

## Cryptic Crosswords Interest Group

### Report by Sue Overton

Eleven of us met on 11<sup>th</sup> October at the Guide HQ for our 4<sup>th</sup> session.

We began with a warm-up consisting of 15 anagram clues and 5 hidden clues before progressing to a new clue type – takeaways. These proved a tad difficult for some of us – me included! But we persevered and completed them all, rewarding ourselves with a hot cuppa and a choccy biscuit.

After the break, we focussed on another quick Times cryptic crossword brought by Tim. Duly completed, it was time to finish and head home having adequately exercised our grey matter for another month.

Example of a Takeaway clue:-

First off most harsh mountain (7)

Mountain is the definition.

Off indicates removal of first letter, in this case a word meaning 'most harsh' i.e. severest

So, the answer is Everest.

Our next meeting is 2pm at the Guide HQ Birch Road on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Contact me, Sue Overton 07512 368884 if you would like to join our group.