

Cryptic Crossword Group 14th February

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The group welcomed three new members before commencing a warm-up – ten anagrams, five all-in-ones and five mixed clue types – to focus our attention. We then moved on to a new clue type, the Double Definition Clue. This is simply two, or occasionally more, definitions of the solution side by side. There may be a linking word such as *is* or *'s*, but most frequently there is none.

Example: Eggs on toast (6)

Find one word meaning both 'eggs on' and 'toast'

Solution = CHEERS

Though no specific indicator is given, the clue type can often be guessed by its shortness plus inclusion of *and*

Example: Bit of butter and jam (6)

Find one word that fits both of the definitions – 'Bit of butter' and 'jam'

Solution = SCRAPE

After working through ten double definition clues we enjoyed a very welcome coffee break before finishing the session with another Times quick cryptic crossword.

Our next session in the Guide HQ is on Wednesday 13th March 2-4pm

Contact Sue Overton 07512 368884 if you would like to join us