

## Azed No. 2,598 Plain

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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@googlegmail.com](mailto:heald.richard@googlegmail.com), or send an SAE to: Azed 50th Anniversary, 13 Eshton Court, Mapplewell, Barnsley, South Yorkshire S75 5QG.

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### Across

- 2 It's endlessly fine imbibing spirit, then beer and type of pop (11, 3 words)  
 10 One with bit of cloth (plaid?), new in, ideal for non-seamstress? (6)  
 11 Animal's head consumed in college dinner, ritually slaughtered (5)  
 12 Protective housing containing fish or duck (7)  
 14 Afternoon snooze over for mountain creature (4)  
 15 Insect, one devouring case in furniture wood (7)  
 16 Mites causing opening of rind in purple fruit (5)  
 17 Language replacing English in range of knowledge – for space travellers? (7)  
 18 Old cast-offs, once typical, chaps found in street (9)  
 21 Extreme pressure on awkward tie-clip, being bound to fit (9)  
 25 Having undivided hooves, strong when taking in exercise (7)  
 27 Long Scotch? Slow down after gallon! (5)  
 28 Rule put out for what foresters could claim (7)  
 30 Race almost over? Bore (4)  
 31 Man holding conflict as something corruptive (7)  
 32 It is roughly about summer's end? (5)  
 33 Inept manoeuvring round rear of traffic – it's often in a jam (6)  
 34 Hawkers' spiel? Resist being misled about touching and so on (11, 2 words)

### Down

- 1 Bed sheet, what Mac's in when heated? (7)  
 2 Scottish dwarf orchid, growing wild (6)  
 3 Musical genre, difficult, including a list of performers (10)  
 4 Member of OT people, once more getting somewhat beset? (7)  
 5 Small swelling showing date in ancient dome (6)  
 6 Laundryman in Berlin that is given foreign sash (5)  
 7 Follower of self-styled prophet one third of young ignored (4)  
 8 Capital making one a bargain invested in health resort? (6)  
 9 Area shifted in reception room gaining Jock's reproof (5)  
 13 ER, age almost ninety, active – it's inbred (10)  
 19 'Fidgety Phil' to scold, shuffling e.g. right and left (7)  
 20 Mostly kind where Wellington is showing inclination (7)  
 22 What's pinched (by reiver?) causing his week in prison (6)  
 23 Pass forward, and I'm coming up on the inside (6)  
 24 Butterfly lives under prom (6)  
 25 Squabbles well before time end in hand-shakes (5)  
 26 Old stone that is found at bottom of plimsoll (not soft) (5)  
 29 Sailor heading east – what's net weight of vessel? (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.**

## Azed No. 2,595 solution & notes

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24	S	W	I	G	W	C	O	A	N	C	U	P
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Message (in diagonals): Fifty years of AZ crosswords.

**Across** 1, straff; TR in faff; 6, murage; 11, crepoline; o lin in anag.; 12, heinie; 13, psion; 15, wendigo; 16, lonicera; 19, gharri; anag. + RR + 1; 22, rotary; 25, acorn-cup; w + Cu in anag.; 28, markhor; oh in maror; 30, agast; 31, souter; 32, triangles; 33, unseen; NSE, E in SN; 34, cerate; tar in fec. (all rev.)  
**Down** 1, scholar's mate; 2, tremolo; Tiepolo with m for p; 3, renin; 4, foister; 5, flewed; 7, restraint; 8, a priori; a PC + first letters; 9, grog; g + Zog; 10, monodisperse; 14, visagiste; 18, stirpes; err in sits (all rev.); 20, hemione; 21, rousant; USA in root; 23, corsac; 27, calla; 29, agon; G in anag.

### Rules and requests

£25 in book tokens for the first three correct solutions opened.  
 Solutions postmarked no later than Monday week to:  
 Azed No. 2,598, The Observer, 90 York Way, London N1 9GU.