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- 1 Rodent (4)
- 2 Sort of opera (4)
- 4 Relieves (5)
- 7 Composer (5)
- 9 French policeman (8)
- 11 Profundity (5)
- 12 Fuss (3)
- 13 Enjoyed at the Merry Miller (5.3.1.4)
- 14 Playing card (3)
- 16 Writers (5)
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- 19 Bird (5)
- 20 Fabric (5)
- 21 Crustacean (4)
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- 1 Intense (5)
- 3 Performed (5)
- 4 Number (6.5)
- 5 Village near Abingdon (11)
- 6 Village near Chalgrove (11)
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- 15 Seat (5)
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ALISA

POETRY CORNER

SPRING THIEVING

The Birds held their Annual General Meeting,
The Jackdaw was in the chair.
Jack was a real comedian,
He said 'Did you all come by Air?'

Jack said 'Now we are into Spring,
We really must keep awake
Keep an eye on the garden,
Follow anyone with a rake.'

The Robin said 'I already know
Where a new lawn is being laid.'
The Sparrow said 'That's jolly good news,
Let us form a hit brigade.'

The Chairman said 'Now steady boys,
It's not quite as easy as that.
You must keep your eyes open.
They may just have a cat.'

'It's all agreed then is it not?
There are gardens that must be attacked.
Mess up the little bit in the front,
And destroy the bit round the back.'

The Pigeons said 'What about us, we've eaten all the Rape,
We polished it off with ease?'
The Chairman said 'You will be ok,
You can eat the Beans and Peas'.

The Chairman said 'That's it then,
Fly around and make a search.
But don't get too cocky with it
Or you might just get knocked off your perch!'



A FEW THOUGHTS ON LESTER PIGGOTT'S IMPRISONMENT FOR TAX EVASION...

The Piggott Lament

A certain man rode many a horse
And won so many a race
He was so very popular
But now he's in disgrace.

The fact that he had paid no tax
Had recently arisen
And consequently he was for three years
Sent into a prison

How very very sad it is
That this man's fame should dwindle
And he should be incarcerated
Because of a tax swindle

How very very sad it is
That his career is now blighted
And even sadder still
He will never now be knighted

He didn't play cricket, golf, tennis or hockey
But he was famed....
As a flat racing jockey

To horse racing he could be classed
as something of a bigot
Eleven times he was a champion
And his name was Lester Piggott



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