

# FROM THE ARCHIVE

## 50 years ago

THE TABLET • 16 APRIL 1966

When Evelyn Waugh died suddenly on Sunday morning, after attending Mass celebrated by his friend Fr Philip Caraman, it was a merciful dispensation at the end. He had been unwell for a long time, much troubled by insomnia, and a great depression of spirits. From early manhood he had suffered from ennui, an affliction which ought to be classed among the major ails to which suffering humanity is exposed. Gifted with great perceptive power and swift intelligence, he saw to the end of

situations before they had time to unfold, realised how much or how little they contained, and found any excessive expectations so constantly cheated that he came to anticipate very little pleasure, and at most a mild and ephemeral mitigation of a heaviness of spirit. I remember once when he had ordered champagne in the afternoon at White's, and when it came he gazed sadly at it and said: "One thinks it will be enjoyable, and then when it comes, it isn't"; and that was only too often what happened to him.

## 100 years ago

THE TABLET • 15 APRIL 1916

Asquith [the British prime minister] spent three very busy days in Rome at the end of last week. His visit to the Holy Father last Saturday was the most interesting and the most baffling incident of his sojourn in Rome ...

The Cortile di San Damaso was empty when the Premier's party arrived, but Comm. O'Neill, one of the two Chamberlains of Cape and Sword on duty, was waiting to receive them and accompany them in the lift to the second floor, through the Loggia and to

the entrance of the Sala Clementina, where they were met by Mgr Sanz y Sanaper, Maestro di Camera to His Holiness, who at once conducted them to the presence of the Holy Father.

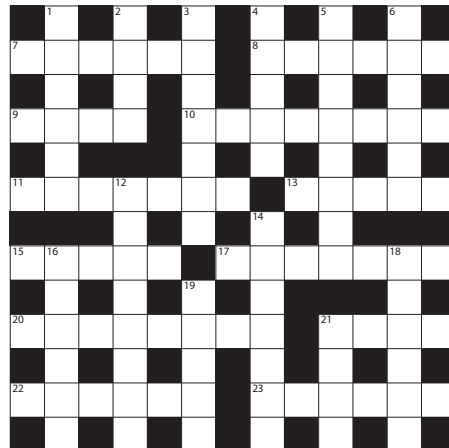
Less than half an hour later they returned in the same way, with the exception that on the first floor the Prime Minister paid a brief visit of 10 minutes to the Cardinal Secretary of State ... Of what was said during the audience not a single authentic word has yet leaked out.

## PUZZLES

### PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 506 | Enigma

#### Across

- 7 Scottish land agent or steward (6)
- 8 Second of four names of first Tongan cardinal (6)
- 9 In which Hamlet will "catch the conscience of the king" (4)
- 10 Rob ----- director of film *Into the Woods* (8)
- 11 In "Stony Grey Soil", the poet Patrick Kavanagh thought his ----- had the "poise and stride of Apollo" (7)
- 13 Tribe of Israel named after younger son of Jacob and Zilpah (5)
- 15 Followers of Swiss preacher Jakob Amman (5)
- 17 Horizontal moulded projection crowning a building (7)
- 20 Apparent difference in position of object viewed from different positions (8)
- 21 Nowhere mentioned in scripture, its observance dates from shortly after the Apostles' time (4)
- 22 Brandy from fermented cherry juice (6)



23 Innermost membrane around an embryo (6)

#### Down

- 1 Tom Burns became its editor in 1967 (6)
- 2 County Kildare market town at meeting of River Barrow and Grand Canal (4)

- 3 ----- zone; part of vehicle designed to collapse easily to absorb force of crash (7)
- 4 Her first novel; *The Comforters*. This is her surname (5)
- 5 -----, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway (USA) (8)
- 6 Upright stone columns with inscriptions or designs (8)
- 12 "Ite, -----"; spoken towards end of Tridentine Mass (5,3)
- 14 Describes cable transmitting via two concentric conductors separated by an insulator (7)
- 16 South African maize plant (6)
- 18 Chinese city also called Guangzhou (6)
- 19 ----- particle; in physics, a helium nucleus (5)
- 21 German or Austrian province (4)

#### Please send your answers to:

#### Crossword Competition 16 April

The Tablet, 1 King Street Cloisters, Clifton Walk, London W6 0GY. Please include your full name, telephone number and email address, and a mailing address. A copy of *Begat: the King James Bible and the English Language*, by David Crystal, OUP, will go to the sender of the first correct entry drawn at random on Friday 29 April.

● The answers to this week's puzzles and the crossword winner's name will appear in the 7 May issue.

#### Solution to the 26 March crossword No. 503

**Across:** 7 Wombat; 8 Unique; 9 Okra; 10 Licensed; 11 Signing; 12 Straw; 15 Thing; 17 Bishops; 20 Editions; 22 Roam; 23 Preens; 24 Oliver.

**Down:** 1 Monkfish; 2 Obtain; 3 Athlone; 4 Dunce; 5 Linnet; 6 Rune; 13 Appeased; 14 Mission; 16 Netted; 18 Heroin; 19 Horse; 21 Dark.

**Winner:** Antony Sisley, of Beckenham, south-east London.

### SUDOKU | Moderate

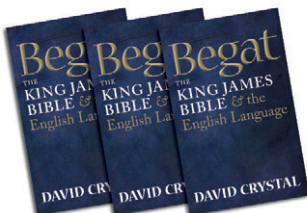
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Each 3 x 3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9.

Solution to the 26 March puzzle

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