

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 10am via Zoom and hosted by Sue B**

Another busy and very sociable morning!

**Anagram Indicators:** Several interesting anagram indicators were evident today: dismantled, manipulate, possibly, batty, shaped and collapses.

**Interesting:** No words of special interest today.

**Next meeting:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 at 10am via Zoom. The first meeting of the New Year!

**Homework:** SUN crosswords (Collection 10) 77 – 79 inc.

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### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 10am 2024 via Zoom and hosted by Sue B**

Another busy morning!

**Anagram Indicators:** Several interesting anagram indicators were evident today: corrupted, ripped, sozzled and amok.

**Interesting:** Today's interesting word is 'ounce', and, no, we are not talking about weights and measures, or even a reference to 'an ounce of support'! It seems that 'ounce' can refer to a snow leopard, genus 'Uncia' (Old French).

**Next meeting:** Thursday 19th December at 10am via Zoom. The last meeting of the year! Mince pies with the coffee, anyone?

**Homework:** SUN crosswords (Collection 10) 74 - 76 inc.

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### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 10am 2024 via Zoom and hosted by Sue B**

Another almost 'full house' today! Once again we bounced our ideas about and made good progress.

Several interesting anagram indicators were evident today: tangled, bananas, replacing, impure, bad, out, unconscious.

**Homework:** SUN crosswords (Collection 10) 68 - 70 inc.

**Interesting:** It's some time since we last came across a word unknown to most of us. Today, the word 'sidearm' stimulated some discussion. The clue? 'Weapon not brought to the front' (7). Handguns are weapons that can be held and fired with one hand by most users. Pistols are handguns that are not revolvers – a single shot, two shot derringer style, self-loading magazine and fed and fully automatic pistols fall

into this category. Sidearms is a term for a gun carried on ones side, normally in a holster.

**Next meeting:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 10am via Zoom

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**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 10am via Zoom and hosted by Sue B**

Today's meeting was led and hosted by Sue B as FG was away on holiday.

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**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 10am via Zoom and hosted by Sue B**

Almost a 'full house' today! We bounced our ideas about and made quick progress.

Several interesting anagram indicators were evident today: stirring, treatment, reshuffled, sorted out. Collection 10 was published in 2023, so the clues often make reference to more recent events, people and places. Perhaps this explains why it is sometime since we last came across a word quite unknown to all the group?

**Homework:** SUN crosswords (Collection 10) 65 – 68 inc.

**Next meeting:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 10am via Zoom

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**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 at 10am via Zoom and hosted by Sue B**

Unusually, no clue answers resulted in any extended discussion.

We worked continuously this morning, forgoing our break, so that several members could leave early.

Anagram indicators today included: terrible, ripped, spoiled, crushed, wasted and reassembled.

**Homework:** SUN crosswords (Collection 10) 62 - 64

**Next meeting:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 10am via Zoom

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**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 10am via Zoom and hosted by Sue B**

We're all back 'in the swing' now!

Several interesting anagram indicators were evident today: barking, mutated, thrashed, stormy, cracked, frayed and softer.

**Homework:** SUN crosswords (Collection 10) 59 - 61

**Next meeting:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 at 10am via Zoom

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**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 10am via Zoom and hosted by Sue B**

We almost had full attendance! Unfortunately, one member had computer connection problems and another had no sound.....

It was nice to be back together after all this time. We caught up with our homework and completed crosswords 53 to 55.

- Several clue answers were of note:
- 'Baseball' The clue? Wicked party game for swingers? (8)
- 'ArChive' The clue? Records are cut with knife. (7)

Several 'new to us' anagram indicators appeared today: transplant, crumbling, moving and bananas!

Interesting words:

- **Banana:** plural bananas: of course it means a long curved yellow fruit but it can also be used informally to mean crazy, insane or extremely silly.
- **Chiv:** a knife, often associated with prison inmates.

**Homework:** SUN crosswords (Collection 10) 56 – 58

**Next meeting:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 10am via Zoom

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***Note: The Meeting on June 20th was cancelled.***

***The July 4th meeting took place with 5 members attending but those in August were cancelled due to holidays.***

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**Week 138: Tetihursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 9.30am via zoom and hosted by Sue B**

Another busy session and three crosswords were completed in 'no time'!

There were two interesting words today:

1. 'Pindaric'. 'Enciphers last in Pindaric poems' (5). Answer: Codes. Not a difficult clue. However it seems that a Pindaric ode refers to the ode style of the Greek poet Pindar, and this style contains three parts: the strophe, the anti-strophe and the epode.
2. 'Reeve'. 'Official about with woman' (5). Answer: Reeve. A Reeve is a 'local official, in particular the chief magistrate of a town or district in Anglo-Saxon England.

Homework: SUN crosswords 49 to 52 inc.

Next meeting: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am via Zoom. **The meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June is cancelled.**

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### **Week 137: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 9.30am via Zoom and hosted by Sue B**

We worked steadily during the session to complete SUN crosswords 43, 44 and 45.

