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In certain respects the English language is in its present condition inferior to some of its rivals as a convenient carrier of thought; and it would be a disgrace to us if we made no effort to bring it up to the mark.

Robert Bridges, 1925, *The Society's Work*, Society for Pure English, Tract 21.

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On 8 April 2012, the ACC celebrates its 22nd Anniversary. It's been 22 years of brilliant and inspired crosswords, quizzes and puzzles of all sorts. And the ACC is thriving 22 years on! We wish to honour our founders: Carole Noble (Secretary), the late Noel Jessop (Puzzle set-up person) and Alan Walter (Treasurer and Publisher of *Crozworld* for the first ten years). They had the inspiration and foresight to establish our Club and it's been a true success story right from the start. We sincerely thank our Founders for their history-making contribution to the Cruciverbal Art in Australia and for their continuing support over the years. We also thank our other valued contributors such as David Stickley (Puzzle set-up person No 2), Bev Cockburn (Second Secretary), Ian Williams (our current Puzzle set-up person) and Patrick Street who has been our President since 1992 and has published our exciting monthly magazine *Crozworld* for almost twelve years. Well done to you all! Here's to another 22 years of success and puzzling perplexity! Many Happy Returns!

Our brilliant Puzzleman **Ian Williams** has selected another fascinating range of puzzles for you this month starting with a Half 'n Half by *Jesso*. In Slots 2 & 3 we feature our favourites *Virgo* and *Southern Cross*. In Slot 4 we publish the popular AJ compiled this month by *The EmCee* and the legendary *Praxis* has given us another of his challenging puzzles in the Slot 5 spot titled Left, Right and Centre. In Slot 6 *Betelgeuse* — who is a real "somebody" for the ACC — has compiled another beauty this time titled *Somebody*. To celebrate our 22nd Anniversary we have excellent book prizes to give away for these puzzles. Plus in memory of Quiz setter Ted O'Brien, Bev Cockburn and Bill Bennett have given us a 22nd Anniversary Quiz which should delight all puzzlers. We sincerely thank all of our Compilers, Adjudicators and Members for making the ACC such a Special Club over the past 22 years. Good Luck with your solving this month. —Patrick

What an interesting month, with some quite unusual words. As usual there were clues which were very well-liked by some and not so well-liked by others. As usual, also, there were too many missing letters and transcription errors: E_T, H_T_, D_Y_D, N_TURE, S_U_B, _R_S, EVEESONG, LASOO, CONTINETT, IMPASSIVI.

Slot 1: A pleasant start to the puzzles. No errors of note – all different.

Slot 2: Uh-oh. 12 members offered ARES or EROS for ERIS. Five members had ITACIST & IMAGIST for ITALIOT. Four had SPLIT LEVEL/ BRIBEI. There was VAVAZELA, VEVEZELA and VIVIZELA. No one offered VOVOZELA. A number of members had PMSII and I was inclined to mark them wrong but we are a friendly club aren't we? I marked them correct as there was an element of 'correctness' about them.

Slot 3: By far the biggest problem in this puzzle was SUBSIDISE for SUBDIVIDE – the undoing for 7 members. There were a CAPGUNS and TOPGUNS and a variety of other answers.

Slot 4: No particular problems with this puzzle. Very individual errors were VARIENT, NOBBLY, KAKAKUL and a couple of CURSEDNESS, PANTALONE & SUBMARINERS.

Slot 5: The word ENERGY has the last letter of the six words: code on love letter going by. Sorry, couldn't accept WALLPHONE or CELLPHONE.

COTM: 29 words were nominated with 9 coming from Slot 2. However, *Manveru* won with 7 votes for TWENTY. Well done Michael!

Thankyou for all the greetings with your entries – they lighten the load. Thank you also, to all the members who take time to write neatly. An entry came in, written in green pen, with no ID. If your name is not in the list, if you think it should be, if you think it is your entry and you would like the dots please let me know. There was no return address on the envelope – always a good idea.

Happy crosswording for the remainder of 2012. Hope the Easter Bunny visits. —Veniece

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	112	106	106	104	94	522
Correct entries	103	71	84	96	75	429
Success rate (%)	92	67	79	92	80	82
Prizewinners	Y McKindlay D Bennett	M Davis P Mercer	D Jones D Procter	R Hagan	A Barrett	from 111 members

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Prizewinner: March 2012 Slots 1-5: Joan McGrath.

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March 1-2012

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR FEB Slot 6 & MAR 2012 Slots 1-5

