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29.04.24

Sudoku Easy No 14,871

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THE **TIMES**

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The Times Quick Cryptic No 2662 by Alex



Across

- 8 Warm up poultry for infidel (7) 9 Farm managed by Switzerland
- (5)
- 10 Subject head in charge (5) 11 Futile as miles off (7)
- Unfortunately I peter out 12
- going into a spin (9)
- 14 Pat is evil when knocked back (3)
- 16 Bad actor has me missing final bits (3)
- 18 More certain about right conclusion being capitulation (9)
- 21 Screen short, first class adaptation at last (7)
- 22 Factory design taking time (5)
- 23 Head of acquisitions donated tequila ingredient (5)
- 24 Light aquatic bird following short path (7)

Down

- 1 Cabin unknown secretary placed in church showing gall (8)
- 2 Juliet pares ragged stone (6)

Fashionable bird losing kilo (4)

One part of play involving books is untouched (6)

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- First screening about to follow 5 Empire broadcast (8)
- Straighten out a French divan 6 around noon (6)
- 7 In this way sleuth uses cases (4)
- 13 Opened beer in shifting dunes (8)
- 15 Singer is exposed while keeping it on (8)
- 17 Numberless mass milk producer upset (6)
- 19 Annoy heads of research and nearly kindle limitless enmity (6)
- 20 Initially drop less refined piece of furniture (6)
- Cliff caught worn scrap of 21 cloth (4)
- 22 Slab of glass is tiresome thing we hear (4)

Suko No 4102



Place the numbers 1 to 9 in the spaces so that the number in each circle is equal to the sum of the four surrounding spaces, and each colour total is correct

Train Tracks No 2231



Winning Move



White to play. This position is from Shubhi-Demin, Titled Tuesday, chess.com 2024.

White has a solid material advantage but the black bishop on e4 could potentially cause problems. How did White increase the material advantage decisively before this could happen?

Word watch **David Parfitt**

Chaffery

a A room for threshing **b** The act of bargaining c The profession of being a coachman

Divellicate

b To make double-sided parchment c To tell a half-truth

Pourriture

- a Decomposed material
- **b** A thin oatmeal soup
- c A likeness

a To pull into pieces

sections and curved sections. The

- track cannot
- cross itself.

THE **CALLENTIMES**

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General Knowledge Crossword No 231

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Across

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- 1 Musician such as James Galway (8)
- 5 Crustaceans often served in a Marie Rose sauce (6)
- 10 Parasitic insect whose eggs are known as nits (5)
- 11 Wicketkeeper who took 243 catches during his England Test career. 2007-14 (4.5)
- 12 Comic actress who rose to fame as part of the *Goodness Gracious Me* sketch team (5,4)
- 13 David ---, cringe-inducing boss played by Ricky Gervais (5)
- 14 Malcolm ---, foreign secretary succeeded by Robin Cook (7)
- 16 Former name of Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam (6)
- 18 Symbol representing the star sign Pisces (6)
- 20 Dummy drug containing no active ingredient (7)
- 22 Antelope with spiral horns (5) Last week's solution





- 23 Spanish motorway (9) 25 Strong-tasting purgative
- liquid (6,3) 26 Codeword for R in the Nato phonetic alphabet (5)
- 27 List of items for discussion during a meeting (6)
- 28 British long-jump champion at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics (4,4)

Down

- 1 Millard ---, last Whig president of the USA (8)
- Bright shade of blue often used to describe the sky (5)
- 3 Ben Okri novel that won
- the 1991 Booker prize (3,8,4)4 Siberian dog breed with
- a dense fluffy white coat (7) 6 US political group symbolised by an elephant (10,5)
- 7 Floral emblem of the House of York (5,4)
- 8 Layers of rock in geology (6)9 Harry ---, singer of the 2022 global hit *As It Was* (6)
- 15 Dish of stewed chicken, veal or game in a thick white sauce (9)
- 17 Brand of instant camera and photographic film (8)
- 19 Zigzagging skiing race (6)20 Technical name for the
- kneecap (7) 21 Anglo-Saxon kingdom
- roughly equating to the modern-day Midlands (6)
- 24 Central character of Disney's *The Lion King* (5)

Codeword	No 5201



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Every letter in this crossword-style grid is represented by a number from 1 to 26. Each letter of the alphabet appears in the grid at least once. Use the letters already provided to work out the identity of further letters. Enter letters in the main grid and the smaller reference grid until all 26 letters of the alphabet have been accounted for. Proper nouns are excluded. *Saturday's solution, right*

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Slide the letters either horizontally or vertically back into the grid to produce a completed crossword. Letters are allowed to slide over other letters

THE **TIMES**

times2 Crossword No 9517



Across

- 1 Join forces (4,2)
- 5 Excellent, marvellous (6)
- 8 Cut or shaped with an axe (4)
- 9 S Asian cooking method (8)
- 10 Act of vain self-interest (3,4)
- 11 Existing (5)
- 13 Able to exert self-control (11)
- 16 Blocking move in fencing (5)

Solution to Crossword 9516



- 18 Young big cat (4,3)
- 21 Vast online computer system (8)
- 22 Unconvincing; injured (4)
- 23 Abstain from (6)
- 24 False rumour or story (6)

Down

- 2 Gradually appeared (7)
- 3 Impressionist (1840-1926) who painted *Water Lilies* (5)
- 4 --- Highsmith, US author of psychological thrillers (8)
- 5 Beach grains (4)
- 6 Dietary essential (7)
- 7 Air (a programme) again (5)
- 12 Shaped like a regular oval (8)
- 14 Ear-piercing wail (7)
- 15 Percussionist (7)
- 17 Female relatives (5)
- 19 Fabric used for
 - stockings, eg (5)
- 20 Form of precipitation (4)

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KenKen Easy No 6193

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All the digits 1 to 6 must appear in every row and column. In each thick-line "block", the target number in the top left-hand corner is calculated from the digits in all the cells in the block, using the operation indicated by the symbol. Fill the blank squares so that every row and column contains each of the numbers 1 to 5 once only. The symbols between the squares indicate whether a number is larger (>) or smaller (<) than the number next to it.

