

PostProbityProblem No 4

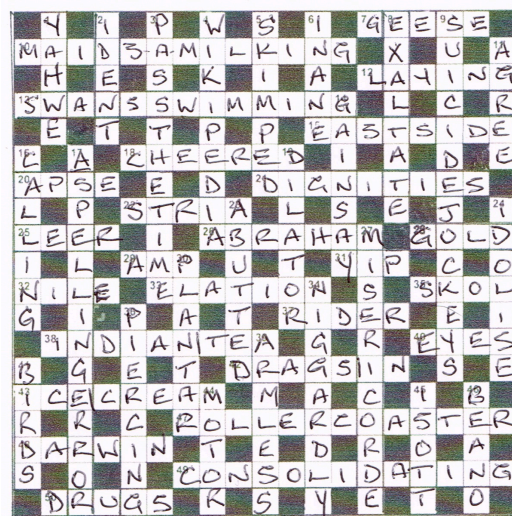
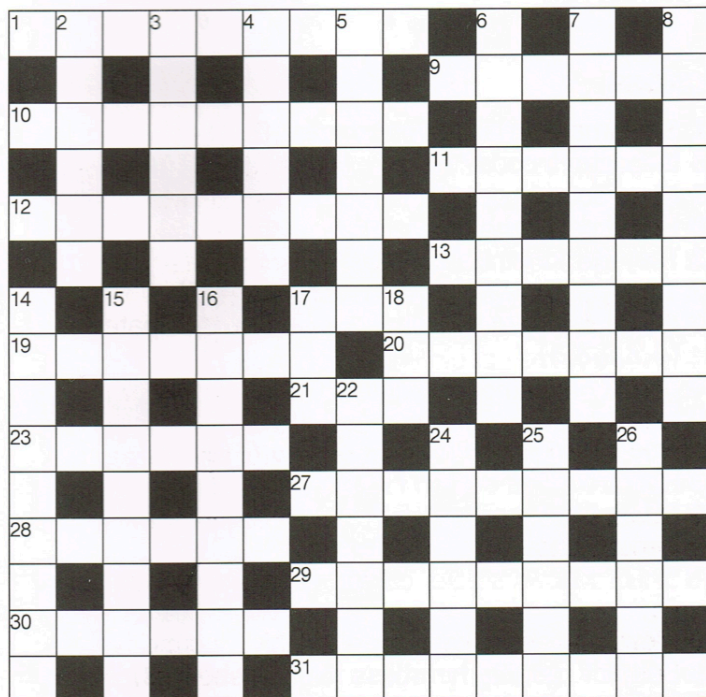
Your compiler will pay £20 to the charity of choice of the sender of the first all-correct solution drawn out of the hat at our March meeting. Closing date 28th February

Send your entries to john@thegrays.myzen.co.uk or

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Name.....

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Solution to XmasXtravaganza 2025

Winner

Mark Taylor

Across

1. Russian ruler is to try criminal. How he may behave in jail?(4,5)
9. In films about the Mafia, Scorsese courted disaster (6)
10. Liaison to resolve loneliness (failed!) (9)
11. In Parliament one M.P. (Eden) means to obstruct. (6)
12. Alien, moodier about shooting star? (9)
13. Just so, already! (2,2,2)
17. A long time incarcerated in Westphalia, Germany. (3)
19. Judge precipitation, and so hold back. (7)
20. Try a fig stew – it may satisfy! (7)
21. Tail, or part of this? (3)
23. Position adopted by foe taller than defender. (6)
27. What the paperhanger said to the interfering computer nerd? (5,2,2)
28. Politician rode around – playfully! (6)
29. Quartz mountain (9)
30. Praises old taxes on hearing. (6)
31. How chef cooked in prison? (4-5)

Down

2. Singer first inquired, so given job (6)
3. Engineers willingly stand proud. (6)
4. Roy brought sailor into the club. (6)
5. Menagerie and dynasty meeting on-line. (7)
6. Detective's service book got him sacked! (9)
7. So sure you can make sure. (9)
8. Lose every failing, in this view! (6,3)
14. Already shaped, but quietly changed for the better (9)
15. Consequences following U.S. algebra lesson? (9)
16. BA and El Al get merged, but it's only a game (9)
17. Pandas' conjunction? (3)
18. Encourage; for example, to take up golf. (3)
22. Reject company for *al fresco* play? (7)
24. Goal-getter who damaged the surface? (6)
25. Old hand in end-stage renal failure. (6)
26. Run through church at end of jetty. (6)