BBC Children in Need Appeal

3D Cryptic Calendar Puzzle 2010

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This puzzle is a 3D Cryptex Christmas Tree, made of seven circular dials one upon the other, that rotate on a spindle. It is a different form for a 3D puzzle grid. You can see an example with solutions filled in at [www.calendarpuzzles.co.uk](http://www.calendarpuzzles.co.uk) Just go to the download page and look at December 2009. This is available from January 1st 2010.

Dials 1,3,5,7, denoted D1, D3, D5, D7 have an outer spinning ring of 16 letters. Four 16 letter solutions fit in these rings. The clues (denoted by C for circular) for these 4 circular solutions are set as anagrams which start and finish anywhere. They ‘spin’.

Within a ring there is another ring of 16, with alternating letters and checks. The same alternating arrangement is used for the outer rings of dials D2, D3, and D4.

At the centre of a dial there is one letter, thus the spindle forms a 7 letter solution, passing from the top and down through the centre of all 7 dials.

Within a dial, other solutions run from one side, through the centre, to the other side. Two adjacent solutions are of 5 letters. Two other adjacent solutions are of 7 letters. These make the branches of the tree. 7 letter ‘diametrics’ protrude further by one letter at each end. Solutions passing through the centre within a dial have clues denoted Di meaning ‘diametric’.

Down clues denoted by lower case ‘d’ are conventional, running from positions in the top dial, down to the bottom dial. Four of the nine down solutions are formed of two words which are clued separately. These separate solutions are divided by a bar.

This puzzle can be solved without any grid numbers as a spinning jigsaw. Almost impossible by not quite. Fortunately every solution involving the first dial has precise directions. This makes the puzzle a partial spinning jigsaw and very do-able. Honestly.

The clues are presented in the order of the dials. The circular clue in Dial One is repeated on December 25th where it makes complete sense.

