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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 Wound dad received in private parts causing initial problems? (12, 2 words)
- 9 A lack of exercise restricts mother in the way of coping with childbirth (6)
- 11 Poetic lines about king, bad sign for Macbeth? (5)
- 13 Seen this city? It can be seen travelling round in green buses (6)
- 14 Mother dead and buried? (6)
- 15 Singer/songwriter, alibi protecting name (4)
- 16 Number tucked into cooked lunch pie, effective finishing touch (9)
- 17 Leave behind at sea a suit, tattered, in middle of hold (7)
- 19 Taunt US swot, bilingual, lot neglected (3)
- 20 E.g. West Scotland's merrier (so it's said) (3)
- 23 Form of cachet surrounding lecturer in US research uni (7)
- 24 Fellow lodgers? See granny with tons in outhouses (9)
- 26 Jock's stunt, his race backwards alongside loch (4)
- 27 Head of nursery implanted a fruit from palm organically grafted? (6)
- 29 How a variant may manifest itself – in this movable image? (6)
- 31 Essential for Scots curling in contest – an eye (5)
- 32 American envoy, say, circumventing guide mostly (6)
- 33 I grease spade for distributing tropical fruit tree (12, 2 words)

Down

- 1 Feeling of joy produced by G & S – boys sign in (12)
- 2 Dress for old-style Yankees – it suggests Civil War veterans (5, 2 words)
- 3 Scentless flower seen in highland lawns (all over) (4)
- 4 Bill climbing mountain peak (3)
- 5 Jungle creature, at being released by alligator, running free (7)
- 6 Lamp: as lacking in gas inside one functioned then died (6)
- 7 Inks he mixed for cursive script (4)
- 8 Ruler, corrected about answer, gets confused about it (12)
- 10 Short note: last pair in musical piece transposed (6)
- 11 Multiple shots become less, having restricted us being off colour (9)
- 12 The old keep talking and pour out tea when it's brewed (9)
- 18 Country album maybe full of panache I put at No. 1 (7)
- 19 Part that's unimportant to dock? (6)
- 21 Go by plane steered round Latvia heading off east (6)
- 22 Short book on an unspecified constellation (6)
- 25 Condescend to being taken in by bribe (5)
- 28 New look for Indian from the south-west (4)
- 30 Gal excluded from feast enclosure (always up for it) (3)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. It gives one answer as an abbreviation.

Azed No. 2,506 solution & notes

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Across 1, G ht in wily; 11, (co.)Jokies (rev.); 13, s in to a T; 14, a bit in hue; 19, anag. less l in ugh; 28, comp. anag. & lit.; ref. N. Batty in *Last of the Summer Wine*; 30, ire + (o)ne; re, l. Adler, admired by Sherlock Holmes; 31, peat rain(i)er.
Down 1, anag. in wat?; 3, h in gibe + line; 5, cus(s) in latrine; 6, comp. anag. & lit.; ref. infamous *Sun* front page during Falklands War; 7, (Pat)riot; 8, is (rev.) e.g. in bee; 15, wine in sherd; ref. parable of prodigal son, *Luke* 15, esp. v 15; 20, i.e. as t in hens; 22, re for i in diary; 23, it (rev.) + in for c in MCG; ref. cricket; 24, a LP for e in sea.

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.