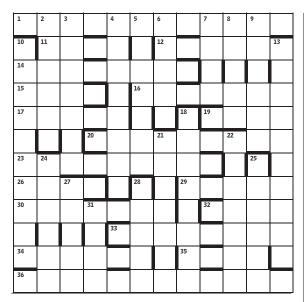
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In light of the coronavirus crisis, it has been decided to postpone the lunch at Wolfson College, Oxford, originally planned for Saturday 2 May, until Saturday 26 September. For all details send an SAE to Azed 2,500,13 Eshton Court, Mapplewell, Barnsley, South Yorkshire S75 5QG, or email heald.richard@googlemail.com

The next competition puzzle will be No. 2,500 on 10 May.

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Across

- 1 Flattened like some plants in rose beds prepared with entry for competition (12)
- 11 Maori group united after their settlement's returned (4)
- **12** Give jaunty angle to front of lid and titup friskily around (6)
- 14 Young fish to tickle? It's stirred by thible (8)
- **15** Amateur trailing one who isn't in vessel (4)
- 16 Heart of sting ray pierced by harpoon's head, at sea? Marine creature now defunct (7)
- 17 Added rolls after central part of meal don't leave any (5, 2 words)
- **19** Hot where baskers are lying? Those at ease respond to it (4)
- **20** Think to break china trinkets? That's fatuity (9)
- 23 Preserve stone I ground to separate into sections (9)
- **26** Parliament disturbance putting us off (4)
- **29** Skin condition contained by soaps or antibiotics (5)
- **30** Repute badly affected, adult admitted being in difficulties (7, 3 words)
- **32** Rank and file's last worthless stuff (4)
- **33** Like the runt after time sow rolled over in roster (8)
- **34** Reddish-brown monkey with a tail of maroon (6)
- **35** Bell beginning to emit no small volume (4)
- **36** Such as Verdi Gerry & Co adapted, typical Covent Garden stuff? (12)

Down

- 2 Home for many an Indian black deer, acreage fenced in (6)
- **3** Yellowish colour displayed by bread in tin (7)
- 4 I'm pro out sporting? I'd nae shoot this wee bird (8)
- **5** The old man accompanying golf club captain (7)
- **6** Has coiffure arranged? A frill like this is off, possibly (5)
- 7 Stagger like Scottish drunk, one such swallowing last of flacket (4)
- 8 Skier with being regularly deprived? One might get this for a quid (5)
- **9** Accipitrines as a group dash above us (6)
- **10** Gentry put out about a vintage, little special (10, 2 words)
- 13 Like some acid? Fussy about right answer if lacking one (10, 2 words)
- **18** Jaunty esprit in accordance with folk song (8)
- 21 It may be blended for painter (7, 2 words)
- 22 Rhetorical trope this writer's used to follow end of phrase: repetition (7)
- 24 One with superior manner? She should improve her language! (6, 2 words)
- **25** Part of potboiler, a series with which some writers end? (6)
- 27 Coarse metal, lustreless (5)
- **28** Life, or how it ends, in a mound (5)
- 31 Run in stage of tournament? Have a go, as of old (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. It gives 9 in italics at the entry for its derivative.

Azed No. 2.496 solution & notes



1, portrait, 2, cant-rail; 3, cantlets; 4, mantelet; tel in Manet; 5, marsport, 6, autopsia; s in a Utopia; 7, captives; apt in anag. incl. s; 8, proclive; corp(us) (rev.) + live; 9, cornists; 10, simulant; 11, singular; 12, draisine; 13, sclerose; 14, prodnose; 15, adorning; 16, ingenium; NI in in geum; 17, tonguing; to +anag.; 18, side-note; 19, foretops; 20, fondlers; anag. less e; 21, Griselda; 22, Negrillo; 23, long-tail; anag. in lol; 24, speciate; 25, trollops; 26, recharts; 27, chastise; sit (rev.) in chase; 28, stilling; 29, milliner; 30, ice storm; 31, bedrolls; droll in bes(t); 32, hardened; 33, hastated; hasta + ted; 34, stabling; 35, rattline; 36, attestor; at test + OR.

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.