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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

- Upper house abroad, not happy about English one (6)
- Signs of discord? International lost has relevance (6)
- Panel irritated with sot, one who's needlessly verbose (8)
- One dramatically educated to hold a lasso (5)
- Needing a drink, son gets stuck into Triple X? (7)
- Silly Nellie's poorly informed (7, 2 words)
- One carousing in Scotland, girl Reg led astray fed with narcotic stuff (10)
- Book by US novelist, nourishing brew (5)
- Old clothes folded in chest severally (5)
- Like riverine creature seen in lake, quickly returning (5)
- Wines and other alcoholic drink (not soft) (5)
- Time to get going, about to burst a boundary in space (10)
- Handles changed sail in sea changing (7)
- I had lizard with tail brought right forward as glove material? (7)
- Passage in book cut before point with page twice removed (5)
- Generate brews, not souchong or rooibos (8, 2 words)
- Harbours once providing periods of calm sheltering core of fleet (6)
- Typical of country gent, tense and far from robust (6)

Down

- Birdie at Troon, first of several, putting initially secure as of old (5)

- One or two files I mixed with unknown magic potion? (12, 3 words)
- Observer missing maybe he lost here and there (5)
- Obsessive shrink's work half ignored? (4)
- Appointment? Four written in in case (6)
- Some potash largely fashioned masonry (6)
- Large Indian minority in grammar classes involving English (7)
- Model of ineptitude breaking off shutter's opener? (5)
- Shakespeare's woven together complex suits in what's recorded (12)
- Shot dominating point being withdrawn (7)
- Niche that's followed by deerstalker (4)
- What's left in cup becoming increasingly cold (7)
- Ties being knotted round head creates link for pedallers (7)
- It perks up old wine, substance including last in vat (4)
- Questions for the Scots about independence press for resolution (6)
- Cooking pot not once found in place (6)
- Rising deposit men dredged in coastal waters (5)
- Greek conflict with East in historical past (5)
- Drunken 'aye aye' (does one assume?) including sailor's first attempt (5)
- Portion of towel crumpled up in corner of sheet (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,504 solution & notes

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32	T	I	N	E	A	D	G	S	E	R	R	E

Across 1, O in anag. incl. B; ref. *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*; 7, l + up + us; 13, anag. less MO; 15, pic + r in keel; 20, angui(s) in snary; 30, Tanz (pl. Tänze) = dance in German; 32, i.e. t in ea = eta; 33, E in errs (rev.).

Down 2, ill in Orion; 6, rice c in putting; 18, rese(t) in haar; 19, ps reversed in dipos + t; 26, s in mene.

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.