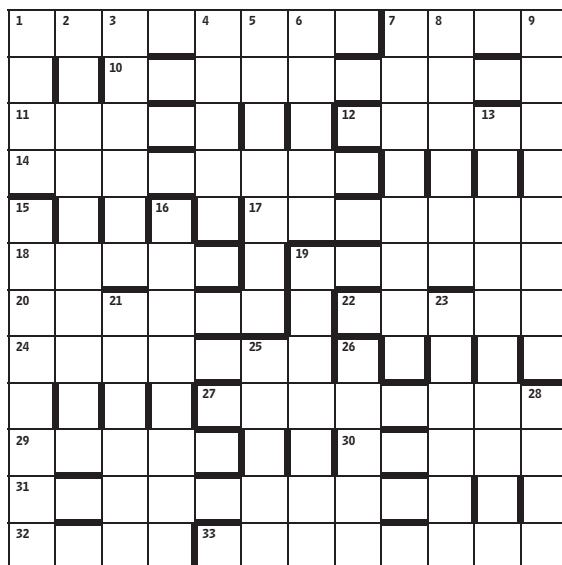


Azed No. 2,490 Plain - Competition Puzzle



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. Please allow a few weeks for a reply.

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Across

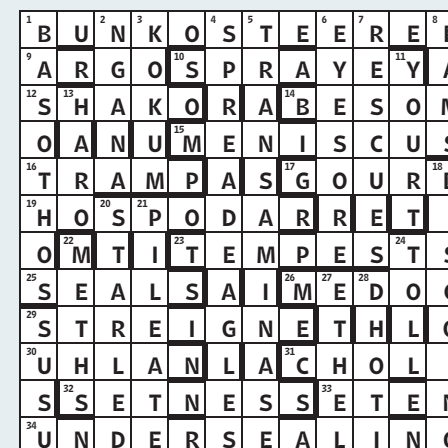
- 1 Old boy, I'll be involved in new suffering, all forlorn (8)
- 7 Starting with piece of drawing room furniture, back to front (4, 2 words)
- 10 Senior officer concealing his alarm with RA (10, 2 words)
- 11 Daughter backing Indian city as place for cremation (5)
- 12 Mysterious, or fish-y? (5)
- 14 Crucial bodily substance converted into oils (8)
- 17 Tax officials chime with measure gathering millions (7)
- 18 It's no good with any old wrapping that's waxy (5)
- 19 Deer, still maturing, once miserable, having to suffer in confinement (6)
- 20 Aid badly needed among peasants cooperating in flight? (6)
- 22 Form of cinema requiring no head of casting? (5)
- 24 Ties back to front in a little tuft (7)
- 27 In branch, yield when retiring place at the prow (8)
- 29 Coins once current in Catalonia maybe, and in Navarre also (5)
- 30 As it seems, rent left out to satisfy as of old (5)
- 31 Breaches of continuity in e.g. errant broadcast (10)
- 32 Enduring performer beloved of Parisians (4)
- 33 About to eat abroad, shown the way as after reducing weight? (8)

Down

- 1 Dry bed I make my way up, river having evaporated (4)
- 2 Oxford table talk on appropriate habitat for salmon (10)
- 3 Peer over tumbler, lass missing knife (6)
- 4 Tool for digging tatties, one held in grasp tightly (5)
- 5 Change timer to one that strikes (7)
- 6 Among the fallen at Ypres? Certainly not including lively OAP (5)
- 7 Walking stick and hat's adjusted, with OS map pocketed? (8)
- 8 Buffer? An impostor, I do declare! (6)
- 9 Part of intersection? Swat's aimed to get — the head (8)
- *13 Strange or unreal image (10)
- 15 A missa (RC) confused about the soul's journey (8)
- 16 One wrestling to assemble Greek fruit recipe (8)
- 19 Squares cut up into two small ones? (7)
- 21 Mean fellow took meals in chief magistrate's office (6)
- 23 Polar feature I get across, by the sound of it (6, 2 words)
- 25 That old slow turn on the floor, enticement securing love (5)
- 26 Non-standard currency, silver, foot from side to side (5)
- 28 Note penned by (contemporary) playwright, Spenser's sort (4)

The Chambers (2014) is recommended. The plural form at 26 may be verified on the Internet.

Azed No. 2,487 solution & notes



Across 1, anag. + r in bunker; 10, 2 meanings; 12, anag. + KO (knockout); 15, sine (rev.) in anag.; 23, pest in tems; 25, comp. anag.; 26, Me (qv) + d' + OC; 32, t in anag.; 33, comp. anag. & lit.; ref. Goliath.

Down 1, so in bathos; 2, an in anag. & lit.; 5, anag. in transe; 18, anag. in dig (qv); 22, comp. anag.; 27, cf. Lethe; 29, S + usu.

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. 2,490, 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. Cheques, payable to the Azed Slip, should be sent to The Azed Slip, Coombe Farm, Awbridge, Romsey SO51 0HN. To receive a sample slip, please send an sae to this address.