Kakuro No 3700



Solve all five cryptic clues using each letter underneath once only

1 Who may inspire some poetaster at Oxford? (5)

Quintagram®

2 Father and dean dropping first hymn (5)

3 Lumber theologian got in auction (6)

4 Shocking state of affairs following outside broadcast (7)

5 Duck from Grasmere cooked around noon (9)

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Brain Trainer

Polygon

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Cell Blocks No 5084



Divide the grid into square or rectangular blocks, each containing one digit only. Every block must contain the number of cells indicated by the digit inside it.

Set Square No 3703

Killer Gentle No 9440

From these letters, make words of three or more letters, always including the central letter. Answers must be in the *Concise Oxford Dictionary*, excluding capitalised words, plurals, conjugated verbs (past tense etc), adverbs ending in LY, comparatives and superlatives. **How you rate** 9 words, average; 13, good; 18, very good; 23, excellent

Saturday's answers

aeon, aide, anew, anion, anode, anon, awned, danio, dawn, dean, dewan, diwan, dopa, eina, idea, inane, nape, neap, nipa, nonda, paeon, pain, pained, pane, panino, panne, pawn, pean, piano, pinna, wade, wadi, wain, wand, wane, wean, weapon, **windowpane**, woad



Enter each of the numbers from 1 to 9 in the grid, so that the six sums work. We've placed two numbers to get you started. Each sum should be calculated left to right or top to bottom.

Please note, BODMAS does not apply

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Killer Tricky No 9441



As with standard Sudoku, fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. Each set of cells joined by dotted lines must add up to the target number in its top-left corner. Within each set of cells joined by dotted lines, a digit cannot be repeated.

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ACROSS

- 1 Cause of death, possibly, with body found in melee (5.4)
- 6 Stylish young woman put on cape(5)
- 9 Públic school game in which score is four (5)
- **10** Some footballer in action, one noted for footwork (9)
- 11 Savoury dish, lightly cooked was tempted (7)
- 12 Tree by a large expanse of water in a sorry state (7)
- 13 Bringing down to earth about what might be not true in prognostication (7-7)
- 17 Socially shunned stole off to become so? (4-10)
- 21 Sailors bragged in front of king and queen, say, on board (7)
- 23 Prodigal son taken in by Walter transformed (7)
- **25** Nothing in the growth trend right for person who speculates (9)
- **26** Complete round-the-world trip, or just part (5)
- **27** Blow hot and cold, switching? That's a problem (5)
- **28** Novel read, set between years in recent past (9)

DOWN

- 1 Repeated piece of music before service, loud for masses (4-4)
- 2 Female invariably creating state of excitement (5)
- 3 European bishop, in surprise, leaving West (9)
- 4 Regular visitor somewhat put in shade (7)
- **5** Fieldwork lasting into maturity (7)
- 6 Reportedly attack king as citizen of republic (5)
- **7** Today, most of Turkey is upset with Romania (4,5)
- 8 Also, in short, a mixed drink (6)
- **14** President or first lady left in overnight accommodation (9)
- 15 Learner attached to sound of poem that's naturally attractive (9)
- **16** I make city attempt form of worship (8)
- 18 Optimal policy they arranged with son (7)
- **19** University charges, under pressure, going higher (7)
- **20** Put the lid on strong drink (6)
- 22 Step by step demonstration of hard stuff set up (5)
- 24 Bishop captured in attack that's over the top? (5)

Prize solution 28,896



Check today's answers by ringing 0905 757 0141 by midnight. Calls cost £1 per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge. SP: Spoke 0333 202 3390.

The winners of Prize Crossword No 28,896 are M Ballantine, Hull, East Yorkshire T Campbell, Perth, Perth and Kinross M Harper, Lancaster

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- S Willis, Stalybridge, Greater Manchester

THE CONTINES

Solutions

Quick Cryptic 2660



Tredoku 1835





Codeword 5200

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Sudoku	14,870
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Killer 9439

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Futoshiki 4739

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Word watch

Chaffery (b) The act of

bargaining (*Collins*) **Divellicate** (a) To pull into pieces (*Chambers*) **Pourriture** (a) Decomposed material (*OED*) Chess – Winning Move 1 f5! threatens the black rook. After 1 ... Rg5 (there is nothing better), White's

second threat becomes apparent as 2 Qxe4! exploits the d-file pin and leaves

White a rook up

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Today's solutions

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Brain Trainer Easv 78 Medium 479

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Samurai easy

Fill each grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. Where the puzzles overlap, the rows and columns do not go beyond their usual length.

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Futoshiki

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Train Tracks

Lay tracks to enable the train to travel from village A to village B. The numbers indicate how many sections of track go in each row and column. There are only straight sections and curved sections. The track cannot cross itself.





Monday April 29 2024 Brain boost puzzles

Sudoku super fiendish

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Killer deadly

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Suko



Place the numbers 1 to 9 in the spaces so that the number in each circle is equal to the sum of the four surrounding spaces, and each colour total is correct

Mini

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that

every column, every row and every 3x2

Solutions in

tomorrow's Times2

box contains the digits 1 to 6

Codeword

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Thursday's solutions

SAMURAI

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TRAIN TRACKS



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SUDOKU

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KILLER

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CODEWORD



