



## Anniversary Crossword by Phi

Clues are presented as pairs – two clues run together, with the definition and wordplay for the first preceding that for the second. With one exception, the two clues in each pair are separated by a single redundant word – the initial letters of these words in the presented order spell out a thematic publication. Each pair of clues, which are in no particular order in relation to the grid, leads to answers which cross in the diagram (bar one, asterisked, which leads to two adjacent down answers) – solvers will have to fit answers in jigsaw-wise. The obelus indicates a clue where *both* answers are of two words.

Two consecutive across answers are unclued – these form a name, and the competition this year requires a normal clue to that name. The closing date is **31 January, 2014**.

Named tug went first navigating river not entirely unfathomed  
German judge, with judge's garb, exonerated rival crook about stupid Russian  
Endless stir after one brought in fawn, hairy, with goose, trimmed, to finish gourmet  
"Metallic compound polluted hut..." - story-teller curtailed yarn as I pulled back girl  
Clear cryptic clues in notes in restaurant occupied girl having no woman's magazine  
High Anglican represented in chocolate rebuked African people's painful game after Priest leaves  
Number of notes – new German money and English – provide wherewithal for endless amusement  
\*Fly collections into Thailand and Spain knowing a couple will collect most of antique style of  
    dressing  
European tree and grain: the Spanish want tenant farmer's conclusion with new tree under  
    development  
Folio has ragged hole in cover kept till death of idle crackpot retaining certain description of the idle  
Workers accepting female arguments regarding neckwear (male, incomplete)  
†Mature gossip about journey by boat likely recalled journeys involving one promise to go round lake  
    in spooky area  
River calms round entry to harbour daring poor person to seize your primitive stuff

Hello again

Not so many clues this time... I'm hoping that the publicity around a certain commemoration of an historic event will help you dig into the puzzle – you might even be able to hazard a guess at one of the answers before reading any clues...

It has been a strange sort of year, certainly in the last few months. We've had one of our cats attacked and killed in our own back garden, which I wouldn't wish on anyone. Not long after that, Marjorie tweeted something that won us return flights to Amsterdam (is that what Twitter is for?), so it is likely that we will be at The Listener Dinner in March (as well as visiting various bits of Europe). The immediate past has not been a period that was very conducive to writing clues, but somehow that has also staggered on.

I have also managed to keep the website ([www.phionline.net.nz](http://www.phionline.net.nz)) fed with a succession of puzzles, and this Christmas I'm again planning to put up an unseen puzzle from back in the day (and which I had entirely forgotten about).

One of your number has suggested a new voting scheme, which looks well worth a try. I'll outline it here, and will adopt it unless there is a wave of horror expressed along with clue entries:

- 1) A maximum of 12 points to disburse;
- 2) Max for any one clue: 6 pts;
- 3) Max number of clues that can be voted for: 6;
- 4) Only positive integers allowed.

So 6-4-2 would equate to the marking used so far, but you could also have 5-5-2, 6-6, 3-3-3-3 and so on. Remember, too, that you wouldn't have to use all 12 points: 5-3-1 is possible, as is 6 by itself (if you really can't find any other clues worth voting for...). This has the potential to make the voting far more interesting. Let me know what you think.

As always, we will be supporting Moorfields Eye Hospital in Eric's memory. Postal recipients will find a Moorfields Donation Form in with the puzzle; email recipients are encouraged to visit:

<http://www.moorfields.nhs.uk/Getinvolved/MoorfieldsEyeCharity/Howyoucanhelp/Makeadonation>

where there are ways to donate online (though you can also just print off the form for your own postal use). Donating directly means you can use Gift Aid to increase the amount the hospital receives.

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