



RESERVE

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Clock Patience by Phi

The Puzzle

Radial clues are the cards: 13 of each suit, each answer beginning with the relevant letter of the alphabet (Clubs = C, etc.) and reading inwards; this initial letter is not indicated in the wordplay. 48 of these answers are randomly ordered around the grid, four as Across entries in the Reserve. Make a note of suit and number (or A, J, Q, K) at each initial cell.

Round clues: all solutions read clockwise; all are Letters Latent, where one letter is omitted wherever it occurs before entry. The definition and number in brackets refer to the full answer while the wordplay gives the version entered. Four 'Round' answers appear as Down entries in the Reserve. The omitted letters, in clue order, spell out four alternative titles.

One familiar proper noun is not in Chambers, another appears in a definition.

Q Spades and 27 are ODE variants of words in Chambers.

9 is in Collins (and is implied in Chambers).

The Patience

Take the first (top) card from the Reserve. Its number (A=1, J=11, Q=12) is its hour. Imagine it placed at that hour and take the first card there (cards in hours read clockwise). Repeat.

When a King appears, he ends your current run and you may imagine him put in the Reserve. Take the second card from the Reserve and start a new run.

If the fourth King appears before all the other cards are in their correct hours, the Patience is stuck. Success occurs if the last card to be moved is the fourth King.

Remember: when you revisit an hour or the Reserve the first card(s) will have been transferred, and the next available card may be the second, third or fourth.

Radial (all answers of 7 letters)

Clubs

- A I'd change the sound of clue (every sort of carp will be rebuffed)
- 2 Remove the dirt from local meadow around end of Autumn
- 3 Hard numerical notation describing some colourful compounds
- 4 Dressing provided with a large serving of tough meat dish, perhaps
- 5 Anti-porn campaign perhaps bound to imprison first couple of nudes
- 6 Surgeon's tool – some rejected better utensil
- 7 World's water – a dirty green colour?
- 8 Arches constructed from yellow material start to sag
- 9 Henry always embraces gym – an example of new game, for instance?
- 10 Head-dress, gold, being lifted, went astray
- J Figurative defence absorbing half the objections raised – an extremely harsh rule
- Q Char one in oven
- K Free to catch the first sea-lily

Diamonds

- A One's surrounded by donkeys and marmot-like creatures
- 2 Is wine suffering from earlier inflation?
- 3 One who's frightened a lecturer
- 4 Colourful character of former days?
- 5 End of offensive stream, one including a bit of waste matter
- 6 Push down English Duke in flat
- 7 'Maul' is wrong – in this the two sides coexist
- 8 Unconventional person getting work in party
- 9 Area for serving food that is about clean, as before
- 10 Former repose in the rising joy
- J Nip of whisky? A welcome treat after rebuke
- Q Priest's one in flush – diamonds? Not quite
- K Crude terms for some underwear, yes?

Hearts

- A German and Communist administrative division
- 2 Tortoise that is circling old titbit
- 3 The materialist (mistakenly) is involved in unknown destiny
- 4 Noted back end of bike swaying with a pedal problem?
- 5 Cossack commanders pushed back second clan, capturing leader of Turks
- 6 Hurries when nearly under stress
- 7 Slaves strain, following railway round
- 8 Famous store – any from the regions will stop short, going back to the sign
- 9 Jenny cries, perhaps – she will be reeling with awe
- 10 Rick – always a plucky chap
- J One's in contact with part of chromosome like normal tissue
- Q Billy's one to take sort of film
- K Pros are almost getting a good deal

Spades

- A This is among best in any genre of old verses
- 2 Capture hilltop, not quite bleak
- 3 A concert-promoter needing money will accept terms of foreign singers
- 4 Sucker describing things astrophysical?
- 5 Gosh! The old extract bric-a-brac from Hamish
- 6 Before Azed, the latest to date? For this chap, Somerset is relevant
- 7 Contemptuous person? That's never the old Queen
- 8 Cut it out! This playing up could make one cross
- 9 Advances, capturing capital of Greece – here's war-cries
- 10 Tap I've fixed at Corstopitum?
- J Cabbage's included for carbon-rich compound
- Q The fashions of French actions of resistance in the past
- K Historic battles destroyed towers

Round

- 1 Riotous Scot pushed into displaying orderly behaviour (9)
- 2 Prince letting one town slip from power (7)
- 3 A dam that's inexpertly done? (7)
- 4 Classily occupying the sacred place at regular intervals (6)
- 5 Test this orbital point fails – is the planet out of place? (8)
- 6 Trouble after special strip of ground's turned over in estate (7, 2 words)
- 7 His running really inspires English runners – look at that series of firsts (7)
- 8 Rising water (about pint) in pipe (6)
- 9 Develop a language, showing variety of roles in church (8)
- 10 Riotous O Reed performed again (6)
- 11 Initially needless in nature, possibly? (9)
- 12 I'll display some ready-to-wear to regulars? (6)
- 13 Hide all formality and carefully mark death (6)
- 14 Natural impulse is marked, we hear? (8)
- 15 Ghastly tales went on and on (6)
- 16 Plants grass in West Africa (8)
- 17 One who painted the house, perhaps, last month before the decay returned (9)
- 18 Important road in capital of Ghana not looking good (6)
- 19 Author to cut away unwanted material in actor's part (8)
- 20 Let a mina flutter between branches (10)
- 21 Drum British into spell of work (6)
- 22 Dante is perturbed by those who leave the straight and narrow (8)
- 23 Dog viciously runs amok? This crime, so ugly, could result (7)
- 24 I laid in greens – no end of storing – suitably arranged? (7)
- 25 All but most deplorable cuts of meat (7)
- 26 Take sailor aboard steamer – he'll get things going again (9)
- 27 A whiff of corruption getting in adds to former cares (6)
- 28 Scoundrel needs drink – one'll make tracks for noted bars (7)
- 29 The distance that's right for one in twinkling Pisces? (7)
- 30 We distributed seeds – in so clear a garden? (8)
- 31 Daubs informers? (7)

- 32 Culling first of badgers causes ill-feeling (7)
- 33 Playful erk takes one in? (6)
- 34 Winged boy liable to drop hint of absolution (5)
- 35 Pass nothing in emergency toilet! (5)
- 36 Worn out? The last bits of the torture end directly (5)