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KEEPING IN TOUCH 54th EDITION



Dear Members,

Thank you to all those who responded to my email regarding the future of this publication. I received a 30% response from our total membership of which 63% wanted Keeping in Touch to keep going and 37% were no longer interested. Therefore, we will continue the publication monthly until the end of this academic year, depending on contributions, and decide on its future in September.

THE 8TH WONDER OF THE WORLD?

As a child I used to ponder on the fact that we in Britain were surrounded by the sea, yet many countries were bordered by another country, and some by more than one other country, with a different language, different customs, and different government.

I used to wonder what it was like living near the border of another country. Was there much connection between people who live so close, but are foreigners? Did they cross the border and talk to people just across the border, which was after all only a line on a map?

These days there is so much international travel that these questions would hardly arise.

I discovered that some countries are completely surrounded by another country, and these are called exclaves, and sometimes a portion of a country can become cut off and separated from the mother country, and these places are called enclaves.

And there is an extraordinary mixture of two nationalities living in close proximity in the town of Baarle, which is unique. It is situated on the border between Belgium and Holland and consists of thirty small enclaves. From above it looks like a patchwork of small sections of land, as the borders wind their way even through people's houses, and when you sit drinking a coffee outside a cafe you can find the border, running under your table and under your feet. White crosses signify the border between Belgium and Holland, so it is easy to distinguish between the two.

The town of Baarle therefore has two names, Baarle Hertog which is Flemish, and Baarle Nassau which is Dutch. I used to think these two languages were the same. But I was wrong. Some people regard Flemish as a dialect or variant of Dutch, but it is more than that. The list of lexical differences is large. Flemish and Dutch terms are not interchangeable, and the pronunciation of Flemish is softer than Dutch which is a Germanic language. Flemish has been spoken in the northern half of Belgium since 1830 when the State of Belgium was created and being joined to the French-speaking south of Belgium, the Flemish pronunciation has been influenced by the French language to some extent. But despite these differences, a Dutch speaker will be able to understand a Flemish speaker, and vice versa.



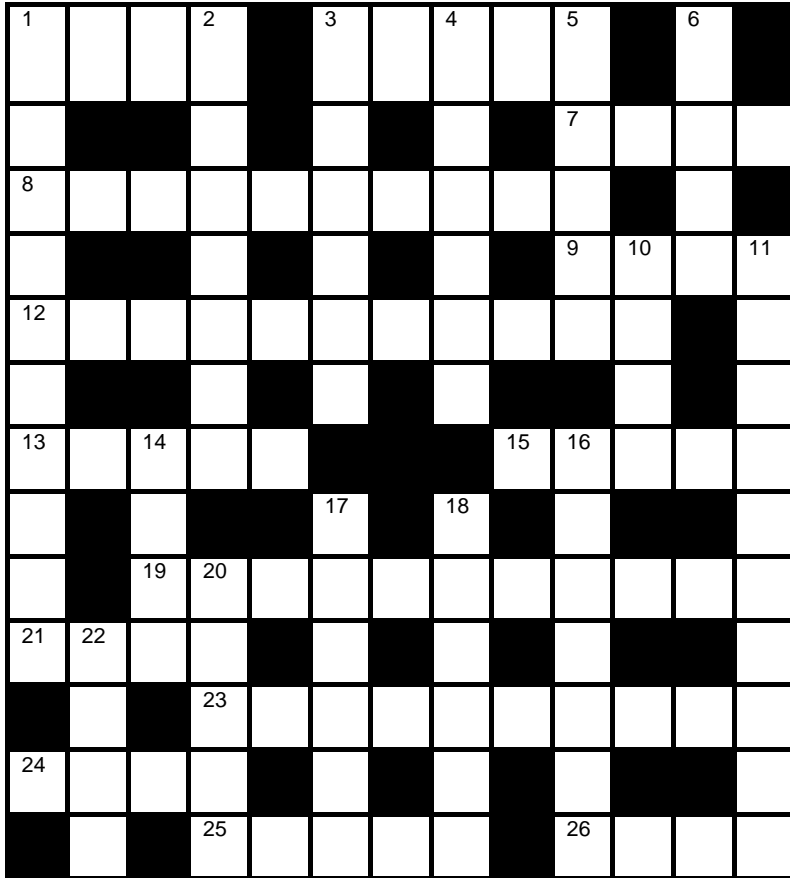
This is an amazing example of peaceful co-existence, but it has not always been peaceful. For many years there was considerable strife and fighting, but eventually these two peoples got together and drew up a peace agreement, to which they have adhered. Now they live together in harmony and happiness, and tourists from all over the world flock to marvel at this phenomenon.

