

## December 2012 Sirius

This puzzle celebrates the season. Clues are written in the style of the genre. The highly sophisticated humour is meant to entertain and amuse but carries a health warning and Humphrey Littleton immunity.

Clues directed Di are diametric and run from the number indicated on one side of a dial through the centre to the other side of the dial. Clues directed C are circular, running from the number around the dial in a clockwise direction. On occasions, antiC indicates an anit-clockwise direction. Clues directed d have conventional down solutions. Those directed Up start from a number at the bottom and run upwards. When a solution contains unrelated words, their clues are separated with a colon and have separate indications of number of letters.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>38</b> 39Di	<b>39</b> 41Up Covered rear	40 41Up-3, 41C Colourful equestrian	<b>41</b> <sub>42Di</sub>	42 43Up	1 1C (including 23) Show <i>the lad's</i> name as	<b>2</b> 1Di
I follow girl to make Indian drink (5)	embarrassed (3): Swedish home store KO'd about German aim (4)	gear for girl with hairy grandma (3,6,4): animated being tired (6)	Chaotic diaries found in area for planes (7)	Oz girl gets small part in Morse (3) Pull a one- armed bandit (4)	well as chat about legumes (4,&,3,9)	James finds happiness at church (5)
<b>3</b> <sub>2d</sub>	<b>4</b> 3Di	<b>5</b> 4d	6 5Di	<b>7</b> 6d Hello to half-decent	<b>8</b> 7Di	<b>9</b> <sub>8d</sub>
Play with part requiring a little light rubbing (7)	Draw without a shoulder action (3,2)	Mad keen being wounded in battle (4): Grant cut 25% - cry of disgust (3)	H T Yeats dug up ancient remains (7)	sound system (2): Dion and I break out and desert city (5)	Eco urge to get on your bike again (7)	Help with flies (7)
<b>10</b> 9d,40C-2	<b>11</b> 10d	12 10d-4,24Di	<b>13</b> 21antiC-2,11d	<b>14</b> 12Di	15 13Di	<b>16</b> 14Di
It helps drivers around the South East to find marine direction (4): Esme's a most becoming Hooker(4)	Pig has no coke (4): Dance area for national elf?(3)	Animated female complains out loud about Scots laundry (4,5)	ie his toys thrown out in contrary reply (2,3,2,2)	Work out new love hot- spot (7)	Principal on a pair traditionally slaps at least one player after a ball (4,3)	Rash from impure doings (5)
17 15Di	<b>18</b> 16C	<b>19</b> 16Di	20 17Di	21 18Di	22 19DI	23 6d-2,20C-2
Eg Beauty falls asleep over little prick with splinter (5)	Show attractive women where the fellers are? (5,2,3,4): Bit of a laugh that draws attention (2)	German-Dutch painter sounds double Dutch (5)	Provided for South African in returning flytrap.(5)	Pursuing cowboys with little control (7)		Heard seven little chaps singing before finding silver (2,2)
24 <sub>22Di</sub>	25 21antiC-2.	26 <sub>26Di</sub>	27 <sub>27Di</sub>	28 <sub>28Di</sub>	<b>29</b> 29 C	<b>30</b> 30Di
McCall dropped one in Russian stream (5)	34Di-2,25Di Nit hoots in wild audience denying 13 (2,2,2,3'1)	Peter Pan's flying equipment is kept in sizzling box (5)	Consumed in great entertainment (5)	Rod nipped back to blank Bunter as an example (5)	Govt's main account on cod-piece together with a nuts fiddle is concocted (12,4)	Stops in riot and parts with motor (7)
<b>31</b> 31Di	32 <sub>32Di</sub>	33 <sub>33Di</sub>	34 <sub>35Di</sub>	35 <sub>36DI</sub>	36 <sub>37Di</sub>	37 <sub>38Di</sub>
Puss returns in final denouement (4,3)	Mode of expression is decided in our minds initially (5)	They compare one with another setter in giggles (7)	Audience numbers seamen (7)	Vegetable setter in eternity? (5)	French adventure following Beau sounds like a good laugh (5)	Mother's silly offspring worth a gander or two (7) Dec 2012