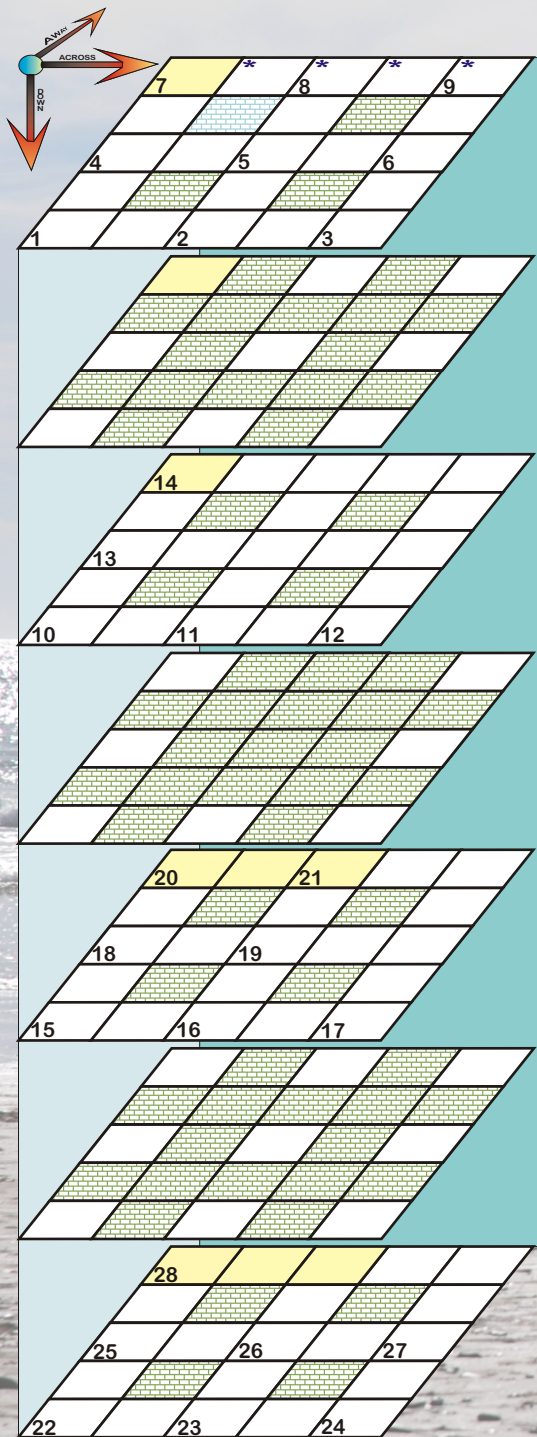


Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
						<b>1</b> Ac Missing starter, touch on fish  Aw Hear about bishop in therapy for alcohol abuse?  D Valens hit record, first half I suspect (7)
<b>2</b> Aw Extra trod warily, having lost page  D, 23Aw Entirely affectionate letter ending in 'Oh Boy!' (3,2,2,4)	<b>3</b> (Aw see 7Ac)  D Tries starters of expensive sports cars	<b>4</b> Ac Ate a tail of eel belonging to a very deep part of the ocean  D One knocked over in a bowling alley? (7)	<b>5</b>   D Quack in party, Conservative (3)	<b>6</b>   6D, 27Aw Larger pay, possibly, for search engine co-founder (5,4)	<b>7</b> Ac, 3Aw He perished in 'American Pie' with friend, girl (5,5) D & 20Ac J P Richardson, great dancer (3,6) D Arthur Crudup's US band (3,4)	<b>8</b>   D Duke I married is not clearly remembered (3)
<b>9</b>   D Evergreen we're yet to get chopped up (3,4)	<b>10</b> Ac Tons left in country's oil centre  Aw Nasal tone, Welsh in flavour	<b>11</b>   Aw Relief comes as swelling is reduced round middle section of hock	<b>12</b>   Aw A quarrel about right marker	<b>13</b>   Ac Special correspondent's heavenly body	<b>14</b>   Ac Physicist from Georgia's second wife	<b>15</b> Ac Removes from the board causing fits of anger  Aw, 20Ac Devotee of rap music etc, in joint with US artist, Edward (3-6)
<b>16</b>   Aw Fret at college, and become confused? (3,2)	<b>17</b>  Aw The one speaking, for example, with the Queen	<b>18</b>  Ac, 28Ac 1950's record say, set by guys abroad in training (5,3)	<b>19</b>  D, 26Aw Good to wander in small wood	<b>20</b>   Ac see 7D, 15Aw	<b>21</b>   D Spotted unfinished baked dish (3)	<b>22</b>  Ac Male inside cruelly dyes tortoises  Aw Crashed sedan belonging to the inebriate woman?
<b>23</b>   Aw see 2D	<b>24</b>   Aw Put on platform	<b>25</b>  Ac A complaint about girl	<b>26</b>   Aw see 19D	<b>27</b>   Aw see 6D and 24Aw	<b>28</b>   Ac Kid taken to court by head of emporium	February 2009



# February 2009 Everyman Ascot

This puzzle contains snakes. They are quite friendly! Such solutions run continuously round the puzzle, following the arrow directions. There are also blends where a slippery snake slips into another solution. Beware snakes with two heads. Be kind to them. They are there to help. Generally, across and away clues have 5 letter solutions. Downs have 7 letters

You will be aware of the theme as your solving progresses. If this saddens you, as it does me, listen to the music.