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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

- What'll we see serge in? Our recommendation has mark of correctness (12)
- Ivy follows line that's contested on the board (4)
- Some banks charging extras? A racket (4)
- What Japanese rarely dressed without – or is this for ferry? (4)
- Unwelcome comforters called this 'doing normal work' (5)
- Ocular deposit? Old poet, I'll be seen with this, possibly (5)
- Knife, even used in cracking cockles (10)
- Scots pipe was reeling, mostly round piano (7)
- Behaviour of Trump men adore, abnormally (8)
- What, digging into pot, my very tight clothes do, bit by bit (8)
- A grain, mostly included in heated meat stew with veg, ... (7)
- ... Followed by this treat cooked by Jacques, new? (10, 2 words)
- Pizzicato sound, soft, part of chain (5)
- Basin replacing bend in use for piping that's far from straight (5)
- Monetary unit in Peru and so on (4)
- US secretary with no love for deadly piece (4)
- Mean muse that's shunned this writer twice – waste passage ends here (4)
- Urged girl to accept good moulded fragile stuff (12, 2 words)

Down

- School's dep. sacked where union holds sway (10, 2 words)
- Like beefcake in thick pieces without cold topping (5)
- Member of sect? I'll get involved in second one (6)
- Book penned in a thorny tree? An ill-conceived idea (5)
- Hut for travellers rest, last given precedence (6)
- Jock's rattled, with bonds round both hands (6)
- Having completed MA, I had about abandoned pen etc (8)
- Devilish villainous gang once completely overturned (7)
- Southern borough the Scots plundered (5)
- Peg ropes on board ship, showing stamina (10)
- Pay off bit left in a payment due to new ruler (8)
- Norman going after English? He sends unwritten message (7)
- Drink up, a drink (not grand) imbibed? They *could* be grand (6)
- Write a score part for one of the foregoing? Ta – terrific (6)
- Part of marine organism, catch hauled up devoured by odd members of crew (5)
- Half of Panama let off? It's to do with canal's opening (6)
- Had onset of niggle in insides, laid up (5)
- Topper collapsing, second in line, with nasty bugs around (5)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,482 solution & notes

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Across 10, ruba(to) + i; 16, lot hian(t); 24, a + PE in lid; 28, i.e. tar and s = tars; 31, s pikelet; 33, ref Ben S., England cricketer; 34, t + (p)enny.

Down 2, (Damon) Run(y)on; 3, anag. + oil 1 + a/c; 5, lei (rev.) in anag.; 6, ave. (abbrev.); 7, contra(ct); 8, lit in pups (rev.); 12, pen + tad act + y l; 19, Ir. Rom (rev.) + on; 25, OK in loto; 27, comp. anag.; 29, asti(r) & lit.

Rules and requests

£25 in book tokens for the first three correct solutions opened.
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