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BARBOUR J
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BENNETT B
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CAINE R
CALLAN A & D
CAMPBELL G
CARROLL L
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COATES D
COCKBURN B
COLE G
COLGAN L
COLLINS M
COPLAND F
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CROMER H
CROSSMAN Dr B
DAVIS M
DEARIE P
DE GRYS A
DENNIS M
DINHAM V
DOBELE T
DORRELL R
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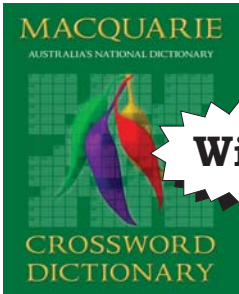
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HAMBLING C
HARPER K
HATCHUEL D
HEMSLEY D
HOCKING A
HOWARD L
HOWARD V
HOWELLS S
HULL B
IBBOTT B
JERMY A
JESSOP N
JONES C
JONES D
KASIVAJULA B
KENNEDY M
LEE N
LEEDS G
LEMON G
LLOYD G
LOBSEY V
LORD P
McADOO G
McCLELLAND C
McGRATH J
McKENZIE I
McKINDLAY Y
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PARSONS D
PATTERSON A
PEARCE J
PERROW H
PINDER S
POTTS M
PROCTER D
PROCTER M
PYC M
QUINN C
RODDICK M
ROULSTON S
RYAN W
SHIELD A
SIEGMAN B
SIMONS A
SMITH J
SPICER L
STEINBERGER M
STOCKS J
STOREY N
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TAYLOR S
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Half 'n Half
by
Jesso

Prizes: \$75



Win!

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Across

- 1 Examine by touch (7)
- 6 Ancient Celtic alphabet (4)
- 9 Culinary dough (5)
- 11 Swimming stroke (5)
- 12 Marsh-grass (4)
- 13 Cooker surfaces (4)
- 15 Cockatoo (7)
- 16 Toothless (8)
- 19 Agency of revelation (6)
- 20 Baby sheep (4)
- 23 Mislaying (6)
- 24 Greek poet (5)
- 25 Analgesic (7)
- 27 Ingenuous (5)
- 30 Gaped (6)
- 31 Public exhibition (4)
- 32 Investigated (6)
- 34 Note well (L.) (4,4)
- 35 Got a fine edge (7)
- 38 City in India (4)
- 39 Orient (4)
- 40 Hurry (5)
- 41 Concerning (5)
- 42 Game of chance (4)
- 43 Handled badly (7)

Down

- 1 The best Employment Training policy for strike supporters (6,4)
- 2 Chief quality to take preference on royal vessel (10)
- 3 Everybody attending available church in a rush (3,2,4)
- 4 Be inaccurate at a list of mistakes (6)
- 5 Cope somehow with petroleum producers (4)
- 6 More sound books on greeting (7)
- 7 Wrong goal for slammer (4)
- 8 Hill, with marble sides as raised (4)
- 10 Fuss about love (5)
- 14 Melba oddly gets censure (5)
- 17 Jason's command in far Golconda (4)
- 18 Eastern revolutionary left on grade (7)
- 21 Nuns see I'm a poor secretary (10)
- 22 Badger hide ruined in advanced position (10)
- 24 Each shade altered problems (9)
- 26 Name still negative in Moscow (4)
- 28 Cutting across in going first? (5)
- 29 Smoker rebuilt cool van (7)
- 32 Groom starts to rile everyone in prison (5)
- 33 Deepest tomb to disguise (6)
- 35 Article in stark surroundings foundered (4)
- 36 Author hurried for the country (4)
- 37 Information at short notice returned (4)

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Closing mail date: 11 May 2012.

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Cryptic

by
Virgo



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Across

- 1 Don't waste the jam (8)
- 5 Stupid bird joins others in the procession (6)
- 10 Ocean creature cops out in a way (7)
- 11 Microchip number 999 found at the factory (7)
- 12 Half saucy French dance preserve (3)
- 13 Woodcutter starts soapy (5)
- 14 Schumacher heard to discover a cocktail (7)
- 16 Announced an order to pull up, alas! (3)
- 17 Navigators order a pistol (6)
- 19 Avoid a French greenery (5)
- 21 Charred but held fleet (5)
- 22 Every pin went down but no go at the workplace (6)
- 23 The Siamese reported the draw (3)
- 24 Ruminates about shortened books (7)
- 26 Start twisting a red cord (5)
- 27 The bow in Patrick's jumper (3)
- 29 Ham finished play (7)
- 31 One who may lift or try for one (7)
- 32 Sipped with a bloke from the Apple Isle (6)
- 33 Buck or Ingrid to name a football game (8)

