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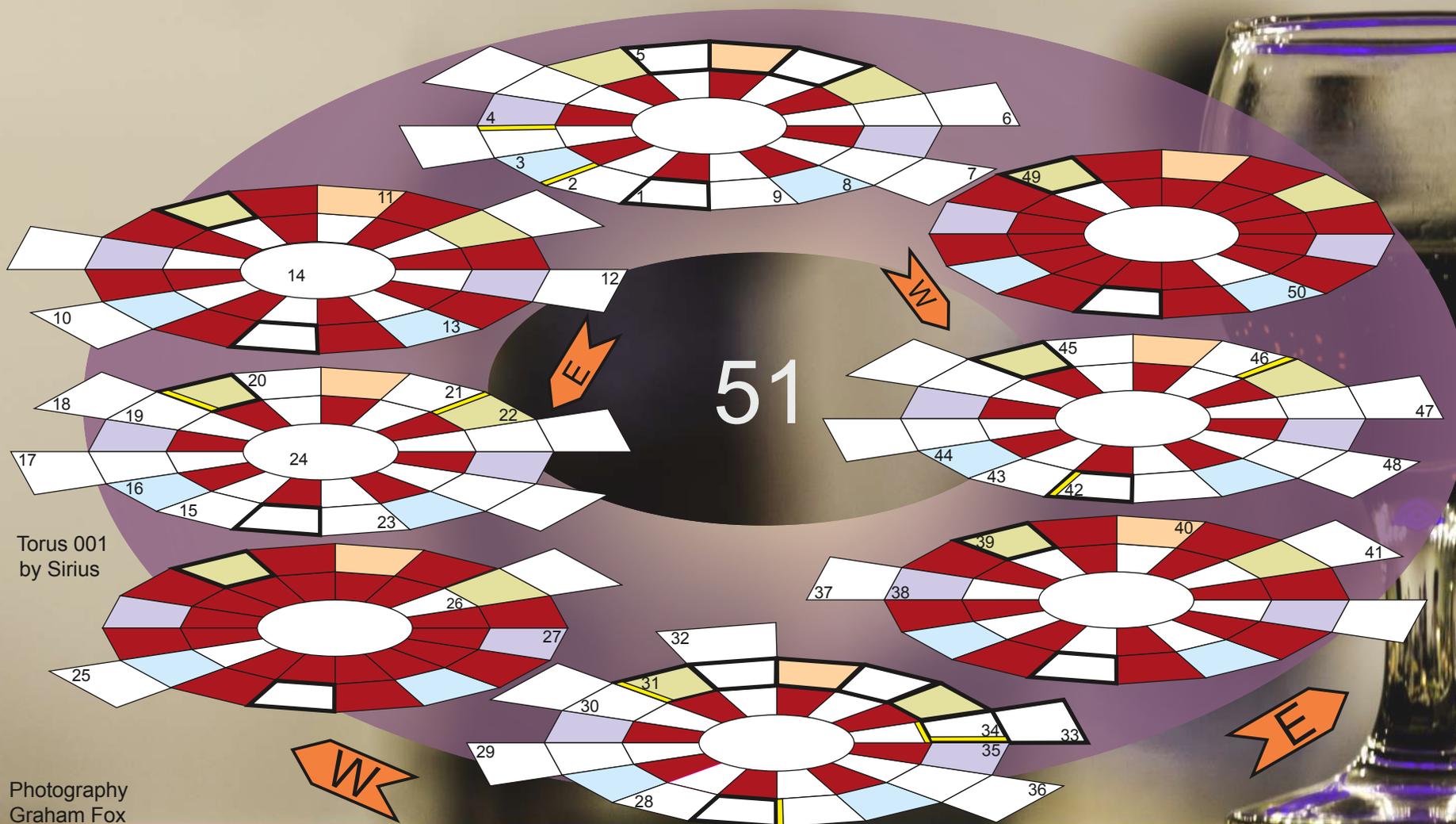
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Torus 001  
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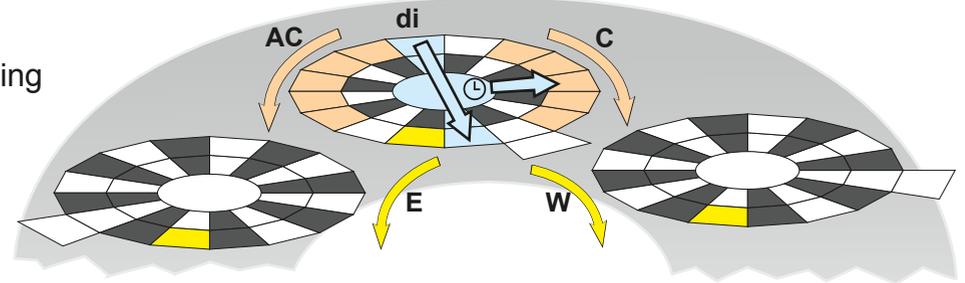
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Solvers should submit with their entry the names of two famous women: (a) the Austrian (5,10) who is initially alluded to on Day 2; and (b) an initially similar writer (8,6) who has quoted our "Optimist's advice for solvers" in one of her books.			Clues 37-43 and Frank Paul's picture clue, along with detailed assistance with the Torus grid, can be found towards the back of the calendar, following the December puzzle.			1 <sup>2di</sup>  Posh fart? Old chap's dropped dead! (5)
2 <sup>3C</sup>  Old woman who allegedly suggested 3, initially (2)	3 <sup>4C</sup>  Met athlete running on 'greens and higher carbs' suggestion for revolting peasants (3,4,3,4)	4 <sup>4E-5</sup>  Slow progress with stolen tricycles (missing Saturday or Sunday) (5)	5 <sup>6di</sup>  Bouncer's exclusive list of chaps reportedly - one might be ready to drop down and be laid out horizontally (4-3)	6 <sup>8W</sup> Collins  Sheila's well provided for with small cuphead bolts (6,2)	7 <sup>9di</sup>  18 or more of the French in Albert Square (5)	8 <sup>10di</sup>  Rather likes blue and yellow combinations? (7)
9 <sup>11di</sup>  Caught by pain in chest, perhaps one kept secret (5)	10 <sup>11E-7</sup> ●  By the sound of it, Hot Chocolate fan is one of a lovely bunch (7)	11 <sup>12di</sup> ■  Criminal jokes from this killer queen (7)	12 <sup>13di</sup> ●  One might come out of one's shell, conjuring improvised urinal in audition (5)	13 <sup>14W</sup> ■  Prize buns displayed by US cover girls? (8)	14 <sup>15di</sup>  Holes in terrible state. Head of golf club wants shafting here! (5)	15 <sup>16E-4</sup>  Lone wolves who WLTM foxy ladies in Scotland? (4)
