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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 Foreign notaries prohibit nothing in breaking crises (10)
- 11 Mainly Australian crustaceans found in Tamar once (5)
- 12 Bad news for farm stock, roof collapsing in heat (7)
- 14 Like distinctive flavours borne around, company dining (8)
- 15 Eye Queen, name for one of those that did for over-indulgent monarch? (7)
- 16 Starter of leaves in cut salad (4)
- 17 Poet's behindhand, having to finish cutting beard (5)
- 18 It's hard to manage going back before a period of time (6)
- 21 One lingers behind abroad, mostly after end of treatment (7)
- 24 Duck bucket contains in it (7)
- 26 Reckless, but last to take the lead, *un peu distrait*? (6)
- 29 The area's rocky – has this ridge possibly (5)
- 30 Consuming volume in endless carouse? Bottoms up! (4)
- 31 Puts slap on old revolutionary, reverse of rare once (7)
- 33 What idlers are up to, shifting round back of hotel (8)
- 34 Lout played stringed instrument audibly (7, 2 words)
- 35 Graves (old) in the kirkyard rased after development (5)
- 36 English tailored slender fits in grammar school, unisex (10)

Down

- 2 Result of deep meditation aims had worked out (7)
- 3 Band less weak with sombre old wind instrument (8)
- 4 Ladette from Paris? That's where you'll find her (4)
- 5 Contemplate papers, new number included (6)
- 6 Indian art sahib flogged, not special (7)
- 7 Still in bed, indicating failure to play ball properly? (5, 2 words)
- 8 Rough circle men got into quickly (7, 3 words)
- 9 Lavish topi? See VIP kitted out with this possibly (5)
- 10 Cabin staff member we rated unusually special on board? (10)
- 13 Part of bell by limiting ring gives a signal on set (10)
- 19 Chasing decoy dogs since trained (8)
- 20 The old stand with legs apart, stick gripped lest wobbling (7)
- 22 Novelist quite finished? Not quite (6)
- 23 Time lost, book's content concludes – offers looked for (7)
- 25 Second class failing grade worry (6)
- 27 I needed to cut excess hair (5)
- 28 Biblical deity filling tribe with energy (5)
- 32 Mug switching sections in bargain store? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,500 solution & notes

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	A	K	U	G	L	A	U	R	G	L	E	R
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25	L	I	N	G	P	E	D	Y	T	O	E	E
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Across 1, sternwheeler/sparrowgrass; 9, pasear/berate; 11, duenna/trivet; 12, Laurasia/wiggler; 14, reke/peba; 17, rays/pepo; 18, ghee/redo; 19, aris/agin; 20, mailed fist/underlying; 22, oversleeps/weathering; 25, lirk/rang; 26, peba/tody; 27, tody/ghee; 30, pepo/lure; 31, tegument/Laurasia; 32, trivet/duenna; 33, sakers/takahe; 34, espagnolette/strengthener.

Down 1, sparrowgrass/espagnolette; 2, takahe/pasear; 3, rang/guga; 4, weathering/oversleeps; 5, guga/lirk; 6, redo/raga; 7, seethe/violin; 8, strengthener/sternwheeler; 10, subpoena/tegument; 13, underlying/mailed fist; 15, agin/aris; 16, wiggler/subpoena; 21, ling/rays; 23, violin/sakers; 24, berate/seethe; 28, lure/puna; 29, raga/ling; 30, puna/reke.

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.