

Notes on Common Errors 2868 – 2918

(Error incidence : total error : total entry)

- 2869 ENDITAE for ENCITAE (26 : 44 : 140)
DISC (D is C) part of theme
- 2870 Various alternatives for ENSMOIE (SEMEION) (25 : 36 : 127)
Half-time, that's switching over time for old 'linesmen'
SEMI-EON with I.E. exchanging places
- 2872 BRAG for BROG (BROD) (13 : 33 : 174)
Nail for collection box in kirk
BROD, 2 meanings
- 2873 (Subsidiary indicators all referred to diagram entries)
- (i) NEGATE for LEGATE (44 : 84 : 186)
Deny carrying gun in pocket
GAT in LEE
- (ii) EYAS for ERAS (29 : 84 : 186)
Raise hell? Not I. I'm but a fledgling
Anag. RA(I)SE
- (iii) CHAPEAU for CHATEAU (24 : 84 : 186)
A hat? No thanks. An umbrella for the wet
CHAT(TA) + EAU
- (iv) RAMEE for RAKEE (18 : 84 : 186)
China grass for a journey to the East
RAKE + E
- 2875 Failure to understand theme: "without question" (114 : 117 : 205)
Each thematic clue had two solutions and those avoiding the letters
Q,U,E,S,T,I,O,N (in that order) were to be entered
- 2880 (i) ANIA (ii) ANIN (iii) ANIL (iv) ANIS for ANII (17 : 36 : 216)
'drunken Scot' : anag. IAIN
- 2881 LONGTRM for LONGTIM(E) (22 : 43 : 214)
Derelict mine (last of ore having been removed) got left standing for ages
Anag. MIN(E) + GOT + L
- 2882 Lower case Greek letters (not considered to "fill space most
appropriately") instead of stars in Plough-shape (94 : 135 : 249)

- 2887 Various alternatives for KUYETR (TURKEY) (14 : 25 : 195)
Constant unvarying course coming round before the end of the year
 (K + RUT)rev. + (th)E + Y
- 2892 ALLITE for (P)ALLATE (in OED, not Chambers) (16 : 31 : 142)
Old bed, totally English one time in content
 A, T in ALL, E
- 2895 (i) ESGK / QCKG (aken / pone) for ESKZ / QCZK (akes / pose) (24 : 76 : 230)
Is longing no more after fruit's yielded energy
 AKE(E)'S
Writer's reported right to begin game
 Homophone POE'S
- (ii) Various alternatives for CARBON-14 (13 : 76 : 230)
Good number after vehicle which could be used for dating
 BON 14 after CAR
- 2896 Various thematic guesses (45 : 52 : 226)
 Silent initial letters were ignored, e.g. (W)RECK
- 2898 TENTONS for TESTONS (21 : 53 : 357)
Let's try different notes in the solo introductions
 French definition; anag. NOTES in T, S
- 2900 (i) No indication of characters (from 'Faerie Queene') at all in diagram (60 : 91 : 239)
 (ii) (a) Incomplete or (b) unacceptable indication (17 : 91 : 239)
- 2901 CHASER for THALER (18 : 45 : 111)
Leatherworker one might regard as avid?
 TANNER, a vi d = a sixpence, HAL replacing ANN
- 2902 (i) SEEX for FEEX (FEEL) (12 : 40 : 221)
Experience a good meal? Long for the day
 L for D in FEED
- (ii) SHELF for SHEAF under diagram (12 : 40 : 221)
 L did not equalise parties' initials replaced by X
- 2903 (i) SPIT (ii) SPAT (iii) SPOT for SPET (27 : 56 : 195)
Races get one shower barred from motorways
 RO(A)DS, advancing letters one position = SPET; shower = def. of 'light'
- 2905 Various erroneous partnerships / winners / scores (56 : 77 : 282)

- 2910 Various alternatives for NYASI (in Britannica) (13 : 51 : 244)
Nilotic people's supreme creator, an old bird indeed
 NYAS + I (= aye)
- 2912 ANGAR for (S)AGGAR (32 : 55 : 313)
Clay boxing one stone over
 A + RAGG rev.
- 2913 Faulty or missing indication of 'IF' (42 : 54 : 174)
 Hidden in diagram: links theme words (from 'As You Like It')
- 2915 Only end columns coded rather than entire grid (28 : 44 : 234)
- 2916 (i) Failure to understand theme (unchecked letters guessed) (21 : 37 : 177)
 Three of the unclued lights were synonyms of 'score', while the other ten were words that, with the addition of TEN, became new words
- (ii) SIPE for SYPE (16 : 37 : 177)
Soak through sieve, holding edge of pan
 P in SYE
- 2918 MSR / VLSD for MTR / VLTD (RETAMA rev. / VOLUTOID) (27 : 50 : 254)
One's following inverted membrane in desert plant
 A after MATER rev.
Like some marine life? Volunteer as I do madly
 VOL., UT + anag. I DO