## 3D Crossword July 2019 Newsletter 7

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## 1. Review of the June 3D Crossword

June crossword designed by Logogriph and clued by Eclogue
The winner of this months puzzle was Tony Stevens of Beverley, East Yorks.
The crossword notes a 70th anniversary. An anagram of the purple cells is centrally thematic. The green cells provide an anagram which pairs up with a clued solution. Clues are presented in alphabetical order.

Eclogue is a setting duo comprising Logogriph and Eclipse. My favourite crossword is the Inquisitor published each Saturday in the i newspaper for which Eclogue is a fairly regular setter. From experience they set some very interesting and also pretty fearsome crosswords so I'm prepared.

As usual simply start solving to see what emerges. At around seven or eight clues in, the first clue that seems as if it might relate to the theme is clue 21, the very neat cryptic definition "Writer's source of gold" for ORWELL. A few clues later clue 9 yields ERIC BLAIR which the internet confirms as none other than George Orwell himself. So we're very likely to be seeking a G.O. anniversary; 1984 inevitably comes to mind. It's time to look seriously at clue 19 which is also the picture clue. The letters already entered $N^{*} N^{* * *} E^{*}$ confirm my suspicions about 1984 in another very neat, this time, '\& lit' clue. (A clue in which the whole clue acts as both the definition and word play).

An extended and elegant element of the theme emerges with clue 16 'MINISTRY OF' linking to four other solutions LOVE, PEACE, PLENTY and TRUTH . And now, with the crossword almost complete, I can look at the coloured square anagrams. The green squares readily give GEORGE with its obvious pairing. The purple squares prove much more tricky and it takes me ages to come up with WINSTON SMITH who it transpires is the protagonist in Orwell's 1984 novel. Something I had long since forgotten.

Thank you to those who pointed out the two errors; Clue 16 should have referred to clue 38 (TRUTH) and Clue 28 (RILIEVI) out of alphabetical order.

## 3D Crossword June Solution



Photo by Graham Fox

Note: In case of any confusion the shape held by the hand is a whisk indicating 'anagram'.

## Solutions and Clue Explanations for the June 3D Puzzle

| SOLUTION |  | Direction SPACE Clue SPACE Enumeration | Explanation | Notes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AT-HOMES | 1 | 5to-2,2d Revised first of Excel's old maths functions (7) | $(E+O+$ MATHS)* |  |
| BAILLI | 2 | 23up,3ac French magistrate lending latitude to complex alibi (6) | $(\mathrm{L}+\mathrm{ALIBI})^{*}$ |  |
| BARI | 3 | 19up,9to Port situated amongst the Nicobar Islands (4) | Hidden; NicoBAR Islands |  |
| BELUGA | 4 | 23aw,28ac-2 Haul in live adult whale in the Arctic (6) | LUG in BE + A |  |
| BIG BROTHER | 5 | 30up-3,25aw,29d Older sibling bore bright array $(3,7)$ | (BORE BRIGHT)* |  |
| BIKE | 6 | 23d Sandy's nest of wasps, originally bees inhabiting heart of skep (4) | Initials B + 1 + <br> (s)KE(p) |  |
| BYE | 7 | 30d Extra cheers? (3) | Two meanings |  |
| DOUBLETHINK | 8 | 21ac,36to Spit on judge having conflicting beliefs (11) | DOUBLE + THINK |  |
| ERIC BLAIR | 9 | 20aw-4,19d Decaying relic holding book on dry author's true identity $(4,5)$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{B} \text { in RELIC* + } \\ & \text { AIR } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| ERICS | 10 | 20aw Fines, Irish mostly, included in charge | IC in ERS(e) |  |
| IRATE | 11 | 3aw Enraged corsair beheaded (5) | (p)IRATE |  |
| LEEAR | 12 | 4aw Romancer in highlands shelter with Arab (5) | LEE + AR |  |
| LOGIC | 13 | 10to-2,6d-3,26aw-2 Reasoning insensitive person's in command (5) | LOG + IC |  |
| LOOTING | 14 | 14ba-2,13d Stealing away? Ring office beforehand | TING after LOO |  |
| LOVE | 15 | 14ba Darling Ada loses thread (4) | (MINISTRY OF).. LOVE(LACE) |  |