Many of you are probably familiar with this story, but for the benefit of those who are not, here are a couple of pictures, reproduced by kind permission of Brian Cohen, the writer of an article entitled Fun with Enclaves. *Mary Farmer*



UN-THEMED CROSSWORD

Answers to CRYPTIC and QUICK clues are identical.



Eastbourne Meads U3A Cryptic Crossword Group 2022, Un-themed 1

CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

- 1 Socially unacceptable coat acquired from emporium in Knightsbridge (4)
- 3 Shouted down: "Mike - produce flowers!" (5)
- 7 9 gives up drug and finds love? Leave it out! (4)
- 8 Italian Open I lost playing Italian! (10)
- 9 Radiate when 7 gets energy and gives nothing away (4)
- 12 Look closely in mirror and concur? (3, 3, 2, 3)
- 13 Cook rat? So bizarre! (5)
- 15 Fluid lost from filter changes volume (5)
- 19 Chart number inset complicated for indoor sport (5, 6)
- 21 Monumental electronic photo! (4)
- 23 Two guys around unsafe mine get organised (10)
- 24 Reversing in - I'm just a little car (4)
- 25 Daughter consumed small dried fruits (5)
- 26 Disposed of broken dolls heartlessly (4)

CRYPTIC CLUES DOWN

- 1 Fiddled rent monies? It might get you into hot soup! (10)
- 2 Captain's heading off for fish! (7)
- 3 Dance and French dance (6)
- 4 Love pinot? Exotic choice! (6)
- 5 After a short time, nest egg initially starts yielding cash (5)
- 6 If I start to hear new record player (2-2)
- 10 Occasionally imbed extra in tournament (4)
- 11 The desired modification for triangular shape (5, 5)
- 14 Opposed to introduction of any new technological innovation (4)
- 16 Outings avoiding the start of sobriety sing in pubs. Quite the reverse! (7)
- 17 Small lake comes into view (6)
- 18 Passport entries for good person with travelling maps (6)
- 20 Disturbed artist involved with criminal investigators is bitter (5)
- 22 Glutton is eating last burger. Killjoy! (4)

QUICK CLUES ACROSS

- 1 Fur (8)
- 3 Flourish (5)
- 7 Exclude (4)
- 8 Ice cream (10)
- 9 Give out (4)
- 12 Agree (3, 3, 2, 3)
- 13 Sunday lunch (5)

- 15 Metric unit (5)
- 19 Ping pong? (5, 6)
- 21 Type of poem (4)
- 23 Ordered (10)
- 24 Type of skirt (4)
- 25 Courts (5)
- 26 Flogged (4)

QUICK CLUES DOWN

- 1 Soup (10)
- 2 Breakfast food (7)
- 3 Dance (6)
- 4 Alternative (6)
- 5 Currency (5)
- 6 Stereo (2-2)
- 10 Rendezvous (4)
- 11 Like a triangle (5, 5)
- 14 Against (4)
- 16 Batting (cricket) (7)
- 17 Minor (6)
- 18 Penny Blacks, for example (6)
- 20 Pungent (5)
- 22 Self-righteous person (4)

ANOTHER POLITICAL SATIRIST:- HONORE DAUMIER

Honore Daumier, (1808 -1879) lived exactly 100 years before Georges Remi, the creator of the Tintin stories.

