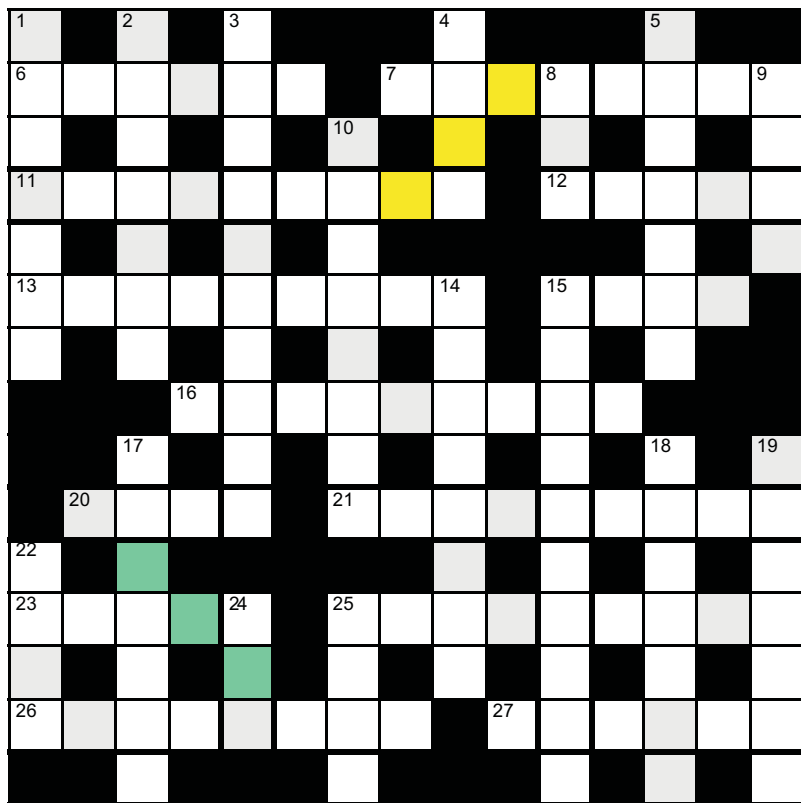


3. August Extra 2017 “3,3” by Enigmatist

Themes referenced by the clues form a complete set of 45. The 26 little grey cells each contain a different letter of the alphabet. One cell is to be filled RPM-istically.



Across

- 6 Note pinned to rear of toilet cleaner (6)
- 7 "Flower Power" not included in revised *Magpie* run (8)
- 11 Kind of play bizarrely lacking a theme group (4,5)
- 12 Director's cut not *quite* director's last after massive blow (5)
- 13 See 26
- 15 Called to speak (and spoke) (4)
- 16 *The 22s*, this thematic master's work, make hay fast! (9)
- 20 While doing 22, knight psychologist (4)
- 21 My thematic master's a posh motor you'll have to write song about (9)
- 23 Music that's fashionable – it impresses 25ac 4! (5)
- 25/4 These had merged to acquire musical theme pub (3,6,4)

Ray Parry-Morris, '45', passed away peacefully Friday morning August 19th 2016.

Ray applied his genius to many things not least of which was to design the most fantastic 3D crossword grids for Enigmatist (Ray's choice) to clue. The combination of those two magnificent creative brains producing the jewel in the crown for several BBC CiNA/RNIB 3D puzzle calendars. The December 2017 puzzle is a fine example of such a partnership.

Since his retirement a few years ago Ray has walked the UK and globe. It was lovely to receive an email from some exotic location, with an idea for another brilliant '45' grid.

Ray was also one of the most amazing crossword solvers I have come across. He would chuckle away at a stream of Enigmatist clues whilst I would still be scratching my head for days until it really hurt.

