

INQUISITOR

No 1460

PWRBS by Base (with apologies to Only Connect)

Half of the 32 clues are normal. Two characters (to be written below the grid) together connect the 4 unclued perimeter entries and 2 other symmetrically disposed grid answers (to be highlighted). Answer D completes a 4-item sequence (A-D) which solvers must deduce from the pictorial clues. A word or phrase from each of 16 clues is to be removed before solving: excisions may be sorted into 4 groups of 4, each connected by one of the 4 perimeter answers. With vowels reinstated, FR MN, B RNWV, FLW RG RL & SL RWN D each contribute to the complete title of the puzzle. 8 is in Collins.



Picture A



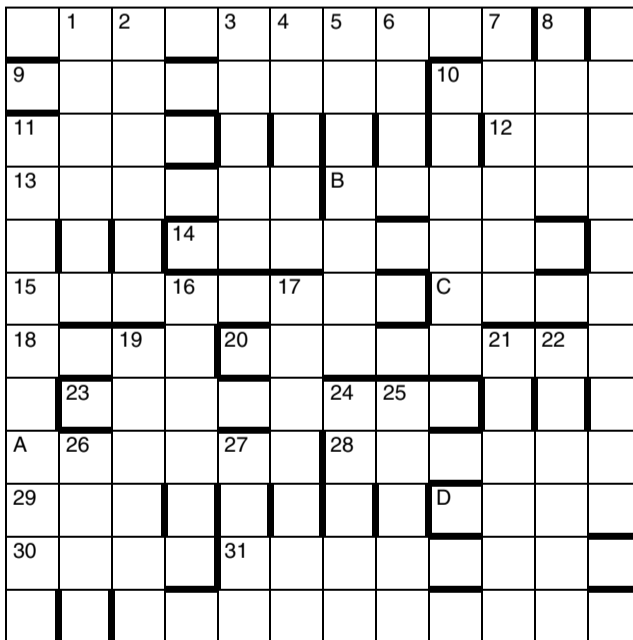
Picture B



Picture C

ACROSS

- 9 A day in the life of Uncle Sam, a fine, cracking bo (8)
- 10 Bludgeon old gravedigger with spades in environs of church (4)
- 11 Left Navy, finally having failed Lord Nelson (4)
- 12 Use correction fluid to eliminate 'peseta', p.10, cf our obligation (3)
- 13 Assume Hamilton Academicals had back five, following quartet getting red-carded? (6)
- 14 One takes new ring road round Old Dominion (8)
- 15 It's ale with a bit of zest served to West African village bars (8)
- 18 Make a rule, opening nut (4)
- 20 g revoked British book over slapdash cross-reference (8, 2 words)
- 23 Mo is off across road - she's leaving home (8)
- 28 What's artist plucking? (6)
- 29 Plugs fixing a hole in bad seal (3)
- 30 Supplier of medicinal oil from the East hands round drug (4)
- 31 Masters here talked about more imposing height (8)



DOWN

- 1 Australian cut gaudy-day cuckoo flowers (6)
- 2 Beloved, more? Re-read novel (6)
- 3 Liberal's admission to swinging borders on destruction (5)
- 4 I perceive a broadcast in places as even more chilling (5)
- 5 Goddamned chatterbox wound up by garden and hospital (7)
- 6 A series of summer nights to get worked up about (4, 2 words)
- 7 The way one follows footpath cut out a Med region (6)

- 8 I reside in East London? Uh-huh (4)
- 10 Search done: ancestor's hidden fortune (6)
- 16 Introduce to company aged crew members when cycling (6)
- 17 Grand-daughter lifts spirits at last, solvers in bar rampant (7, 2 words)
- 19 Is watering down beer in "session" bottles (6)
- 21 Wellington boot half made to vanish in class turn (6)
- 22 In disrespect, a Mexican framing a Frenchman heading north to Bishop Auckland (6)
- 24 Getting better treatment from university master (5)
- 25 What, almost, would make lass dress? (5, 2 words)
- 26 It's a pity for the audience tragedies were performed here (4)
- 27 Permitted to screen adult channel supplying rustic mill (4)

Solution to 1458

Getting Around by Ploy

A ring was to be drawn through the 36-cell phrase A THIN CRISP SWEET CAKE IN THE SHAPE OF A RING, a definition of JUMBAL, or JUMBLE. Grid highlighting is for information only.

Winners x

xxx

xx

Please allow six weeks for delivery of prizes

Win a Hotel Chocolat box

The Rabot 1745 selection, from luxury chocolatier and cocoa grower Hotel Chocolat, is a portfolio of rare cocoa from around the world, in slabs and simple pralines. The first three correct entries will each receive a box. Hotel Chocolat: putting the "Great" back into British chocolate.



Send your entry to Inquisitor 1460, i, 2 Derry Street, London W8 5HF, to arrive on or before 26 October. The solution and winners will be published in two weeks. Solvers may e-mail queries and comments to nimrod1@jetdoc.co.uk at any time. Twitter @enigmatistelgar

You can comment about individual puzzles on the closing date at fiftensquared.net, which hosts a weekly blog.



JUMBLE