| MINISTRY OF | 16 | 33ba,6ac-2 Computers test old French departments of 15, 24, 25 and $37(8,2)$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MINIS + TRY + } \\ & \mathrm{O}+\mathrm{F} \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NEWSPEAK | 17 | 18d-4,31ac-5 Apes knew garbled English with reduced vocabulary | (APES KNEW)* |  |
| NEWSY | 18 | 18d Recent section with yen for gossiping | NEW + S + Y |  |
| NINETEEN EIGHTY-FOUR | 19 | $34 \mathrm{ac}, 15 \mathrm{~d}, 7 \mathrm{ba}, 6 \mathrm{to}$ Ingenuity often here in novel form? $(8,10)$ | (INGENUITY <br> OFTEN <br> HERE)* |  |
| NITRE | 20 | 35to Can turns on what preserves meat (5) | TIN < + RE |  |
| ORWELL | 21 | 37up Writer's source of gold? (6) | OR + WELL |  |
| OURN | 22 | 6to,1d-2 Relating to us locally in Bournville <br> (4) | Hidden; BOURNville |  |
| OVERT | 23 | 22aw Open on time (5) | OVER + T |  |
| PEACE | 24 | 8ac Still exercise before a single point (5) | (MINISTRY OF)... (PE + ACE) |  |
| PLENTY | 25 | 8d Hospital department has set about full supply (6) | (MINISTRY OF)... (ENT in PLY) |  |
| PROLETARIAT | 26 | 8aw,13ac-3,15to,3ba-3 Workers for hire standing in for vanguard in line of pickets? (11) | PRO + LET + <br> (L)ARIAT | LARIAT = picketing rope |
| REDOUBLE | 27 | 24to,20ac Ordered beer with loud repeat <br> (8) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (BEER + } \\ & \text { LOUD)* } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| RETAIL | 28 | 1ac-6 Retired with indisposition put about | RET + AIL |  |
| RHINE | 29 | 32aw Royal Highness at home with English country watercourse (5) | $R H+I N+E$ |  |
| RILIEVI | 30 | 27ba In review, I cover Irish works that are outstanding (7) | $(\mathrm{l}+\mathrm{VEIL}+\mathrm{IR})<$ |  |
| SAYON | 31 | 31aw Old jacket, for example, being worn (5) | SAY + ON |  |
| SNASTE | 32 | 39up Locally snuff it getting twisted in tangled nets (6) | SA< in NETS* |  |
| SPEAKERS | 33 | 31ac Presiding officers' PA? (8) | Two meanings | PA = public address (system) |
| TAGETES | 34 | 29ba Mexican plant to grasp in preposterous situation? | GET in SEAT< |  |


| TAPROOT | 35 | 2aw,13d-2 Main stock in bar where money <br> is time! (7) | TAPROO(m) + <br> T |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| TI TREE | 36 | 38up Source of fodder, tons in Hebridean <br> island (2,4) | T in TIREE |  |
| TRUELOVE | 37 | 17ba Good luck symbol, indeed, unlimited <br> clover (8) | TRUE + <br> (c)LOVE(r) |  |
| TRUTH | 38 | 16d-4 Knowledge is routine in the dock! <br> (5) | (MINISTRY <br> OF).... (RUT in <br> TH(E)) |  |
| VELOUR | 39 | 12ba,11to Very European look with old city <br> stuff (7) | V + E + LO + <br> UR |  |

## June 3D Solvers Comments

Couple of mistakes - clue 16 should refer to 38 , not 37 , and in 28 the clue's position is wrong as the answer is RILIEVI not RELIEVI. Very enjoyable puzzle nonetheless, probably the wiggliest one yet. AW

I (like many others I'm sure) thought we were in for a Doctor Who theme, but it turned out to be time travel of a different sort. I only had to travel back 30 years to when I read the book - and how relevant it still is, unfortunately! And who would have thought that in the title lurked the title not only of a song by Survivor, but also of a novel by another W Smith (Wilbur in this case) JT

A very challenging puzzle SC
I got badly stuck and then I realised I had entered the answer to clue 19 across instead of towards. My friends think I must be very intelligent to do these puzzles.... PD

Thank you for this very satisfying puzzle. My favourite clue was Day 21 - ORWELL - a good double definition summing up the theme JB

Here's this month's solution. Trish - the other 3D NitTwit - is staying here in Portugal with me so this is a joint venture. JJ

Tough GB
Day 16; should reference to 37 be to 38 ? MINISTRY OF TRUTH HK
Thanks for this. We were amused by clue 14. The Frank Paul picture took us forever (not familiar with the Winter of Artifice) N\&SI