These two cartoonists were similar in their huge output of work as political and social satirists, spanning the same number of years, but in different French-speaking countries, France and Belgium respectively.

Daumier produced:- 4000 Lithographs, 1000 Wood Engravings, 550 Oil Paintings, 1,900 Drawings, and 100 sculptures.

They were both talented artists but earned their living from producing cartoons for newspapers. Their styles and approach were entirely different. Georges Remi (known as Herge), wrote primarily to amuse and entertain, whilst politics and social matters were disguised and woven into his stories.

Daumier, by contrast, criticised his adversaries openly, and aggressively, and his depictions of his "victims" were quite grotesque. But his many works offer commentary on the social and political life in France from the revolution of 1830 to the fall of the 2nd Napoleonic Empire in 1870.

In fact, he went too far in his criticism of the King Louis Philippe 1 of France, and he and his editor were imprisoned for a while. And after the King survived an assassination attack, the French Government banned the publication of all political cartoons. So, Daumier switched to social satire, and this included a series of lithographs entitled *Les Bas Bleus*, (Bluestockings). These represented Daumier's own disapproval of the emancipation of women.

The cartoons presented examples of how wives and mothers were neglecting their obligations, and how this affected their husbands and children, in order to pursue their literary ambitions. Apparently, some women at that time (1834), were trying to emulate the successful feminist writer Georges Sands.

Daumier will also be remembered for his paintings and printmaking and sculpture. *Mary Farmer*



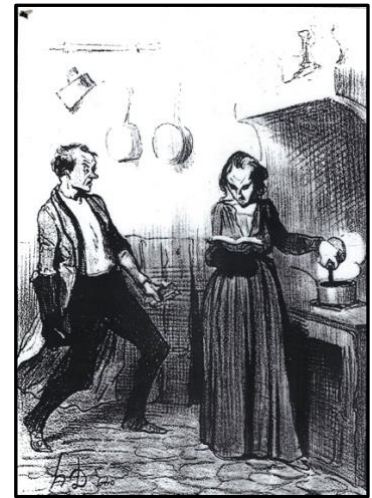
Une femme comme moi ...remettre un bouton? ... vous être fou! ... Allons bon! ... voila qu'elle ne se contente plus de porter les culottes ... il faut encore qu'elle me les jette à la tête.

A woman like me ...putting on a button? ... Are you mad! ... Come off it! ... now she is no longer content to wear the trousers ... she still has to throw them at my head



O douleur! ... avoir révé pendant toute ma vie de jeune fille un équi ainsi que moi, adorat la sainte poesie, et lombre sur un mari qui n'aime que les goujons ... cet homme là éne pour être brochet.

Good grief, having dreamed all my life as a young girl of having an equal, loving sacred verse, and supported by a husband who only likes gudgeon, this man here was born to be a pike'



Allons bon! ... la v'là qui au lieu de lait, verse du cirage dans mon chocolat! ... satané roman va!

Hells bells, instead of milk, she puts shoe polish in my chocolate. Damn romance is dead

NEW GROUP

Do you love words? Do you love Scrabble?

I am hoping to start a new group later on in the year and trying to assess the potential interest. If you would like to be informed about a new Scrabble group, please email me at janan43@aol.com

Hoping to hear from you. *Jan Leak*

UNTHEMED 1 MEADS CRYPTIC CROSSWORD 2022 - SOLUTIONS

ACROSS: 1 Mink 3 Bloom 7 Omit 8 Neapolitan 9 Emit 12 See eye to eye 13 Roast 15 Litre 19 Table tennis 21 Epic 23 Regimented 24 Mini 25 Dates 26 Sold

DOWN: 1 Minestrone 2 Kippers 3 Ballet 4 Option 5 Money 6 Hi-fi 10 Meet 11 Three sided 14 Anti 16 Innings 17 Slight 18 Stamps 20 Acrid 22 Prig