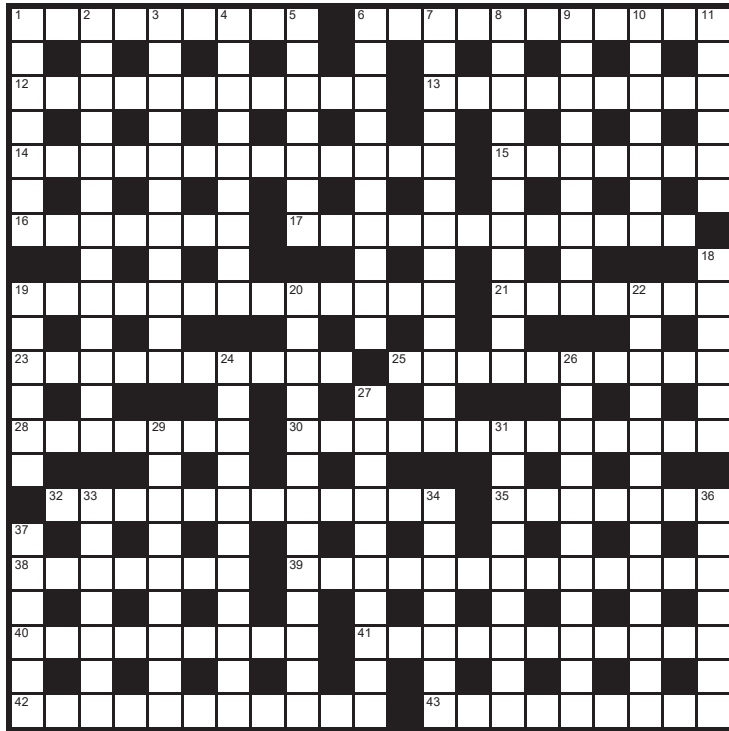


The generalist by Didymus



ACROSS

- 1 George (9)
- 6 A large US naval and military base on the largest island of the Chagos Archipelago in the British Indian Ocean Territory (5,6)
- 12 Motet for 40 voices composed by Thomas Tallis c1570 (4,2,5)
- 13 Calms worried GI at times (9)
- 14 A number-cruncher! (13)
- 15 Bobby ..., world chess champion from 1972 to 1975 (7)
- 16 Grapevine in Grenoble (7)
- 17 BR Class 43 diesel-powered passenger train built from 1975 to 1982 (9,3)
- 19 Jewish French army officer wrongly imprisoned for treason in 1894 (6,7)
- 21 See 24 Down
- 23 The second King-of-Arms in England (10)
- 25 US-born leading exponent of the harmonica who composed the score for the film *Genevieve* (5,5)
- 28 Disinters a corpse (7)
- 30 A menhir, found at Callanish, the Ring of Brodgar or Castlerigg (8,5)
- 32 Its five-times winners are Anquetil, Merckx, Hinault and Indurain (4,2,6)
- 35 Cooking instructions in Calais (7)
- 38 Roy ..., Australian Men's Singles champion at Wimbledon in

- 1964 and 1965 (7)
- 39 Two sets of light music pieces by Malcolm Arnold on which Kenneth MacMillan based his ballet *Solitaire* (7,6)
- 40 The largest breed of domesticated cat, "the gentle giant" of the feline world (5,4)
- 41 Valuable string instrument produced by a notable Cremonese family, of which Nicolo was the pre-eminent maker (5,6)
- 42 South Stack, Bell Rock, Skerryvore and Belle Tout, eg (11)
- 43 A cut of beefsteak (9)

DOWN

- 1 Instead of, in 19D (7)
- 2 Alisoun, who had five husbands, the eponymous heroine of one of the *Canterbury Tales* (3,4,2,4)
- 3 A lover of Greek culture (11)
- 4 Material assistance to an ally (5-4)
- 5 Capital of Georgia, on the Kura river (7)
- 6 Malta's prime minister, nicknamed "The Architect," in the 1950s and then after independence from 1971 to 1984 (3,7)
- 7 French dramatist who wrote *Cyrano de Bergerac* (6,7)
- 8 Not in alignment (3,2,6)
- 9 Keen-sighted, vigilant (5-4)
- 10 Captain John Yossarian is the antihero of this 1961 novel set during WW2 (5-2)

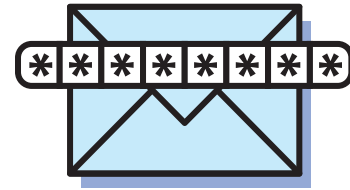
Last month's generalist solutions

A Albuquerque, Alegar; B Bis, Botrytis; C Courtenay, Crassly; D Demain, Doodle; E Eos, Euouae; F Fatwa, Forint; G Gastarbeiter, Gibus; H Hansard, Hic jacet; I Inkatha, Istanbul; J Japonica, Jay; K Kentigern, Kriemhild; L Le Fanu, Leipzig; M Maritage, Meath; N N Nonplus, Noughties; O Oak Apple Day, Oxalis; P Petit mal, Pretoria; Q Qawra, Queen City; R Reredos, Robert Redford; S Spray, Stottie; T Take That, Tapsalteerie; U Ulmus, Utica; V Va-et-vient, Vasa vasorum; W Wardour Street, Wiltja; X Xanthus, Xi Jinping; Y Yamen, Yellow River; Z Zel, Zucchetto
 To see the placement of these solutions on the grids, visit: www.prospectmagazine.co.uk/issues/october-2020

Enigmas & puzzles

The Janus code

Barry R. Clarke



Professor Neuron has forgotten the eight-character passcode on his email account. He knows that the first three characters are letters, and that the remaining characters form a five-digit number. Here, only the digits 1–9 are used with no two digits being the same. Curiously, he finds it easier to remember relations between the digits in this number than the actual digits themselves:

- (1) The third digit is odd
- (2) Exactly two digits are square
- (3) The first is one more than the fourth
- (4) The third is two less than the fourth
- (5) The sum of the second and third is the fifth
- (6) The third and fifth differ by 1

Now Neuron is faced with a two-part problem. The first part needs deduction in order to find the five-digit number. The second requires some lateral thinking to obtain the first three characters.

What is Neuron's eight-character passcode?

Last month's solutions

- Distance learning:** There are 16 routes
- The digital age:** Grandpa is 93
- Moggy maths:** The total is 8. The weights are 2, 6, and 7
- Al jabber:** Grumble is 86. Al and Grumble together are at least 119
- Neuron's number:** The number is 651
- Horse play:** The digit is 4. The false statements are 2, 3, 4 and 5

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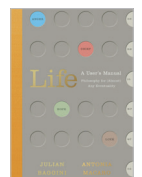
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Send your solution to answer@prospect-magazine.co.uk or Crossword/Enigmas, *Prospect*, 2 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1H 9AA. Include your email and postal address. Entries must be received by 25th September. Winners announced in our November 2020 issue.

Last month's winners

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 Enigmas & puzzles: Ann Raymond, London
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Solution grids for August/September 2020