Down


- 1 Cater for the Captain (4)
- 2 Total the French stinger (6)
- 3 They have left home (except could be out at parties) (11)
- 4 Description or organs in discordant USSR voice (9)
- 6 Blame the average back (3)
- 7 A more dangerous riddle from each half is a bit dodgy (8)
- 8 A true litre goes by the book (10)
- 9 Incorporated from the last element (4)
- 15 When pitch went awry, none would employ (11)
- 16 The legend of Donald Duck (6,4)
- 18 Gym equipment found in an ambulance? (9)
- 20 The publicity department harridan makes headway (8)
- 23 Secure a square number (6)
- 25 Satisfy with food on a stick (4)
- 28 Beam fell right in the drink (4)
- 30 The Times and the Australian newspaper (3)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- I was really glad to receive the March *CrOZworld*. When I opened it to my surprise there was this wonderful cheque. Thank you very much as it should improve my library greatly. *Margaret Barnard*
- Many thanks for the book which arrived last week, and is fascinating reading. *Betty Siegman*
- I was delighted to receive the magnificent 2-vol *Shorter Oxford Dictionary* as the prize for January Slot 6. As I was about to "celebrate" my 80th birthday it was well timed. Sincere thanks to you, Patrick, and the ACC. *Valerie Howard*
- Thank you so much for my Slot 4 prize – the superb *Oxford Thesaurus of English*. The AJ has always been my favourite crossword; so to secure such a magnificent reward for having fun is wonderful. My thanks to you, Patrick, and all the generous and talented *CrOZworld* Leading Lights and contributors. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- Thank you for this fine selection of puzzles. *Roy Wilson*
- Thank you so much for my Slot 2 February prize and belated thanks for the *Chambers Thesaurus* (Nov Slot 7). *Marian Procter*
- Thankyou for my surprise \$75 win. I am not always able to complete whole puzzles but I have fun trying. *Margaret Watzinger*
- I was thrilled to receive my prize for January Slot 7, *Chambers Dictionary of Beliefs and Religions*. Dipping into it at random makes for such fascinating reading. Thank you so much ACC! *Betty Siegman*
- Oh my lovely Club!! Thankyou so VERY much for my 1-5 Slots prize. Probably my single op to get 1-5 right!! I shall certainly buy something to give me a better chance of getting five dots again. *Dale McManus*
- Thanks for my Slot 1 prize. What a wonderful surprise. *Bronwyn Hull*
- Thanks for another great selection of crosswords. Am unsure of some answers, so have the fingers crossed! *Anne Simons*

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by
Southern
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Across

- 1 Mountains are in Mansur also (5)
- 4 Champ about to ring doctors in devastated area (8)
- 8 Position held by soldiers covers periods of concentration (9,5)
- 10 Kennedy perhaps suppresses articles about opening of cave where leaves are kept (3,5)
- 11 Valued roughly around July 1, laptop is missing – seems this has happened before (4,2)
- 12 Musical production to sort out conductors (9)
- 15 Enticement? Queensland island doesn't need one (5)
- 17 Son possibly is to take legal action (5)
- 18 Where photographers work in developing areas (4,5)
- 19 Bring me back form to organise (6)
- 21 Nose broken by woman's Spanish maid (8)
- 24 Decide on greasepaint for demons in play (4,2,4,4)
- 25 Knocks down as abstinent learner-driver gets in – heavens! (8)
- 26 Argues out east about what's exported from Mackay (5)

Down

- 1 A French writer dies, sadly not confirmed (12)
- 2 Four-footers cleaning up six-footers? (9)
- 3 A genial old man starts to send affectionate notes to Auntie (5)
- 4 From behind this one cannot see the screen collapse (9)
- 5 The sound of sea-horses hair? (4)
- 6 When to step out over smouldering coal (9)
- 7 Fungal condition can eat away top of toes (5)
- 9 Statesman's defamation of royalty? (12)
- 13 In the morning finish the fellows' model modification (9)
- 14 These military men could be material creatures (9)
- 16 Greatly admiring superstar, I confess (9)
- 20 Student gets back about dark (5)
- 22 Love unaltered place of pleasure (5)
- 23 Wanting a gemstone? Ring a mate (4)

Subject: This is for Lexophiles

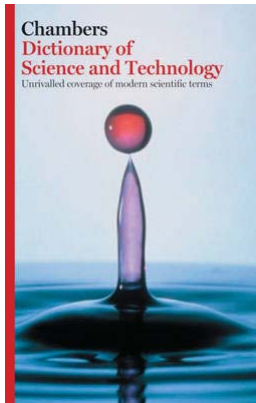
- 1. A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
- 2. A will is a dead giveaway.
- 3. Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
- 4. A backward poet writes inverse.
- 5. A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.
- 6. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- 7. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.
- 8. You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
- 9. He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
- 10. A calendar's days are numbered.
- 11. A boiled egg is hard to beat.
- 12. He had a photographic memory which was never developed.
- 13. The short fortuneteller who escaped from prison: a small medium at large.
- 14. Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
- 15. When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.
- 16. If you jump off a Paris bridge, you are in Seine.

- 17. When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.
- 18. Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
- 19. Acupuncture: a jab well done.
- 20. Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the agony of de feet.
- 21. The roundest knight at King Arthur's Round Table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
- 22. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
- 23. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
- 24. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.
- 25. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
- 26. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
- 27. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
- 28. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

