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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.

Across

- Controller of all power South writes off in sporting event (12)
- Mop I'm handing over to seaman in state of dizziness (4)
- Bits at the end for Popeye – spinach – disgusting! (4)
- Cottage in the country pop's fitted with central heating after year (5)
- This hemlock derivative encompasses end for Socrates – as icon perished? (5)
- There's a lot of blood attached to mafia family in this Chicago racket (7)
- Bairn's worn-out shoe has battered rubber child gets into (8)
- Part of speech penned by Beaverbrook (4)
- Larder standby sprinkled in case you start on salad (8, 2 words)
- Like leafy appendages turning up, look, in jug (8)
- Some doctoring is option after regular excisions (4)
- Discovery includes old clothes pilfered? (8)
- Third classification in boxing? (7)
- Love-making cut at start after bug returns? *Not* what you want in bed! (5)
- Sea monster leads to personal hate of Capt. Ahab (5)
- Shed unloaded, got rid of Romanian money (4)
- What's a young cow to Sandy? Question with no answer ultimately (4)
- Sets in order a messy set and it's reorganized (12)

Down

- Computer system, tidy, in documents (unkeyed?) (5)
- Where relics are housed? 100, mostly excellent, in Asia ransacked (8)
- Very young hawk, unconstrained, tail up (4)
- Ring round after delivery (not the first)? (6)
- Rogue caught interrupting excursion (6)
- Like old man-of-war? Consider being shot to pieces when one's aboard (9)
- Secret crime society? One might deduce its members are up *this* (4)
- Husky in frost at head of sledge being unloaded? (6)
- Launderette offering server, I wear clothing after treatment (10)
- Botany, say? Love endless aroma enfolding one in artist's pale-green? (10)
- Not fully empowered, pub struggles, accordingly limiting that red wine (9)
- Like copper goblets drunken roué's filled (8)
- Part of bishop's get-up, form of trimmed cassock (6)
- Divine symbol of maleness, glam by implication (6)
- New trap given room by motorists – it's a dreadful pain (6)
- Timber sledges one's kept in out of the rain before start of snow (5)
- Part of crust rolled up as wrap (4)
- Dig openings for seed potatoes in trench (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. It gives 1 Down as an abbreviation.

Azed No. 2,518 solution & notes

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Female name: PETRONELLA

Across 1, seaside; anag. in see; 7, R + T, p a (rev.); 11, fire-raiser; N.said to have set fire to Rome; 14, goura; 15, trope; (r)eport (rev.); 16, KO (vb) an; 19, mucros; cum (rev.) + ros(e); 22, paronomasia; 25, t. e + G-men; 29, ruche; 31, rinse; rose with in for o; 33, modernness; 35, agnatic; tanga (rev.) + i c.
Down 1, master-at-arms; 3, lo in a fat; 4, sieth; 6, biga; Gib (rev.) + a; 8, assure; 10, transparency; 17, tape loop; ape loo in tp; 18, alme; ref. belly dancing; 20, iamb; 24, sages; ages in 'st; 28, reft.

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.