

Azed No. 2,504 Plain - Competition Puzzle

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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@googlemail.com

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Across

- 1 Such as Quasimodo producing ring in big belfry's No. 1, swinging (5)
- 7 Constellation as above alongside Libra aloft (5)
- 12 Mount horse with Arab leading, please, in the old-fashioned way (6)
- 13 Seizure: without doctor, more pain needing treatment (6)
- 14 Liqueur for Pepe's other half? (8, 2 words)
- 15 Snap, right inside barge, showing young fish (8)
- 16 Odoriferous section of school entry (5)
- 17 Hear this for anguish, Charley? (5)
- 19 I'd tea with vicar, flourishing fork (10)
- 20 Like a trap catching tailless blindworm, bloodthirsty (10)
- 23 Jock's suppressed giggle passing triplets back (5)
- 24 Robot to follow course with moon landing craft (5)
- 27 Toe part's misshapen – it's prone to the big C (8)
- 29 Plant ovaries, end buried in earmarked areas (8)
- 30 Bits of bardic verse sung initially with German dances (6)
- 31 One must follow scent to find this mineral (6)
- 32 Skin disease represented by Greek letter? (5)
- 33 Recurrent sins involving stimulant drug? Press close (5)

Down

- 1 Tool like this? It's designed to help speed cops (5)
- 2 Projection to protect defensive weapons, badly installed by hunter (8)
- 3 Defy Aviemore slope, very wrapped up (5)
- 4 Very ancient people from Namibia denied independence, vagrant (6)
- 5 Dapper git we spotted swaggering round Italy in a hairpiece (12)
- 6 Small branches about closed in green activity – part of trade war? (12)
- *8 Optimistic (6)
- 9 Punch holes in article about what's central for Boris (6)
- 10 Pound extracted from moneylender – or only a fraction of that in Scotland (4)
- 11 Eels mixed with ray where sea creatures breed (7)
- 18 Umbellifer mostly replaced when there's raw mist around (8)
- 19 Remove from position those with a drink problem, central pair having changed places over time (7)
- 20 Like some American natives roaming in USA, Omaha initially (6)
- 21 Poisonous gas in war's inexcusable (6)
- 22 Interference involving women? Indication of firm denial (6)
- 25 Musician not following another (5)
- 26 The old complain about introduction of shortage – law's intervening (5)
- 28 Bread showing sign of going bad – it's half off (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,501 solution & notes

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Across 11, ho + more laps; 13, p in 'Mum's (the word!); 15, wast(age); 20, 1 l two in god; 30, comp. anag.; 32, lath(e) + y; 33, OK in yes.

Down 4, a Mert(on) (rev.); 5, 1 chore in anag.; 23, as in in co.; 27, ref. Scots brand of ale.

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. 2,504, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should be postmarked no later than Saturday. Emailed entries from overseas will be accepted, addressed to jcrowther2000@hotmail.com. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only).

We regret that the prizes for our puzzles are temporarily suspended.