Leisure

Five x Five Competition

THANK you to everyone who responded to the 'straw poll' in the December 16 issue of *The Beeston Express*, which asked if the 'Five x Five' puzzle should continue or if readers fancied trying a new puzzle for a change.

The majority vote was for the 'Five x Five' puzzle to continue. One gentleman did seek clarification of the 'valid solution' situation that crops up from time to time, asking if it was acceptable to submit more than one entry. When it does happen that there is more than one valid solution to the puzzle, please go ahead and submit all of them. However, save yourself the cost of extra postage by using one card or envelope, as all entries submitted are checked to make sure they do match the official solution before going into the 'draw' bag.

For newcomers to the 'Five x Five' competition, the puzzle requires you to complete the words in the grid by filling in the missing letters to create words that read both across and down.

There's a £10 cash prize for the sender of the first correct answer drawn from the bag after the closing date. Use the grid, or copy your solution onto a postcard or the back of an envelope. Add your name and address and send your completed puzzle to: *The Beeston Express*, PO Box 7440, Beeston, Notts, NG9 1ZS to arrive no later than Monday, January 16.

From time to time there may be more than one valid solution to the 'Five x Five' puzzle. When that happens, only the entries that match the puzzle compiler's official solution are entered into the draw.

The first correct entry for the word puzzle of December 16, and winner of the £10 cash prize was Mr S Hay of Attenborough.

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Last issue's solution

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Review

Top Hats & Tinsel

at Chilwell Road Methodist Church

THE Rain or Shine Theatre Company arrived at Chilwell Road Methodist Church on Friday, December 23 having travelled from Gloucester to perform 'Top Hats & Tinsel' in this area.

The first half of the show followed the format of 'The Good Old Days' with Thomas McCarron as Master of Ceremonies. The group, which included Lindsey Carr, Tyler Coombes, Jayne Lloyd and Anthony Young as well as Thomas, entertained an appreciative audience with a programme that included some familiar songs and poems, including 'Burlington Bertie from Bow', 'The Lion and Albert', 'The Green Eye of the Little Green God', 'Waiting at the Church' and 'My Old Man'. The audience were encouraged to join in the choruses as well as singing the Christmas carols that concluded the first half.

A performance of a Victorian farce, 'Nursey Chickweed', took place after the interval. The five actors took on a number of roles as they acted the story of a couple who had been asked to look after two children whilst their parents were abroad. When the parents returned unexpectedly, they were disappointed to discover that things were not as they had been led to believe and this caused great embarrassment and confusion, all conveyed with great skill by the actors.

Smile Corner

ONLY try to undergo major root canal work without anaesthetic if you are a Buddhist and can transcend dental medication.

Express Quizword No 194

ACROSS

1 What is the spiral cavity of the internal ear called? (7)
4 Who was a disciple of Socrates and the teacher of Aristotle? (5)
7 What garment is traditionally worn by women of the Indian subcontinent ? (4)
8 What narrow board runs around the base of an internal wall? (8)
10 Who was the only female singer managed by Brian Epstein? (5,5)
12 What saffron-flavoured Spanish dish is made with rice, shellfish, chicken and vegetables? (6)
13 What is the llama's closest relative? (6)
15 What does the S stand for in BSE? (10)
18 What small spanner is used to undo a screw with a hexagonal socket in the head? (5,3)
19 An auk is a type of what? (4)
20 What is the capital of Vietnam? (5)
21 In sailing ship days, drinking alcohol was permitted when the sun was over the what? (7)

DOWN

1 What unit of flow is equal to one cubic foot per second? (5)
2 In which WWII battle did the US fleet turn back Japan's advance to Port Moresby? (5,3)
3 What substance turns litmus paper blue? (6)
4 What strong heavy grating slides down to block a gateway in a fortress? (10)
5 What is a horizontal entrance to a mine called? (4)
6 What thin, stiff, transparent dress fabric is made of silk or a synthetic yarn? (7)
9 Who was condemned by the Vatican when he married Sophia Loren, 22 years his junior? (5,5)
11 What flowering shrub is also called Japanese quince? (8)
12 Which Australian won the 1987 Wimbledon men's final? (3,4)
14 Alphabetically, who is the last of the Seven Dwarfs? (6)
16 What device connects a computer to a telephone line? (5)
17 What is a narrow valley, especially in Scotland or Ireland? (4)

