

Their 1st XI - solution

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	O	A	T	S	4	A	S	T	E	R	I	S	M
2	U	7	E	R	I	N	I	T	E	M	O	W	A
3	R	I	E	M	S	T	M	C	L	I	N	E	S
4	A	C	R	E	W	E	U	R	O	S	6	A	O
5	L	E	N	T	E	N	R	E	E	F	E	R	N
6	I	N	F	R	I	N	G	E	W	A	R	A	10
7	1	A	S	E	R	A	8	S	E	I	K	B	11
8	2	E	N	I	T	E	L	E	A	T	I	C	S
9	O	D	Y	L	E	T	A	R	P	H	O	G	T
10	R	E	3	L	E	U	N	V	O	C	A	L	A
11	L	S	T	E	P	I	D	I	N	S	K	Y	R
12	O	K	E	S	E	L	E	C	T	O	R	5	C
13	P	A	R	T	E	R	R	E	9	F	I	S	H

They are French, and their 1st XI are: UN(E); DEUX; TROIS; QUATRE; CINQ; SIX; SEPT; HUIT; NEUF; DIX; ONZE.

The first grid entries, unbarred:

Fielding

1. oat, squat, reast, er, ism **2.** use, pterin, item, O, WA **3.** riems, t, m, clines **4.** A, crew, euros, si, x, a', o **5.** Lenten, reefer, n **6.** inf., ring, Ewa, radix **7.** unease, Rahu, it's, eik, bonze **8.** D, euxenite, lea, tics **9.** odyle, tar, pho, Gt **10.** retro, isle, unvocal, A **11.** l.s., tepid, in, sky, r **12.** oke, select, orcin, QC **13.** par, terrene, uffish

Batting

1. our, aliunde, uxor, lop **2.** aseptic, en, aedes, ka **3.** teer, NFS, nyt, roister **4.** Sr, metre, ill, est **5.** quat, reis, weir, teepee **6.** antennae, tui, l, r **7.** simurgh, uitlander **8.** TT, creese, r, vice **9.** ee, lo'e, WEA, Pont Neuf **10.** RM, is, faith, CS, of **11.** ion, sixer, K, O, a, k'ri **12.** SW, Arab, c, glycin, q.s. **13.** Mason-Dixon, zest, arch

Although there is more than one barred solution, there is only one that accords with the rubric 'only one clued word survives in the completed diagram', viz ION.

The barred grid is:

Fielding

1. oats | **4** | asterism
2. u | **7** | erinite | mowa
3. riem | s | t | m | c | line | s
4. a | crewe | u | Ros | **6** | a | o
5. l | ENT | e | n | ree | fern
6. infringe | war | a | **10**
7. **1** | a | sera | **8** | seik | b | **11**
8. **2** | e | nit | eleatics
9. ody | l | eta | r | p | hog | t
10. r | e | **3** | leu | n | vocal | a
11. l | step | i | d | i | n | skyr
12. okes | elector | **5** | c
13. parterre | **9** | fish

Batting

1. ourali | **1** | **2** | orlop
2. a | **7** | ice | nae | desk | a
3. t | e | ern | f | sny | **3** | ter
4. s | r | m | e | treilles | t
5. **4** | i | sweirt | e | e | pee
6. antenna | etui | l | r
7. simurgh | **8** | lander
8. t | t | cree | service
9. eel | o | e | weapon | t | **9**
10. r | misfaith | c | s | o | f
11. ion | **6** | erk | i | oak | r | I
12. s | wear | ABC | gly | **5** | s
13. mason | **10** | **11** | starch

Detailed notes

* anagram " reversed con/contents/tainer + hidden [n] n meanings/indications () omitted letters
French

Fielding

1. (g) oat, squat [2], reast*, er [1], is-m()
2. use+, pterin*, item [2], O, WA {2}
3. r(i)(e()-ms, t() , m, clines (*cf* 100 lines)
4. A, crew [2], (amat)eur/O/s, si [1], x, a', o
5. Len-ten, re/e/fer, ()n
6. inf(O), ring*, awe", radi*-x (=10, base of out numerical system)
7. u/nea(t)/se, Rahu+, it-s, eik(on), bonze(r)
8. D, euxenite* & lit, lea(d), t-sci"
9. odyle*, tar [2], pho (*cf* foe), Gt [1]
10. re-t-or" & lit, is-le, unvocal*, A
11. ()ls, dip+et", in [2], sky [2], r()
12. oke [2], sele-ct, or-C-in, Q(Inuit*)c
13. par [2], t/err/ene, uffish+ (*ref* 'Jabberwocky', L Carroll: 'in uffish thought he stood')

Batting

1. (y)our(s), aliunde*, (d)ux-or, (f)lop
2. aseptic*, en+ & lit, *de in sea*", ka(i)
3. *cf* (plas*)ter with doubled e, n-F-s, n.-yt (for 'nit', in OED), *roi*-*
4. Sr [1], m-*être*, (w)ill, est [2 & *est*]
5. *quat(orze)*, reis [2], weir [2], te-*épee*
6. ant/Anne"/e, tu-i, l, R
7. [H()g+rur+is]" , uitland*-er
8. TT [3], creese (*cf* crease), r, vice [2]
9. (s)ee, lo-e(), we-a, *Pont+Neuf**
10. RM [1], is [1], *fait*-H, C()S, of (O.F.) *ie* they used Old French to say (anything)
11. (L)ion, re+XI's", K, O, a, K-RI
12. SW (S-W), E [1], a-R()-a-B, c(), glycin*, q.s [1]
13. m()-a()-s()-o()-N/D/ixon & lit, zest+, *Arc*-h() 'start' *v imp*