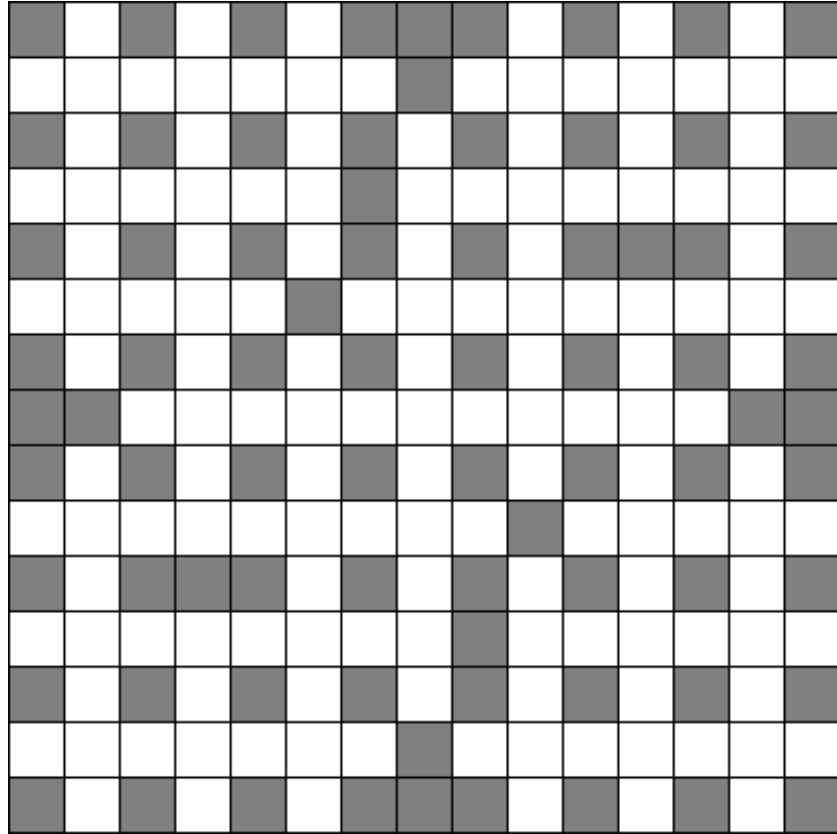
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AJ by The EmCee

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Solutions begin with the given letter. Place them in the grid, jigsaw-wise, where they fit


- A** One pear fits mixed drinks (9)
- B** Introduce and harass southern detectives (11)
- C** Africa, for example, can hold water (9)
- D** 'De chair occupied,' he said, lying (9)
- E** Little bird to rue losing head (5)
- F** Stuck hat on Dennis Lillee, perhaps (4,6)
- G** Knitted knee rug for antelope (7)
- H** Becoming fatter, he and I rave foolishly (7)
- I** Batting team not out (6)
- J** Jamaal Islamiah loved the crusade (5)
- K** Slaughter ruler unwell internally as ... (7)
- L** ... Italian food creates anal gas (7)
- M** Island crazy over a methane automobile (10)
- N** Firstly, nurse unhealthy, lumpy, leprous invalid (4)
- O** Drone can manage mounted guns (8)
- P** Nice excuses a territory makes (8)
- Q** Compound for one in five – and another one (7)
- R** Studying an English town (7)
- S** Spies' chief? 'E delivers boring addresses (11)
- T** Will try, so be it, first temptation (9)
- U** Reproach raised offer round content of tray (7)
- V** Move north engendered virulent feeling (5)
- W** Complains aloud but entertains (5)
- X** The boxer, Asiatic, had bad hair (7)
- Y** French girl sounds like an old soldier online! (6)
- Z** Great god rose from canal (4)

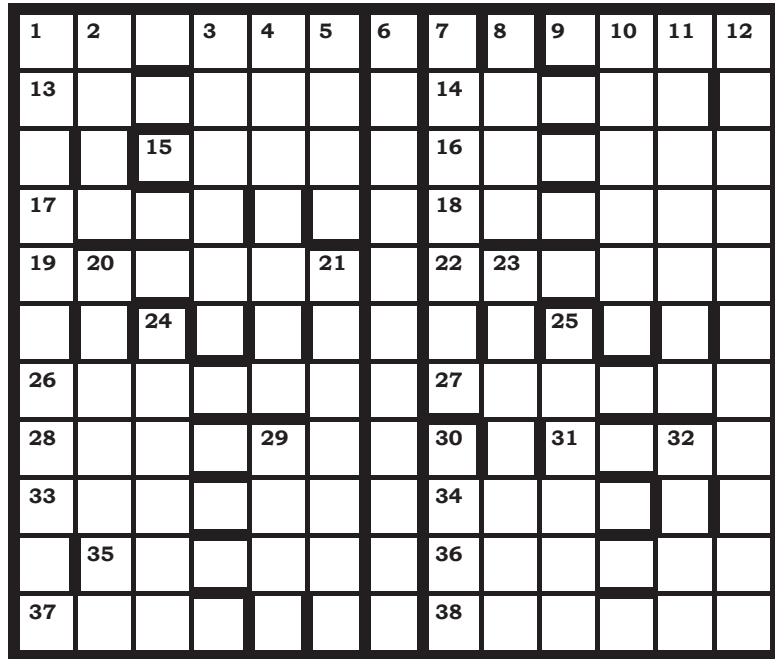
Explanations to March clues, where provided by setters. Thank you Jean, Anne and Michael.

March Slot 1: Timid Terrier: Down: 1 Wedg (wedge) + wood, 2 Some + rest (anag), 3 Pre + y, 4 Star <, 5 B + eagle, 6 DD, 7 Tee + n, 8 Arm + i + es, 9 anag, 16 A + maze + ment, 18 Ill + humour, 20 hidden <, 21 anag, 23 initials, 25 hidden, 27 Even + song, 28 (anag) susp + ends, 29 Sail + or, 30 AC(C) + a + rid, 32 erutan <, 34 hidden, 35 maps<, 36 (alf)alfa, 37 ante<.