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| 1C D1 | 0  (undated clue 1) | D1 1C (9,7)  Carol’s ghost makes a seasonal gift. Now, now! Manic St Preacher’s in TMS kerfuffle  Carol’s is spelt capital C-a-r-o- l-apostrophe-s  TMS is Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation  Street is abbreviated as St |
| 2Di | 00  (undated clue 2) | D1 2Di  Dial-1-space-2-diametric  seven letters  Setter enters practical occupations with streams of invective |
| 6Di | Dec 1st | D1 6Di  Dial-1-(pause)-6-diametric  five letters  Separate and singular role  Role is spelt r-o-l-e |
| 8Di | Dec 2nd | D1 8Di seven letters  Left in bath, chary of making a conspicuous display |
| 11Di | Dec  3rd | D1 11Di five letters  Force to endure without deviation |
| 1d | 4 | 1d (5,2)  Charles and Carol’s Bob puts outright and hopeless plea to butterfingers  Charles, Carol and Bob are names starting with a capital letter. Carol’s ends apostrophe-s |
| 2d | 5 | 2d four letters  Bouncer’s target for personnel on the game:  and, three letters…  Peggy’s to take legal action  These are two separate clues for two separate solutions  Bouncer’s and Peggy’s both end apostrophe-s |
| 4d | 6 | 4d seven letters  Carol’s miserly chap, of little science, that makes her blush giving nothing for bending under toilet  Carol’s ends apostrophe-s |
| 5d | 7 | 5d seven letters  Arrived after rapper at unknown wind capital of Texas |
| 7d | 8 | 7d seven letters  Ghastly boy on exchange in North Korea |
| 9d | 9 | 9d four letters  Not to be taken lightly before Madrid:  And three letters ..  Audience finishes fruit, shaped fatter in the bottom |
| 10d | 10 | 10d four letters  Crack troops with horse found around waist or over shoulder:  And three letters ..  Attempt to go |
| 12d | 11 | 12d four letters  Norwegians turf out English for Boolean operators  And three letters …  Summer in France and Crete |
| 13d | 12 | 13d seven letters  Holy man flies off steps to paths in the sky  Holy is spelt h-o-l-y |
| D2 Di | 13 | D2 Di five letters  Tune in company to make capital  (say tune-in as you might tune-in a radio) |
| D2 Di | 14 | D2 Di seven letters  Work in and around politically correct as a matter of current interest |
| D2 Di | 15 | D2 Di seven letters  Queen’s bad debts are severe  Queen’s ends apostrophe-s |
| D2 Di | 16 | D2 Di five letters  Cleaning lady smothered in clay,  fired up to find a mate  (pause at the comma after clay) |
| C D3 | 17 | D3 C (6,10)  Seek opinion of sick people on street fixers: “Vest scratches badly! Ran to doctor”. |
| D3 Di | 18 | D3 Di five letters  Eager to create harmony |
| D3 Di | 19 | D3 Di seven letters  Gard’ner’s followed by lyricist with insatiable desire to get more  Gard’ner’s is spelt  g-a-r-d-apostrophe-n-e-r-apostrophe-s |
| D3 Di | 20 | D3 Di seven letters  Activities of Carol’s Jake and Ben exerts devious influence around one bending  Carol’s ends apostrophe-s |
| D3 Di | 21 | D3 Di five letters  School times with conditions |
| D4 Di | 22 | D4 Di (2,3)  Formerly fool around Western Australia |
| D4 Di | 23 | D4 Di (3-4)  Total occupation with no play for dull Jack |
| D4 Di | 24 | D4 Di (3,2)  The way to perform a hoot w-wildly |
| 1C D1 | 25 | This is a repeat of the first clue, placed here where it makes complete sense!  D1 1C (9,7)  Carol’s ghost makes a seasonal gift. Now, now! Manic St Preacher’s in TMS kerfuffle  Carol’s is spelt capital C-a-r-o- l-apostrophe-s  Street is just capital-S-t  Preacher’s ends apostrophe-s  TMS is Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation |
| D4 Di | 26 | D4 Di seven letters  At first, silly chap has wild ambition growing gooseberries to make street marijuana |
| C D5 | 27 | D5 C (3,5,2,6)  Carol sees Charles’ haunting presence in the ghastly, ghastly form of ‘e’s mother  Charles ends with an apostrophe  ‘e’s is spelt apostrophe-e-apostrophe-s |
| D5 Di | 28 | D5 Di (1,4,2)  A great deal – join AA in flood disaster |
| D5 Di | 29 | D5 Di seven letters  Line of royals heard making revolting noise – that’s out of order |
| D5 Di | 30 | D5 Di five letters  Flander’s beast (‘No.No!’) touches teaching aid’s exotic fruit with luscious pink flesh |
| D5 Di | 31 | D5 Di five letters  Gordon could be the ‘Saviour of the Universe’ in an instant  ‘Saviour of the Universe’ is in quotation marks |
| D6 Di | Clue  32 | D6 Di five letters  Heard egg whipped incorrectly around the pyramids  Heard is spelt h-e-a-r-d  (little pause between egg and whipped) |
| D6 Di | Clue  33 | D6 Di seven letters  Commented on ages ago: scroll down the years |
| D6 Di | Clue 34 | D6 Di (4,3)  Carol’s little lad in Mitty’s re-interpretation  Carol’s ends apostrophe-s  Mitty’s is spelt capital-M-i-t-t-y-apostrophe s |
| D6 Di | Clue  35 | D6 Di five letters  Ignoring verbal order, ‘Voyager’ changes course to something rather more jolly  ‘Voyager’ is in quotation marks |
| C D7 | 36 | D7 C (2,5,9)  Carol’s line for you old chaps (after The Boss has a kip):  “Lenny and Gerry. Meet me ‘for treatment’”  “Lenny and Gerry. Meet me for treatment” is in speech marks  The Boss has capitals T and B |
| D7 Di | 37 | D7 Di five letters  Rag-and-Bone men forget their station, leaving a legend and making a name in print |
| D7 Di | 38 | D7 Di seven letters  Bestial Bunter banter to sail close to the wind lapping with cunning  Sail is spelt s-a-i-l |
| D7 Di | 39 | D7 Di seven letters  Suppose you start again after quiet period |
| D7 Di | 40 | D7 Di five letters  Nazi (camp) extends arm around Simon Evans initially  (pause after Nazi then say camp as if in apposition) |
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