

Submission of entries

To ease handling, checking (in armchair or pub), prize drawing, record updating and archiving, the checker needs to cut entries to a uniform size. This produces a **large** quantity of offcut waste each day.

Entries from newspaper

The preferred entry is the full shaded area in the illustration. This is cut along the vertical lines separating the puzzle from adjacent columns and with a 1mm border at top and bottom (under name and address), thus **including** the submission and prize details but **without** the title/heading, preamble, clues or any other part of the page.

Netprint entries

Unfortunately, these are bigger than the newspaper grid. The preferred entry is the darker shaded area in the illustration. This is cut to 1mm around the top and sides of the grid, again **excluding** title/heading, preamble and clues, and also **excluding** the submission and prize details. Hence name and address should be placed within the width of the grid. The checker maintains dummy newsprint cut-outs (in increasing numbers) to be included in the prize draw to ensure fairness and randomness.

Folding

Following the above requests (**not** rules) should minimise the necessity to fold entries, but if still needed, a bisecting fold is far preferable to thin near-edge folds, as is the fold being at the bottom of the envelope to avoid excision when using a letter opener.

Double entries

Two entries may be sent together to arrive by the closing date of the earlier. **Both** puzzle numbers **must** please be inscribed on the envelope. Double entries folded together result in onerous extra handling; please fold (if necessary) separately, and **without** paper clips.

Late entries

Potentially late entries (holidays, etc) **must** be flagged in advance. Unalerted late entries will not be included in the annual statistics (except as a result of postal delays).

Prizes

Should solvers opt for an alternative prize, the choice should be inscribed within the submitted rectangle. Non-receipt of a prize within a reasonable time should be queried via prizes@listenercrossword.com or with the checker.

E-submissions

The (current) checker, having experienced e-submissions to other puzzles, which frequently appear dark sepia or grey and often illegible despite an expert receiver/tweaker, would not relish such entries, nor their associated costs in paper (all A4 needing cutting?), ink, potential down-time and having to computer-attend an average of 80 a day, often far more.

Thanks

Thanks are due to those sending personal or general Christmas cards, any puzzle comments (all passed unedited to setter(s) and vetters), those sending used stamps (little and often preferred; all passed to charity) and those following the above requests.

The Listener Crossword No 4780 Best Available by Kea

Senders of the first three correct entries drawn will receive *Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable* or may choose from a selection of other books (see below). Send your entry with contact details completed to:
Listener Crossword
4780, 63 Green Lane,
St Albans,
Hertfordshire AL3
6HE, to arrive by
September 21.

Prize options and more at listenercrossword.com
More information about Chambers books can be found at chambers.co.uk

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This puzzle celebrates a person's notable role, on his birthday. Eight answers must be entered with a letter misprinted; wordplay in their clues leads to the misprinted form. The replaced letters could be CLEAN YET. In 15 other clues a missing letter must be restored to enable solving. These letters