March Slot 4: Kaeila: A anag, B DD, CUSSED + NESS, DE + CRY, ENT + RE + POT, F (URT) IVE, G (N) ASHED, H + ATE I anag, J HW, K anag AKA + LURK, L HW, MACH 1 + S + MO, N Tails, O anag, PANT + A + LOON, Q homophone keys, R anag, SUMMER + HOUSE, T HW, UN + SOUND, VARI (homophone) + ANT, W anag, X + ONE> + N, Y anag AYR + BOROUGH, Z DD.

March Slot 5: Manveru: Across: 1 SPR(ucel)Y, 5 fRight, 10 INDIANA - AN, 11 TE(anag of OPEN+H+L)E, 12 PER+MAN+EN+T, 13 DD, 14 SEER around C+I+T, 16 Anag of SWEARS minus N, 18 Tails, 20 DD, 22 EX ITS!, 23 A+PAR+T+MEN+T, 25 Anag of CLAYPILES, 26 VIDE+O, 27 LA + TEST, 28 MEASURE + S. **Down:** 1 SLIP+PER(t) + Y, 2 st(RIDER), 3 Anag of SCRATCHITIS, 4 Literally break the WORD you have to find LETTERS, 6 Anag of RESERVEPINSTATE, 7 Anag of GRECOTIME, 8 ANALYSE AND ARTICLE are answers starting at 20, 9 SET + ALP, 15 DD, 17 SECT(iron)S, 19 Y+EARL+Y, 20 Anag of LANE SAY, 21 Containment, 24 fREDLebow.

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Clues are presented in symmetrical pairs. The two clues in each pair stand side by side without overlapping and either may appear first: the division between the clues is not necessarily marked by punctuation. Which goes where may be determined by solving the lettered clues (A to K). The answer to all words of seven letters must be entered in a jumbled form horizontally in the central 7 consecutive squares; the middle letter (4th) goes in the centre column under 6 down. They thus extend across the left, centre and right sections of the diagram (e.g. in the top row the answer to the **A** clue extends from the fourth letter of 1 across to the first letter of 9 across. **B** the same squares in the second row and so on.) In the completed diagram, the word in 6 down is the longest word that can be made from the top line of letters on a QWERTY keyboard. Recommend *Chambers* and *Macquarie Dictionaries*.

Across

- 1; 38** Engineer works and redecorates approach to a stadium, perhaps (6; 6)
- 9; 37** The old returned onboard with pieces of Scottish beef; sailor accepts first of steaks for the emperor (4; 4)
- 13; 36** Dock Ms Callas consuming new beer and fish? It leaves a sour taste! (6; 6)
- 14; 35** Automaton's right, boot out Turkish ambassador to Chile, anyhow (5; 5)
- 15; 34** Bill's after strong info to help with a wager (4; 4)
- 16; 33** Arm was broken in crowded dome redesigned to house Oriental with a medical condition (6; 6)
- 17; 31** Rough sea caught old character, resistance has propeller making a loud noise (4; 4)
- 18; 28** Scribble said US dandy's half Pole; Polanski perhaps has no alternative to lead (6; 6)
- 19; 27** In a sneaky way, Stallone changed his fire-damaged speedo (6; 6)
- 22; 26** Judge has bearing, encounters over, redresses at noon? (6; 6)

Down

- 1; 12** They celebrate and recall Queen's delegates from Sam Bass Road (11; 11)
- 2; 32** Wings, in the style of English vessel, combats choppy sea (4; 4)

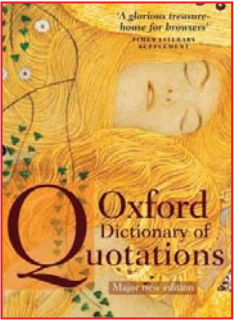
- 3; 25** Acid killer stood up in river, gripped by amphetamine, had a wild time (6; 6)
- 4; 23** It's obvious jet carried early English box and German came round and opened it (7; 7)
- 5; 30** This year at sun up, mist easily spread heat (4; 4)
- 7; 21** Rush around at spear-shaped cul-de-sac in late finish (7; 7)
- 8; 29** Laos's changed and 900 working get brief encouragement (4; 4)
- 10; 24** She's admitted time colours heraldic flowers vicar set up to provide Yule's opening (6; 6)
- 11; 20** Pioneer movie maker confused Muriel with direction 'bearing - less oppressive!' (7; 7)

