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|  | 2 |  |  | 6 | 9 |  |  | 5 |

Difficult No 14,890

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|  |  | 5 | 4 |  |  | 6 | 8 |  |
| 5 | 3 | 6 |  | 2 | 4 | 9 |  |  |
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The Times Quick Cryptic No 2668 by Trelawney


Across
1 Manager's fantastic eyeshade (10)

8 Take legal action to cover rubbish monument (6)
9 Slow song in party commercial (6)

10 I fled Middle Eastern country (4)

11 Feathery scarf and sign for University event $(4,4)$
12 Pull small coach (6)
14 Prisoner's fashionable friend (6)

16 Reportedly consider drink, and more than a few! (8)
18 Young lady initially encounters strong wind (4)
20 Fashion heavenly food for the audience (6)
21 Pass by the Spanish part of church (6)
22 Extravagant way WW1 troops went (4-3-3)

Down
2 Roof missing from club, say (5)

3 European state slipping into sea (7)
4 Struggle with voice regularly (3)

5 Man buries broken underwater vessel (9)
6 Sovereign in French street, bearing left then right (5)
7 Lucky charm from mother's bed (6)
11 Emperor and baronet ordered to carry a piano (9)
13 Fixed cut on a bird (6)
15 Fighter jet with speed to move elsewhere (7)
17 Got an arrangement for Argentinian dance (5)
19 Rope for a cowboy in Dallas somewhere (5)
21 Consume starters of eel and tofu (3)

## Suko No 4108



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 2237



## Winning Move



White to play. This position is from Song-Blanco Diez, Titled Tuesday, chess.com 2024.

In an open position a pair of bishops can often be a potent force. Here White found a brilliant finish that showcased the bishops at their best. Can you spot the key move and variations?

## Word watch David Parfitt

Nesselrode
a A long narrow
headland
b A type of electrical contact
c A pudding made with chestnuts

## Jargoon

a An early ripening
variety of pear
b A brilliant form of zircon
c A habitual user of buzz words

Whigmaleery
a A reformist politician b A frivolous ornament c A liquid measure of two drams

General Knowledge Crossword No 232


## Across

1 Mini-driving buffoon played by Rowan Atkinson $(2,4)$
4 Edible pulse also known as a garbanzo (8)
10 US actress who starred opposite Shirley MacLaine in Terms of Endearment $(5,6)$
11 Dark liquid ejected by squid and octopuses as a defence (3)
12 Middle Eastern language of ancient origin (7)
14 Composer of the operas Peter Grimes and Billy Budd (7)
15 Regular televisual partner of Anthony McPartlin $(6,8)$
17 First minister of Northern Ireland $(8,6)$
21 Former cotton town between Preston and Bolton (7)
22 Narrow strip of land joining two larger areas (7)
23 Water below 32 degrees Fahrenheit (3)
Last week's solution


24 Condiment usually made with hot peppers and tomatoes $(6,5)$
26 Three membranes enclosing the brain and spinal cord (8)
27 York-born conspirator executed in 1606 (6)

## Down

1 Wide region of the UK encompassing Leicester and Birmingham (8)
2 Old nickname for a shilling (3)
3 US state whose capital is Montgomery (7)
5 Actor who played the Earl of Grantham in the period drama Downton Abbey $(4,10)$
6 Smokeless explosive named after its string-like form (7)
7 Artistic technique associated with Seurat and Signac (1l)
8 Eileen ---, Olivier awardwinning actress who was made a dame in 2001 (6)
9 Dark blue route on a London Underground map $(10,4)$
13 Body of water including the Barents and Beaufort seas $(6,5)$
16 Bubble-like sores often caused by friction or burning (8)
18 Greek mountain associated with the mythical Muses (7)
19 --- Kaplinsky, former BBC, Sky and ITV newsreader (7)
20 Division or breach within an established church (6)
25 River of south Wales that flows into the Bristol Channel (3)

Codeword № 5207



| 1 | 2 | 3 | $\mathbf{M}$ | 4 | 5 | ${ }^{4} \mathbf{S}$ | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
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| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |

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

Cluelines Stuck on Codeword? To receive 4 random clues call 09012936262 or text TIMECODE to 64343 . Calls cost $£ 1$ plus your telephone company's network access charge. Texts cost $£ 1$ plus your standard network charge. For the full solution call 09057570142 . Calls cost $£ 1$ per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge. SP: Spoke, 03332023390 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5.30pm).

