

AZED CROSSWORD 2740

DOUBLE-PARKING

1 Dr I. S. Fletcher: Result of turning up with no empty space alongside kerb? (*anag. less s, e, & lit.*)

2 M. Owen: Act taking up good bit of road and most of bike lane, outrageously? (*do + anag. incl. g, r, bik(e), & lit.*).

3 G. I. L. Grafton: Eg Kia left upon road beside black Rolls (*anag. incl. l, Rd, B, & lit.*).

VHC (extra prizes)

T. Anderson: Recipe for a fine twice baked biscuit? Add a pinch of ginger (*double parkin + g*).

D. Appleton: This could involve plod rebuking man essentially (*anag. incl. a, & lit.*).

D. K. Arnott: Bloke in a GTI enrages Rudolph – result of doing *this* near to sleigh? (*comp. anag. & lit.*).

M. Barley: How more cars end up being left when up along kerbside is jammed (*anag. less e, s, & lit.*).

T. C. Borland: Dodgy kind of pub lager leaves fellow making disorderly row in street (*anag. less F*).

C. J. Brougham: What bad driver's doing as master of the high-scoring golfers? (*i.e. double par king*).

Dr J. Burscough: Turning up alongside kerb, blocking someone's exit in van perhaps (*anag. less s, e, & lit.*).

A. & J. Calder: Pub with ale freely flowing in Surrey market town? That might bring traffic to a halt (*anag. in Dorking*).

A. G. Chamberlain: Manoeuvre hampering kerb, loading up (*anag. & lit.*).

E. Dawid: Breaking down, up along kerb side, essentially might result in this (*anag. incl. id, & lit.*).

Dr D. Gatrell: Shift up along kerb? I'd avoid this if you don't want to get a ticket (*anag.*).

J. Koprowski: Selfish manoeuvre crashing bike with loud prang (*anag.*).

K. Milan: This manoeuvre, on street, can be stupid along kerb (*comp. anag. incl. St, & lit.*).

R. S. Morse: What might get Plod rebuking one (*anag. incl. a, & lit.*).

A. Plumb: You might get a ticket for this party with family in awfully large pub (*do + kin in anag.*).

Dr S. J. Shaw: Middle of abdomen bulged uneasily – getting stuffed with ginger cake can cause an obstruction (*parkin in anag. incl. o*).

A. J. Shields: Loud prang, bike smashed – action of an inconsiderate driver (*anag.*).

P. A. Stephenson: Tight roads are blocking up with car so stupidly misplaced (*anag. less anag., & lit.*).

J. Vincent & Ms R. Porter: Two helpings of cake (gingerbread, primarily)? It can lead to obstruction of arteries (*double parkin g*).

Ms S. Wallace: Careless road use damaged bike with unusually loud prang (*anag.*).

HC

M. Barker, J. & J. Barnes, A. Brash, Mrs S. Brown, M. Coates, N. Connaughton, Ms L. Davis, W. Drever, A. R. Esau, H. Freeman, R. Gilbert, J. Goldsmith, J. Grimes, A. H. Harker, H. M. F. Jenkins, R. Lawn, J. C. Leyland, M. Lunan, A. MacKinnon, K. Manley, P. W. Marlow, J. R. C. Michie, C. G. Millin, T. D. Nicholl, S. J. O'Boyle, D. Ogilvie, B. Pasupathy, W. Ransome, C. Reed, Dr J. B. Reid, I. Simpson, R. C. Teuton, A. Vick, Mrs A. M. Walden, L. Ward (USA), Dr M. C. Whelan.

Comments

125 entries, no mistakes that I spotted. I'm sorry that I completely overlooked the fact that I had set the same clue word before, for No. 2,226 about ten years ago. Those that spotted this were characteristically generous about my memory lapse. I did not refer back to the earlier slip, so I can't say how many reused their earlier clues. In the circumstances I decided to award prizes etc as usual, but not to include these in the annual honours list, which will be extended by an extra month to include 13 competitions (one per month plus one at Christmas). I also mysteriously gave the wrong closing date for this competition, but I don't think anyone was seriously misled and I corrected my mistake as soon as this was possible. All of which was a pity for the Christmas comp.

Only four of my own clues were chosen as favourites this month, far fewer than usual, the winner being 'Thesp in Paris seen making comeback in live broadcast' for LUVVIE.

A couple of regular competitors picked me up on a comment I made in a recent slip (No. 2,733), criticizing the phrase 'total chaos/shambles' to indicate anagrams of 'total'. This was fair comment as far as 'total chaos' is concerned but not in the case of 'total shambles' where 'shambles' could be read as an intransitive verb and therefore acceptable as an anagram indicator. I'm sorry I overlooked this.