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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.

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Across

- 1 Mistake imbibing selection of wine, barely drinkable (8)
- 7 Principal taking part in popular charade (4)
- 12 African plant: fish and individual creatures desist when sun's out (9)
- 13 Crêpe in France, Breton one containing local milk, not Italian (6)
- 14 Monsoon deity? I'll go for river where my worshippers are (5)
- 15 Fact: ma and pa will be thrilled with bit of avoidupois lost here? (7, 2 words)
- 16 Madman runs state (5)
- 17 Such terribly regressive tax takes the most downhill route (8)
- 19 Brother bottles what's used for cooking chicken (7)
- 21 Regiment, half of it about good to form fresh coalition (7)
- 25 Despot given no credit occupying castle defence system (8)
- 26 Extract from plant, a plant from the east, that gives name to common food (5)
- 27 Old convict having to reach end of imprisonment (7)
- 29 Senior canon Louis maybe backed to attend prince (5)
- 30 'Over-lovingness' label accepted by female (6)
- 31 What can dispose of such unpleasantness? Elders can (9)
- 32 Danger: knife's front end going as far as it can (4)
- 33 Sailor leading marine creatures puts hard covering on (8)

Down

- 1 Intellectual dropping in for punch (4)
- 2 Rest freeing one from genuine pain (7)
- 3 Small groups involving copper in motives (8)
- 4 Enzyme, one occurring in tangled skein (6)
- 5 Oldie entranced by series, one such regularly broadcast in the US? (6)
- 6 Fine things see off professorships (5)
- 8 Form of lavender fringing drowned valley – it's akin to teasels (11, 2 words)
- 9 Solicitude, mark of affection for waterside plant (5)
- 10 Try moderate pace – it may be fatal in forest (8)
- 11 Degree subject – it's swatted round college (11)
- 17 Violinist keeps quiet, one involved in medley earlier? (8)
- 18 Tortoise, this, delicacy with a slice of entrecôte (8)
- 20 Holidays coming up? No good getting stuck into that gospel (7)
- 22 Large lizard of Indian state and North America (6)
- 23 Classic model entering uplands goes at quite a lick (6)
- 24 Persian sharif losing hearts, banged up (5)
- 25 French mister artist framed in middle of bath? Lifeless one! (5)
- 28 Riddle: what causes regular loss in structure of tree moss? (4)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended. 8 appears at the entry for its second element.

Azed No. 2,594 solution & notes

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Across 1, anag. in order; 11, cond(one); 18, anag. less c; 22, comp. anag. & lit.; 26, see T-rail; 29, i.e. pek(O)e; 32, anag. + aria.
Down 2, anag. + r in anag.; ref. legend of Hero & Leander; 5, arbo(r) in drag (rev.); 7, ref. I. Trump; 9, come n in anag.; 10, supple + l in ton; 25, l in alure.

Rules and requests

£25 in book tokens for the first three correct solutions opened.
 Solutions postmarked no later than Monday week to:
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