

Notes on Common Errors 4223 – 4274

(Error incidence : total error : total entry)

- 4223 Unsatisfactory highlighting – HERRING in red required (45 : 92 : 567)
(i) Yellow (12) (ii) Orange (8) (iii) Blue (6) (iv) nothing (6)
(v) Green (5) (vi) pencil (5) (vii) Purple (2) (viii) black hatching (1)
- 4224 Other than HOTEL under grid – *How to ...* : communications (199 : 233 : 559)
alphabet letter ‘H’ changed in 1956 from HOW to HOTEL
(i) SPELL (129) (ii) RADIO (29) (iii) ROGER (18) (iv) TANGO (18)
(v) nothing (2) (vi) CABLE (1) (vii) HARRY (1) (viii) PHONE (1)
- 4231 (i) OF LATE for OBLATE (182 : 216 : 418)
Dedicated person died recently
OB (=died) + LATE (=recently)
- (ii) STARLET for STERLET (69 : 216 : 418)
Asteroid orbiting Earth, not a source of isinglass
STARLET less A round E (=earth)
- 4232 (i) Other than FR BROWN under grid (56 : 131 : 518)
(a) WIMSEY (50) (b) others (3 different) (6)
- (ii) Other than PONIARD (or ROD or MERE) highlighted (54 : 131 : 518)
(‘murder weapon’) (24 different)
- 4233 TORCHWOOD for TOUCHWOOD (29 : 72 : 529)
Perform art (→act) with supposedly supernatural power from tinder
(Ac replaces Ar, change of element in clue)
- 4234 Other than HERONS (36 : 73 : 635)
(i) HEROES (18) (ii) HELOTS (17) (iii) HERODS (1)
Those in a siege initially hope to acquire clubs or revolvers
(Wordplay led to answer with an incorrect letter)
H + IRONS → HERONS (siege, collective noun)
- 4236 Unsatisfactory thematic treatments (27 different) (56 : 77 : 529)
Letters to fill final Playfair square after key phrase required
exchange with letters from elsewhere in the grid
- 4238 I of SIGISMUNDI not included in highlighting, (49 : 77 : 495)
which thereby was unsymmetrical
- 4239 Only one letter in unchecked thematic cells (252 : 273 : 470)
(i) the second of each pair (180)
(ii) the alternative fill (5 letters in different places)
matching the given list of unchecked letters (54)
(iii) One or more letters not matching given list (18)
“Entered with *A Squash and a Squeeze*” required both letters
- 4240 TELE for TEL[EPHON (→PHONE)]Y (58 : 76 : 437)
Letter rewritten when short of time not genuine communication
Wordplay indicated extra R – Anag. LE(T)TER, + PHONY
- 4243 Sixth row unaltered (though vertical MIKE OLDFIELD still (61 : 82 : 412)
read correctly) – part of message from clues: “Rotate *every* row”

- 4246 LANES for CANES (29 : 67 : 421)
BYLANES, swapping BYL with C of BACON (→BABYLON)
- 4247 AGUISED for AGUIZED (67 : 85 : 423)
Once dressed, I put under a man briefly
“put” coded to “zed”; A GU(y) + I ZED
- 4248 Other than 126 MPH under grid (90 : 106 : 583)
(*Mallard’s world record for steam railway traction*)
(i) RECORD (31) (ii) 125 MPH (26) (iii) 125.88 (17)
(iv) 100 MPH (8) (v) others (5 different) (8)
- 4249 Unsatisfactory indication of thematic requirements (54 : 66 : 412)
(Two penalty boxes, centre circle, centre spot, ‘passing movement’ spelling ANFIELD) (29 different)
- 4253 LEVGS/TESTONVE for LEYGS/TESTONYE (45 : 102 : 419)
([BAN→LEY]GS / [BAR→TESTON]YE)
Every answer contained a note or coin to be replaced by another; each clue contained a surplus word giving a jumble of the replacement (here “lovely” gave LEY not LEV)
Bishop contests (surplus TESTON) taking a whisky in microbar
B + A + RYE
- 4260 NEWTON for (Herr Hermann) GESSLER under grid (70 : 100 : 357)
The inactive participant in the chosen of two scenarios
- 4261 Other than a circle (“appropriate shape”) drawn through (54 : 76 : 348)
the 32 FINCH cells
(i) a regular 24-sided polygon joining cells at 45° or 90° (35)
(ii) others (3 different) (19)
- 4264 (i) LENT for LENS (188 : 228 : 569)
Fast times not including tin shoot
Misprint, tin→ton, LEN(T)S (=shoot vb)
(ii) other than KING CHARLES I, in C-shape, highlighted (51 : 228 : 569)
(a) Nothing (26) (b) others (12 different) (25)
- 4268 Other than ANGEL FOOD replacing (“remove item”) (143 : 173 : 473)
TARANTULA in grid
(i) TARANTULA left unchanged (132)
(ii) others (5 different) (11)
- 4270 Other than 1413 and 2013 (17 different) (30 : 67 : 446)
St Andrew's University anniversary dates
- 4272 Faulty movement of T, E, A letters, usually either not vertically (91 : 114 : 349)
downwards or not producing 18 non-words to form
BO^S_TON, H^A_ARBOR, T^A_XS, R^E_{PR}^E_SN^E_AT^T_{ION}
(i) H^A_RBOR (48) (ii) T^A_X^E_S (38)
(iii) R^E_{PR}^E_SN^E_AT^T_{ION} (20) (iv) 21 other similar discrete errors
- 4273 One or more of EMURE for EMULE, TANKER for DANKER, (80 : 85 : 291)
DITTED for DIETED
Clash changed entries; original answers to be used in revised grid
(i) EMURE only (37) (ii) others (6 different) (43)