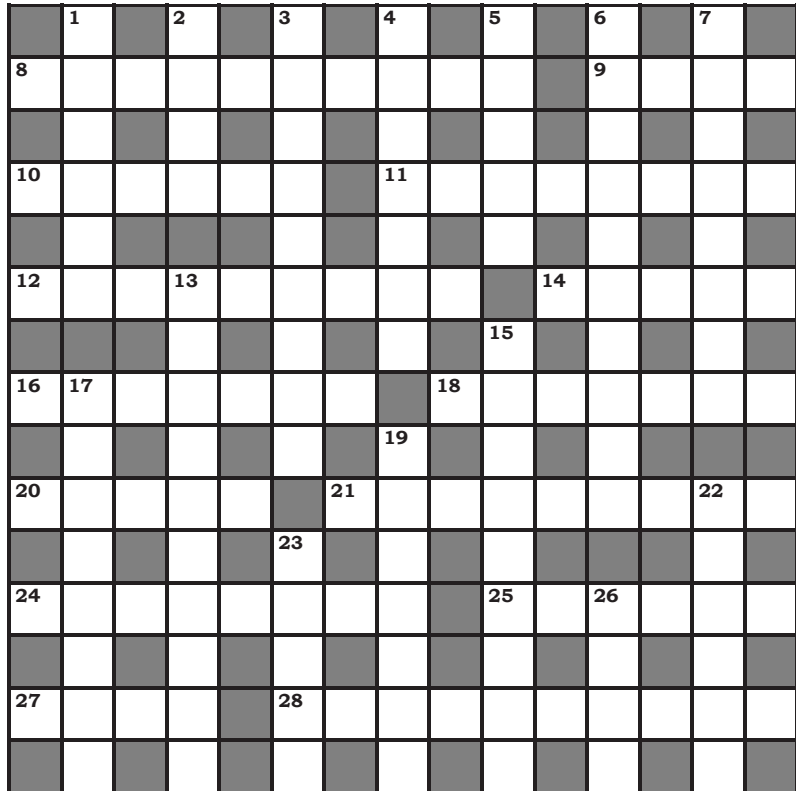
Central Clues (all 7 letters)

- A** Bad natured old US performer
- B** Lucia wildly cut new piece growing from a stem
- C** Tom needs cash, I hear; he'll get the chestnuts from the fire
- D** Feline-like type of burglar's a thug
- E** A follower of Bohemian reformer, he secured new suits
- F** Measures hawk's nostril in net
- G** Trusts deputy with leftovers
- H** Observer removed drunken two from lookout
- I** A Victorian city has graduate beginning to educate low life
- J** Cheat's exposed in new university (2 words)
- K** Strategically placed nets caught the German shepherds?

Twenty-two: from The Oxford Book of Ages.

- At the age of twenty-two I believed myself to be inextinguishable. Siegfried Sassoon, *Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man*, 1927
- So on the wave of post-war enthusiasm I was swept to the House of Commons at just twenty-two years of age as the youngest MP, which I remained for some time. Sir Oswald Mosley, *My Life*, 1968
- I confess I am quite disheartened about you. You seem to have no real purpose in life and won't realize at the age of twenty-two that for a man life means work, and hard work if you mean to succeed. Lady Randolph Churchill to Winston Churchill, 1897
- I have heard some people say they should like to be a girl, and a handsome girl too, from thirteen to two-and-twenty, and after that age again to become a man. Jean De la Bruyère, *Characters*, 1688
- No grey hairs streak my soul, no grandfatherly fondness there! I shake the world with the might of my voice, and walk—handsome, twentytwoyearold. Mayakovsky, *The Cloud in Trousers*, 1914

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Across clues contain words which have something in common. Each comprises the definition of the word to be entered into the grid plus a secondary indication of the letters remaining **after** the theme word has been removed. Down clues are normal.

Across

- 8 Second step exceedingly slow (6,4)
- 9 Almost new (4)
- 10 Growl at more indistinct areas (6)
- 11 Character who travelled with tailless bird (8)
- 12 Group of players or painters (9)
- 14 Spelling on the verandah (5)
- 16 Held the meeting back last month (7)
- 18 Road caused endless vexation (7)
- 20 Drops dead (5)
- 21 Horse, one after sugar (8)
- 24 Sampan, (not tin) for floating garden (8)
- 25 First to smooth (6)
- 27 Work to increase heat (4)
- 28 Air current behind fly (10)

- 5 When she's not on yours, the answer is "Never!" (5)
- 6 Almost miss what's left about? Right! (10)
- 7 Barely, I heard organ unassisted (5,3)
- 13 Call personally and get a lot back in notes after a deposit (4,2,4)
- 15 Class of insignificant celebrities includes pop group, one into esoteric meanings (9)
- 17 Weed? Had heard is out of control (8)
- 19 Wandering, returning sailor found in highly glazed state (7)
- 22 Breaks up without a tyrant (6)
- 23 Singular bungle brings ruin (5)
- 26 Instructor gives first of ultimatums after raising hairpiece (4)

Down

- 1 It's she who keeps us awake at night! (6)
- 2 Crafty way to travel around Israel (4)
- 3 They take interest, usually removing the top from women's garments (9)
- 4 Merriment when breakfast dish is held up by fighting youth (7)

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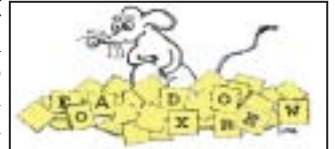
Vale Len Noble. We were saddened to hear of the recent death of **Len Noble**, the husband of our Founding Secretary Carole Noble. Len endured a year of poor health in 2011. Carole said: "We are glad he's no longer in such dreadful pain. We miss him though. We were married for almost 52 years. I'm blessed with a loving and supportive family." We send our sincere condolences to Carole and her Loving Family. The picture (right) was taken of Carole and Len at the Annual General Meeting of the ACC held on 27 October 1991 at Alan Walter's home in Mona Vale, NSW.



