

Substitution final grid

1	C	2	R	3	I	4	C	K	5	E	T	6	B	7	A	8	L	L	9	S
10	R	E	N	U	M	B	E	R	11	T	E	S	T							
12	E	A	G	R	E	B	13	F	A	L	S	E	R							
	S	D	14	O	D	15	D	I	T	Y	16	A	B	B	A					
17	S	E	T	L	I	N	E	E	18	S	I	A	N							
19	S	R	20	P	21	E	N	G		22	L	A	23	N	D					
24	T	S	A	R	E	V	25	N	A	26	S	N	E	S						
27	Y	E	L	28	P	29	S	30	G	O	S	H	31	A	W	32	K			
33	L	E	A	R	34	P	A	U	P	E	R	D	I							
35	I	N	D	I		A	N	36	G	R	E	E	T							
37	S	T	I	E	38	A	G	A	M	I	D	A	E							
39	H	E	N	R	Y	40	B	L	O	F	E	L	D							

Substitution by Nutmeg

1	T	2	H	3	U	4	N	D	5	E	R	6	B	7	A	8	L	L	9	S
10	R	E	N	U	M	B	E	R	11	T	E	S	T							
12	E	A	G	R	E	B	13	F	A	L	S	E	R							
	S	D	14	O	D	15	D	I	T	Y	16	A	B	B	A					
17	S	E	T	L	I	N	E	E	18	S	I	A	N							
19	S	R	20	P	21	E	N	G	A	22	R	L	A	23	N	D				
24	T	S	A	R	E	V	25	N	A	26	S	N	E	S						
27	Y	E	L	28	P	29	S	30	G	O	S	H	31	A	W	32	K			
33	L	E	A	R	34	P	A	U	P	E	R	D	I							
35	I	N	D	I	R	A	N	36	G	R	E	E	T							
37	S	T	I	E	38	A	G	A	M	I	D	A	E							
39	E	R	N	S	T	40	B	L	O	F	E	L	D							

Original grid on right, showing Ernst Blofeld & Thunderball. According to Wikipedia, Blofeld was first mentioned in the books in Thunderball in, I think, 1962 - the film was released in 1965 but Blofeld made an earlier screen appearance, unfortunately, so it's not an appropriate 50th anniversary.

Final grid has Henry Blofeld (of Test Match Special fame) & cricket balls. He's been on quite a bit already this season and is for ever saying 'my dear old thing'. Aggers is Jonathan Agnew, also of TMS.

Misprint corrections spell out 'Aggers my dear old thing'. Engarland & Indira changed to England & India, test teams

Clue explanations

Across

- 1 th(is) under
- 6 all in B(rit)s
- 10 re number
- 11 (fas)test
- 12 Ge rev in ere
- 13 LSE in far
- 14 it in (t)oddy
- 16 AB & AB rev
- 17 set line
- 18 (A)sian, Barry being Welsh place
- 21 en Garland
- 24 A servant* S
- 27 plenty =volumes, rev, minus NT
- 30 gosh, w in AK
- 33 Le(h)ar
- 34 U in paper
- 35 ref Mrs Gandhi, in + arid rev
- 36 2 defs
- 37 (Jame)s tie
- 38 aga + aimed*
- 39 stern=back with St moved to rear
- 40 "blow felled", B typically shown stroking cat

Down

- 1 hunk/hank trews with s for w
- 2 pace/page ed rev in hears
- 3 pained/gained Outing* minus I
- 4 Base/Ease R & L separately in nude
- 5 Retiming/Retiring Big Ben*
- 6 Ashes/Asses "braise"
- 7 baps/maps a salt rev
- 8 gap/gay Aliens* round B

9	threats/threads	2 defs
15	hat/eat	in in de
19	Adopt/adapt	list Yes*
20	loving/roving	lad in pain
22	toll/tool	(g)rasp
23	hives/lives	2 defs, of sorts
25	nounal	al(l) after non-U*
26	show/shot	H in fires rev
28	bidden/hidden	pries(t)
29	Toddler/tiddler	r in taps rev, tap/bug as in espionage
31	wars/warn	hidden
32	sinned/signed	ki(l)ted