16 <sup>17di-4</sup> ▲  Sounds like Sooty's girlfriend is making peanuts in Old Patee (4)	17 <sup>18di</sup>  Company surrounding a German force in scene of WW2 carnage below Cairo? (7)	18 <sup>19AC-7,26di☉,19AC-7,1-50</sup>  Tug hound after Ady? Heigh-ho, slurp! (7,3,7,{8})	19 <sup>20di-3,24di☉</sup> ●  Money solver picked up—it must grow on trees (6)	20 <sup>21AC</sup> ●  Blue Gordon perhaps loses reason with crazy Mexican (4)	21 <sup>22W</sup>  Oman date could give you worms (8)	22 <sup>24di☉,23AC</sup>  Wrinkled hen runs wild around kick-off in Kirkpatrick (8)
23 <sup>25di</sup>  Samoyed's barking down the road (7)	24 <sup>27E</sup> ●  Hickory <i>dickery</i> dock? Woof! (8)	25 <sup>28di</sup>  Compare twin with a single, characteristically sleeping soundly on one side? (5)	26 <sup>29di</sup> ▲  Bugs Roger and Hazel perhaps encountered as they stopped with Truman? (5)	27 <sup>30AC</sup>  Fly opened up in flamboyant outfit? (6)	28 <sup>32di</sup> ▲  Posts money (6)	29 <sup>35C</sup>  Hurries from games with 10s having lost a shilling (4)
30 <sup>36di</sup> ▲  US change lolly lolly back to yo-yo. How? (7)	31 <sup>37di</sup> ●  Monkeys' hand-to-mouth <i>elevenses</i> , perhaps? (7)	32 <sup>38E-3</sup>  One delivers a great service (3)	33 <sup>39di</sup> ODE ▲  Maybe chase money online (1-4)	34 <sup>40di</sup>  Marsh boating capsize – bishop and model missing (5)	35 <sup>41di</sup> ●  Leave before Dan's disposed to display family jewels (6)	36 <sup>42AC</sup> Collins  Block view of United Nations' Trump appearance? (7)

