

Notes on Common Errors 2667 – 2714

(Error incidence : total error : total entry)

- 2668 (i) Error in perimeter (31 : 39 : 165)
(ii) UMBRIL for UMBREL (10 : 39 : 165)
An old visor's but half a Cotinga
UMBREL(LA-BIRD)
- 2670 'Double' and 'treble' letters not entered in appropriate parts of dartboard (19 : 30 : 157)
- 2672 (i) ?HASA for ?HASI (IASI) (57 : 136 : 288)
Owns a place in Romania
HAS + I
(ii) Mistaken sharps/flats/adjacent letters (56 : 136 : 288)
(iii) HETER? N for HERET? N (HERETO) (46 : 136 : 288)
Man organised rent for this object
HE + anag. RENT
- 2674 (i) CUCKRCHID for CUCK(OO-O)RCHIS (166 : 186 : 267)
Only word in Chambers to fit the clued ...OOO...
(ii) ROAD for ROAR (28 : 186 : 267)
King's row
R + OAR & lit.
(iii) REDD / DIBB for REDS / SIBB (12 : 186 : 267)
A corded cloth, penny for penny, is put in order
REP, D for P, + S
Originally, Scott's inbred by birds?
Initial letters
(iv) BENS / BOARDS for HENS / HOARDS (7 : 186 : 267)
It's hard being faint-hearted people
H + ENS
Bill displays moderation right from the sign
HOA + R + D.S.
- 2675 FITCH, PITCH, etc. for HITCH (68 : 71 : 280)
Unclued entries were English test cricketers
- 2677 HENRY for BERRY (10 : 19 : 225)
Sir John BERRY Hobbs

- 2683 MARRON for MAROON (25 : 38 : 168)
Chestnut gets damage on Scots heater
 MAR + OON
- 2689 ENTIRE for EXTINE (33 : 56 : 310)
Bit of the barleycorn maybe drunk by pretext in Erin
 Hidden
- 2692 Wrong symbol (£) centrally (91 : 98 : 204)
 The theme was implied by the circular entries and the title: In for [Infra] penny, in for a pound.
 N.B. Very careful consideration was given to alternatives, but it was felt the whole theme of the crossword was sufficiently clear, coupled with its timing – the introduction of the pound coin – to permit no variation.
- 2695 FINNAN for FINNAC (25 : 37 : 114)
 ...|*fish with foreign knife raised to catch one centrally*
 (O)N(E) in CANIF rev.
- 2697 (i) DEMERIT for DESERET (53 : 75 : 245)
 Variation for ‘Utah’: a Mormon name for the state
- (ii) DESERTS / CRESS for DESERET / CREST (15 : 75 : 245)
 Variation for ‘Gold’: name for biro when prefaced by Gold
- 2699 Incorrect title (32 : 39 : 140)
 The title was to be read from the unchecked letters in natural order
- 2703 (i) SODOM for SODOR (22 : 47 : 280)
Late bishop of Bayeux buried in senior half of diocese
 ODO in SR (Sodor & Man diocese)
- (ii) ONEROSE for OPEROSE (10 : 47 : 280)
Tedious work on East Window
 OP + E + ROSE
- 2705 (i) ZOES, ZOAS, etc. for ZOOS (31 : 65 : 327)
Top range variety of cattle with huge bellows
 ZO + OS (cryptic); MOOS (definition, to be misprinted)
- (ii) GRISE for GRESE (18 : 65 : 327)
Grecian, even, these steps could be (East Central)
 See GREE; ‘East Central’ discriminates between GRISE and GRESE

- 2706 (i) SARRE / COCK for SACRE / ROCK (17 : 65 : 224)
 Hawks for clue answers: KNIGHT and DUKE, respectively
- (ii) GYRFALCON / LYTE for GERFALCON / LEME (15 : 65 : 224)
 Hawk for clue answer: KING (see Brewer's)
Mooncraft touched by Earth's first light once
 LEM + E
- 2712 ENDURES for ENSURED (56 : 67 : 324)
 Answer to be entered as an anagram
- 2714 (i) Numbers/bars wrong (64 : 83 : 315)
- (ii) RANT / SANS for R | ANT / SAN | S (14 : 83 : 315)
Against working I am not!
 AN'T
Letter lost from Greeks and Romans
 Hidden
- (iii) STONY for ATONY (9 : 83 : 315)
... for occupying some relaxation
 TO in ANY

P.S. Sympathy was felt for those who made the odd mistake in the insertion of bars or numbers, but the rules were clearly set out in the preamble so entries had to be checked accordingly.