

## AZED CROSSWORD 2608

### PEANUTS

- 1 **Ms K. Bolton:** Boiling pan upset spilling soft small potatoes (*anag. less p*).
- 2 **P. Coles** (Ireland): Source of allergic upset gripping one's interior? Possibly! (*n in anag. incl. a, & lit.; ref. p. allergy*).
- 3 **J. Vincent & Ms R. Porter:** Open packet soup? It makes a change from fizzy pop, Coke and these nibbles (*comp. anag.*).

### VHC

- D. & N. Aspland:** Those at forefront in Partygate escape, asserting with expression of defiance it's something insignificant (*first letters + nuts*).
- C. J. Brougham:** The core of respected Sun-Pat spread (*e in anag., & lit.*).
- M. Coates:** Base in what Sun-Pat produces (*e in anag., & lit.*).
- W. Drever:** See young Linus Van Pelt comically but not unlovingly represented here (*anag. less anag., & lit; ref. comic strip*).
- C. M. Edmunds:** Running mate, as in D. Trump's regularly disregarded Pence? (*anag. of alternate letters*).
- Dr I. S. Fletcher:** Strip from US put in papers regularly distributed (*anag. of alternate letters*).
- H. Freeman:** What'll provide the energy in Sun-Pat spread? (*E in anag., & lit.*).
- G. I. L. Grafton:** Shifting occupant of num. ten ASAP? Not a small consideration (*anag. incl. u less a*).
- J. Grimes:** What's central to great Sun-Pat spread? (*anag. incl. e, & lit.*).
- R. J. Heald:** Music recalled in special retrospective including a graphic depiction of Woodstock etc (*a in tune (rev.) in sp. (rev.); ref. 1969 music festival & strip cartoon*).
- D. F. Manley:** Beaten POTUS – to be involved with ——? (*comp. anag. & lit.; ref. Jimmy Carter*).
- J. R. C. Michie:** The prime ingredient of every Sun-Pat spread (*anag. incl e, & lit.*).
- T. J. Moorey:** Source of protein each Conservative host initially put out with crackers? (*p ea(C h) + nuts, & lit.*).
- A. Plumb:** Brown strip can upset fans – Coventry's initially forgotten (*anag. less C; ref. Charlie B & Coventry City's former football strip*).
- Dr S. J. Shaw:** Cultivated sources of extremely nutritious underground protein signifying trifling amount (*anag. of first letters, & lit.*).
- A. J. Shields:** Sources of protein eaten as nibbles, usually tastiest salted (*first letters & lit.*)
- P. A. Stephenson:** Base in Sun-Pat spread? (*e in anag. & lit.*).
- R. C. Teuton:** Pay this for any apes put working? (*comp. anag. & lit.; ref. 'Pay p. and you get monkeys'*).

### HC

M. Barley, T. C. Borland, A. Brash, J. Brown, Dr J. Burscough, J. A. Butler, P. Cargill, A. Chamberlain, C. A. Clarke, N. Connaughton (Ireland), E. Dawid, P. Evans, P.

Finan, Ms B. Hall, P. F. Henderson (New Zealand), S. Hicks, J. Hood, G. Johnstone, J. R. H. Jones (Spain), J. C. Leyland, M. Lloyd-Jones, M. Lunan, A. MacDougall, P. W. Marlow, P. McKenna, R. S. Morse, C. Ogilvie, F. Orr, B. Pasupathy (India), J. Pearce, D. Price Jones, W. Ransome, T. Rudd, P. L. Stone, Mrs A. M. Walden, L. Ward (USA), A. J. Wardrop, R. J. Whale, A. Whittaker, G. H. Willett.

### **Comments**

An excellent entry (178, no mistakes) indicating, perhaps, a somewhat easier competition puzzle than usual. 19 clues received votes as this month's favourite, with two of them tying for first place: 'Skilful performer, OK for ton? One may get caught at long leg' (HOOK SHOT) and 'Dim listener chattering might make such a troubadour die' (MINSTREL).

No complaints about this month's clue word, either. I chose it without hesitation, confident that it would be popular, as was borne out by the variety and quality of submissions. The Sun-Pat anagram (note the hyphen) was understandably popular, but only one of many clever ideas exploited. A pleasant task for the judge all round.

The Azed 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration is still fresh in the memory. On a day of perfect summer weather, about 80 guests enjoyed a splendid lunch laid on by Wolfson College (wines by courtesy of *The Observer*) followed by speeches from Don Manley, Graeme Garden (reminding us that *I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue* is also 50 years old this year), William Keegan and Azed. Almost all the guests then repaired to my home nearby, where my wife Alison had laid on a sumptuous tea party, almost all of which everyone still managed to find room for. For me and my family it was a lovely occasion to meet so many Azed solvers, many now old friends, and I remain truly grateful to Will Drever and Richard Heald for organizing the whole event. My thanks too to all those who subsequently sent letters and cards.