

Cryptic Crossword Group 13th March

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Today's warm-up of 12 anagrams, 5 double definitions and 7 other/mixed clue types did the job of stimulating the old grey matter of our group members before progressing to the clue type of the day, the **additive** clue.

This consists of the solution word being split into parts to form the actual solution

A + B = solution C

It has no specific indicator but often contains linkwords such as *facing, alongside, with, next to*, indicating that the parts A and B have to be set alongside each other. In **down clues**, the linkwords would be *on top of, looking down on* etc. reflecting the grid position of letters to be entered.

Example:

Pole employed ahead of young local worker (8)

Definition = local worker

Linkwords = employed a head of

Wordplay and what to do = Pole employed ahead of young

Add POLE = BAR to YOUNG = TENDER

Solution = **BARTENDER** (one working in a local i.e. pub)

We then worked our way through 10 more additive clues before finishing with the Times daily cryptic crossword, recognising many of the different clue types of which we are becoming increasingly familiar.

If you would like to join us in the Guide HQ, Birch Road to give your brain a good workout, our next meeting is Wednesday 8th May 2pm -4pm.

N.B. there is no meeting in April.

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