

Azed No. 2,484 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 Eshton Court, Mapplewell, Barnsley, South Yorkshire S75 5QG, or email heald.richard@googlemail.com.

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Across

- 1 Method of building whopper with security (13)
- 11 Wife with pen-name of 'Dugout' (4)
- 12 Gun accounting for old French glass, see (7)
- 14 Fun place for the young, being conducted round the heights (8)
- 15 Source of cereal stored in depot efficiently (4)
- 16 Two auxiliaries to maintain decorum (6)
- 17 Increasingly bad-tempered, a supporter about league (7)
- 18 Pilot in rear of boat redirected low-level missile (6)
- 20 Governor as of old planting palm in container (7)
- 24 Small insect is dancing round centre of orchids (6)
- 27 Parasite infecting cattle, reverse of ideal with newborn ones (7)
- 28 Moggy caught tucking into beef maybe (last bit left out) (6)
- 30 A bit of mishandling, for which smasher was responsible? (4)
- 31 Set hinge in position for protective boards (8)
- 32 Full theatre: great tragedy, casting bad actor, English (7)
- 33 What may be Neapolitan log, last bit polished off (4)
- 34 Dad given free art pens, shuffling part of stationery set? (13, 2 words)

Down

- 1 Drunken blast, downright gross in Shakespeare (10)

- 2 Scottish fabric that's woven with end of shoddy in quaint fashion (6)
- 3 One's in RAF rig being given a going over? (7)
- 4 University introduced lecture on a collectorate (6)
- 5 Old-fashioned vehicle the car replaced (6)
- 6 One using special stone from river, first to last (5)
- 7 You'll find exams're being reset as this (e.g. primary) (5)
- 8 Ancient judge taking dash of brandy before 6, confused (6)
- 9 Murderous sea creature of northern isles (only half thereof) (4)
- 10 Run in high-altitude snow requiring strength (5)
- 13 Boorish promenade against reggae not being represented (10)
- 19 Buffer opposed to accepting American greeting (7)
- 20 Noisy chirpers providing some farcical entertainment (6)
- 21 Skirts for men matter but are seen as divisive (6)
- 22 Very low jab etc punished (6)
- 23 Hand church about fourth of donation as one promised (6)
- 25 Author of book one found under drawers (5)
- 26 One not expecting to win, top performer having entered prize ring (5)
- 27 Guy given something like gunpowder, a low-grade tea (5)
- 29 She does work in the Met briefly (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,481 solution & notes

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Across 1, do + gyb(e) in gag; 14, see gat¹; 16, comp. anag.; 18, a pest in grone; 22, ab l in lie; 21, kill if l sh; 33, c re tonne.
Down 1, do's h; 4, anag. less be; 6, gu + sl(m); 8, ISA + y; 16, flock in els(e); 21, so PM (rev.) in it; 25, p + urin(e); 26, see golf²; 28, 'soak'.

Rules and requests

£25 in book tokens for the first three correct solutions opened.
 Solutions postmarked no later than Saturday to:
 Azed No. 2,484, The Observer, 90 York Way, London N1 9GU.