

Azed No. 2,599 - Competition Puzzle

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Azed 50th Anniversary

There will be a lunch at Wolfson College, Oxford, on Saturday 28th May to celebrate the 50th anniversary this year of the Azed crossword. For details please email heald.richard@googlemail.com, or send an SAE to: Azed 50th Anniversary, 13 Eshton Court, Mapplewell, Barnsley, South Yorkshire S75 5QG. **Please note: previous bookings made in 2020 for the cancelled Azed 2,500 lunch will not be automatically carried forward.**

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Across

- 3** Quickly insert something to repair tap after start of seepage (10)
10 Constitution of EU modified with inclusion of short rule (5)
11 My child, a girl (not Di) coming after a boy (7)
12 Ref punished Italian, a warning, ye ken (5)
13 Source of rennet, contents of level ladle (4)
15 Evil, devious foreigner mostly getting to conceal shameful deeds (8, 3 words)
16 Sink? It's often by the fire (7)
18 Bother keeps besetting head (6)
20 Hold back old cur let out (6)
22 Quickie during lunch break? Not a soul having run! (6)
24 First sign of cockroaches - I yelp frenziedly, insect protectors needed (6)
27 Argumentative type is tense when restricted by fine (7)
28 One answer to air pollution making mark, involving collaborative group? (8, 2 words)
30 Flock of ducks, mute? Not one duck (4)
31 Counter for game? Learner must join club (5)
32 Law kept in line? It's not rigid across the water (7)
33 Fox found in Zambia, form of red one (5)
***34** Requirements (10)

Down

- 1** Aged catch, with head displaying aloof manner (10)
2 By the sound of it, make bacon from a pig in liqueur (7)
3 Resort to spot on end of peak (4)
4 Fish oil painter's used liberally (8)
5 S. Indians in formal garb around start of mela (6)
6 Nashgab, smart, one supplanting English (6)
7 Suffer with relative whom locals regard as a fool (7)
8 Poet's just close to cathedral city (5)
9 50% of state leaving for spiritual leader (5)
14 What can make line curl at being twisted in double-convex (10)
17 He's among group having to hurry over leaflet (8)
19 Grease applied to help old siren? (7)
21 Evening of music etc from Spain I cover in church (7)
23 Former kick, if delivered by Old Nick coming up on one's rear end (6)
24 Trader, one invited in by late-lamented funny man? (6)
25 Ecclesiastic gown moved gradually and rustled (5)
26 Dry up after ten? Try a sherry (5)
29 Scottish supernumerary from among junior ranks (4)

Every answer before misprinting is in the Chambers Dictionary (2014).

Azed No. 2,596 solution & notes

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10	L	O	R	I	K	E	E	T	A	F	P	Y	K
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19	A	S	P	E	N	N	L	V	C	R	I	S	E
24	T	O	R	T	E	L	I	E	R	U	T	Z	U
28	S	L	U	R	P	Y	T	R	A	T	T	A	T
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33	P	O	S	T	M	E	N	S	T	R	U	A	L

Across 1, I lop in anag.; 10, eek in Tirol (rev.); 14, remi(x) in pere; 15, ro(t) in anag.; 17, lem(on) in sicken; 22, 'crees'; 24, atelier with tor for a; ref. Paul T., French callist; 29, attar (rev.) + t; hinge = turn; 30, win + E + Ries(ling); 33, postmen + anag.

Down 1, plac(e) + cat (qv); 6, cf Malta; 8, r 1 in eyes; 9, (Sn)ooks (rev.); 20, it in Solo; ref. character in TV series *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.*; 21, comp. anag. & lit.; 23, ref. John R.; composer specializing in choral music.

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. 2,599, PO Box 518, Oxford, OX2 6WX. Entries should be received by Monday week at the latest. Please add a brief explanation of your clue (one entry only). Emailed entries from overseas will be accepted, addressed to jcrowther2000@hotmail.com £35, £30, £25 prizes and Azed bookplates for the three clues judged best. The Azed slip, containing details of successful competition entries and Azed's comments, is available on subscription at £16 a year. Cheques, payable to the Azed Slip, should be sent to The Azed Slip, Coombe Farm, Awbridge, Romsey SO51 0HN. To receive a sample slip, please send an sae to this address.