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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 Feel lot going wrong, including spar? Gremlin possibly (12, 2 words)
- 10 Spongy place round moor, half submerged (6)
- 11 Cash needed to get a weaver's machine turning (5)
- 13 Petticoat causing guessing game in the course of dance (8)
- 14 Where sucker-punch has landed, tender? Copper shown for nothing (5)
- 15 Eject clique round priest (4)
- 17 Cable-car system, maybe help when working in region short of rain (7)
- 18 I'll be nabbed by copper back in Irish force? (5)
- 21 Baron's complaint following delivery of goods in trust (8)
- 23 Tattoo went round palm, left (8)
- 24 Wicket restricting runs making one fret (5)
- 25 Flint (say) with opening for start of combustion in explosive stuff (7)
- 29 Ship's company prison officers released from ship's hold (4)
- 30 Relaxed, taking some tea sedately (5)
- 31 Rook and eider nod off (not I) in waterside thicket (8)
- 33 Reveal one alone denied sing (5, 2 words)
- 34 I do shiver in very cold folly (6)
- 35 Exemplified opponent creating division, placed in office? (12)

Down

- 2 The old plunge in river emerging from spring (5)
- 3 Mooch historically as Prince, endless reign containing nothing (5)
- 4 Hammered peat floor, whereon rafter rests (9, 2 words)
- 5 Rag suggesting leaders from The Times to audience (5)
- 6 Harmful worms almost cram a valley (7)
- 7 Facing king's left in card game (3)
- 8 Femme fatale that is turning up in support of good-for-nothing (7)
- 9 Cheering such as welcomes M. Antony's speech (7)
- 10 Pin-up maybe excited ogler with strip (10, 2 words)
- 12 A final dance with date one embraced? What a sad time! (10, 3 words)
- 16 In translation a poem about queen in part of Poland (9)
- 19 Opioid substance even after measure of fish that's given a lift (7)
- 20 Hollywood wannabes leaving out pound for spiritual guide (7)
- 22 Constant gold buried in cryptic plan, with which 'the hills are alive'? (7)
- 26 Pub with attractive quality? It doesn't mean much (5)
- 27 One from the north in a sort of cravat? (5)
- 28 Part of intercession that features in the Divine Office (5)
- 32 Partner to carry climbing ivy bush? (3)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,502 solution & notes

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27	G	T	U	V	S	H	A	T	T	E	R	E	R
30	L	I	N	A	C	I	T	G	I	T	A	N	A
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Across 10, E in O prate; 11, rep o se(a); 16, anag. in torus; 24, a starte(r); 33, r + anag.; 34, anag. with n for a.

Down 4, au lie in hr; 5, N + anag.; former feature of major railway stations; 6, r a in birds; 7, see lair⁴; 8, comp. anag. & lit.; 12, mene (rev.) in scen(t); 14, it's (rev.) in anag.; ref. auxiliary verbs; 17, (Words w)orthian; 23, I'm a rug (rev.); 27, see woopie.

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.