## Lexica Easy No $7393 \quad$ Hard No 7394



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

## times2 Crossword № 9523



Across
1 Painfully knock (one’s toe) (4)
4 Exaggerated tale of woe $(3,5)$
8 Large bottle often encased in wickerwork (8)
9 Long thin part of a guitar or violin, eg (4)
10 Clemency, leniency (5)
11 Guard from damage (7)
13 In addition $(2,4)$
Solution to Crossword 9522


15 Treat indulgently (6)
18 (Of a vessel) overturn (7)
20 Incidental remark (5)
23 Cat's contented hum (4)
24 World of institutional learning (8)
25 In a holy manner (8)
26 Unpleasantly cold and wet (4)

## Down

2 Recurrent idea or subject (5)
3 Rich French roll (7)
4 Before long (4)
5 Declared insolvent (8)
6 Underlying principle (5)
7 Use again (7)
10 Large extinct bird (3)
12 Snowstorm (8)
14 Shoulder blade (7)
16 Deceive (7)
17 Pumpernickel grain (3)
19 More certain (5)
21 Condescend (5)
22 Madcap, wacky (4)

Need help with today's puzzle? Call 09057570143 to check the answers. Calls cost $£ 1$ per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge. SP: Spoke, 03332023390 (Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm).

KenKen Easy No 6199


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.

## Futoshiki No 4747


$5 \quad \square \quad \square>\square>\square$


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 3706

|  |  |  |  |  | $14$ | $V$ |  | $\sqrt{23}$ | I |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 14 |  | $8^{8}$ |  |  |  | 16 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 19 |  |  |  | $7{ }^{11}$ |  |  |  |
| 11 |  | $32{ }^{4}$ |  |  | $17^{27}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 15 |  |  |  | $17^{8}$ |  |  |  |  | - |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $24{ }^{17}$ |  |  |  |
| $17$ |  |  | $4{ }^{33}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $16$ |  |  |  | $23^{13}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 16 |  |  |  | $416$ |  |  | 11 |  |  |
| $23$ |  |  | $\sqrt[20]{8}$ |  |  |  | ${ }^{14}$ |  |  |
| $\sqrt{16}$ |  |  | $\sqrt{11}$ |  |  |  | $\sqrt{17}$ |  |  |

Fill the grid using the numbers 1 to 9 only. The numbers in each horizontal or vertical run of white squares add up to the total in the triangle to its left or above it. The same number may occur more than once in a row or column, but not within the same run of white squares.

## Quintagram(

Solve all five cryptic clues using each letter underneath once only

1 Worker getting quiet warning? (4)

2 We believe this county is
harbouring a revolutionary (5)

-     -         -             - 

3 Pub not far from here (5)

-     -         -             -                 - 

4 Meet in French bar (9)

5 Previously prepared to disturb
English daydream (5-4)

| A | A | A | B | C | C | C | D |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| D | D | E | E | E | E | E | E |
| E | L | L | M | N | N | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | P | R | R | R | T | U | Y |

Brain Trainer


## Polygon



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 12 words, average; 16, good; 21, very good; 27 , excellent Saturday's answers
amount, amputation, aunt, auto, input, manitou, mantua, mount, muon, mutant, mutation, muti, mutt, mutton, opium, opuntia, paua, pinout, poui, pout, puma, puna, punt, putt, putto, tapu, taunt, taut, tinamou, tout, tump, tuna, unapt, unit, unto, upon, utopian, uttapam

## Cell Blocks No 5090

|  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |
|  |  | 4 |  |  |  | 4 |
| 4 |  |  | 4 |  |  |  |
|  | 3 |  |  | 5 | 2 |  |
|  |  | 3 | 2 |  | 2 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 7 |  |

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 3709



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.

Killer Gentle No 9452


## Killer Tricky No 9453



As with standard Sudoku, fill the grid so that every column, every row and every $3 x 3$ 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.

Cluelines Stuck on Sudoku, Killer or KenKen? Call 0901293 6263 before midnight to receive four clues for any of today's puzzles. Calls cost $£ 1$ plus your telephone company's network access charge. SP: Spoke, 03332023390 (Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm).

