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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

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Across

- German, height short, taken in by cunning swiftly (7)
- Unkempt heavy-metal fan repenting, reborn in part (5)
- Rock dwellers, unusually chary over conception (10)
- Watch maybe losing care of Jock's buns needing a turn (5)
- Pledge? Just so, involving start of surety (5)
- One attending regularly – not a lot – put in appearance (7)
- 'Simple boor' encapsulates one? (4)
- Threw a wobbly? This may help to dispel glacial conditions (6)
- I'm repelled about a thrill, endlessly shaking, denoting some frequency (9)
- Dither uneasily about wretch of poor quality (9)
- Rich fabric, one introduced by special expert (6)
- Dining hall serving unattractive food? (4)
- Nora? Pa's besotted with her – her antonym perhaps! (7)
- Jungle trailer required for Mongolian adventure (5)
- Following passion, one denied love – sleuth's inspiration? (5)
- Allotment structure making growing medium wetter | abandoned (10)
- Order, one devoured by Cockney (5)
- More than one temple dance around a deity (7)

Down

- Jock's dripping round cracked shop lavabo (7)
- Model in ladies, taken short uncomfortably (5)
- Italian imperialist? He's half taken in by taunt over succession (9)
- In core of battlers tyro mishandled explosive (6)
- Swear endlessly when entering toilet like a water expanse (10)
- '---!' – a tub explodes? i.e. boat caught at sea (notoriously) (6)
- Loyalist taking off Irishman? One keeps us in stitches (4)
- Blockade is lifted, say? One working hard to restrict that (7)
- Western philosophy's 'right way' that's taken up eastern rule (5)
- Tiny Greta distraught over a plant order (10)
- Prodigal at one time taking strong drink in bit of broken pot (9)
- One caught in downpour, not so unobtrusive (7)
- Accelerates when leading character of those in the run? (7)
- Dull note replacing one penned in journal (6)
- Sign of being in form, it set up batting for century in MCG? (6)
- 'Freestyle' swimmer setting amateur record for heart in the ocean (5)
- Zone circled by body of Indian troops without appearing in scores (5)
- One of a pair flanking doorway, anonymous volunteers (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,503 solution & notes

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24	P	I	N	T	A	I	L	B	T	S	X	E
26	E	P	E	R	D	U	L	A	R	E	T	E
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Across 14, sat (rev.) + table; 15, lamp ER + n; ref. King Henry¹, said to have died of a surfeit of lampreys; 21, t + arrièr(e); 26, cf. perdue; 30, v in rio(t); 31, slap = (stage) make-up; 34, anag. + oud; 36, E + anag. in GS.

Down 3, cre(w) + morne; 5, n ten in ID; 8, O + OR in fast; 9, comp. anag. & lit.; 10, anag. + s in SS; 19, i.e. lure following anag.; 22, ref. Isabel A., Chilean writer; 28, go in Dan (one of 12 tribes of Israel); 32, cf. Aldi.

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.