

## Notes on Common Errors 3963 – 4014

(Error incidence : total error : total entry)

- 3963 (i) MAINNER (85) (ii) MAINNES (6) for MAIN(LI)NED ( 91 : 127 : 632)  
*One member in office has order stopping doctor that's injected drugs*  
 A + IN + LINE, in MD
- 3964 Other than the extra central **O** in EYEOING, EMUORED, JUMOARS ( 53 : 77 : 497)  
 (i) All 3 central cells blank (17) (ii) Others (19 different) (36)  
 'Fat' answers' extra central letters came from those omitted from corresponding  
 'thin' ones, here AUTOOCUE, EPOCH, REDOWAS, respectively
- 3965  $R_E D_E E_M^E$  for  $R_E D E_M^E$  ( 23 : 62 : 632)
- 3969 (i) Unsatisfactory colouring: 9 (of diamonds) cells (containing 'D') (100 : 231 : 527)  
 required to be fully coloured red ("in a manner suited to the theme")  
 (a) yellow (39) (b) orange (20) (c) pencil (18) (d) green (14) (e) blue (9)  
 (Pink was reluctantly allowed due to indistinct borderline between that and red)  
 (ii) Ds (in the 9 cells as above) written in red, no colouring of cells ( 39 : 231 : 527)  
 (iii) Other unsatisfactory presentations (37 different) ( 71 : 231 : 527)  
 (iv) Other than CURSE OF SCOTLAND in box (15 different) ( 36 : 231 : 527)  
 The two surplus clue answers, WINZE and WEARY, are both Scottish  
 words for 'curse'
- 3970 Other than  $\begin{matrix} \text{FILO} \\ \text{IAGO} \\ \text{XENO} \end{matrix}$  under grid (22 different) ( 31 : 66 : 652)  
 These three horses (initials spelling FIX) produced, given their  
 starting prices, the minimum profit of one penny
- 3974 Unsatisfactory highlighting (MARCEL PROUST required) ( 36 : 62 : 653)  
 (i) Nothing (30) (ii) Others (3 different) (6)
- 3976 (i) Faulty shading: cells not containing H,A,R,D,(R),E,C,T,(A),N,G,L,(E) (134 : 181 : 541)  
 required  
 (a) Cell(s) shaded; should not be (69)  
 (b) Cell(s) not shaded; should be (50) [some overlap with (a)]  
 (c) Other faults (21)  
 (ii) Other than DAY'S AZURE EYES under grid (14 different) ( 32 : 181 : 541)
- 3978 Other than  $\begin{matrix} M & & N \\ & A & E \\ & I & D \end{matrix}$  highlighted, completing M-shape with the  
 verticals MONSIEUR and THOUSAND ( 29 : 50 : 524)  
 (i)  $\begin{matrix} E \\ L \\ L \\ I \\ M \end{matrix}$  (23) (ii) others (5 different) (6)
- 3982 (i) KOTOS for KOTOW ( 33 : 105 : 645)  
*Instrument is with ceremony unveiled*  
 KOTO 'S W; extra S indicated, not to be entered,  
 contributing to "Je suis Marxiste ..."  
 (ii) Nothing highlighted: MARX BROTHERS required ( 25 : 105 : 645)

- 3987 Wrong N highlighted in CHAMPERS DRAIN ( 51 : 94 : 513)  
 Correct N from path of  $Z I^{\text{NE}}$  (not  $Z I^{\text{E}}$  ); entries turned 90° at Is, Ns, etc
- 3990 Other than Y U C 4 , completing cross spelling ( 36 : 48 : 518)  
 YYUR YYUB ICUR YY4ME (31 different)
- 3996 TANREC for TENREC ( 31 : 94 : 795)  
*One might participate in Carnival of the Animals, sustained by LP maybe*  
 TEN (= tenuto) + REC (= record)
- 3997 Other than ELIGIBLE in acceptable format under grid ( 46 : 51 : 531)  
 (i) ~~ELIGIBLE~~ (15) (ii) others (26 different) (31)  
 37819173 inverted on an LCD display shows 'ELIGIBLE'
- 3998 Other than LURS (ie, trumpets) under grid ( 70 : 172 : 695)  
 (i) SLUR (36) (ii) others (23 different) (34)
- 4001 VOMERE for MOVERE ( 38 : 89 : 524)  
*What can make me rove, move?*  
 Anag. ME ROVE; Latin MOVERE etymology of 'move'
- 4004 Faulty switch setting(s) (I for O and/or O for I) (18 different) (107 : 127 : 455)
- 4011 Original grid fill submitted, with various (20 different) entries in the cells which spelled MOVE ALL WORDS ( 38 : 61 : 349)

### The Times Listener Crosswords 2008 – Puzzle No 4000 (further data)

		<u>Correct</u>	<u>Incorrect</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%Error</u>		
4000	Quadrivium		Dimitry etc	248	92	340	27.06
	Belligerent		Dimitry		(50)		14.71)
	Masterworks		Viking		(45)		13.24)
	Submerse		Arcturus		(29)		8.53)
	Get Ready!		Trev		(34)		10.00)