## Puzzler

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## CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

1 Dismissing (from a job) (7)
5 Daytime nap in hot countries (6)
10 Greatly fear (5)
11 Alert, mindful (9)
12 Group of musicians who play large metal drums $(5,4)$
13 Crossbar on a ladder (4)
15 Think over, meditate (6)
17 Etch, engrave (8)
20 Overcome by looking intimidatingly (8)
21 Container for liquid (6)
22 Long heroic tale (4)
24 Kidney-shaped snack item $(6,3)$
28 Spontaneous (9)
29 Consent to (5)
30 Lose light (6)
31 Diluting agent (7)

## DOWN

1 Fizzy-water dispenser $(4,6)$
2 Thin paper used for decorations (5)
3 Liberal (9)
4 Tropical fruit containing many hard seeds (5)
6 More central (5)
7 Person possibly working in a laboratory (9)
8 Simian creatures (4)
9 Person in education (7)
14 Bitter feeling (10)
16 Material on which to write letters (9)
18 Narrow escape from danger $(5,4)$
19 Muscle at the back of the upper arm (7)
23 Tedious household task (5)
25 Tottenham FC, in short (5)
26 NHS worker (5)
27 The $\qquad$ One, 1953 Brando film (4)

## TOWER OF LONDON

The Tower of London was founded by William the Conqueror towards the end of 1066.

## 4 letters

Bell
Cost
Exit
Gate
Hear
Jail
Look
Moat
Tour
5 letters
Flags
Ghost
Guard
Stone
Talks
Tower
6 letters
Armour
Chapel
London
Thames
Warder
7 letters
Defence
Payment
Royalty
The keys
Tourism

## MICRO-ACROSTIC

Solve the clues and find a vegetable hidden in the first column.

1 Someone who holds another prisoner
2 Concern solely for oneself
3 Climbing device with rungs
4 Liquor supposed to give eternal life
5 Little Red $\qquad$ Hood, story
6 Yolk colour

| 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 5 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 |  |  |  |  |  |

## ANAGRAMMIST

Solve the anagrams and fit them into the word ladder. If solved correctly you will find a body part reading diagonally from the top left.
BRIEF ..... MELON
BOWEL

STALE

## LONER



| Sharp, bright $(3,5)$ Debacle | $\nabla$ | Directly conflicting | $\nabla$ | Scottish musical instruments | $\nabla$ | Infusion for drinking | 36th of a yard | $\nabla$ | Lead pellets | $\nabla$ | _ Clapton, guitarist | $\nabla$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $>$ |  |  |  | Moored to the seabed $(2,6)$ |  | $V$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Miranda $\qquad$ <br> Australian actress |  | Call <br> over a loudspeaker |  |  |  |  | Trifle (with) |  | Fiendish |  | Mindless |  |
| $>$ |  |  |  | Arousing pity |  |  | $V$ |  | $V$ |  | V |  |
| Himalayan <br> 'Snowman' |  | Glide across snow |  |  |  | Sweltering |  | Toothed cutting tool |  | Head of sweetcorn |  | $\qquad$ It Be, <br> Beatles hit |
| $>$ |  |  |  | Fitness examination |  | , |  | $\nabla$ |  | $\nabla$ |  | $\nabla$ |
| Give way |  | $\qquad$ Walcott, Southampton player |  |  |  |  | Unaccompanied |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\checkmark$ |  |  |  | Food cooked slowly in liquid |  |  |  |  | Place a wager |  |  |  |

ARROWORDS

| Humiliate | $\nabla$ | Second letter of the Greek alphabet | $\nabla$ | Explosive <br> noise | $\nabla$ | Joined house | $\nabla$ | Sat Nav (inits) | $\nabla$ | Tiniest amount | $\nabla$ | Clothing for males |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |  |  | Counterfeit |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Haggle |  | Romantic flowers |  | _ Brookner, Hotel du Lac author |  | Hours of darkness |  | Scottish poet 1759-96 |  | Bingo-like game |  | $\qquad$ Previn, conductor |
| $\checkmark$ |  | $\nabla$ |  | $\nabla$ |  | $\nabla$ | Light wood for model making |  |  | $\nabla$ |  | $\nabla$ |
| Speaking with a slight impediment | Coaching house |  | Small lump (of butter) |  | Promise of payment (inits) |  |  |  | Have possession of |  |  |  |
| $\checkmark$ | $V$ |  | $V$ |  |  |  | Classified | $>$ |  |  |  |  |
| $\frac{\text { Shipshape }}{\text { Immediate }}$ |  |  |  |  | Cock's <br> mate |  |  |  | Black roadsurfacing material |  |  |  |
| $>$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | Put away for future use | $>$ |  |  |  |  |

## ANAKROSS

Solve these anagrams to find nine eight-letter words, then, starting at the top of each diamond and travelling clockwise, fit them all into the grid.

