

CPRE CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2024

Out of This World: Heavenly Bodies

Stars, planets, constellations and asteroids

Set by Philip Riley

- 1 Two of a kind (6)
- 2 A victim of uxoricide (9)
- 3 Raw deal (4)
- 4 He was punished for starting fires on earth (10)
- 5 West Indian song (7)
- 6 Transport for Jason and friends (4)
- 7 Some die in agony without drug (6)
- 8 Honour for Eth's boyfriend (6)
- 9 Sounds like a sequence (5)
- 10 All Stoic characters reassigned (8)
- 11 Pullman's heroine (4)
- 12 'Pepper Leaf' with segue adapted (10)
- 13 Attorney General, on return, has disturbed my Eden (8)
- 14 War god pursues social worker (7)
- 15 Goddess of the rainbow returns to you and me (6)
- 16 Part of oven used to prepare meal (5)
- 17 Also a city? Yes, says Ivan (9)
- 18 Melody with key specified beforehand (6)
- 19 CIA posse made up with artificial intelligence, in short (10)
- 20 Island with grain crop (9)
- 21 Gunga Din? (8)
- 22 Gold pursued by capital (6)
- 23 Animals found after evacuation of city (6)
- 24 Sign of growth (6)
- 25 Master Malfoy (5)
- 26 'Got it!' Another clue yields answer (5)
- 27 A Hebrew letter, you say, initially? (6)
- 28 Excited one broadcasting (8)
- 29 Her box was a source of problems (7)
- 30 Currency unit in Botswana (5)
- 31 Spirit of Shakespeare (5)
- 32 Burning bird in US city (7)
- 33 Cutaneous disease (5)
- 34 Religious fanatics give up time for Catholic (7)
- 35 Criminal in drama (7)
- 36 Mythical multitasker? (8)
- 37 Tim? I'm assured he has it (5)
- 38 Match (made by 23?) (5)

- 39 French spy subverted (6)
- 40 Used clean materials (9)
- 41 Moon's core reanalysed (9)
- 42 Fix the beginnings of English literature (5)
- 43 Impure metal for a Roman hero (7)
- 44 Raise differently (5)
- 45 Spoils (of war?) (4)
- 46 Afterthought about vagrant (6)
- 47 Reformed a real band (9)
- 48 'Canst thou bind the sweet influences of _____?' (Job 38) (8)
- 49 Celtic saint (7)
- 50 Indicator of temperature (7)

NOTES

- 1 My starting point was the Astronomy section of Trevor Montague's *A to Z of Almost Everything*; but this does not include names of asteroids or individual stars. Fuller lists are available, I am informed, from Wikipedia and from the NASA/Fandom websites. A knowledge of classical mythology will also be found useful.
- 2 Solvers will be relieved to know that all clues refer to real entities. Fictional planets such as Arrakis and Ardilla are not included.
- 3 Constellations have their classical (usually Latin or Latinate) names (e.g. Taurus rather than The Bull).
- 4 Clue 24 is a homage to the veteran crossword compiler Araucaria (*alias* the Revd John Graham), who originally devised it.

The price of this quiz remains at £2.

Closing date for entries: **Monday 20 January 2025**

Prize Choice of £60 or one year's single membership of CPRE. If we receive more than one completely correct entry the winner will be determined by a draw from among all the correct completed entries.

Entries should be submitted to me directly via email (pgroc@tiscali.co.uk) or post (Flat 5 Old Constable's, 1 Orange Street, Uppingham, Rutland, LE15 9SQ). Cheques should still be made out to 'CPRE Rutland Branch'.