AxWord by Doug Butler

Many of us are familiar with and regularly use Doug Butler's brilliant (our word not Doug's) AxWord program. It is also used by many members to send in their entries to Ian Williams as part of the e-lodgment system. AxWord is a Windows® based program for people who love playing with words. There's not enough space on the page to do justice to the things you can do, the things you can find out using AxWord, so we won't try, but many word nuts say it's an essential. Price to ACC members is \$50.00 fully refunded if not delighted. Complimentary upgrades anytime. For more information, contact its 'onlie begetter' Doug Butler at d.butler@internode.on.net.

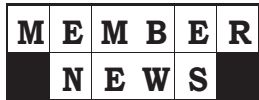
AxwordB is a cut-down version for compiling solutions for submitting to ianw@webone.co.au and is **absolutely free**. Doug has produced upgrades and these have been uploaded to our website over the years. If you are one of the many who use AxwordB for e-lodgment, please avail yourself of the present version if you don't already have it: it has numerous functions which help to streamline Ian's job of Adjudicating. And if you're connected to the Internet and not wedded to posting pieces of paper, now's the time to try e-lodgment. It has many advantages and Ian Williams is always there if you need help getting started.



Results of the Place It Quiz No 2/2012 by Ingrid (Jean Barbour).

Thank you to the dedicated members who submitted solutions for this quiz. Winner: **Helen Perrow – congratulations!**
Results: 23: Corryn Anderson, Bev Cockburn, Peter Dearie, Bob Hagan, Valerie Howard, Claire McClelland, Carole Noble, Helen Perrow, David Procter, Margaret Steinberger, Jack Stocks and Norm Wilson. **22:** Andrew Miles. **21:** Marian Procter.

Solutions: Yennora, Killcare, Wagstaff, Valentine, Riverside, Bellangry, Franklin, Canterbury, Toolong, Nhill, Iona, Darra, Springfield, Hivesville, Glenmoral, Pasha, Underdale, Meadows, Applecross, Jackitup, Levendale, Ouse, Exton.



New Member: Stephen Young from Corrimal, NSW. Welcome to the Wonderful World of Crozworlding!

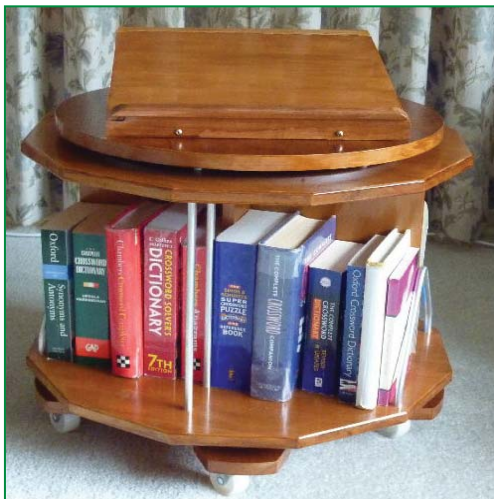
Renewals of Membership: Grace Brice and Heather O'Hara. Thank you.

Dots adjustment: Susan Howells gained five dots for the February Slots 1-5 puzzles. Roy Taylor got 25 for Quiz No1.

One-Word Riddle: Bev Cockburn has sent us this item. What nine letter word in the English language is still a word when eight letters are removed one by one? **Answer next month.**

Pic of the Month:

Charles Storey has submitted this pic of a mobile, rotating and book displaying bookcase he recently made for *Fortuna 48* (Nea Storey) to allow her to relax in a chair whilst still being able to access all available reference and source material with little disruption to the solving process.



Quiz 4/2012: ACC's 22nd Anniversary Quiz (in memory of Ted O'Brien) by Bev and Bill. Touché

Remember, **22** is the theme of this quiz which has a mixture of conventional and cryptic clues. The number or its ordinal may be implicit in some answers.

Send your entries to Bev Cockburn 12 Norman Street, Merrylands West NSW 2160. e-mail to bevco4@bigpond.com. Closing date 11 May 2012. Book prize.

- 1 Roman numeral. (1,1,1,1)
- 2 President of USA. (6,9)
- 3 484. (7)
- 4 First line of Shakespeare's Sonnet. (2,5,5,3,8,2,1,2,3)
- 5 JFK's in November 63. (13)
- 6 Sydney suburb with doubly appropriate postcode? (9)
- 7 This King of Israel's reign (possibly 922 -901 BC). (8)
- 8 Mr Hussey (aka) patter. Essential for test at MCG. (7,5)
- 9 A symbol for the ratio of the circumference of a circle to the diameter. Roughly a 7th of the theme. (2)
- 10 Link with daisy in the yards! (5)
- 11 Greek letter. (3)
- 12 See you, I hear, have a contemporary anniversary gift! (6)
- 13 Atomic number. (8)
- 14 Farthings into pence. (9,9)
- 15 Novel outcome to fielders' cries for lobbed ball. (5)
- 16 Book of the Bible. (4,2,7)
- 17 What nationality was this Pope John? (6)
- 18 This Australian Prime Minister served 7 years and 4 months. (7,6)
- 19 An Arab "came down like a wolf on the fold" in Melbourne, 1882. (3,8)
- 20 Ballerina's outfit! (4)
- 21 NATO English phonetic alphabet equivalent. (6)
- 22 Bingo lingo reference. (3,6,5)

