

CPRE CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2024 – ANSWERS and WINNER

Out of This World: Heavenly Bodies

Stars, planets, constellations and asteroids

Set by Philip Riley

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

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

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.

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

Prize Choice of £60 or one year's single membership of CPRE. We received two completely correct entries therefore the winner was determined by a draw from the hat.

Winner: Sally Miller of Exton **Runner Up:** Ashley Dawe of Uppingham

Thank you to everyone who supported the charity by entering.