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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

- One showing off pustule, festering inside (7)
- Round check collars, bent in the old style (5)
- One given a clout roughly – what a surprise! – for ungrammatical constructions (10)
- Seabird revealing sample of petrochemicals inside (4)
- I'll replace Rex in an old lady's embrace, making love rarely (7)
- Always welcomed, tons moved to extend visit (6, 2 words)
- Pulse requiring short time, put in to boil initially (5)
- Work over? Jock's hardly open about that as culmination (6)
- Die wretchedly in bed? She interceded (9)
- Coming before activity of lions on the prowl (9)
- Part of sleeping quarters army regulation brought back for strict disciplinarian (6)
- After breather I put on simple wraparound (5)
- I scour in jumble for bric-à-brac (6)
- Mendicant old friar, termly struggling, I let in (7)
- Flower cut for altar canopy (4)
- Smell alongside eastern fan you'll find in passing (10)
- Dollar is not exorbitant rate (starters only) ... for customers here? (5)
- Exercise for chanteuse from France, say, unaccompanied round (7)

Down

- Middle of bra in its place gave way suddenly (5)
- Special treatment year after senior citizen admits commotion (10)
- Something to mix with coke making graduate woolly (7)
- Expert one receiving turn in hallowed dome (6)
- Tortuous road climb, typical of N. Italian region (9)
- Stack of bricks left in permanent depot (5)
- Tricky bout circumvented by neat defeat in ring (6)
- Awful old racket from flautists (4)
- Wild ox – number, specific one, in total caught (7)
- Tackling the drink, love ace noggin, getting sloshed (10)
- Dispatch written up in jottings for celebrity (9)
- Mottled or streaky lamb half reared, wild (7)
- Wild celebrants treat the town so? Small model was upsetting (7)
- Speciality of Agen once, long fed on contact sport? (6)
- Chemist's pot, quite filled with due liquid (6)
- Shot worth little, moving first to last of course (5)
- Profits, something to argue about (5)
- Some aspiring manager, one employed by Hoover? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,511 solution & notes

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29	O	L	I	V	E	S	S	U
31	P	A	N	G	M	I	R	K
34	S	H	E	E	P	S	T	E

Across 1, plum or + anag. less l; 10, (g)oofty; 11, lie u(p); 12, cf. Pity; 13, go (rev.) in prom; 19, ref. port-wine stains; 23, Taser (rev.); 30, 'serve you'; 34, i.e. 'steep Sheila'; ref. 16 Ac.

Down 2, h in loo pole; 4, l in ponk; 8, got O; sv got 9; Elia in dye (rev.); 14, e, t in mathesis; 20, l en in anag.; 25, he + we + r; 26, b(ul)l + ah!, & lit.

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.

We regret that the prizes for our puzzles are temporarily suspended.