## Times Crossword 28,909



## ACROSS

1 Second option mostly involving ultimate academic (10)
7 Damp, but not the second source of damp (4)
9 Deduce computer network turned evil (8)
10 Crab, perhaps, unable to be cracked (6)

11 Main route all but fixed from here (6)

13 Island I leave to probe US city villainy (8)
14 Spoiled girl embracing grand feature of church $(7,5)$
17 Token of love in entirety, playing Wagner operas $(8,4)$
20 Extremely good, more than once, about British article in winter sports equipment (8)
21 In the past, you'd backed including place for second-in-command (6)
22 Play for which actor given licence (6)

23 Money received by office worker: good, attractive (8)
25 Horrific cut - may result in this (4)

26 European capital willing to consider form of change externally (1n)

## DOWN

2 Court accommodating former King and old Emperor? (8)
3 Lines up one to head paper round (3)

4 Upset PA sees head of team leaving (5)

5 Significant narration (7)
6 Close friend cooked and brought in meat dish (9)
7 Imports business reduced by half reorganised in one-sided arrangement $(6,5)$
8 Welcome line in fried food (6)
12 A little attention around college regarding office work (5-6)
15 Not initially unbranded, about to become active (9)
16 Isn't upset over a new church, for example (8)
18 No poles: circus tent continuing to move? (7)
19 Descriptive of stones or tablets? (6)
21 Energetic figure from cycling world in France (5)
24 Drop of salt water, not right for drink (3)

Prize solution 28,902


Check today's answers by ringing 0905757
0141 by midnight. Calls cost $£ 1$ per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge.SP:Spoke 03332023390.

The winners of Prize Crossword No 28,902 are Jonathan Hills, Godalming, Surrey
Alex Newman, Ipswich, Suffolk
Morgan Jamieson, Newton Mearns; Glasgow
Stuart Kershaw, London NW7
Mark Ginn, Aghadowey, Northern Ireland

## Solutions

Quick Cryptic 2666


Codeword 5206


Kakuro 3704

| 3 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 4 |  |  | 7 | 1 | 5 |
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| 9 | 7 |  | 2 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 5 |  |
| 8 | 9 |  | 1 | 3 | 9 |  |  | 3 | 1 |
|  |  | 3 | 4 | 2 |  | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| 2 | 4 | 1 | 5 |  | 7 | 5 | 2 |  |  |
| 1 | 6 |  |  | 9 | 8 | 6 |  | 1 | 2 |
|  | 3 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 8 |  | 3 | 1 |
| 7 | 1 | 2 | 6 |  | 4 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 5 |
| 1 | 2 | 4 |  |  | 6 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 7 |

## Train Tracks 2236



Tredoku 1836


Cell Blocks 5089

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| 6 |  |  | 7 |  | 2 |
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|  | 3 |  |  | 3 |  |

## Sudoku 14,888

| 8 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 9 |
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| 1 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 9 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 3 |
| 4 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| 2 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 5 |
| 3 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 4 |
| 6 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 7 |
| 5 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 8 |
| 7 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 2 |

Killer 9451

| 5 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 6 |
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| 2 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 5 |
| 3 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 2 |
| 8 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 3 |
| 9 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 4 |
| 6 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 8 |
| 7 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| 4 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 9 |
| 1 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 7 |

Futoshiki 4745


Square Routes
269


Lexica 7387


Set Square 3707

| 2 | $\times$ | $\mathbf{6}$ | - | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| $\times$ |  | + | $\times$ |  |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | + | $\mathbf{7}$ | - | $\mathbf{9}$ |
| + |  | + | + |  |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | + | $\mathbf{8}$ | -1 |  |

KenKen 6198


Lexica 7388


Today's solutions

| Cryptic | Suko 4108 | Brain |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quintagram <br> 1 Beep | 136 | Easy 94 |
| 2 Credo | 15 - 22 | Medium 386 |
| 3 Local | 2194 | Harder 3,954 |
| 4 Encounter | (24-28 |  |
| 5 Ready-made | $\begin{array}{llll}5 & 8 & 7\end{array}$ |  |

## Word watch

Nesselrode (c) A rich frozen pudding made with chestnuts (Collins)
Jargoon (b) A brilliant pale
or colourless form of zircon
(Chambers)
Whigmaleery (b) A frivolous
ornament (OED)
Chess - Winning Move
1 Re8+! Kh7 2 Qxh5+! gxh5
3 Bc2+ f5 4 Bxf5 is a beautiful
mate. If instead 1 ... Bf8
White's most thematic and
direct win is 2 Bh6 Rd8 3
Rxf8+! Rxf8 4 Bxd5 Qd6 (4 ...
cxd5 5 Qf6 leads to mate)
5 Bxf8 with an extra piece.

