

Azed No. 2,482 Plain - Competition Puzzle

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Azed No. 2,500

There will be a special lunch in Wolfson College, Oxford on Saturday 2 May 2020 to mark Azed No. 2,500. For full details please send an sae to Richard Heald, Azed 2,500, 13 Eshon Court, Mapplewell, Barnsley, South Yorkshire S75 5QG, or email richard@googlemail.com.

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Across

- One's drunk by saucer-sips – sign of progressive senility (12)
- Persian verse in modified rhythm, not to first person (5)
- Public opinion (6, 2 words)
- Corn seen waving, like a TV picture (8)
- Cocktail, taste lacking a dash of vermouth (4)
- Scottish region that has group almost open-mouthed (7)
- Roman auxiliaries enemy rated unstable if reduced by half (9)
- One millions held in dreadful esteem (6)
- What's left by plough, acre for plant genus (4)
- Hammer or punch idiot? (4)
- Bat, maybe amateur having work-out, caught by cover (6)
- Pipe from river; I go wrong, hiding it in trunk abroad (9)
- Santa's helpers – seamen, might one suppose (7)
- Necklace created in jet or coral (4)
- Second crumpet? Tip on grass (8)
- Fires up superstar on the pitch? (6)
- Brownish coin, head effaced after time (5)
- Wrought from stairs in edges of stairwell, rising spirally one way (12)

Down

- Glandular infection, one seen in top artists, ailing (11)
- Short-story writer, after taking year out, carried over (5)
- Cars out of order – lubricate one on account (joint) (10)
- Twitcher, half dead, in grip of stress (6)
- Surrendered garland swept up in swirling eddy (7)
- RC recitation, mean if shortened? (3)
- Last pair quitting bridge for the other side (6)
- Drunk amid mounting litter? Divorce results (7)
- Blot held in palm, a smidgen (4)
- Author with little to do and year left, having standard quota on hand (11)
- Circus performer behaving hilariously with applause around (10)
- Irish traveller turned up, a bit drunk, in old-fashioned helmet (7)
- Arboreal primate wagging its rear (7)
- Script in which old menial's sent up for periods (6)
- Take care of house that's all right inside (6, 2 words)
- Treated this tooth so I'll get no caries (5)
- What's fizzing? This, right! (4)
- Introduction to private tip-off from group in Hampstead (3)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,479 solution & notes

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Across 2, Arkle in paves; 10, comp. anag. & lit.; 12, rec. to; 18, b + first letters; 23, p(d) + rase; 29, h + lona (rev.); 30, anag. in win; 33, éte in fate + set (rev.), Down 2, pat + rol(l); 6, r in mega (rev.); 7, verve l; 9, con side rance; 11, i.e. teed up; 17, anag. incl. t(h)e; 21, t in a cant; 22, ego in dud(y); 24, red+ (O)ult; 26, i.e. man when an is e; 27, 2 meanings.

Rules and requests

Send correct solution (one only) and clue to replace definition asterisked (on separate sheet also bearing name and address, securely attached) to Azed No. 2,482, 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 £16 a year. Clue(s), payable to the Azed Slip, should be sent to The Azed Slip, Coombe Farm, Awdridge, Romsey SO5 1 0HN. To receive a sample slip, please send an sae to this address.