# Creative Café

## The Lost Sheep

**Find the lost sheep– what is left?**

| T | H | H | E | R | D | W | I | C | K | E | L | Y |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| O | T | R | R | D | S | E | M | Y | S | H | A | T |
| E | P | U | E | H | D | N | A | L | T | O | G | N |
| E | R | D | P | I | L | S | L | N | S | O | H | A |
| C | H | A | R | O | L | L | A | I | S | A | I | S |
| J | A | C | O | B | T | E | B | P | W | B | G | S |
| L | A | N | D | N | R | Y | E | E | T | E | H | E |
| A | T | H | A | N | E | D | R | E | O | R | L | U |
| M | W | O | O | L | M | A | D | H | I | B | A | O |
| B | E | L | T | E | X | L | A | S | V | L | N | M |
| A | E | K | E | N | Y | E | L | L | E | A | D | S |
| Z | W | A | R | T | B | L | E | S | H | C | E | M |
| E | E | G | D | I | R | B | M | A | C | K | R | D |

Every one of these is sheep related – why not look them up

ABERBLACK
ABERDALE
BELTEX
CAMBRIDGE
CHAROLLAIS
CHEVIOT
DORPER
EXLANA
EWE
GOTLAND
HERDWICK
HIGHLANDER
JACOB
LAMB
LLEYN
LONK
OUESSANT
RAM
SHEEP
SOAY
TUP
WENSLEYDALE
WOOL
ZWARTBLES

**Sudoku**

Here are a couple of Sudoku Puzzles to try. The QR Codes lead to a version of the puzzle online in a program called Sven's Sudokupad, which has some tools for online solving on a phone, tablet or computer.

The first one is this – the QR codes allow online solving>

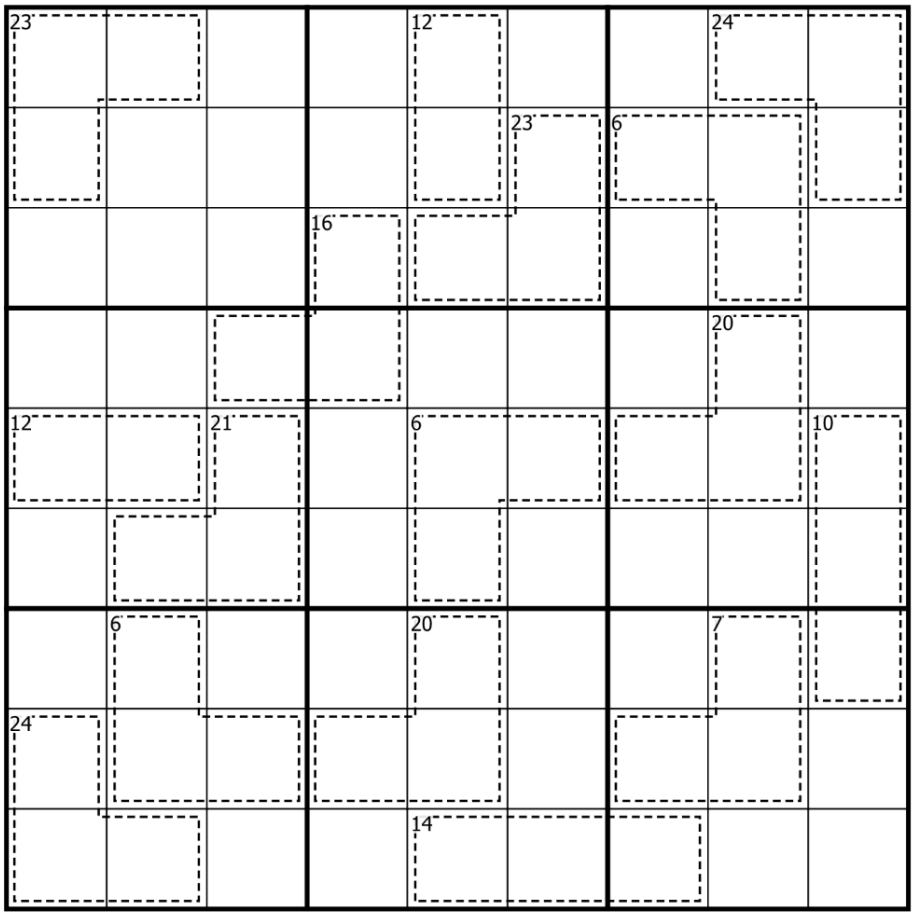
| 1 | 2 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  |  |  | 4 | 5 | 6 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|  |  |  |  | 6 |  |  | 5 |  |
|  | 8 |  | 2 |  |  | 1 |  |  |
| 6 |  | 9 |  |  | 7 |  |  | 4 |
|  |  |  | 3 |  |  | 2 |  |  |
| 4 |  | 7 |  |  | 8 |  |  | 5 |
|  |  |  |  | 7 |  |  |  |  |