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Delicious if tacky consequence of sitting sidesaddle on strawberry tart? (6,3)	Book a check-up on reflection, finding blood in cocktail? (6)	Material support brought home gathering hems of broderie anglaise on fleece (5)	Whose devilish underwear needs airing? (5)	Caught Finn batting with ensuing abandon (5,2)	A block of linseed perhaps to make greens easier to swallow? (3-4)	Expanded upon 2's home baking - pepla rustled on rolling out (5,7)

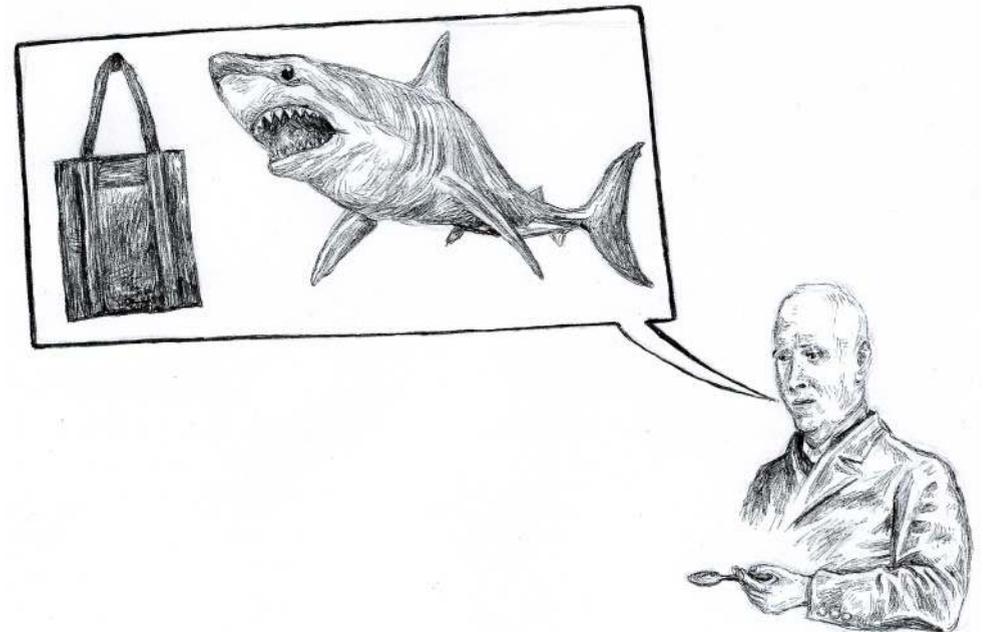
## The Torus Grid

The torus is formed of eight dials projected as they would be seen by a traveller going round inside the torus. Clues directed:

- di** run along the line of the diameter of a dial
- di**⊙ run diametrically from centre in direction indicated by clock face, e.g. 3 o'clock
- C** are circular, running from the number around the dial in a clockwise direction
- AC** run around a dial in an anti-clockwise direction
- W** run from one dial to another in a westerly direction moving round an equatorial torus
- E** run easterly from one dial to another.



