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ECBLASTESIS

1 R. C. Teuton: Broadcast regular “out-takes” from Beeb’s classiest proliferation of bloomers (*anag. incl. alternate letters; ref. Auntie’s Bloomers, BBC’s 1990s out-takes show*).

2 R. J. Whale: Derriere of missus is seen after splitting best lace bloomers, rather large it turns out (*anag. + s is*).

3 Mrs A. M. Walden: Potentially be classiest producer of sprouts? (*anag.*).

VHC

Dr J. Burscough: Great flower show, if not the best – it’s Chelsea, possibly (*anag. less the*).

A. & J. Calder: Groom returns to cover converted stables in floral abundance (*anag. in sice² (rev.)*).

M. Crapper: Playful seal bisects floral proliferation (*anag.*).

E. Dawid: Prolific, floral growth is select basis in reproduction (*anag.*).

O. Grant: Twisted cable ties up in screw steamer – it’s a blooming complex arrangement (*anag. + anag. in ss*).

S. D. Griew: Plenty of budding sports administrators assist with English league in turmoil (*ECB + anag. incl. E, l*).

R. J. Heald: What can boost growth in plant species barring power sprays to limit blight (*blast in anag. less P*).

H. Jenkins: Not the first vacation taking jet around island? It’s a blooming extravagance! (*blast in (r)ecess around I*).

D. F. Manley: Floral formation – original feature of church in representation of endless Easter bliss? (*c in anag. less r*).

P. W. Marlow: European is asset when playing with club (not United) – one blossoming at Chelsea? (*anag. incl. E, less U*).

C. G. Millin: Beginning of sprouts I see all around, including coloured explosion making new flowers (*C blast in s I see (rev.)*).

T. J. Moorey: Wanting foremost in draught I’d select Bass being pulled, also rapid growth of Flowers (*anag. less d*).

C. Ogilvie: The reorganisation of steel’s basic for prolific new growth (*anag.*).

J. Pearce: At the front some enormous swelling bursts elastic pants – this’ll result in massive bloomers! (*anag. incl. first letters*).

A. Plumb: 100 assorted astilbes planted in beds regularly creating flowery proliferation (*C + anag. in alternate letters*).

Dr S. J. Shaw: Budding doctor starts to learn every single bone in the skeleton at extracurricular school classes (*anag. of first letters*).

J. Smailes: Narcissism centrally involved with Beatles’ budding flower power (*anag. incl. ciss*).

P. A. Stephenson: Root's concentration is ECB's least trouble (*anag.*, *ref. cricket*).

Ms P. Thorp: Beet class is mutating and blooming, up to a point (*anag.*).

Ms S. Wallace: Incorrectly select basis for means of getting blooming big flowers (*anag.*).

L. Ward: Do bees class it 'a blooming phenomenon'? (*anag.*).

T. West-Taylor: Awkward as best clue is not socially acceptable: it's a blooming issue (*anag. less U*).

Ms B. J. Widger: Variety of best salices' rampant budding (*anag.*).

K. & J. Wolff: Budding electric bassist played, having unleashed art without end (*anag. less tric(k)*).

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Comments

A nice selection of clues to a distinctly obscure word (not previously familiar to me at least). These odd clue words never seem to put you off. On the contrary, they usually seem to inspire you to extra creativity. And recent modifications to competition rules etc proved no extra hindrance. If anything, they forced your setter to concentrate harder than usual. No further comments this month.

Note on the July slip: I apologise for the absence of a July slip. Circumstances meant I was unable to complete it satisfactorily, and the material was not in a fit state to present. Better to draw a line under it and resume with August. The results published in the Observer stand, but there will be no usual expanded commentary.