

Azed No. 2,483 Plain

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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 heald.richard@googlemail.com.

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Across

- 1 Bone in a truss, tight, a girl's broken (10)
- 12 Identify with Corbynite strike vigorously (8)
- 13 Shelled eggs in sauce, too liquid? (5)
- 14 Went for madame's article (5)
- 15 Lively little piece tuttee played with behind library? (7)
- 16 River landing that's nearer when river's diverted (5)
- 18 Aussie purloins small amounts when about to arrive in Paris (9)
- 20 Geyser deposit consisting of sulphur to treat as landfill? (6)
- 21 Creature protected in India? Some sterilize bullocks (4)
- 23 Currency piece from Italy in basic decimal unit (4)
- 25 Delivery of a kind, a scare when batting (6)
- 27 Driving force that gets pitman moving about a yard and a bit (9)
- 28 Holiday wandering in *Far East* (not Arabia) (5)
- 30 Potential energy holding fungus back, from which plant growth starts (7)
- 32 Bird population of a county, not trapped by children (5)
- 33 Endless danger, tyre half gone from rear, no tread (5)
- 34 Damage to treads – cause for failing this? (8, 2 words)
- 35 A pie of suet protected by solid form of inoculation (10)

Down

- 2 SA hoodlum cheers stretcher (7)
- 3 Lizard skin half shed (4)
- 4 Early record from Queen brought up former romance (6)
- 5 Like a physical signal, a mixture of rage and lust (8)
- 6 Dancer Ida dismissed by London theatre (4)
- 7 Legal negligence ending in funeral is painful (6)
- 8 Muddy tootsies, dirtier than the rest (8)
- 9 Drunk a little red (not opening barrels) (4)
- 10 Caring for woods etc, hear about sudden increase in sandpipers? (11, 2 words)
- 11 Foam bits're crumbling round square of discredited insulation (11)
- 17 Quick chat and drinks during break in card game (8)
- 19 Head of finance in love is unusually articulate (8)
- 22 Coofs trapping French lady in brasseries (7)
- 24 British girl swallowing last of pot in US rave-ups (6)
- 26 English name for Trèves: it's familiar to mountaineers (6)
- 29 Popular circus character, hard up (4)
- 30 Burnsian pie, still with a bit of pastry on it (4)
- 31 One beyond the wall once lives well, having climbed up (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,480 solution & notes

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Theme: stockings with first and last letters removed

Across 1, op + muss o (rev.); 6, boothose; 11, spattee; spa TT (s)ee; 12, legwarmer; w arm in leger; 12, tria(l) (rev.); 15, (s)exies(t); 20, d in mean a (rev.); 23, netherlings; 25, hogger; 36, nylon; 38, (l)atria (qv); 40, i.e. sch. in pent.
Down 1, popsock; anag. in p OK; 2, pa(v)an; 6, moggan; 8, Xma(s) in tan; 10, anag. + Me (Maine); 12, netherstock; anag. in neck; 16, tights; tig h(a)ts; 20, bug in a los(s); 21, see pud²; 27, Doe t(eet)h; 28, a in Trot; 30, a un(l)t; 33, blin(king).

Rules and requests

£25 in book tokens for the first three correct solutions opened.
 Solutions postmarked no later than Saturday to:
 Azed No. 2,483, The Observer, 90 York Way, London N1 9GU.