

# **Cryptic Crossword Group**

## **Report by Sue Overton**

Nineteen members met at Enterprise house for the second meeting of the Cryptic crossword group.

Not everyone had completed their homework...tut, tut, but no detentions were given! We worked through the 'homework' anagrams and hidden clues plus some new hidden clues before progressing to homophone clues.

Homophone clues are indicated by a word(s) which give an impression of sounding like another word e.g. we hear, it's said. The solution sounds like another word given by the word play.

Example: Rent going up, it's said (4) Answer: HIRE

After working our way through 10 such clue types and faced with another 11, caffeine was definitely required so we had a refreshment break.

Again, as last session, Tim brought copies of the Times quick cryptic crossword for us to complete – I'm not sure if the word 'quick' is the right word here – and we worked on this at first in pairs or small groups before completing it as a whole group.

Unfortunately, or fortunately for those now experiencing severe brain ache, there was no time to start looking at sandwich clues so we saved them for next session.

Despite straining dendrites and neurons, we do have fun so if you would like to join us, contact me on 07512 368884 or email: [sueoverton@hotmail.com](mailto:sueoverton@hotmail.com)

**Please note change of venue : future meetings will be in the Guide HQ, Birch Road, Barnard Castle DL12 8JR – park on street or Hole in the Wall car park**

**Next meeting: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2pm – 4pm**