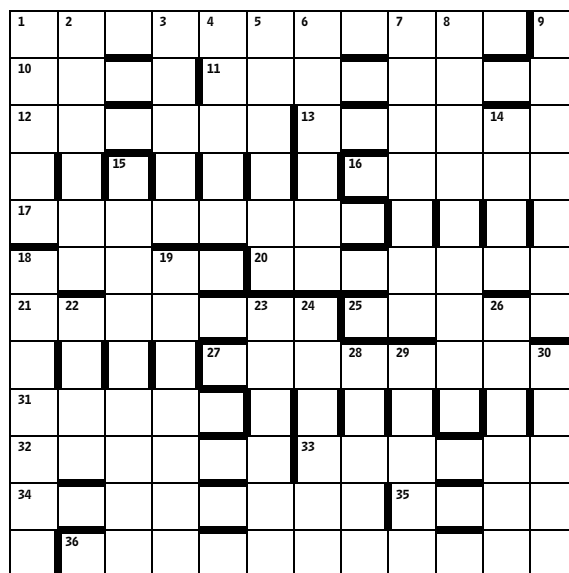


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Azed 50th Anniversary

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.**

Across

- 1 See subordinate with time for a break learning to earn a crust (11)
- 10 Tribal division united by chance (4)
- 11 Strong drink artist tipped over more than half of historical document (8)
- 12 'Pale, rocky' encapsulates it (6)
- 13 Nick damaged leg in prang on Aussie road (6)
- 16 Honeyed tippie imbibed by inamorata (5)
- 17 Sex organ's linga oda exercised! (8)
- 18 Cramp displayed by 50% of sportsmen? (5)
- 20 Circus performer traditionally – a line's juggling round ball (7, 2 words)
- 21 I'm surprised to be keeping near drunk as aid to maintaining balance (7)
- 25 Old couple not active in the household (5)
- 27 Obscure eon, an age associated with tropical America (8)
- 31 She's sometimes lazy, coming from the country, opening tin (5)
- 32 English ploughed furrows, cold inside? Rifts according to the Scots (6)
- 33 Set of bells, including start of octave rings well (6)
- 34 Fungicidal compound, litre distributed? I'll have none inserted (8)
- 35 Mixed dish to bring on, going round – cut edging off (4)
- 36 No. 1 in Elysium with threefold head, never dying (11)

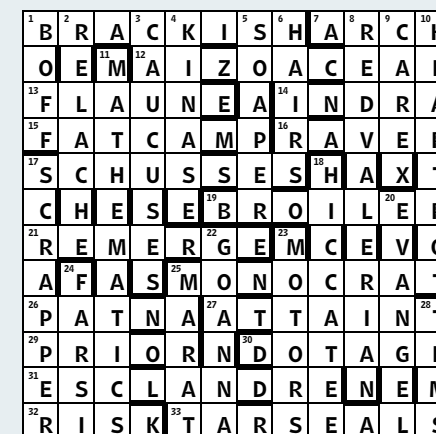
Down

- 1 Intoxicant, heroin taken in injection (5)
- 2 Outcry going up about training e.g. falcon (6)

- 3 Massage auntie endlessly administered (5, 2 words or 1)
- 4 Being full, here's dish lad's left for particular one? (5)
- 5 Stall, opposite of stand put up and occupied by vicar? (6)
- 6 Sign of hesitation going over slope of hill in shades (6)
- 7 Scribbled blog in base? Base indeed (7)
- 8 English Queen about reign formerly: 'My colours will not fade' (9)
- 9 What may be part of radical combination, ideal for singer? (7)
- 14 Gaucho's requisite, essential to fill a zoo's stock (4)
- 15 Underwear of a kind, wedding kit for the groom? (9, 2 words)
- 18 Treats with special care lines of salad crops? (7)
- 19 Coca Cola's half wasted with last of lemonade in the drains (7)
- 22 Shift: did Abraham return this after time away? (4)
- 23 Verse contest creating excitement I lost? (6)
- 24 Rising stink left one in a kerfuffle (6)
- 26 Verses composed by young females incorporating literal extremes (6)
- 28 Set about contact sport? It's not very nourishing (5)
- 29 One against receiving latest bit of advert – it was stuffed under mail (5)
- 30 After end of monsoon as of old harrow watercourses (5)

The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.

Azed No. 2,597 solution & notes



Across 12, ai + zoa + cea(s)e; 13, F + la(it) + une; 14, India with r for l; 17, anag. + sess (rev.); 26, hidden rev.; 29, pr. + roi (rev.).

Down 2, re(a)l ache; 6, (c)hairs; 8, ria in anag.; 11, MA thema + c in anag., & lit.; 17, medley (qv) = fight (obs); 25, M + RA in at; ref. J.-L. David 1793 painting, 'The Death of M.'.

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