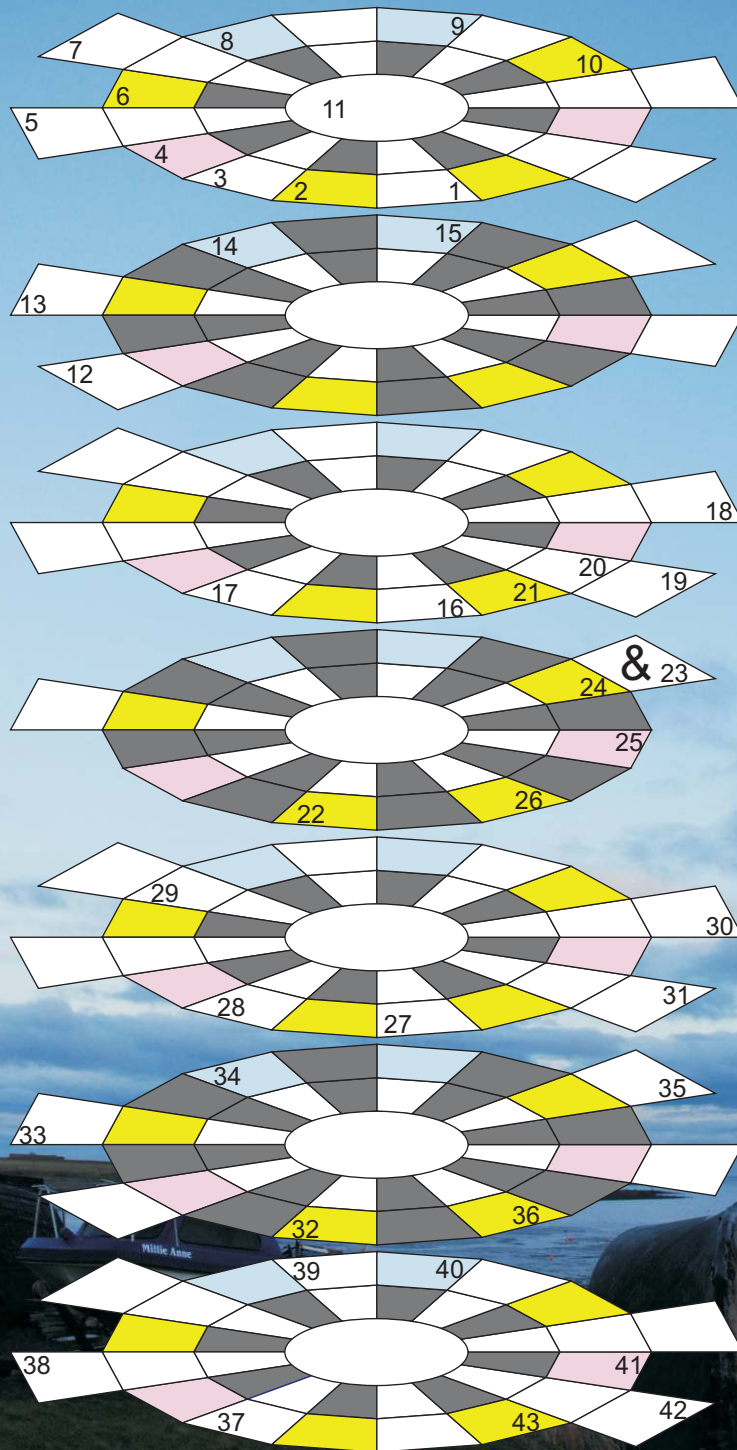


December 2012 Sirius



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