets going off, not consumed (7)
- 6 Dry up? Neat but this is place for drying out (5)
- 7 Ready for 'love'? It also suggest hate (6, 2 words)
- 8 Will's to take on board his nip (mixed), consisting of small drink as drunk might say? (6)
- **9** What Castlemaine suggests company refunds? (5)
- 12 It incorporates endless legal tit-for-tat for very old colonial (7)
- 13 Crime bosses in reference to ultimate punishment forgetting tally?(4)
- **18** Infrared India involved in transplant of eye parts (7)
- 19 One articulating lies, misbegotten in breed (8)
- 20 Fail to become Byronic, having been mistaken with muse (8)
- **22** A young lady cut short in coterie, literally isolated? (7)
- 24 What needle pierces as blood wells up on artery section (6)
- **25** Eucalypt giving a bit of shade to garden path (6)
- 27 What accompanies shot cut square? Absolutely (4)
- 28 Work most of earth in strategically important territory (5)
- 29 'Classical' track, something created by Hart and Rodgers in tandem(4)
- **30** Strike out what may be assigned to others (except for gable) (4)
- **31** X in 'billet-doux' and the ilk is silent (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2003) is recommended. It does not give one archaic form and one proper name. A further proper name appears in the definition for a derivative of it.

35 Mitredness is wrong? That's what it says (12)