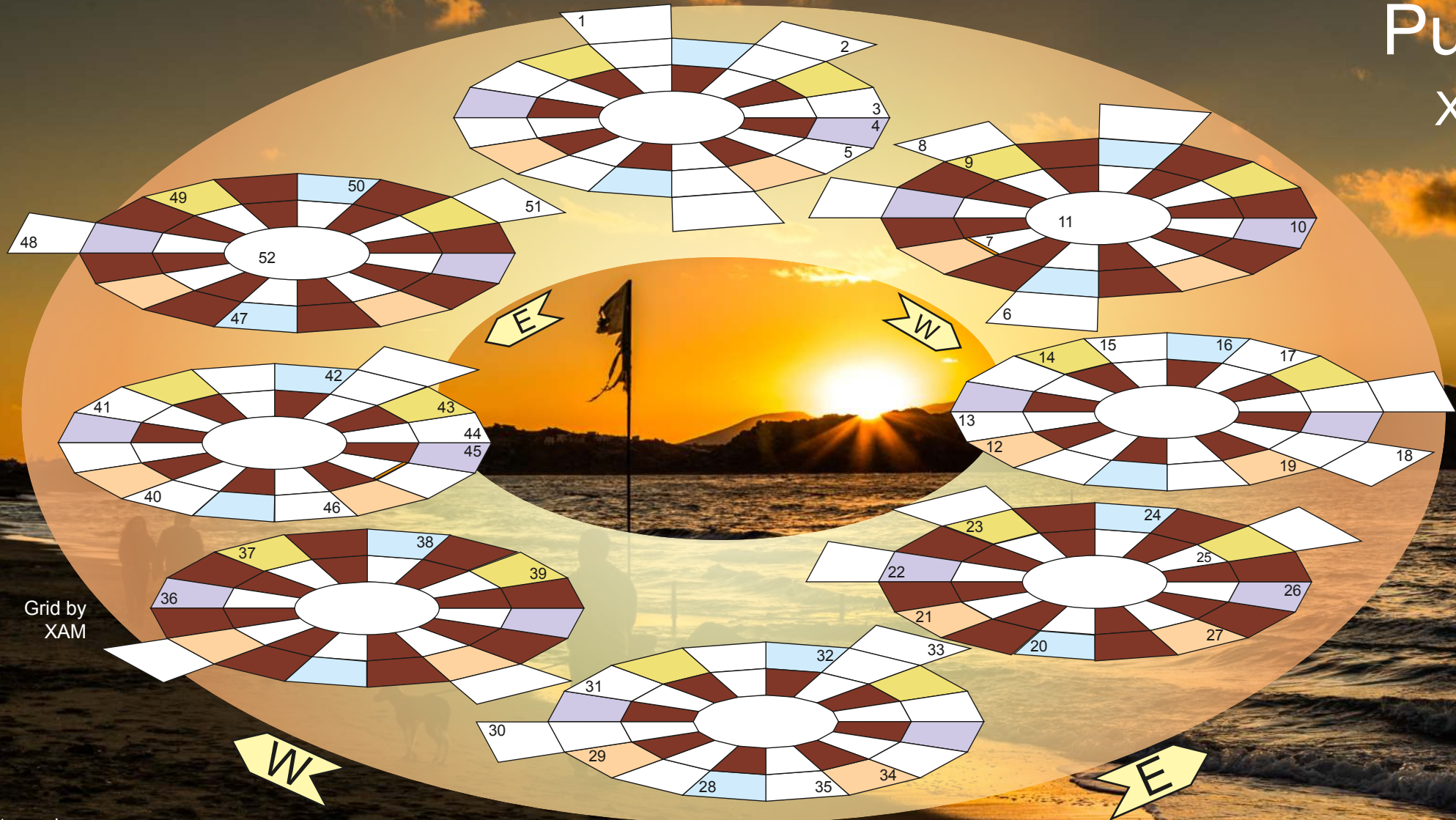


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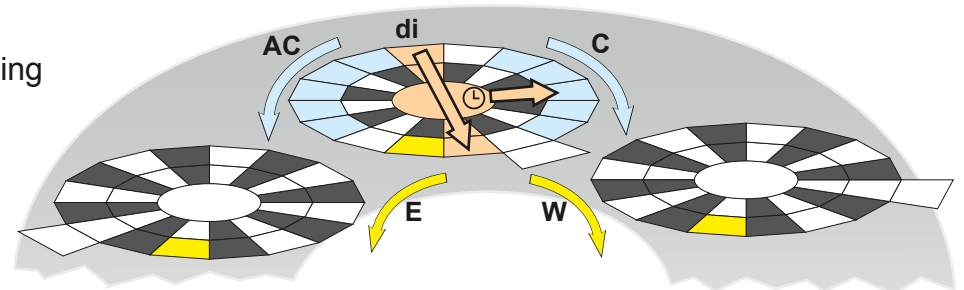
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Clues 41–47 and the picture clue appear towards the back of the calendar, along with detailed assistance with the torus grid.		1 ^{1di} Distinguished rapper cut very small sample from 36 (7)	2 ^{2di} Animation featuring black cat (6)	3 ^{3di} Eric's playing partner that produces winning numbers (5)	4 ^{4C} One excellent journalist meeting another (Part 1) (2,1,6,7)	5 ^{5di} It's just no fun for some characters, having to reverse? Courier's one of them (5)
6 ^{6di} Out of the running for Burning Man event in Spain (7)	7 ^{7di} Politician once having head of hair in unreal mop top? (4)	8 ^{8di} Echinoderm with edible types available in your Chinese (6)	9 ^{9E} Blooming exhibition has no new Dark Horse work? Ad's wrong (4,4)	10 ^{10di} Laugh boisterously about Lord's return too (3-3)	11 ^{10E-4,45C-3, 25di☺,10E-7,25di☺} Before clue has been cut, humour then lacking amongst solvers? (6,3,7,3)	12 ^{11di☺,28C-11} Announcement of setter's imminent next appearance? (4,5,3,3)
13 ^{13di} Playing WOMAD, takes Ecstasy in place of grass (6)	14 ^{13C-11} Words used to judge pudding's included (2,5,4)	15 ^{15di} Transcendental base behind schedule? Cheer up! (5)	16 ^{17di} Brown Sugar's opener in "just perfect" setting (5)	17 ^{18di} High standards aimed at by reformed Bangladeshi that's not misused bhang (6)	18 ^{20W-4} Serves apple crumble every Saturday, for starters (4)	19 ^{21di,34AC-4} ELO? Buy four remixes! (3,3,4)