**And this one**

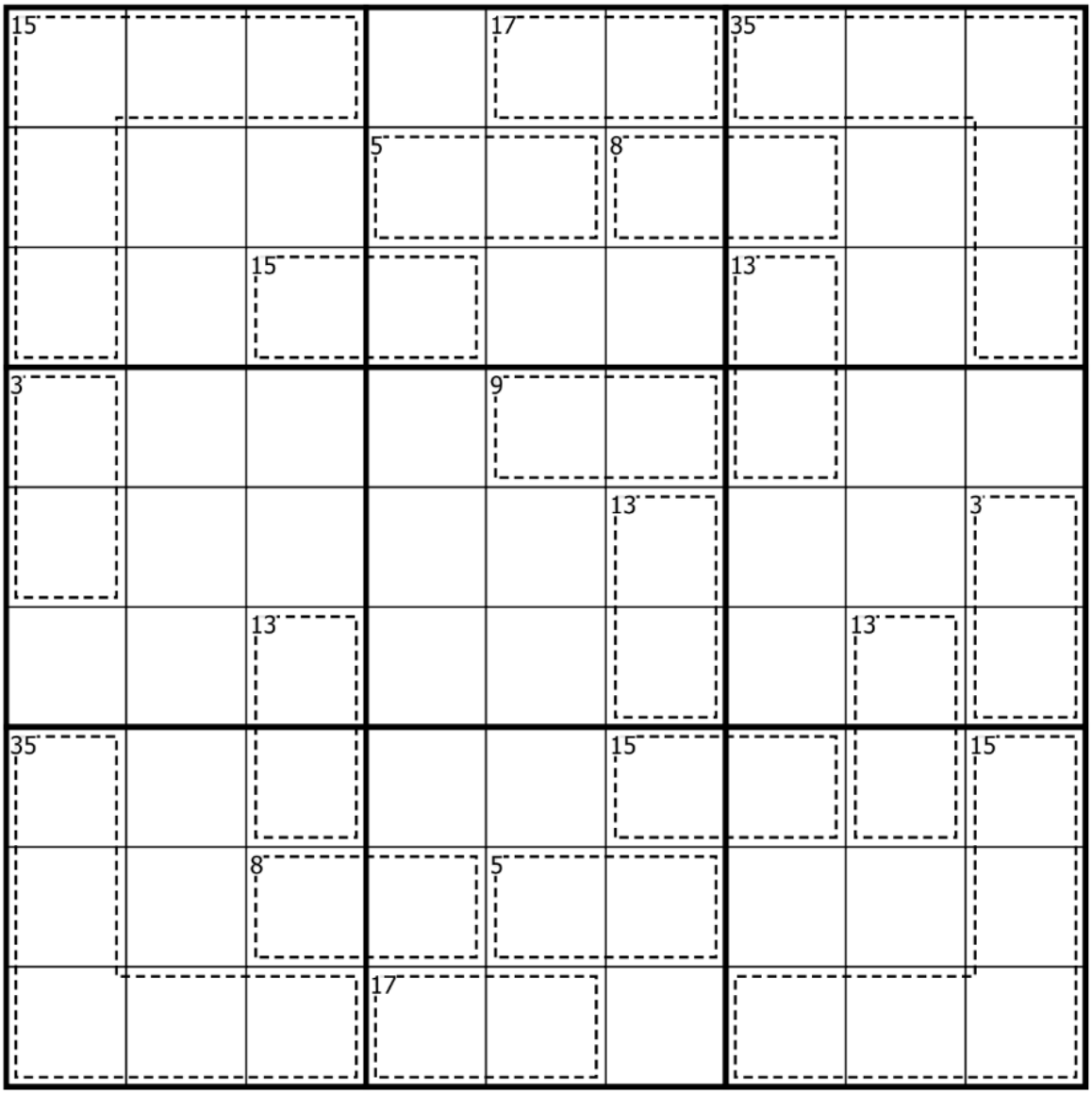
| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 1 | | 2 | | 9 | |
| 6 | | | | | | | | 5 |
| | | | 3 | | 4 | | | |
| 9 | | 7 | 5 | 8 | | 2 | | 1 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | | 1 | | | | 9 | | 3 |
| | | 4 | 2 | | 7 | 1 | | 9 |
| 7 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 4 | | 8 | 3 | | 7 |

