

# THE WORST PIES IN LONDON – SOLUTION TO LAST ISSUE'S PUZZLE

In last issue's puzzle, letter strings representing types of meat (in order by column: five/allies, abba/concept, model/ambles, albee/fare, sapor/kite, smut/tony) were replaced with the letter strings shown in the shaded areas at right. These, accounting for a missing letter in each, may be read vertically as PERSIAN, CALICO, TOM, HOUSE, PUSSY, and BURMESE, all types of cat. The missing letters may be anagrammed to form a description of the new strings, and also something that might improve these compromised ingredients: CATS UP.

### Clue Notes

(\* indicates an anagram; " " indicates a homophone)  
*Across* 2. FL(ATT)AX 6. MA(-s)HER 9. I COLOR A\* 10. SOS+A  
 13. R+RANG reversed 15. BE(AVER)E+D 16. I(BE)AMS  
 18. Y(DELI\*)S 19. bUs StOp 20. CH(+O+O+S)E  
 22. MODE changing D to U 23. DIARY\*+H 24. SORT(-ie)S  
 26. chineSE LAnterns 27. ABUSE\* 28. oUT A Handwritten  
 32. MAP rev. holding AN 34. NO(BB)IR rev.  
 35. speciAL Collection 37. PO(-v)ERTY\* 40. (-s)WAN  
 42. "Knick'll" 43. DEB rev. holding ADE 45. LET FEVER\*  
 46. NORMA(-l) 47. double definition 48. RUN GALA\*  
 49. "sights" 50. HE RUINS\*  
*Down* 1. SMUG MAN\* 2. V IF\*+E 3. "acher" 4. TOR+AH 5. BEA(-d)LE\* 6. M.O.+VIE 7. TO(L)RAH rev. 8. ERASED\* 10. RAPS\* around O  
 11. tranSMUTe 12. AND EMUS\* 14. double def. 17. M(ODE)L 20. CY+AN 21. "fair" 23. DE(l)LLA rev. 24. KIT+E 25. double def.  
 29. double def. 30. HUNG(A)RY 31. CAN+VAS 33. C+ONCE+PT 36. coOK RAvioli 37. double def. 38. MELBA'S\* 39. double def.  
 41. vietNAM DAy rev. 43. B+FAS(-t) 44. D+OUR

1	M	2	F	L	3	A	4	T	T	5	A	X	6	M	A	7	H	E	8	R
9	A	I	R	C	O	O	L	10	S	O	11	S	A	12	M	E				
13	G	N	14	A	R	R	15	B	E	A	V	E	R	E	D					
	N	16	I	B	E	A	17	M	S	18	Y	I	E	L	D	S				
19	U	S	O	20	C	H	O	21	S	E	22	M	O	U	E					
	M	23	R	I	Y	A	D	H	24	S	O	25	R	T	S	A				
26	S	E	L	A	27	B	E	A	U	S	28	U	T	A	30	H				
31	C	32	P	33	A	N	A	M	34	R	I	B	B	O	N	U				
35	A	L	C	36	O	37	P	38	O	E	T	39	R	Y	40	W	41	A	N	
42	N	I	C	K	E	L	43	B	E	A	44	D	E	D	G					
45	V	E	E	R	L	E	F	T	46	N	O	R	M	A						
	A	D	47	P	A	T	S	48	A	N	G	U	L	A	R					
49	S	I	T	E	S	50	U	S	H	E	R	I	N	Y						

### ACROSS

- 2 Lawyer's brief getting into source of oil and source of revenue (2 wds.)
- 6 Pundit Bill's an aggressive womanizer lacking bit of scruples
- 9 I color a flamboyant fan, perhaps (hyph.)
- 10 Help Oakland ballplayer, one with over 3000 hits
- 13 Republican phoned left to growl fustily
- 15 Drone going around state with daughter worked very hard
- 16 They support pet food brand adopting pair of beagles (hyph.)
- 18 Returns for deli foolishly invested in forks
- 19 Troupe that included Hope and even characters from *Bus Stop*
- 20 Pick cheese trio infused with hints of olive, onion, and spices
- 22 Pout when what's down in fashion is up
- 23 Diary misrepresented hot Asian city
- 24 Classifies more than one bombing run that is overlooked
- 26 Ward's seen among Chinese lanterns
- 27 Capriciously abuse gentlemen callers
- 28 Jazz player's setting out a handwritten part
- 32 Defunct travel company's western map taking one in (2 wds.)

### DOWN

- 1 Smug man distributed big bottles of wine
- 2 "V", if interpreted by late character from Rome!
- 3 One in pain cried out a lot, perhaps
- 4 Venerable scroll I see beneath rocky peak
- 5 Playwright's corrupt "Beadle Bamford" finally done away with
- 6 Usual way of doing contest for *Sweeney Todd*, but not *The Frogs*
- 7 Four heading down returned clutching large tart
- 8 Biblical locale erased after upheaval (2 wds.)
- 10 Offensive rap's about nothing in good taste
- 11 Impure material that's partially transmuted
- 12 Like jellyfish and emus when migrating
- 14 The rhyming scheme / from "Waterloo"'s / and "Voulez-Vous"'s / composing team
- 17 Exemplary paean written in 1050
- 20 Cy Coleman's last pair of pieces is kind of blue
- 21 Cost of traveling from dictator's exposition
- 23 Perry's secretary rising to hug yours truly on one side
- 24 Set of tools coming with excellent flying contraption