

TO ENTER Complete the crossword and count how many times the letter 'A' appears in the grid. Text YOU followed by a space, your answer (the number of 'A's) and name to 65700, eg, YOU 9 Sue Smith. Texts cost £1 plus your standard network rate. Or telephone 0905 652 2141 and leave your answer and details. Calls cost £1 plus your telephone company's network access charge. Or post your entry to YOU Crossword

No 1,692, PO Box 3451, Norwich NR7 7NR. Entries will be accepted until 11.59pm on Friday 10 April. One random winner from all correct entries will win £250 and five runners-up will win £50 each. If you enter after the closing date you will not be included but may still be charged. Phone and text helpline: 0330 100 0601. Winners will be notified by phone within 14 days. Solution in two weeks.

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NAME.....  
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 YOUR ANSWER.....

**ACROSS**

- 6** Late dramatist – *pause* – who turned down an **11 across** (6)
- 7** Lively, spirited (8)
- 9** Prima donna (4)
- 11** Title given to a man in Britain (10)
- 12** Stay (6)
- 13** The stomach of a pig, cow or ox which is eaten as food (5)
- 14** Loquacious, long-winded (7)
- 16** British writer who turned down an **11 across** (1,1,5)
- 18** Recesses (5)
- 19** As found in a children's playground (6)

- 20** Type of soup (10)
- 21** Brother or sister born on the very same day (4)
- 22** Jumpers, cardigans, etc (8)
- 23** Brighton Rock writer (surname) who turned down an **11 across** (6)

- 5** Appeasements, rapprochements (15)
- 8** Something which someone has succeeded in doing (11)
- 10** British playwright – first famous in *Beyond The*

- Fringe* – who turned down an **11 across** (4,7)
- 15** Sleeker, more polished (8)
- 17** British artist who turned down an **11 across** (1,1,5)
- 19** Object used for travelling over snow (6)

**DOWN**

- 1** Works of art – eg, books, paintings – produced in very small numbers to enhance value (7,8)
- 2** Faulty, out of order (6)
- 3** Expert coffee maker (7)
- 4** Battling, scrapping (8)

**SOLUTION TO NO 1,690**

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