

Sunday Times clue writing contest 1915: Tiggerish

The results of contest 1915 with a full report on the best entries, and details of this week's contest

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There is some sad news in this report. As many of you will know from her [obituary](#) in Monday's Times, Barbara Hall, my predecessor as the Sunday Times crossword editor, died recently. There was much for the obituary to tell apart from her long crossword setting and editing career, so it's not too surprising that a couple of her additions to the Sunday Times puzzle page weren't mentioned. As well as starting our concise crossword series in 1988 and writing most of the puzzles in it, she started what remains the only weekly clue writing contest in a national paper, in October 1985. It was initially intended to be a monthly contest, with two words to clue, but that lasted for just one month. When I visited her to get information for an article about the thirtieth anniversary of the contest, she gave me a well-worn A4 notebook which recorded the winner's name and address and the winning clue, for every contest up to no. 1281.

I've learned from some solvers and clue writing entrants that she was happy to communicate with them, and I'm proud to be following in her footsteps.