2975   NSNARES for (E)NSNARLS   (20 : 38 : 335)

Two poles beset by knots, we've heard, and tangles

S, N in NARLS (cf. GNARLS/KNARLS)

2979   INDITE for ENDITE (in hieroglyphs)   (98 : 120 : 177)

Write, invite, or cite? Any will do

3 meanings and all 'end i-t-e'

2983   PROVABLY for PROBABLY   (16 : 85 : 289)

Test endlessly with skill indicating the likely outcome

PROB(E) + ABLY; PROV(E) + ABLY fits the cryptic indication but lacks the precise definition required

2984 (i)   SILENIC for SELENIC   (21 : 124 : 401)

Eerie silence of the moon

Anag. silence

   (ii)   DESAPIENT for DESIPIENT   (18 : 124 : 401)

Playing the fool, one with pie tends to get messy

Anag. I + PIE TENDS   (DESAPIENT non-existent)

   (iii)   ANIMALCULA for ANIMALCULE   (15 : 124 : 401)

Little creature making French excited about a cruel cull

A + anag. CULL in ANIMÉ

2985   RECLEANING for RECLEARING   (18 : 32 : 259)

'A cold coming…'? I recall || having to make the journey long ago gripped by –32 Fahrenheit

GLACIER (theme-word, hidden jumble in redundant expression)
+ REN (old word for run, hidden) make RECLEARING

2986   Diverted rivers/original courses incorrectly treated   (54 : 57 : 155)

2988   ROOD for ROOS   (30 : 62 : 344)

This word b | emeans a race across the border

Printer's Devilry;   …BROOSE…

…BROO DEMEANS… does not make the required sense

2990   (i) Odd single letter not altered   (28 : 72 : 210)

       (ii) Multiple letters not altered   (23 : 72 : 210)

"Letters of answers should always be changed…"
i.e. **a** to **c**, **n** to **h**, etc.

| 2991 | UCMEKL (MUCKLE) for ICMEKL (MICKLE) | (31 : 57 : 327) |

Bull (50) at end of game much out of fashion

MICK + L + (gam)E   (MUCK ? BULL)

| 2992 | TAI for TWI | (33 : 61 : 288) |

Double Dutch? No, another language

2 meanings

| 2995 | PHILLIPA for PHILIPPA | (14 : 20 : 240) |

Girl involved haplessly in pileup without Nelly sues

Anag. HAPLESSLY IN PILEUP less letters of NELLY SUES

| 2996 | CLOT for COOT | (110 : 117 : 216) |

Wit [misprint, nit] *with varied collection of books*

CO- (prefix, = with) + O.T.

| 2998 | ABLE for AXLE | (24 : 42 : 271) |

Support festival by going in

X [= (multiplied) by] in ALE

| 3000 | ROTTER for ROTTAN (in Froghop section) | (66 : 89(116) : 210) |

Cryptic from: *…time to put horse out*

T (time), T (to) in ROAN

Definition RAT at appropriate location clue

| 3001 | ATENER for (ERG)ATANER | (16 : 29 : 265) |

Male worker, a fantastic earner around the local street mostly

GAT(e) in anag. EARNER

| 3003 | AREOLA for AREOLE | (28 : 49 : 232) |

Real crazy about the old game – getting ring round point

E O in anag. REAL

| 3009 | Outlet pipe attribution faulty | (16 : 30 : 179) |

| 3010 | RIMA for RIVA | (30 : 31 : 170) |

RIMA fitted the definition (cleft) but was not a "letter mixture" as specified, appearing normally in 'primal'

| 3013 | Whole diagram encoded, not specified as a requirement | (36 : 75 : 333) |

| 3015 | Various alternatives to '1' in square | (43 : 62 : 288) |

'And the fire and the rose are one' allowed all of ROSEWATER, FIRE-WATER, ROSE-BUG and FIREBUG to be entered consistently

| 3019 | Message under diagram faulty | (15 : 42 : 259) |

3020 (i)   Indicative word (NASIK) and/or   }

                                                     }   (27 : 28 : 77)

    (ii)   central factor (167) faulty   }

3023 (i)   COSKTER for CORKTER   (16 : 45 : 173)

I may sell wares at be<u>st or k</u>eenest prices (a sort of Tesco by the road's edge?)

Anag. TESCO + R(oad) ? COSTER, S to RK

    (ii)   LTO for LTT   (14 : 45 : 173)

P<u>ot is</u> short one, making whole set

LOT(a), O T is