ACHE BLED
AMAZING E
CENT TALE
EDDS HERD
GRAVE EEL
MINE A POD
ONE PATCH
OVEN PEEL
THY LOSER


LINK WORD
Fit words into the grid so each one connects up with the words on either side, eg - wishing - well - done. Read down the letters in the shaded squares to spell out an animal.


# CHEAPSKATES 

Which two pictures are identical?


There are nine differences between the two drawings. Can you spot them?


## CODE WORD

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|  | 11 |  | 5 |  | 7 |  |  |  | 13 |  | 2 |  | 18 |  |
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| 6 | 25 | 2 | 26 | 4 | 20 | 1 |  | 11 | 21 | 25 | 20 | 19 | 5 | 26 |
|  | 12 |  | 26 |  | 21 |  | 19 |  | 20 |  | 23 |  | 23 |  |
| 8 | 4 | 20 | 4 |  | 6 | 22 | 4 | ${ }^{6} \mathbf{C}$ | 12 | 18 | 21 | 23 | 19 | 2 |
|  | 7 |  | 17 |  | 6 |  | 20 |  | 4 |  |  |  | 16 |  |
| 14 | 21 | 8 | 23 | 19 | 21 |  | 15 | 23 | 20 | 2 | 25 | 21 | 25 | 9 |
|  | 24 |  | 5 |  | 26 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 21 \\ \mathbf{O} \end{array}$ |  |  |  | 19 |  | 26 |  |
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| 26 | 23 | 16 | 4 | 9 | 18 | 5 | 19 |  | 8 | 25 | 9 | 4 | 25 | 8 |
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| 14 | 23 | 9 | 2 | 20 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 14 |  | 9 | 21 | 6 | 12 |
|  | 10 |  | 1 |  | 15 |  | 9 |  | 23 |  | 2 |  | 12 |  |
| 18 | 4 | 20 | 18 | 26 | 4 | 24 |  | 4 | 5 | 17 | 4 | 20 | 26 | 1 |
|  | 19 |  | 4 |  | 14 |  |  |  | 26 |  | 14 |  | 1 |  |

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| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE



## ACROSS

8 Downy spherical seed head $(9,5)$
9 Airport for the Algarve (4)
10 Devon river (3)
11 Julia Louis-Dreyfus' Seinfeld character (6)
13 Bequeathed to a specified beneficiary (8)
14 Gordon Sumner's stage name (5)
16 London street where the prime minister lives (7)
17 Long-running US sitcom about a psychiatrist (7)
21 Jordanian port (5)
23 Italian smoked raw meat $(5,3)$
25 5th-century king of the Huns (6)
27 PM Heath? (3)
28 Ornithological organisation (inits)(4)
29 Nobel Prize-winning South African novelist $(6,8)$

## DOWN

1 Location of the 1984 Winter Olympics (8)
2 Capital city of Alberta (8)
3 People from a NW African country (9)
4 Waterproof fabric (4-3)
5 Imperial measurements of land and area (5)
6 Capital of Tasmania (6)
7 Largest organ of the human body (4)
12 10th-century king of England (5)
15 Arabian racing camel (9)
16 Bangladesh's capital (5)
18 Figure almost like a ball (8)
19 Diana Rigg TV role $(4,4)$
20 Town near Abingdon (7)
22 Indian term for okra (6)
24 Main character in Mansfield Park (5)
26 First name of former PM Blair (4)

## SOLUTIONS

## Crossword



Tower of London


## Micro Acrostic

1 Captor 2 Egoism 3 Ladder 4 Elixir 5 Riding 6 Yellow: Celery

Anagrammist


Arrowords


## Anakross

1 Bleached 2 Shredded 3 Hostelry 4 Cenotaph 5 Dopamine 6 Envelope 7
Tentacle 8 Magazine 9 Leverage

## Link Word

SEAT, SEAM, FREE, UNDER, GLOVE, BASS, SURE, SKIN
Aardvark

Cheapskates
2 and 5 are identical
Cat Amongst the Pigeons


Code Word


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Y T Q E A C B M S Z J K W } \\
& \text { DVFGPNROHIXUL }
\end{aligned}
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General Knowledge