**Killer Sudoku**

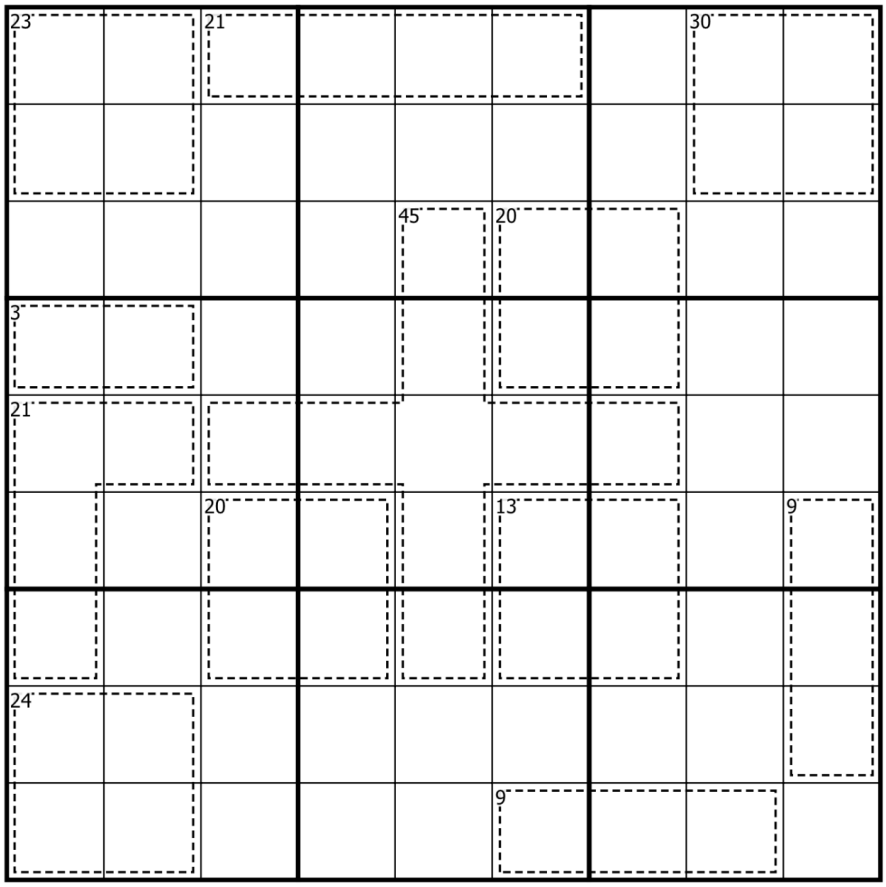
I have a couple of killer Sudokus for you this week, plus something much harder at the end.  Handmade puzzles are not like the ones in newspapers, but are created with patterns which you are supposed to notice and use to help you. Here is one I made:



And here is another




And solve online here:

This is a puzzle I made for my daughter Naomi's 23rd birthday in 2024 on 30 March. The cage totals include 30, 3, 23, 20 and 24 and the digits 2 and 3 play a significant part in the solve.

This one is much harder than the others and demands attention to what is happening in the blank cells, plus a cunning piece of logic which is not at all obvious and some careful counting. I can show you how to solve it, or how to get started.