

Azed No. 2,487 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 Conman to see all over the place? Run inside shelter (12)
- 9 Star group, first of records appearing in past (4)
- 10 Branching like a rose? (7)
- 12 Cap with a plume has twisted end in ring, often (5)
- 14 Cleansing agent essential for robe sometimes (5)
- 15 Surface of liquid: scum stirring without rolling in it (8)
- 16 Steamer to enclose securely, containing small piece of mutton (5)
- 17 Green type of bean in home-made bottle? (5)
- 19 Prince historically cut dash with poor (8)
- 23 Screen filled with e.g. locust storms (8)
- 25 Pod? Get — apt to burst yielding last peas (5)
- 26 Maitre d', one giving men orders for wine (5)
- 29 The old grip tightly, steering wildly (8)
- 30 Cavalryman partaking in final hurrah, but forced to retreat (5)
- 31 Part of Indira's getup, a little cold before her local festival? (5)
- 32 Establishment senses stirring around core of proletariat (7)
- 33 David's tangled with one? Vast indeed! (4)
- 34 Anti-corrosion treatment in the main embraced by junior employee (12)

Down

- 1 African people, a considerable come-down when seen going round like this (8)
- 2 One may be detected in nag, poorly (5)
- 3 Asian tree: this arar is cultivated in Karakorum (5)
- 4 A sad peer, legs collapsing, falls flat (12)
- 5 Acid converter Sam and Ian adapted to penetrate Jock's through passage (12)
- 6 Consent for digging into eastern mineral, causing blot on the landscape? (7)
- 7 Deliveries not properly secure with end of services (7)
- 8 Head welcomes married beaks (4)
- 11 Tent party our troop's holding (5)
- 13 Fie! Stop holding artillery up (4)
- 18 Clubbing Yankee to study hard about sonic dancing (8)
- 20 Like kings of old, shocked time is wasted (7)
- 21 Capped arms stacked and put away (7)
- 22 Nog I mixed with this? Something maybe that one shouldn't drink (5)
- 24 Charge for grinding, sound as a bell (4)
- 27 Girl's heading for oblivion right to the end (5)
- 28 Simple garment I had lifted, feeling sexy inside (5)
- 29 W. African folk sun looks down on usually (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,484 solution & notes

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Across 12, o verre v; see gun (vb); 18, cox in tee (t) (rev.); 28, c in tomat(o); sv beef; 30, hidden; see smasher; 32, rep + (Ham)let + E; 33, choc(k); 34, pa + anag.
Down 3, a in anag. & lit.; 4, u in talk + a; 6, cf. Rhone; 7, comp. anag.; primary (n); 8, b + anag.; ref. 6 Dn; 9, Orca(dian); 13, 1st prize-winning clue by J. F. Grimshaw in Azed No. 904; 19, US hi in con; 21, are in pus; 23, promise = betroth; 25, trunk (qv) = pipe; 27, bo + HE a; 29, op in MP.

Rules and requests

£25 in book tokens for the first three correct solutions opened.
 Solutions postmarked no later than Saturday to:
 Azed No. 2,487, The Observer, 90 York Way, London N1 9GU.