

Continuing from December Clues 1-27 are in only a suggested order. There are 4 additional visual clues (unassigned)

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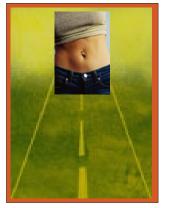
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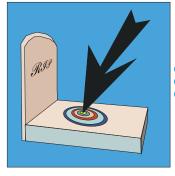
SYLVESTER THE CAT



BARGAIN BASEMENT



MIDDLE OF THE ROAD



CENTRE OF GRAVITY

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
MIDDLE OF THE ROAD	22 aw Wise men at beginning of century produce	DO RON 25 aw Donor broke down repeatedly when he walked her home,	LASER 26 aw Ray began 'Light amplification by the	5 27 aw Judy had her way with	6 28 aw	7 TT 30 aw
311 d Average position of line	terrific, inexplicable phenomena (5)	when her heart stood still. His name was Bill! (As Crystal reported) (2,3)	stimulated emission of radiation'. Very coherent! (5)	splendid jaundiced fellow in this fantasy land(2)	Diddley's first to give short corporal bouquet (1,1)	Culture on trial reveals race issue (1,1)
8 PG	9 EXTRA	10 OKAPI	11 DANNY	12 GARISH	13	14 STRAIN
Doctor returns to give	3,11,1 aw Fielder beyond cover has little part to play	34 aw Kind of giraffe to manage a constant	35 aw Oh Boy! For whom the pipes, the pipes are calling	23 d Extremely bright ventriloquist's Christian community?	(first letter of Nov 27) Flashy kind of car at	32 d Confused rat lives in sin to try hard to pass through muslin congregation (6)
15 CENTRE OF	16	17 BANKS	18 REGAL	19 ASTLE	20 NOD AT	congregation (6) 21 'AMMER
24 d GRAVITY	36 d BARGAIN BASEMENT	36 aw	39 aw	40 aw Baggy Jeff, fresh from Newcastle, lost top	41 aw How a sleepy	42 aw
Newton's proposal to gain the heart of the masses (6,2,7)	Knocked down cellar? (7,8)	Riverside deposits? (5)	Knock back lager in royal style (5)	pace ending in Scotland. What a nutter! (5)	acquaintance might acknowledge another? (3,2)	'Enry used one to nail man with feet of Clay ('5)
22 EPOCH	23 45 aw	24 TAROT	25 ^{NEGATED}	26 ^{MOOCHER}	27 THE CAT	28
Period of extended play before burst of Scottish irritation (5)	The Spanish left Ethel in charge of moral principle (5)	46 aw Card sharp embraces love and gives brief appreciation: 'Tommy's rubbish!' (5)	Denied gun in	Loiterer goes after Minnie perhaps by Cab? (7)	Male (feline) with speech impediment witm bird with pie (9,3,3)	
29	30 CENTRE OF	31	SYLVESTER THE CAT			BARGAIN BASEMENT
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November & December Diagram

The diagram accommodates solutions from both November and December. The order given is not alphabetical but just a suggestion. If you wish to celebrate Christmas before Bonfire Night please proceed! Solutions flow in the direction of the arrows. Do not fear this puzzle. It is just of greater size and the harder it will fall. Well done for reaching this far. The end is in sight! Happy Christmas.