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

|  | 3 | 4 |  |  |  | 6 |  |  | 8 |  |  | 7 |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |  | 6 | 5 |  |  |
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| 1 |  |  | 5 | 5 | 8 |  |  | 7 | 4 |  |  | 9 | 6 | 6 |  |  | 7 | 75 |  |  | 4 | 3 |  |
| 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 6 |  |  |  |  | 4 | 4 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
|  |  | 7 | 6 | 61 | 13 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| 5 |  | 6 | 4 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 8 | 8 | 9 |  | 4 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 5 |  |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  |  | 5 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  | 2 |  | 9 | 8 |  |  |  |  | 9 |  | 6 | 6 | 4 |  | 8 |  |
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| 3 |  |  | 4 | 4 |  |  |  | 8 |  | 4 | 3 |  |  | 6 |  |  |  | 4 | 4 |  |  | 3 |  |
| 9 |  | 1 | 5 | 5 |  | 3 |  |  |  | 5 | 9 |  |  | 1 |  | 9 |  |  |  |  |  | 8 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 4 |  |  | 9 |  |  |  |  |  | 5 |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 |  | 6 | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 | 6 | 8 |  | 1 |  |
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| 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |  |
| 7 | 3 |  | 8 | 85 | 5 |  |  | 6 | 9 |  |  |  | 8 | 8 |  |  | 9 | 9 | 2 |  |  | 5 |  |
|  | 5 | 4 |  |  |  | 9 |  |  | 8 |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |  | 7 | 8 |  |  |

## Futoshiki

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．


## 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．


## THE 檞㯖意TIMES

## Sudoku super fiendish

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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  | 7 |  | 4 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 7 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 5 |  |  |
|  |  | 9 |  |  |  | 3 |  |  |
| 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |
| 1 | 6 |  |  | 3 |  |  | 4 | 9 |
|  |  | 2 | 5 |  | 8 | 4 |  |  |
|  |  | 4 |  |  |  | 9 |  |  |
| 5 | 9 |  |  |  |  |  | 7 | 1 |

## 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

## Codeword

Every letter in the crossword-style grid, right, 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.

## Mini <br> Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every column, every row and every $3 \times 2$ box contains the digits 1 to 6

Solutions in tomorrow's Times2

| 6 |  |  | 3 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | 5 | 4 |  |
| 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| 6 | 2 | 3 |  |
|  | 1 | 6 |  |
| 2 |  |  | 1 |



A $\varnothing$ CDEFGHIJKLXNOPQRSXUVWXYZ

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | ${ }^{20}$ | $\mathbf{T}$ | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |

## Thursday's solutions

## SAMURAI

| 2 | 6 | 3 | 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 9 |  |  |  | 4 |  | 5 | 6 | 2 |  | 3 |
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| 9 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 4 |  |  |  |  | 7 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 |  | 9 |
| 1 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 35 | 6 | 2 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 1 |  | 8 |
| 6 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 4 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 9 |  | 2 |
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| 3 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 2 |  |  |  | 5 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 6 |  | 4 |
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## times2 clues

Across
1 Beyond permitted limits (3-2-6)
7 Bestowal of a blessing (11)
13 Robert -, English physicist and chemist (5)
14 Farm vehicle (7)
15 Kitchen appliance $(3,6)$
16 Destruction; collapse (9)
17 Deceitful and evasive character (10)

20 Blow up (7)
22 Very attractive person or thing (7)
24 Make troubled (7)
25 Brussels administrator (8)
26 Common weed $(8,6)$
28 Father Christmas (5)
29 Pursue (6)
30 Skin lotion (10)
33 Seafood seller (10)
35 Fanatic (6)
37 Foe (5)
39 In a self-seeking manner (14)
41 Minute portion of matter (8)
44 Rave, gush (7)

45 Second stomach of a bird (7)
46 Deal with; classify $(4,3)$
47 Film or video technique $(4,6)$
49 Bird of northern regions $(4,5)$
53 To a certain extent $(2,1,6)$
54 Meeting of Welsh bards and druids (7)

55 Evidence one was elsewhere at the time of a crime (5)
56 Variety of butterfly $(7,4)$
57 Reduction in military force (11)

## Down

1 Alternatively (9)
2 Conceited (3,3,3,4,5)
3 Woman's name (5)
4 Rugby player $(7,4)$
5 Proximity (8)
6 Contentment, gratification (12)
7 Polishing by rubbing (10)
8 Period of dark (5)
9 Untwist, unravel (ll)
10 Bullets passing through an area from two or more sources (9)

11 Very black (4)
12 Accepted standard (4)
18 Largest living reptile $(9,9)$
19 Burial ground (8)
21 Enthusiastic public praise (7)
23 Precipitation (8)
27 Lasting only a short time (8)
28 Eg, fabric conditioner (8)
31 Long-sleeved pullover (7)
32 Polite (4-8)
34 Hades (11)
36 Air navigation device (11)
38 Very impressively (10)
40 Cheerful, full of energy (9)
42 Ultra, radical (9)
43 Greek form of Ulysses (8)
48 Last Greek letter (5)
50 West African country (5)
51 Halt (4)
52 Cab (4)

