

AZED CROSSWORD 2746

ANCIENTS

1 A. Plumb: Cineast sadly screening last of golden oldies (*n in anag.*).

2 Dr I. S. Fletcher: Such as Canaanites, idolaters at heart, Joshua ultimately wiped out (*anag. less a, a, & lit.*)

3 A. J. Shields: Near- -----? That's another way to style centenarians (*comp. anag. & lit.*)

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N. Aspland: Canines damaged with a bit of tartar in old men (*t in anag.*).

M. Barley: Feature of those with canines obtruding: they're 'long in the tooth' (*anag. incl. t.*).

J. G. Booth: Having canines loosened with time, they're long in the tooth (*anag. incl. t.*).

C. J. Brougham: OAPs, perhaps unsteady in stance (*anag.*)

N. Connaughton: The Egyptians one associated with a ground insect? (*an + anag.; ref. scarab beetle.*)

J. Grimes: These grey mostly? Possibly grannies etc (*comp. anag. less y, & lit.*).

R. J. Heald: Old-fashioned standards being relaxed, Christians end up less prudish possibly (*anag. less anag.*).

P. F. Henderson (New Zealand): Nans etc, I fancy (*anag. & lit.*).

M Lloyd-Jones: Seniors having drawn in holy books, is cane unleashed? (*NT in anag.*).

D.F. Manley: We play out life in seven acts – blessed cats nine? (*anag.; ref. 'Seven Ages of Man'*).

P. W. Marlow: Traditional standards in candidates slipping after first signs of Donald insulting Democratic adversaries emerge (*anag. less first letters.*).

C.G. Millin: Old people scan mostly new IT, getting confused (*anag. less w.*).

B. Pasupathy (India): A number, since gone, seen around Troy? (*a, n + anag. incl. t.*).

O. F. G. Phillips: Such oversight calamitously brings about Visigoths' entrance for the Romans perhaps (*comp. anag.*).

Dr S. J. Shaw: When wandering about, we might display canes in front of traffic (*anag. incl. t, & lit.; ref. elderly people traffic sign.*).

P. A. Stephenson: Dodderly centenarians near popping off (*anag. less near, & lit.*).

Mrs A. M. Walden: Seniors play tennis with a bit of cunning (*anag. incl. a, c.*).

J. Vincent & Ms R. Porter: Tennis aces McEnroe and Connors finally retired playing as seniors (*anag. less e, s.*).

L. Ward (USA): For instance, these characters are doddering? (*anag. & lit.*)

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P. B. Alldred, T. C. Borland, A. Brash, Mrs S. Brown, Dr J. Burscough, J. Butler, A. G. Chamberlain, C. A. Clarke, Ms L. Davis, E. Dawid, W. Drever, C. M. Edmunds, Ms B. Hall, H. M. F. Jenkins, B. Lovering, M. Lunan, L. F. Marzillier (USA), P. McKenna, J. R. C. Michie, K. Milan, T. J. Moorey, S. Naysmith, S. J. O'Boyle, J. &

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Comments

136 entries, a few with REEL for JEEL, close but not close enough. Fifteen clues received votes as favourite, the winner being 'Food containing nasty smell posed threats to many serving' for E-BOATS. By general consent this was a tougher competition puzzle than usual, possibly because of the above-average number of obscure words in the grid. A few of you queried, not without reason, my defining TORPID as 'oarsman'. It is pretty clear (though I'm still not absolutely certain) that the word applies to a racing boat or its crew, and I fancy it's more often found in the plural. Despite my having been to Cambridge I've never been a rowing man, apart from messing about in boats at the seaside. Those more knowledgeable than I will doubtless fill the gaps in my experience.

I'm sorry the results took so long to appear this month. I was laid low with a minor indisposition. No more for now. The lunch on Saturday 3 May to mark AZ No. 2,750 at Wolfson College, Oxford, is now quite soon, and my wife and I look forward to seeing many of you again. We do hope the weather stays fine, especially for the tea party afterwards. For full details please email heald.richard@gmail.com, or send an SAE to Azed 2,750, 13 Eshton Court, Mapplewell, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S75 5QG.