

Lighthouse Missenden

Cryptic Quiz

2018

Mini Beasts

1	Second only to gold and surprisingly a non-swimmer	10	Silverfish
2	Will possibly take to the sky	6	Mayfly
3	Small bug not needed to eavesdrop	6	Earwig
4	Ratty was one, also three men (hope they stayed on board)	5,7	Water boatman
5	Despite the shape it's no defence against a sword	6,3	Shield bug
6	Large mobile insect, non-fire breather	9	Dragonfly
7	Not a human on one leg, this meadow creature has six	11	Grasshopper
8	Not fish or male hen; confused? Then combine!	9	Cockroach
9	She's not in distress, but swoops happily	9	Damselfly
10	Methinks a lofty papa	5,4,4	Daddy long legs
11	A slippery sand dweller with a link to Cinderella	3,4	Rag worm
12	Or could be Tony, (for short)	3	Ant
13	Some ladies may long for this waist	4	Wasp
14	Sounds like small version of a brass instrument	6	Hornet
15	Thousands flew in the war, they didn't bight	8	Mosquito
16	Their gossamer appendages send them up like fairies	8,5	Lacewing flies
17	Milk of magnesia found in this	10	Bluebottle
18	To, or not to?	3	Bee
19	A shining example, not at all what its name suggests	4,4	Glow worm
20	May your home never take off like this annoying creature	5,3	House fly
21	No bow & arrow for this arachnid	7,6	Hunting spider
22	Use the wrong spelling, but get the punctuation right	5	Comma
23	Hovers without batteries	5	Drone
24	One of the 'Fab Four' is in the mire	4,6	Dung beetle
25	Her offspring are missing from the hothouse	8	Ladybird
26	All male pre-wedding party in a V.W.	4,6	Stag beetle
27	O! See this troll (anag.)	13	Tortoiseshell
28	Love or hate the ending	4	Mite
29	Not a filling lunch with just one of these wrigglers	4-4	Meal-worm
30	These may become very attached to you	7	Leeches
31	Better stick together, we evil ones	6	Weevil
32	Must be the complete opposite of red land	8	Greenfly
33	Do we hear that the feline is a post?	11	Caterpillar
34	A big policeman, or an old penny	5,6	Large copper
35	There's one at the bottom of the garden, we sing	4	Worm
36	Communist aunt without you	3,3	Red ant
37	You may not twig that I'm here	5,6	Stick insect

38	Watch this inaccurately named creepy crawly doesn't leg it	9	Centipede
39	WWW.Coinage	5,6	Money spider
40	Most common wine container	11	Greenbottle
41	Miniature waste disposal warrior	6	Maggot
42	Neither Paul or Ringo are quite the Pope	8,6	Cardinal beetle
43	Roll up! Come and see the armoured insect!	9	Woodlouse
44	Scarlet naval boss	3,7	Red admiral
45	Might do this if you move your neck too quickly	7	Cricket
46	1970's cocktail could be full of these	6	Prawns
47	Can come in stick form or as a small sharp apple	4	Crab
48	At some point in Cornwall	6	Lizard
49	You have to love this mixed up animal	4	Vole
50	A flash of cobalt on the Chiltern hills for example	5,4,4	Chalk hill blue
51	Winged, not hooved and probably unstable	5,3	Horse fly
52	Top sea pupil	8	Starfish
53	Time consuming performing a pedicure on this little wriggler	9	Millipede
54	Miniature foliage trimmer at the end of an elephant	4,6,3	Leaf cutter ant
55	Forest acrobat if caught on the hop	4,4	Tree frog
56	Smooth chap; could have family crest, or just be common	4	Newt
57	Tends only to stay in cheap hotels, (or worse!)	3,3	Bed bug
58	This slitherer may help with your electrical problems	8	Wireworm
59	Knock back a drink before you load your gun	4	Slug
60	Such a tiny creature to observe the dying	5,5,6	Death watch beetle
61	Essential for question 45	3	Bat
62	This ocean dweller does not need his oats	8	Seahorse
63	Church carpenter? Certainly creating holy furniture	8	Woodworm
64	What a fowl parasite! A paltry specimen	7,5	Chicken louse
65	Could a quick snog really make me a Monarch's offspring?	4	Frog
66	Has this poor band member been punched on the hooter?	6,5,6	Bloody nosed beetle
67	Hell and this are much feared in some churches	9	Brimstone
68	She's no April lady and annoyingly comes before June	3,3	May bug
69	Cockney's oft remembered irritating tune	7	Lugworm
70	Winter hobby; check its cold enough or you'll get wet	4,6	Pond skater
71	Without sausages you'll love me, warts and all	4	Toad
72	Leaping all over the beach is a way of life for me	4,6	Sand hopper
73	Drives old fashioned transport for Lucifer	6,8	Devil's coachman
74	Remove the end from your, er, maternal parent	4	Moth
75	A small human or a chewy sweet?	6	Shrimp
76	Not large, but best avoided; especially at the end	8	Scorpion
77	It is tempting to do this in scary situations	4	Flea
78	It takes more than one of these to gather all the wheat etc.	10	Harvestman
79	May be considered a 'loose woman' by some	7,4	Painted lady
80	Teachers use a lot of these for bright students	5	Ticks

1st prize

Mrs T Birch, Honiton, Devon

2nd prize

Julie Hutchinson, Oldbury, West Midlands

3rd prize

Laura Smith, Pinner, Middlesex