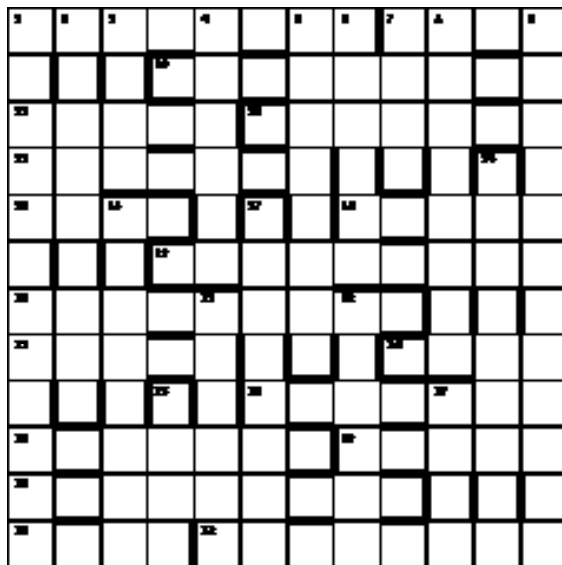


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In light of the coronavirus crisis, it has been decided to postpone the lunch at Wolfson College, Oxford, originally planned for Saturday 2 May, until Saturday 26 September. For all details send an SAE to Azed 2,500, 13 Eshton Court, Mapplewell, Barnsley, South Yorkshire S75 5QG, or email heald.richard@gmail.com

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Across

- 1 Social status includes posh extremes of talking – like this? (8)
- 7 Faces having to return unwanted mail (4)
- 10 Each fish given bread (9, 2 words)
- 11 Wooden cup? Keep trying to acquire a lot (5)
- 12 Sheep, a tailless breed, wrapped in part of fetal membrane (7)
- 13 Line taken aboard by one in vessel, a Yarmouth speciality (7)
- 15 Part of bill I paid in some foreign money (4)
- 18 The governor worried about press release? The opposite (5)
- 19 See slope in location yielding source of tungsten (9)
- 20 Broadcast to girl about basic education? She's a punk feminist (9)
- 23 Musical without in the main including where you'd place Hamilton? (5)
- 24 Remnant, bit of cloth maiden cut from something similar (4)
- 26 Bill penned by proprietress – it's placed on metal base (7)
- 28 One of many redheads have? He's embarrassed with piles (7)
- 29 Little bird? Such a one grabs head of worm with energy (5)
- 30 Travel a lot and log mishandled bill of exchange wrong in retrospect (9)
- 31 African tree: cut red leaves (4)
- 32 Not drinking round, English stellar group, most woeful? (8)

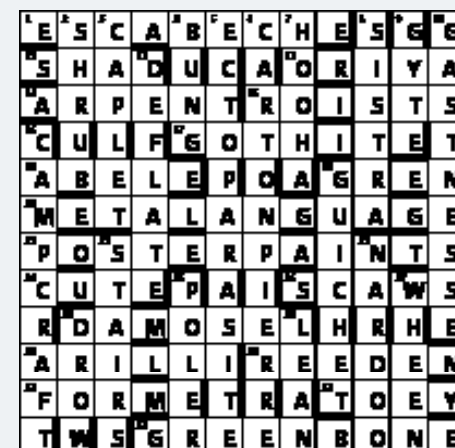
Down

- 1 Unwelcome visitor in Victorian garden getting drinks at last? (12, 2 words, apostrophe)
- 2 Stocks illuminated in arrangement of suite (9)
- 3 Shindig on the agenda? (4)
- 4 Line to tempt all but last of pond-life (6)
- 5 Mark individual not on bunks (8)
- 6 Vaquero's blanket, worthless thing kept in enclosure, often (6)
- 7 Nameless pond-life in disused pool (4)
- 8 Type of spinal with ornamental edging round it (8)
- 9 Mental matter when subjected to it (12)
- 14 Goes off school with current romantic partners coming round (9)
- 16 This versatile tool dud? Hoped ground might be worked over (8)
- 17 Double oxide endless time blended with ochre (8)
- 21 Small pedimental structure, grand and bleak (6)
- 22 Head of college on College Hill? (6)
- 25 Small armadillo from Peru, black one (4)
- 27 Former composition to adorn archaically (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

NB The next competition puzzle will be No. 2,500 on 10 May.

Azed No. 2,495 solution & notes



Across 1, cab in anag.; 13, comp. anag.; 14, p in a rent; 17, got hit + e; 20, anag. in metal age; 21, anag. in points; 26, 'scores'; 31, i.e. re Eden; ref. *Paradise Lost*; 32, for me; 34, reen in GB one.

Down 6, Carton pier re; ref. character in *A Tale of Two Cities*; 8, comp. anag. & lit.; 12, flat in dee; 19, (r)iche(s) in gut; 25, 'polar'; 27, he in wen; 29, anag. less l.

Special announcement

We regret to announce that, until further notice, we are unable to offer prizes for solvers of the Azed weekly crosswords. The special monthly Azed clue-writing competitions are not affected and will continue as normal. Entry rules for these will appear as usual.