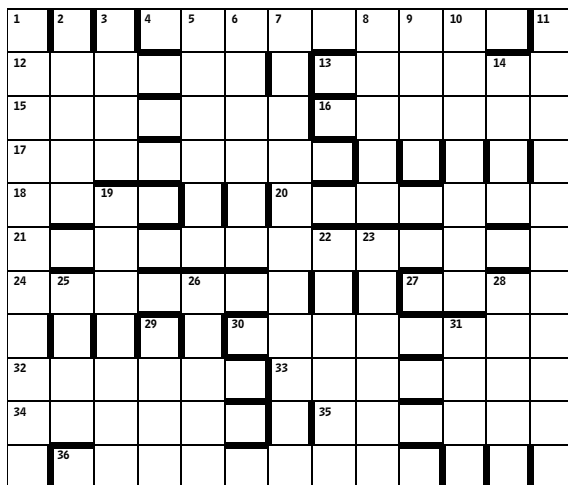


Azed No. 2,516 Plain



Azed No. 2,500 - special announcement

In light of the ongoing coronavirus crisis, the decision has been made, regrettably, to cancel the Azed 2,500 lunch planned at Wolfson College, Oxford on Saturday 26 September. For a full refund please email your bank details, including account number and sort code, to heald.richard@googlemail.com, or write to Azed 2,500, 13 Eshton Court, Mapplewell, Barnsley, South Yorkshire S75 5QG. If a cheque is preferred please include an SAE.

Across

- 4 Scots scrounging meal, minced lamb with cress (9)
- 12 Beautiful black stone to drill, right for one of rings (6)
- 13 Wrinkly, fatter than most, gripped by running urge (6)
- 15 Actor's muddled about line – clappers fallen silent? (7)
- 16 Politician enveloped by emergency is lost in waves (6)
- 17 Form of pidgin Irish comprehended I mouth strangely (8, 2 words)
- 18 Quantity of dry goods, steep, haberdashery stocks (4)
- 20 Rebel earning reforms (7)
- 21 Milor, nose-arch disfigured, displays this? (13)
- 24 Greek governor decreeing this reduces calendar by a month (7)
- 27 Being thus overgrown, what needs stripping? Privy does (4)
- 30 Falling sick, pegged out, having toured most of the earth? (8)
- 32 Since old needs to put in means of draining fluid (6)
- 33 Bone about to get better (referring to body bag?) (7)
- 34 It was imposed by Irish law, as Rule One, accepted by everyone (6)
- 35 Yank ate hen? That's not the gas they treat it with over there! (6)
- 36 Herald changes following act that's restructured major place of worship (9)

Down

- 1 Fertile soil, richest possibly I removed to smell mass (11)
- 2 Little old bag, last abandoned by string of characters (5)
- 3 Piece from basset-horns, one producing many a clap (4)
- 5 Book on love with stuff above (rhyme) (6)
- 6 A large amount to drink (not good)? Off we go! (6)
- 7 Mounting amount goes on cathode I repaired, with appendages on dial (11)
- 8 Unidentified affliction making one uglier after treatment and lacking energy (5)
- 9 Third of investment lost, put up for protection (4)
- 10 Foreign dynasty runs ME country with love, avoiding extremes (7)
- 11 Rides as jockey, finest over hurdles (11)
- 14 Look no longer, not left to tell the tale (4)
- 19 Greeting with lifting of cap I answer in classical garb (7)
- 22 Inferior helping to supply table's service (6)
- 23 Volcanic stuff from cone on being thrown out with a jet, erupting (6)
- 25 Rarely calling back up king deposed? That's past (4)
- 26 Organized church spread (5)
- 28 Bears showing positive response if no longer in captivity (5)
- 29 Roué caught pinching sheila's ... (4)
- 31 ... Rear, playing endless tease (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. It does not give specifically the (regular) plural form at 19.

Azed No. 2,513 solution & notes

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Across 1, back + abb in sting; 11, cf. vulgar; 16, i.e. car k(it); 19, a²; 21, dr. + a in anag.; 26, Sn + Ag; 28, comp. anag.; 33, i.e. imp in let = limpet.

Down 4, t + r in elegy; 7, ref. Borodin opera *Prince I.*; 12, an al(l)y + sable; 18, run in pell + o; 22, a f in rale; 25, ogam (rev.) + t; ref. Barbary apes of Gibraltar.

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.