

AZED CROSSWORD 2612

PROSAIST

1 D. F. Manley: The ———? His art and poet's will be different (*comp. anag. & lit.*).

2 M. Barley: For those starting solving, Azed isn't straightforward – try Everyman! (*pro + first letters*).

3 P. Sant: This man that hath no poetry in himself, no less, is fit for treasons and spoils (*comp. anag.; ref. 'The Merchant of Venice', Act 5*).

VHC

M. Barker: As Tory PM is displaced, *this* matter-of-fact person gets my fancy (*comp. anag.*).

Ms K. Bolton: I suggest 'Everyman' for beginners to solving, AZED is somewhat tougher (*pro + first letters*).

Dr J. Burscough: Amis Sr.: poet originally, not me (*anag. less me, & lit.; ref. Kingsley A.*).

A. Chamberlain: I master tropes differently, eschewing metre (*anag. less metre, & lit.*).

C. A. Clarke: IRA stops bombing to become a conventional party (*anag.*).

W. Drever: Leaving badly bruised, dear Boris's time is up – could be reduced to this (*anag. incl. t less anag., & lit.; ref possible return of BJ to journalism or book deals*).

R. Gilbert: Curling is a sport, but hardly an exceptional one (*anag.*).

R. J. Heald: One may have triumphed with essays or novel without having used rhyme possibly (*anag. less anag., & lit.*).

J. C. Leyland: Has riposte that's scintillating? Not he! (*anag. less he, & lit.*).

A. MacDougall: Man on the Clapham Omnibus perhaps? Travelling upstairs – nothing for upper class (*anag. with 0 for U*).

K. Milan: Fancy operas? It's not the end of Glyndebourne for one deemed a prude? (*anag. less e*).

R. S. Morse: Free spirit? Not I! So a ———? (*anag. less I, & lit.*).

W. Ransome: Bits of inaction affirm sport's awfully uninteresting character (*anag. incl. I, a*).

A. J. Shields: Except for the ending of '*... Perdu*', Proust is a terribly dull writer (*anag. less u*).

J. Vincent & Ms R. Porter: Leader standing down – Boris is tainted with suggestions of political artifice, skulduggery and tarradiddle. He lacks distinction! (*anag. less B incl. p, a, s, t*).

Ms S. Wallace: Boris loses head wrestling with dodgy past – he's not inspiring (*anag. less B*).

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C. Short, P. A. Stephenson, P. L. Stone, R. C. Teuton, K. Thomas, A. Varney, Mrs A. M. Walden, R. J. Whale, A. Whittaker, K. & J. Wolff.

Comments

140 entries, no detectable mistakes. Favourite clue by a long way, of 14 mentioned, was 'What'll come from murder motive as reported' for CAWS. I apologize for the lateness of this slip, and the publication of the results, largely the result of a dose of Covid, which hit my wife and me at the same time and nearly scuppered our summer holiday. We weren't too ill, but watched the regular tests quite anxiously for some time before they turned negative just in time.

I won't prolong these comments in the circumstances, except to mention that unsurprisingly the downfall of the outgoing PM, treated with considerable relish and humour, was much the most popular theme and amused me greatly. It gives one no satisfaction that he will probably lose no time in lining his pockets whichever new career he chooses to pursue.