The BB answer quickly gave up the theme with the assumption of publication delay taking it into 1949. The rest really falling into place. GEORGE pairing with ORWELL! New words though all clearly clued so checking confirmed each one DM

Forty years plus since I read the book though l've seen dramatisations since. 26 puzzling though I haven't read the hints and tips yet. Should we announce WINSTON SMITH MJ

Theme fell out almost instantly but there were a few pitfalls ET

It took me a surprisingly long time to detect the theme. I guess I kind of assumed the novel was published in 1948 (hence the inverted title 1984), without realising that publishing can take many months ! You'll not be surprised to read that I wasn't keen on the huge number of snakes. Although, given that many of them were required, to squeeze in thematic material, I acknowledge the challenge of avoiding snakes. I enjoyed most of the clues. Nice and fiendish, without being ambiguous (in most cases). I picked out 1 (AT-HOMES), 7 (BYE) and 19 (1984 itself !) for particular praise. I'm still struggling to work out Frank Paul's drawing.

- I assume that the widow clutching the book is NIN - at least that's who t'Internet tells me wrote The Winter of Artifice
- So that leaves ETEENEIGHTYFOUR
- But where does the UN fit in?- And is it just a TIGER, or is it The EYE of The Tiger, or is the music group SURVIVOR, or is it summat to do with ROCKY ... trouble is none of those seem to contribute towards ETEENEIGHTYFOUR
- And what the ONION, or CIBOL, or BULB, or TULIP, is doing I cannot fathom.

So, while I applaud and enjoy and very much approve of the drawings each month, they normally stump me. I'm glad to have verbal clues to rely on !!! I don't understand why the letters LOVE had to be clued by both 15 and 37 . Given that 37 produces the answer TRUELOVE, 15 isn't needed at all, is it ? Or was the intention that all thematic items had to be explicitly clued - in which case could not the answer to 37 have been simply TRUE ? I think Clue 16 was ever so slightly wrong - it should have referred to the answer to $\mathbf{3 8}$, not 37 . Very minor point. HE

An excellent puzzle, although the photograph baffled me for a while ('I can vaguely see a connection to Dr Who, but it is not obvious....'). The pennies have still not dropped with the drawing, and I am glad that the answer also appears elsewhere (the clue for which was a brilliant +lit). MS

With some of these words I began to think it was all doublespeak! They are not to be found in normal dictionaries... But I can't see that they can be anything else to fit the given letters? "Reliefi" is a mystery (don't understand the clue) and "sayon' took trial and error (although the clue is OK in retrospect).
Clue 32 (39up) must be SNISTE - but should be clue read "...IS getting twisted..."?? SB
Enjoyed this puzzle very much. Thank you to all concerned. SW
Thank you for the photos from your knees up in York. I was most jealous! GS

## 2. July Extra 3D Crossword

Many of you will have already received information about the very special July Extra 3D crossword challenge. I thought it such an exciting prospect that I would give it an additional publicity boost through the newsletter. Have a go, I certainly will.

Eric writes: the June Extra has been posted on the website and offers a different kind of challenge and an opportunity to take part in a little bit of 3D Crossword history.

Sirius at last has had his second space-age heart operation thanks to brilliant surgeon Dr Will Foster who could easily be in a Saturday Guardian by Paul and fantastic staff at University Hospital Coventry. Sirius is just about coming
out of the four week recovery period of the operation itself and looks forward to tests in a couple of months time to evaluate success.

Sirius has produced a new 3D grid in the form of a solid sphere. The operation and recovery have stopped him from producing a complete crossword puzzle. He is not yet happy with wordlists so far having insufficient thematic content and too many obscure words. So the full puzzle is delayed. However, the new format has lots of possibilities which might be interesting to explore.

The June Extra Design Challenge is to investigate the Sirius Spherical grid, perhaps adapting it to come up with a word list of solutions which complete the grid. Clues are not required though always interesting to read. The usual prize of a Chambers Standard Reference Dictionary or other reference book at a similar price. The best design is likely to be used in a later puzzle. The deadline is the end of July.


## June Extra 2019 <br> Sirius

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June Extra Design Challenge
We had not seen a solid spherical crossword grid until Sirius came up with one after staring at a decoration on a Christmas tree.
A spherical Sirius 3D puzzle is pending subject to recovery from a heart operation.
The June Extra challenge is to complete the grid with your own choice of words and at least 3D directions. Please supply a word list. Feel free to amend/develop the diagram.
The winner as judged by Sirius will receive a copy of the latest Chambers Standard Reference Dictionary or another reference book at a similar price.
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