

Cryptic Crossword Group 8th May

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An elite group of 8 crossword solvers met in the Guide HQ and tackled a warm-up of anagrams and mixed other clue types before progressing to the new 'cryptic definition' clue type. This is a difficult clue to solve in some respects as no indicator is ever given though that helps to identify it as does the presence of a question mark. It lacks component parts and consists of a misleading, usually one-dimensional way to describe the solution.

To find the solution, ignore the surface meaning and look for double meanings.

Examples:

Clue: In which all but one party lose their seats (7,6)

Solution: MUSICAL CHAIRS

Clue: What's made only to snap in bits? (7,6)

Consider the double meaning of 'snap' and 'bits' (bits = binary digits as in computing)

Solution: DIGITAL CAMERA

Our next meeting in the Guide HQ, Birch Road will be Wednesday 12th June at 2pm

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