

Azed No. 2,512 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

- 5 Sandhopper? Damp waves around I hop at large (8)
- 12 Scotsman's tight-fisted, in withdrawing both hands that is (6)
- 13 The old own up to wrongdoing recalled in later years (6)
- 14 Brain layers, crustal possibly, enveloping third of cranium (8)
- 15 Number trailing behind accept asylum (5)
- 16 Grass hidden by some lichen (5)
- 17 One filling backstage role, providing stays or tiepins (5)
- 19 Clay mineral, certain to be powdered (7)
- 20 Succeeded beside fireplace with loosening bras in pick-up joint! (10, 2 words)
- 22 Speed in net play misplaced? I'm yearning for the unattainable (10)
- 26 Staff cheers about new dish in trattoria? (7)
- 27 Latin deity, or several (5)
- 28 Spurious word member of choir has left in (5)
- 30 Fern stalk, one gobbled by confounded pest (5)
- 32 Recoil shocked about e.g. Johnson backsliding — or his namesake perhaps? (8)
- 33 Does it suggest a coin from ancient times, and where one may be found? (6)
- 34 Young apache if having quit existence in form of farming (6)
- 35 Medication for asthma happening after short sequence (8)

Down

- 1 Cervine organ in part of face, soft inside (7)
- 2 Indian district (found in Brazil also) (4)
- 3 Hitmen, brothers engaging French lawyer (6)
- 4 See wretched beetle rip up eastern lilac (12, 2 words)
- 6 What's posh about money? It's given out for distributing (6)
- 7 Leading poet pens song for trio (6)
- 8 Like a break? Art past, relaxed with lie-in (12)
- 9 A pain, or what may deal with one (4)
- *10 To yawn (8)
- 11 Around start of evening, cubes to take from freezer? (5)
- 18 Glassy stuff, unusually holy, used in religious ceremony (8)
- 21 Dried out in bar, like Rabbie's love? (7)
- 23 Nothing to elicit, I shut up, being indolent (6)
- 24 Mum's dressed in fine linen, one that earned a star (6)
- 25 I put on pound in a go? That should form a lid (6)
- 26 Trees, millions replaced by area for Indian one (5)
- 29 Oven Lalique emptied, right, hot inside (4)
- 31 Insect's secretion left inside veg plant (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. It gives 4 at the entry for its second element.

Azed No. 2,509 solution & notes

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26	N	27	I	28	R	29	L	30	A	31	L	32	A	33	D	34	N	35	A	36	T	37	E
31	E	32	A	33	V	34	A	35	T	36	A	37	R	38	E	39	A	40	I	41	O	42	D
31	S	32	T	33	A	34	N	35	E	36	N	37	E	38	P	39	I	40	L	41	O	42	G
33	S	34	E	35	A	36	S	37	I	38	D	39	E	40	G	41	R	42	A	43	P	44	E

Across 1, wing pa in groins; 13, comp. anag.; 14, see mother²; 15, ref. Paul A.; 17, anag. in ol; 20, ref. M. West; 'the more the merrier'; 24 nan t in cotes; 27, n in a date; 29, comp. anag. & lit.; 32, pilo(t) in e.g.; see envoy².

Down 1, lads omen in G + ess; 2, i.e. GAR (rev.); 6, g(as) in a ran + d; 8, a in righted in anag.; 18, I + elan in CD; 21, anag. less L + E; 30, re(gal)e; e'er (rev.).

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. 2,512, 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.