

Azed No. 2,517 Plain - Competition Puzzle

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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.

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Across

- 1 Led away, was talking incoherently in US dormitory? (4)
- 4 Ace bolts, galloping – one of several in a race maybe (8)
- 11 Encroachment for poet, usually with ecstasy switching internal couple (10)
- 12 Measures, once artist has knocked back his last two (6)
- 13 Officer briefly interrupting enemy wave as of old (5)
- 15 Lassie's mink maybe got with a wee bittie allowance (8)
- 16 Bring round cages i.e. in Germany for kestrel (9)
- 18 Devil getting end away going after American Honeysuckle? (6)
- 20 Sauce coming in a river? The opposite – single lump perhaps (4)
- 21 Gal leaving the country to make a little money abroad (4)
- 23 Opera pieces, often? Not drinking in proper one (6)
- 26 Protection for horse in battle, farm trained, in linked metal (9)
- 28 Family of seafish dried out, in case after treatment (8)
- 29 Who's ticked off about a bit of lying? (5)
- 30 What pupil did, getting merit in Latin tense (6)
- 31 Make sail neat (not half) in a storm, being skilled in such matters (10)
- 32 It may interest diggers to hold back the rabble (8)
- 33 Prospect for Scots assured – English missed out twice (4)

Down

- 1 Two thirds of pail was hot for old bleaching process (8)
- 2 Old stone rubbish receptacle in foreign street (6)
- 3 Spotted playing blinder (7)
- 5 Duck under blow in wrestling tournament (5)
- 6 Struggled uncommonly as tenor in reworking of Verdi's (7)
- 7 Deerhound? Not crazy about matted fur, unkempt (6)
- 8 Lowly freeman, boss of company hands? (5)
- *9 Letter for letter (9)
- 10 Decommissioned amphibian navy left out of contingency (4)
- 14 Wind formerly cut choice at sea (9)
- 17 Tabby cat, legs going in rear mostly (8)
- 19 Life at university? Pinnacle includes a degree, English (7)
- 20 Linnaean library? Find right book, going into 'Cures' (7)
- 22 African bird concealed in old hedge upside down (6)
- 24 Bully for you, making tons of gold! (6)
- 25 Weight reduced, one is going in here? (5)
- 27 Cheeky nonsense, hiding key (5)
- 28 *Il Trovatore*, to wit singular opera? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,514 solution & notes

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Across 6, O in curb; 12, I for R in matron; 22, dorm AR (rev.); 29, dais(y); 32, F e.g. in sole.

Down 2, pother in OAP + y; 3, ref. cocktail rum & Coca Cola; 7, anag. in ox; 19, mini + ate; ref. 'paint the town red'; 20, ref. Agen, Fr. town renowned for its prunes and RU team; 23, cf. route; 26, ref. J. Edgar Hoover, former head of the FBI.

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. 2,517, 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.