Day 24  
27E (8)



Drawing by Frank Paul

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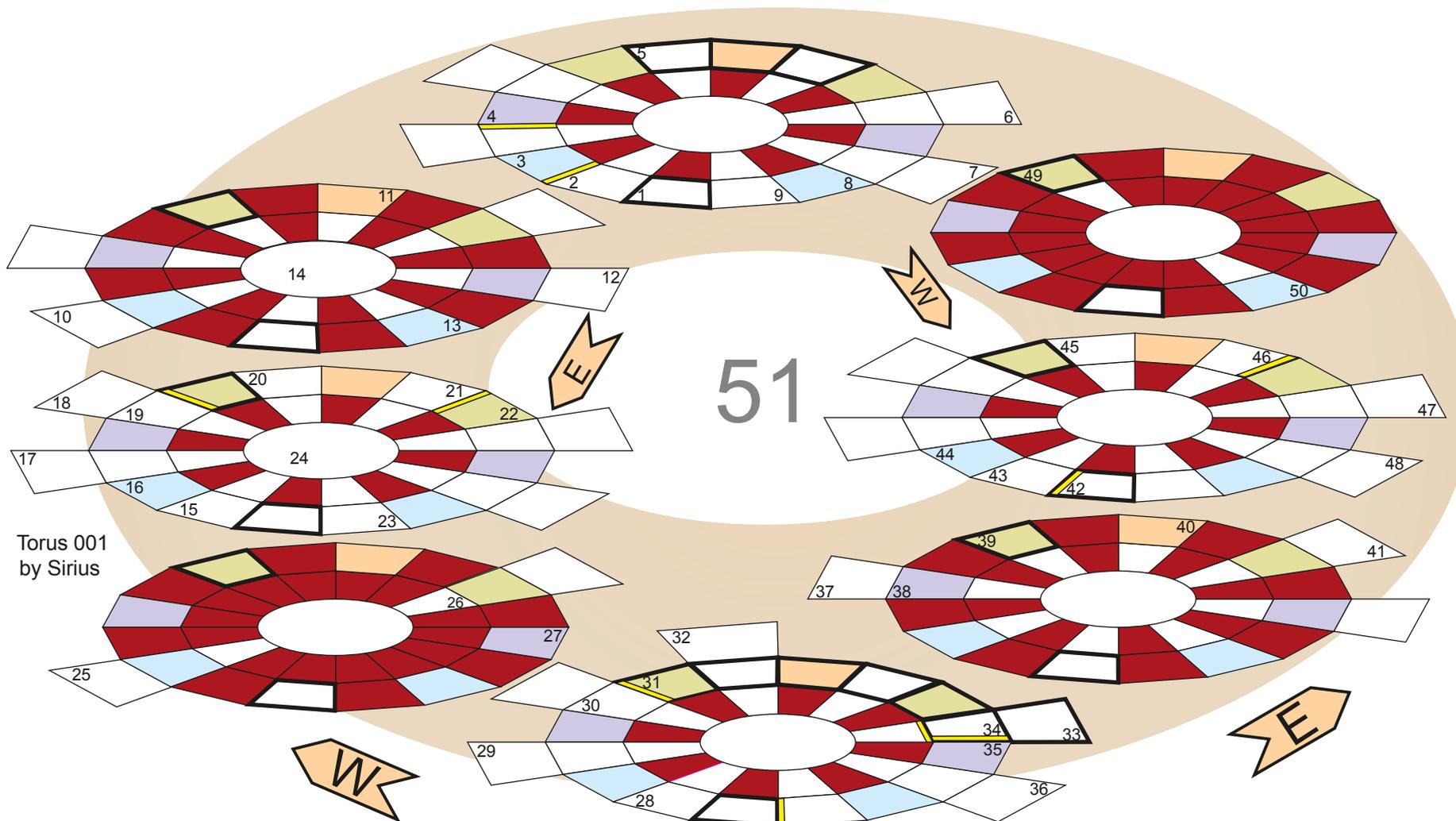
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