20 ^{21E-3} Winger that's on the ball (3)	21 ^{22W} Setters with nothing in a Times newspaper (3,5)	22 ^{24di} Soft lining of Hare Krishna's coat, one with a hood (5)	23 ^{24E-4} Parisian pop group from Upper Edmonton (4)	24 ^{26di} Force used when twisting someone's arm that could make one spill the beans, reportedly (6)	25 ^{27di} Confident about there being four E's in redevelopment (4,2)	26 ^{28AC-3,34W-3} Opening bat caught by third man? That might need logging (5)
27 ^{29W-5} Indian unit in Burma, undefeated (5)	28 ^{30di,11W} King with kids covered by 2 Kings 1? On the contrary (6,8)	29 ^{31di} Traveling Wilburys' leader then unknown, with Roy Orbison initially getting lost in mountainous area (5)	30 ^{32W-4} Second wife has one or two different types of blood in specimen (4)	31 ^{33di} Book containing some quotes about the skill involved in sitar tuning? (6)	32 ^{34W} Book covers detail of wild dog wearing glasses (8)	33 ^{35di} Consent to keep tabs on a king (5)
34 ^{36di} Friend of those heading up ashram mystical Indian guru's organised (5)	35 ^{37di} Ghost of Ravi Shankar? It pops in, then heads off (6)	36 ^{38di,13C-2,39di, 19C-5,12E-2,14C-3,16W-3} Elsewhere a pygmy twin is racked with guilt (5,2,6,6,5)	37 ^{40di} Might 50% of my clues need editing? (6)	38 ^{41C-5} Bit of a bloomer, putting short story on page three finally (5)	39 ^{42C-14,41di-4} Last night's plum duff? Ace, with seconds to follow (3,6,4,4)	40 ^{43W,43W-4} Three wishes? (4,4,4)