Anagrams today included: wild, rolled, loose and upset.

One word in particular was new to all of us: 'Argot'. The clue? 'Topless woman's criminal language' (5). It seems that 'argot' is a special language used by a particular group of people, which other people find difficult to understand.

i.e. the argot of teenagers. Synonyms: jargon, slang, dialect etc.

**Next meeting:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am via Zoom. **Please note that the meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June has been cancelled, due to FG and SB's holidays.**

**Homework:** SUN crosswords 45, 46, 47 and, if possible 47.

### **Week 136: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 at 9.30am via Zoom and hosted by Sue B**

After our usual social chat and catch-up we settled down to work on our crossword homework, SUN crosswords 40 to 42 inclusive.

Anagram indicators today included: bustling, mixed, disastrous, wrong time, lost, shaking and reused.

**Homework:** SUN crosswords 43, 44 and 45.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 9.30am via Zoom

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### **Week 135: Thursday 18th April 2024**

Unfortunately, this meeting had to be cancelled.

**Week 134: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 9.30am via Zoom and hosted by Sue B**

We were soon down to work and completed our two set crosswords in no time!

Anagram indicators today included: strangely, incredibly, sadly, arranged, sharing, tortured, wrongly.

Interesting clue: Girl has an incredibly fabulous place (7-2). The Answer? Shangri-La.

**Homework:** Crosswords 40, 41 and 42

**Next meeting:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 9.30am via Zoom

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**Week 133: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 9.30am via zoom and hosted by Sue B**

Five of us settled down this morning to work through crosswords 35, 36 & 37.

As normal, some clues were quite easy whilst others were a challenge to all. Hidden word clues are certainly more favoured by this compiler!

Anagram indicators today included: amazing, revised, ordered, disaster, splattered, beating, crashes, sliced and cooking.

**Next meeting:** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 9.30am via Zoom

**Homework:** SUN crosswords 38 & 39. Only two as we only have one week to complete them!

**Week 133: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 9.30am via zoom and 'hosted' by Frances G**

Almost a complete group today. Sue B was unable to host the meeting, so Frances G was conscripted as host and did her best!

We worked steadily through our three crosswords. Everyone participated and Brenda frequently helped us out with difficult clue constructions.

Anagram indicators today included: demolished, adjusted, strange, knocked, treatment, amended and explode.

**Next meeting: The meeting on March 21st, the 3rd Thursday in the month, has had to be cancelled. A new meeting date has not yet been decided.**

Homework: SUN crosswords 35, 36, 37 and 38.

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**Week 132: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 9.30am via Zoom and hosted by Sue B**

The Cryptic Crossword Group was highlighted at Tuesday's monthly general meeting and we were pleased with the interest shown by quite a few members. As a consequence, we were delighted to welcome a new member to our Zoom CC meeting today. So, with 8 members contributing to the session, we were all very involved as we worked through our homework!

\* Anagram indicators to day included: changes, about, explosive mix, prepared, strangely, rewritten.

**Homework: SUN crosswords 32, 33 and 34.**

Date of next meeting: Thursday 7th March at 9.30am via Zoom

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**Week 131: Thursday 1st February 2024 at 9.30am via Zoom and hosted by Sue B**

A beautiful morning but still very cold! Six of us had a busy time discussing our answers to today's crosswords - 26, 27 & 28.

Anagram indicators today included: convert, rolled, out, created, doctor, cooked and crazy.

One word, in particular, stimulated more discussion – 'dis'. The clue? 'Break ties in underworld, now reformed. (6)'. Answer? 'Disown'. It seems that 'Dis' was originally associated with fertile agricultural land and mineral wealth. Since these minerals came from the underground, he (Dis) was later equated with the deities Pluto (Hades) and Orcus.

**Next meeting: Thursday 15th February 2024 at 9.30am via Zoom**

Homework: SUN crosswords 29, 30 & 31.

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**Week 130: Thursday 18th January 2024 at 9.30am via Zoom and hosted by Sue B**

A beautiful morning but very cold! This is where zooming is really a benefit – no need to leave the home!

Today we tackled SUN crosswords 23, 24, 25. Without exception we all found them a challenge and on a couple of occasions we found it impossible to give complete explanations for the answers.

Anagram indicators today included: ground, trashed and terribly.

**Next meeting: Thursday 1st February 2024 at 9.30am via Zoom**

Homework: SUN crosswords 26, 27, 28.

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**Week 129: Thursday 4th January 2024 at 9.30am via Zoom and hosted by Sue B**

The first meeting of the year got off to a good start with 6 members attending. We recently started SUN Collection 10 and have now reached Crossword 22.

Anagram Indicators today included: upset, spinning, about, smashed, dancing, drunken , changed.

**Homework: SUN Crossword 10, crosswords 23, 24 , 25.**

Next meeting: Thursday 18th January 2024 at 9.30am via Zoom.