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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

- Harmful larva we curb must mostly drop spreading (13, 2 words)
- Foreign car, one reversing that, in Paris at the time (8, 3 words, apostrophe)
- Sex worker's client, reverse of intelligent, denied win (4)
- Hill dweller, below par, holding mountain pasture back (8)
- One returns, having tucked into smack – double needed (6)
- Stew: bit of chicken put in to marinade and cook (6)
- Singers bagging a mint for 'The Basket Bearer' (10)
- Working out start of pattern in coarse thread (4)
- Pages following HM from behind in corduroy (4)
- A thrash I held in market-place requiring beamed structure (10)
- Candle, unconventional? It's with tonne van transported (6)
- Large cat, one not old inly, showing spirit (6)
- Ingredient of marmalade, British, I rate about first-class (8)
- Woolly Hebrideans making speech about nothing (4)
- Pubs idle, unusually? One may be fixing locks (8, 2 words)
- Revolutionary in Melbourne witness-box, a digger? Each may be modified by it (13)

Down

- Squashy floor cushion doubled rising chatter (6, 2 words)
- Manoeuvre involving chromosome element, or number of such sets (6)
- Pass not included in British Rail run formerly (5)
- Queen's retreat at Versailles? Gate elaborated with coronet (11, 2 words)
- Poet's rising in a bed I remade, revealing beetles (11)
- Form of Cornish ingested by girl that's taken up historical development of language (11)
- Woman in love, one often besotted? (4)
- Rubbish limitlessly poured at edges of road (6)
- Has sad memories of the boulevardier's haunts (4)
- Flute? This time it plays in a quintet (5)
- One of the old gods giving a sign I ignored (4)
- Vegetarian sleuth giving up last bit of meat (6)
- Spiteful fellow making a big noise on being had up (5)
- Dressing being prepared with bits of palm oil initially (6)
- Track worker, late leaving, one treading the boards (6)
- Stop to touch up (4)
- Wedge dolmen cover in replacing it (5)
- One producing pork pies bar served up (4)
- Queen maybe, one taken in by varlet (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,507 solution & notes

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12	R	I	A	T	A	T	H	I	R	S	T	Y
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16	G	I	L	R	A	V	A	G	E	R	R	E
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28	A	L	I	A	S	E	S	C	G	M	S	S
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Across 6, appl(1)es; see a. of discord; 12, a in Rita; ref. 1980 Willy Russell play, *Educating Rita*; 13, i.e. s in thirty (XXX); 15, sv see; 16, r ava in anag.; 17, b + (Philip) Roth; 21, l + cito (rev.); 24, (p)astis; 25, t + pop a in rouse; 30, I'd skink with first k at end; 31, i.e. lo(p) cus(p).

Down 1, s p rug²; 2, x in anag. incl. 1 or file x 2; 3, i.e. not (h)er(e); 4, anal(ysis); 8, (c)loser; 14, 2 meanings; 22, l in anag.; 25, sedi(men)t (rev.); 27, anag. incl. ayes; 29, hidden rev.

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.