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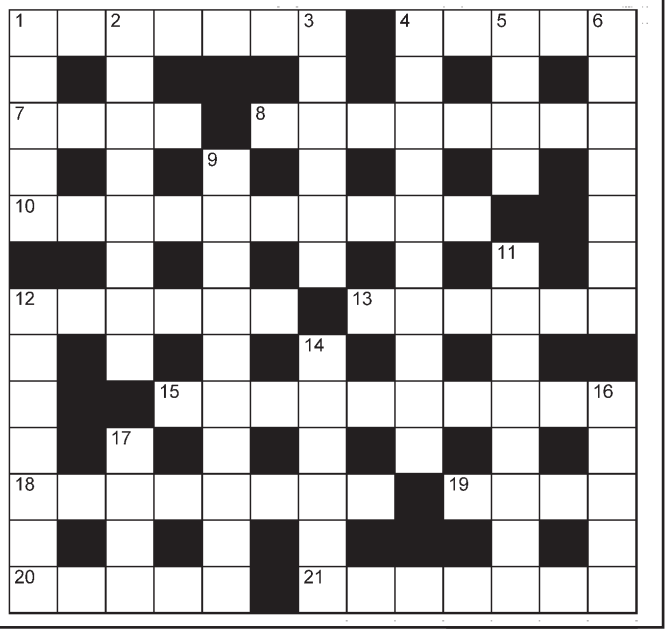

SOLUTION 193: ACROSS 1 Antidote, 7 Argon, 8 Ian Botham, 9 VCR, 10 Elsa, 11 Attlee, 13 Klaxon, 14 Gaffes, 17 Mosaic, 18 Brio, 20 Ska, 22 Argentina, 23 Elver, 24 Pretoria. **DOWN** 1 Aside, 2 Tunisia, 3 Door, 4 Tahiti, 5 Ogive, 6 Andrews, 7 Amalgam, 12 Dog Star, 13 Knesset, 15 Farrier, 16 Ginger, 17 Mauve, 19 Osaka, 21 Gnat.

General Knowledge Quiz

1. Who invented the spinning jenny?
2. Which drug gets its name from the Roman God of Sleep and Dreams?
3. Which product was originally called 'Liquid Beef'?
4. Who was on the English throne when William Shakespeare and Oliver Cromwell were born?
5. On which river does the city of Ely stand?
6. What sport might involve a 'schuss'?

Answers on page 6

Walk And Talk

What you don't expect to find as the preamble to the 'Walk & Talk' column of *The Beeston Express* is hectoring about it being time to find the walking gear that was tidied away before Christmas as your mind finally turns towards shedding the post-Christmas/New Year sense of lethargy. But looking at the weather right now (very heavy rain) you might want to consider digging out the mud-defying footwear!

Short Walks last between 45 minutes and one hour. They are over good surfaces on a fairly flat route with no stiles, and are suitable for newcomers to physical activity.

Longer Walks last up to 90 minutes and are across a mixture of canal towpaths, lanes, footpaths and public rights of way across fields. Surfaces may be uneven or muddy in places, there may be slopes and some stiles.

All walks are free and there is no need to book – just turn up. Dress sensibly for the weather and wear suitable footwear. Smoking is not permitted. Dogs are not allowed, with the exception of guide dogs.

Short Walks

Colliers Wood/Moorgreen
Route will vary depending on group and weather.
Meet at the Horse and Groom (rear car park), Church Road, Moorgreen. Every Monday at 11.10am. Every Wednesday at 2pm.

Wollaton Park
'Best Foot Forward' walks on Friday and Saturday mornings at Wollaton Park. Call Ali Allen on (0115) 919 4877 for more details.

Longer Walks

Thursday, January 12
Meet at the Nelson & Railway, Kimberley at 10.30am

Tuesday, January 17
Meet at the Manor Farm recreation ground, Toton at 10.30am

Thursday, January 19
Meet at the Great Northern, Langley Mill at 10.30am

Health Walk

Saturday, January 7
A short walk, suitable for beginners, arranged by the 'Walk & Talk' team.
Meet at the Attenborough Nature Centre, Barton Lane, at 10am for a walk that lasts between 45 minutes and one hour.

Guided Walk

Saturday, January 21
A GUIDED walk round Attenborough Nature Reserve led by Bill Wheatley.
Meet at the Attenborough Nature centre car park, Barton Lane, at 10am for this free 3-hour walk, which will finish at 1pm.

Theatres

Theatre Royal

Until Sunday, January 15
Sleeping Beauty

Contact Royal Centre Box office for ticket availability.

Tuesday, January 24 – Saturday, January 28
An Inspector Calls

Royal Concert Hall

Tuesday, January 10 – Thursday, January 12
Lord of the Dance
Created by Michael Flatley

Monday, January 16
at 7.30pm
Nigel Kennedy

Friday, January 20
at 7.30pm
The Hallé
Conductor – Sir Mark Elder

Full details of concerts and times from the Royal Centre Box Office: (0115) 989 5555