

AZED CROSSWORD 2711

LITTÉRATEUR

1 M. Barley: Term for author, French one, turning out title after title possibly? (*anag. + r + auteur less U², & lit.*).

2 M. Lloyd-Jones: Brood over a blasted brute censoring book? I might (*litter + a + anag. less b*).

3 J. Vincent & Ms R. Porter: One seen in Hay, perhaps, at the forefront of events upholding reading (*litter + at + first letters, & lit.; ref. Hay Literary Festival*).

VHC

Dr. J. Burscough: Must he write an epistolary novel with intermittent letters? (*anag. of alternate letters, & lit.*).

C. A. Clarke: Kindle: alternate technology giving rise to regret for book lover (*litter + AT + rue (rev.)*).

H. Freeman: Topping writer, a poet laureate, right? It could be me (*anag. less Poe, a incl. r, & lit; top = kill, remove*).

S. D. Griew: Rare but unopened title? He could be excited to find that! (*anag. less b, & lit.*).

R. J. Heald: Grass lover maybe has high time on strong-smelling plant (weed) rolled up (*lit t + rue² tare¹ (rev.); lit = drunk; ref. Günter G., German writer*).

J. C. Leyland: Kindle with right update, when travelling, paid off for me? (*litter + anag. incl. r less pd, & lit.; ref. Kindle e-books*).

D. F. Manley: A 'livre', utter bit of trash getting slammed – no volume for me? (*anag. incl. t less v, & lit.*).

P. W. Marlow: Rubbish principles shown by all the editors under Rupert Murdoch, perhaps (*litter + first letters; ref. Iris M.*).

K. Milan: This person, with three As, may perhaps reveal a laureate trait (*comp. anag.*).

D. P. Shenkin: A —? A 'Laureate' trait embodied, possibly (*comp. anag. & lit.*).

K. Thomas: A true title fancier? Right! (*anag. + r & lit.*).

Ms S. Wallace: Rambling letter with bits of incoherent ungrammatical rubbish – truly appalling for one well read (*anag. incl. first letters*).

A. J. Wardrop: Belletrist qui donne une nouvelle interprétation d'art et rituel (*anag.*).

A. Whittaker: Wildly, utterly irate when library finally disappears? He would be (*anag. less y, & lit.*).

HC D. Appleton, T. C. Borland, C. J. Brougham, Mrs S. Brown, T. Coates (Australia), W. Drever, J. Grimes, G. Johnstone, Dr R. A. Main, P. McKenna, C. Short, P. A. Stephenson, R. C. Teuton, L. Ward (USA).

Comments

A low entry for what most seem to have found a relatively easy competition puzzle – only 117 and no errors that I spotted. Favourite clue by a very long way, of only nine

nominated: 'Start of hole in tooth causing anxiety' for FANTEEG (a word of apparently unknown origin). Part of the problem may have been the clue word. Chambers only defines it as 'a literary person' but the *SOED* adds 'a writer of literary or critical works' which broadens it somewhat. There seems to be no feminine form, at least in English. I didn't want to include 'literary' in my definition for obvious reasons, though 'bookish' now seems rather too vague. Clues submitted tended on the whole to be somewhat uninspired or downright obscure. Hence, I guess, the shorter-than-usual lists above. In retrospect I think I should have given you a different word altogether to clue. I always aim to pick a word offering a reasonable range of possible treatments and make my choice before proceeding to clue the rest.

No time for more now. My excuse for getting somewhat behind is having to entertain a houseful of visitors from distant lands (Australia and India).