26/13 In challenge, retract USA record: their golfer's left 27 11's theme (4,4,2,3,4)

27 Huge partridge finally roasting, 3's theme with head tightly squeezed (2,5)

Down

- 1 Give a hand to new thematic performer (7)
- 2 A bit of an animal, Zeppo's gutted over time *he* didn't spend At The Opera (7)
- 3 In enigma, cryptically represented, fine line's separated spymaster-ly theme (3,7)
- 4 See 25 Across
- 5 Member of literary quintet that's Famous, being a literary theme (7)
- 8/17 Thematic book clubs National champ's upset pumping muscles (3,7)
- 9 Hurt by family theme (4)
- 10 Plants maybe 78 Feds south of base? (8)
- 14 Is blinking nuisance initially in charge of London Gallery? (8)
- 15 Perhaps wolf sweet sporting theme? (10)
- 17 See 8
- 18 Botanist's cross about reduced view over edges of temporary wall (4,3)
- 19 Ka Mate, perhaps – something to get fire going in the belly of a Grace (3,4)
- 22 Sentence one of 16's theme group – who judged legitimacy of appeals? (4)
- 24 Part of 45 RPM collection file (3)
- 25 Old Mrs Branning's raising a hoo-ha (2-2)



Enigmatist (left) presents the individual prize to '45' RNIB All England Cup 2013 Penderels Oak, Hailborn.

Ray's 3D solutions were always correct and he was a perennial qualifier for the tie-break competitions and almost invariably awarded 'Best Grid'.

The ABC Murders grid in January 2016 exemplifies many things about Ray. First of all, to have the imaginative idea of clue solutions starting with A,B or C which when decapitated leave proper words – all in Chambers. Then all that shunting and shuffling, fiddling and fitting. Then the determination and stamina, tearing up and starting again. Then, meeting yet another brick wall, finding the inspiration to solve the problem with double worded solutions to achieve a 100% success. Judging the tie-break, it took my breath away. An absolute pioneering triumph. Furthermore, Ray donated to the charities we support, with £1 per correct solution.

Ray won our world championship 2012 and also the individual section of our last RNIB Cup event in 2013. This last showed another aspect of Ray's character. Threatening to finish the 3D spinning jigsaw first and before previous champion team of Jane Teather, Richard Grafen and Tony Roberts, he was held up by one clue. This was due to my error. There was a mistake in the alphabetical order. Ray missed winning the overall competition and smashing the world record. It was Ray who came to console me!

Ray has been a tremendous force in developing the 3D format because it fascinated him and because of the fundraising to help youngsters in need. A genius with a heart to match. A very rare combination. A Prince amongst men.

Thank you so much Ray.

