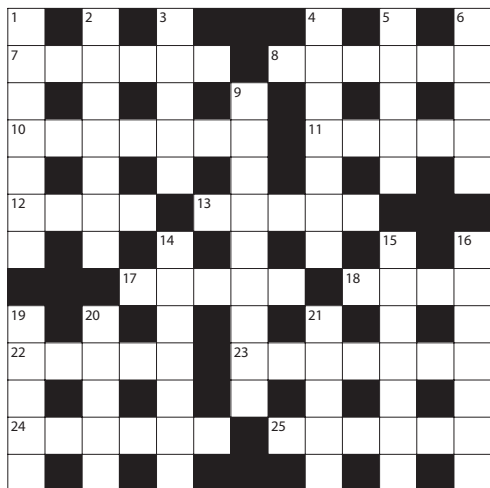


PUZZLES

Congratulations to Michael Elliott, of Newport, Gwent, winner of our 18 July crossword competition. His was the first correct entry drawn at random. He will be receiving copy of the hardback *Oxford Dictionary and Thesaurus* (second edition, RRP £30).

CROSSWORD No. 172

Compiled by Enigma



Crossword competition

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● The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 29 August issue.

Across

- 7 It's very seldom I tarry around here. (6)
- 8 Looks as if this Scotsman is a fairly bad actor (6)
- 10 Desperate players surround the train wreck (7)
- 11 She writes an article on very unpleasant creatures (5)
- 12 The Eastern Church has nothing to do with "Vain Repetition" (4)
- 13 Press chief is wild to get out of describing US politics (5)
- 17 Food fit for one who has gone beyond excellence (5)
- 18 A region in the Far East? (4)
- 22 A note to the party-giver when one is late (5)
- 23 This month a worker can be found in a moment (7)
- 24 The partner has no right to come back and trick one into incriminating oneself. (6)
- 25 The creed may be at the front of this untidy file (6)

Down

- 1 Tired, father, of being an aimless nomad? (7)
- 2 We must all continue to take the air (7)
- 3 I say! A couple of points about things shoddy and shabby! (5)
- 4 Do not allow one particular preposition to be used with fruit (7)
- 5 Do consciously what 12 Across does unconsciously (5)
- 6 A lady with psychic powers moves away south to locate animals (5)
- 9 That odd type Eric takes in enough to make up one Euro (9)
- 14 One must hope, on this occasion, to be numbered among 6 down (4, 3)
- 15 We hear that part of this London lady's home is unstable. (7)
- 16 The actors depart with a piece of second-hand clothing (4-3)
- 19 Say yes! There is silver on an Irish lake! (5)
- 20 A student makes public the identities of the thugs (5)
- 21 We object to that woman; the one who puts one in one's place (5)

Solution to the 18 July crossword

Across: 1 Chow; 3 Outclass; 9 Cat flap; 10 Toted; 11 Nervous wreck; 13 Theses; 15 Snider; 17 Movable feast; 20 Evita; 21 Lardons; 22 Synonyms; 23 Pens. **Down:** 1 Coconuts; 2 Outer; 4 Uppish; 5 Catering firm; 6 Antacid; 7 Soda; 8 All over again; 12 Protests; 14 Emotion; 16 Slalom; 18 Abode; 19 Dens.

SUDOKU

Level: Tough

Each 3 x 3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9.

Solution to the 18 July puzzle

4	6	9	1	7	2	5	8	3
7	1	8	3	5	4	6	9	2
2	3	5	8	6	9	4	1	7
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