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41 44di	42 46di	43 47W-4	44 48di	45 49di	46 51di	47 52di⊙,50di,37E-3, 23di-2⊙
Polish politician's teeth? Source of the River Ganges, ultimately (5)	My takeaway starter's Indian meat (5)	In one's element (4)	Taxonomic group containing Pacific salmon? Right (6)	Small, bitter fault-finding woman? (5)	There's nothing in Transcendental Meditation about working to include Western style of music (6)	Over the hill, former PM's place in Plymouth? (3,5,4)

The Torus Grid

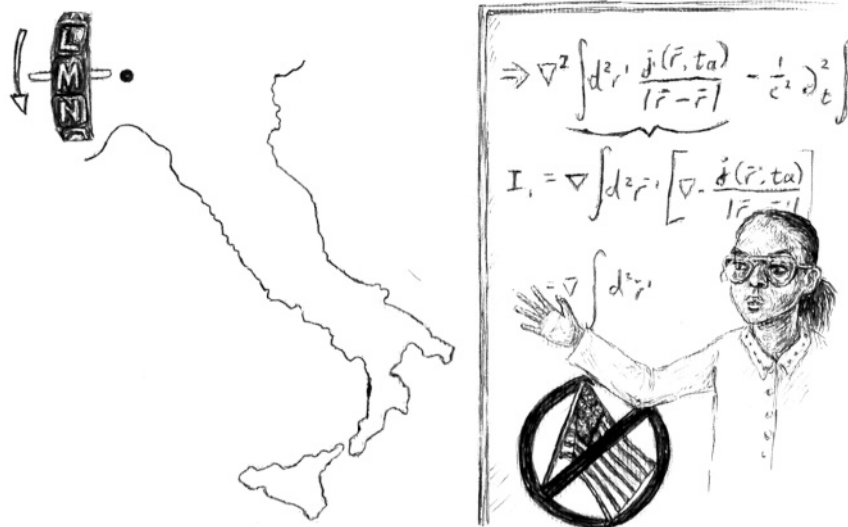
The torus is formed of eight dials projected as they would be seen by a traveller going round inside the torus. Clues directed:

- 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.



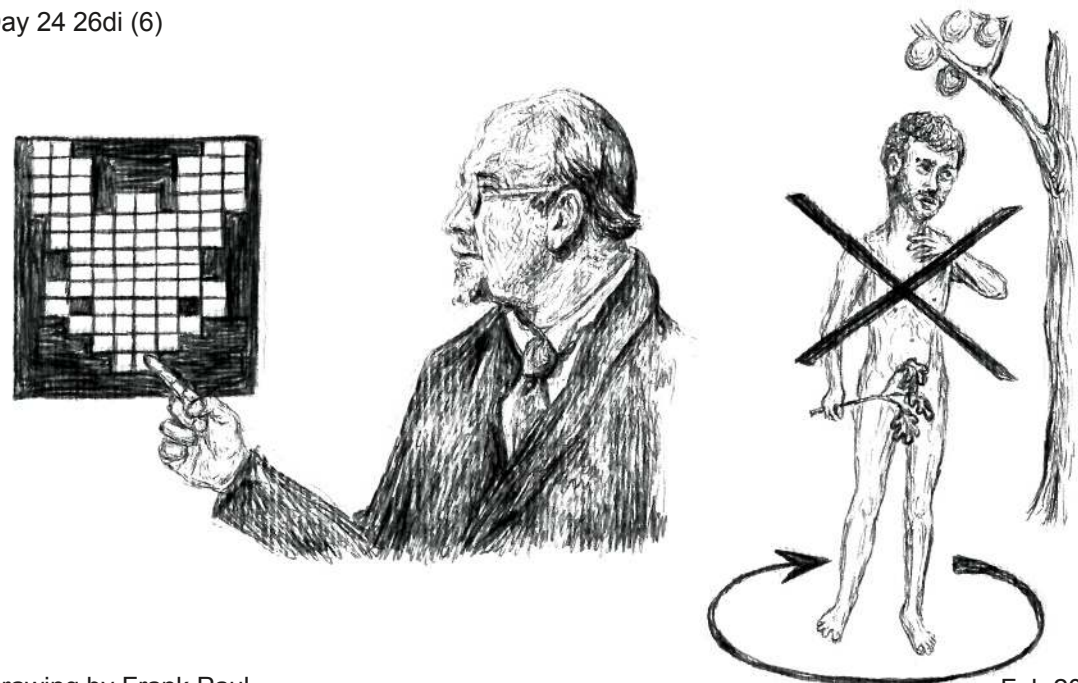
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