Sirius

BBC CiNA 3D Crosswords World Championship 2017 Answer Grid Aug Extra Enigmatist

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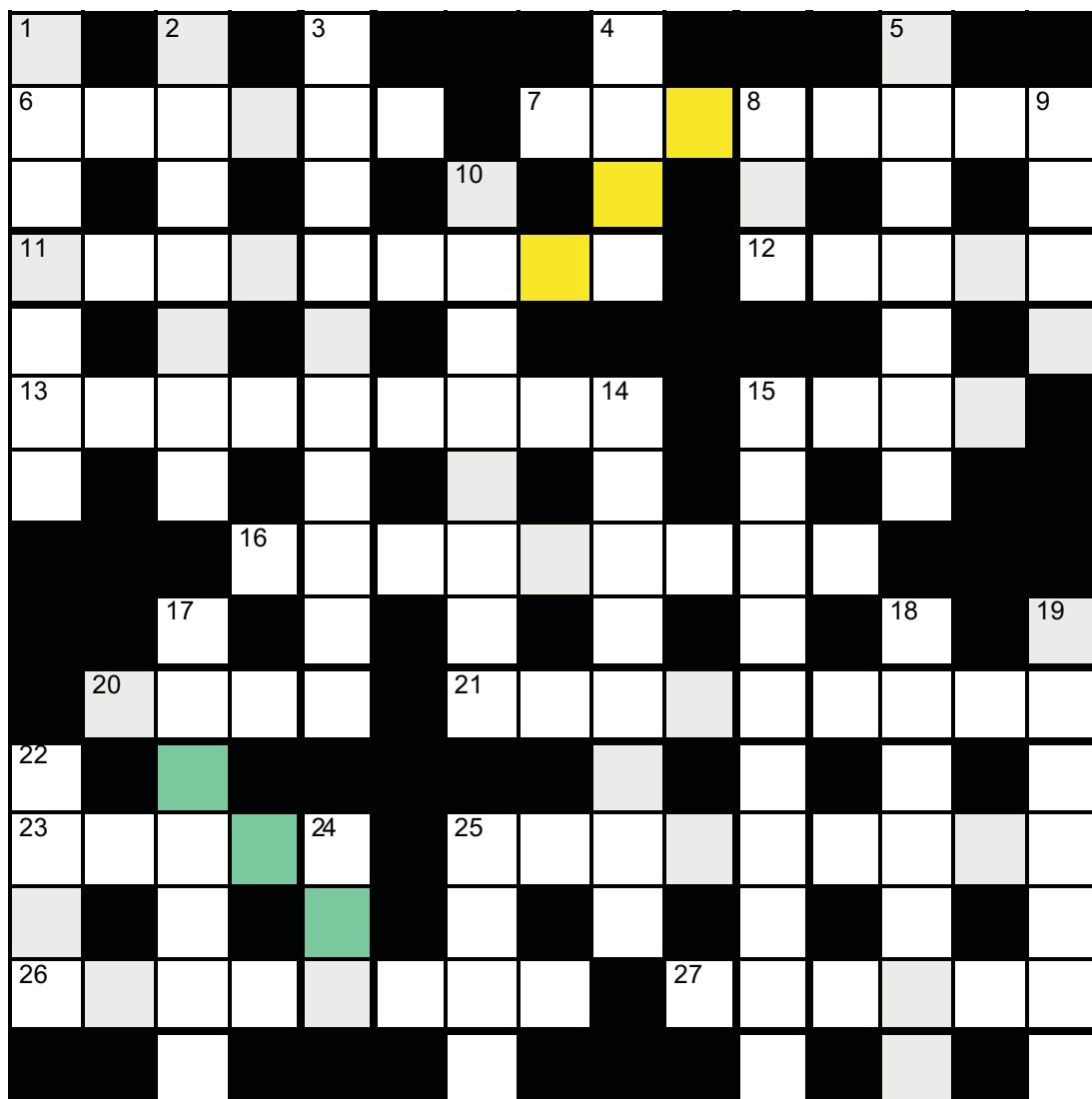
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A monthly prize of a reference book is
awarded to a successful solver drawn from
the hat. In the first instance this is the
Chambers Standard Reference Dictionary.
These monthly competitions are open to all.

Feedback



"3-3" by Enigmatist

A summary of the terrific contributions made by 45 and Enigmatist

	Theme	Grid by	Grid Design Notes
2010 Apr Enig	Mark Twain	Sirius	
2011 Jan Enig	Kipling	Sirius	
2012 Oct Enig	Araucaria	45	Featuring an anagram of unchecked letters
2012 Feb Ever	Dickens	45	
2013 Mar Enig	Floyd Dark Side	45	
2014 Aug Enig	Fleming Bond	45	
2015 Mar Enig	Clapton	45	
2015 Apr Tramp	Hitchcock and Birds	45	Two thematic sets and HITCHCOCK anagram of highlighted letters
2016 Jan Samuel	ABC Murders	45	All solutions real words beginning A,B or C which are decapitated forming real words also for grid entry. Wow!
2016 Aug Enig	Queen Marx Brothers Races	45	
2017 Dec Enig	??????	45	Another amazing manipulation
45 showed a strong preference for Enigmatist to clue his amazing grids.			

Thank you Ray for all your creativity, enthusiasm and determination at the frontiers of three dimensional crosswords.

Finally, thank you everyone for supporting our project to help youngsters in need.

Best wishes Eric Westbrook

Registered Blind RNIB Member & Public Speaker
3D Crossword Designer Sirius