March 1-2012: Half 'n Half by Timid Terrier (Joan Smith)

- I enjoyed this starter – a well paced Slot 1. My COTM goes to ACARID – very nice. *Michael Kennedy*
- I always struggle with the first half of this puzzle. But the second half means there is help at hand! Liked 8dn ARMIES and 25dn ILK. Very good surface. *Bhavan Kasivajjula*
- COTM is a tossup between slot 1, 30dn ACARID (I don't want one of those free ticks) – and slot 3, 29 ac GUESSED (I've had guests who I would like to stab). And the Winner is? HEADS! ACARID. *JanWood*
- If the answer to 42ac is FINN might "Huckleberry?" have been a good clue? I always enjoy Joan's puzzles. *Margaret Davis*
- 42ac: 'Finnish' is an adjective. "FINN" is a noun so they are not equivalent unless (Abbrev) is put with the clue as suggested in *Chambers Dictionary*. *Alan Walter*
- I liked ACARID and ALFA. *Max Roddick*
- The usual well crafted puzzle from the "Terrier". *Peter Dearie*

March 2-2012: Cryptic by Fortuna 48 (Nea Storey)

- Some issues with 30ac, 2dn, 3dn. *Len Colgan*
- This one gave me a lot of grief. Probably my own fault, but a couple of clues didn't help. Liked 19dn TWENTY 24dn PM'S XI and 26dn TESTS Dislikes 11ac AU, RE (-ser)VOIRS: a) RES to be deleted is not in the same order in reservoirs [That was the reason for the otherwise redundant "characters" Adj] and b) RES to be deleted is from stores, not gold stores. 27ac. UPSY DUTCH. I spent days on this one clue. Can't find a reference to this in my *Chambers* or *OED*. The closest is UPSEY DUTCH. [Apologies – a misreading of the *Chambers* entry on the part of the compiler and crossword editor – C Ed] 2dn NICARAGUA* a) Anagram fodder is wrong. After removing Nicaragua from Iguana Crag, an excess "g" remains and b) I thought Nicaragua is in Central America, not South? *Bhavan Kasivajjula*
- Cricket clues were a help with this enjoyable puzzle. Favourite clues were 15 and 19ac. *Joan Smith*
- What a lot of angst slot 2 gave me this month. I can say that although it is complete I have my doubts about several answers, I can only assume that 'Colin Hu' is an anagram and the only thing I can come up with is 'ulichon', which gave me a 'h' for the final letter of 27ac, so 'upsy dutch' another guess. Shrub or Scrub? I can see no connection with either to the word 'cordial' so am looking forward to the compiler's explanation. A real stretch for the little grey cells. This was a good puzzle but a bit overloaded with Persons – dead or alive. I had hoped that we had heard the last of Vuvuzela, but, alas, not. It should be expunged from the dictionary, nay: the language, nay: from existence. *Jim Fowler*
- If 2dn is an anagram there is an extra G in the clue. "Upsy Dutch" was new to me and "vuvuzela" has not made it into *Chambers* yet but who could forget it? *Margaret Davis*
- 27ac: Was the answer UPSA-DAISY? No! What a surprise to learn of UPSY DUTCH! *Alan Walter*
- I nearly got cleaned bowled over by 24dn. *Roy Taylor*
- A terrific cryptic – au revoirs being exceptionally tricky to understand (my COTM) but 2dn seems faulty on several points. *Brian Symons*
- I wondered when someone would use VUVUZELA as a clue. Well done! *Brian Tickle*
- ITALIOT was new to me, but is it a Romans' Greek or a Greek's Roman? *Max Roddick*
- 2dn seems to have a spare 'G'. 21ac was a mystery for a while – I've not come across "ERIS" before. In 27ac "UPSY" is not defined in *Chambers* as a word of encouragement, though "upsy – daisy" is. Upsy is an obsolete preposition meaning "in the manner of". *Peter Dearie*

March 3-2012: Cryptic by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

- The indirect run of letters in 20ac is surely not acceptable, and it should be "Colette" in 9ac. Best is 8dn. *Len Colgan*
- Classic Jesso! No wishy washy clues and always a couple of traps for the unwary. *Michael Kennedy*
- Liked 12ac SC(OTSM*)AN, 29ac GUESSED 24dn POS(S)E. Is an apostrophe missing with Sheriff's? Dislikes: 9ac. Unless I got the clue parsing wrong, (COLLETTE has F) when anagrammed yields OF THE CASTLE with an extra L hanging around. *Bhavan Kasivajjula*
- Jesso could always be relied on for a new word, or another meaning for a familiar one: "placebo" meaning vespers. *Margaret Davis*
- 5ac: POP GUN or CAPGUN? In 5dn POP GUN led to PIEMAN where PIE = confusion and MAN is an isle. *Alan Walter*
- Jesso's lot – pieman, popguns, mundane & Guatemala – are excellent but, most unusually, the anagram in 9ac seems faulty. Perhaps Collette should be Colette? *Brian Symons*
- Jesso's surprises continue. I learnt a new meaning for PLACEBO. *Max Roddick*

- A classic "Jesso".

Peter Dearie

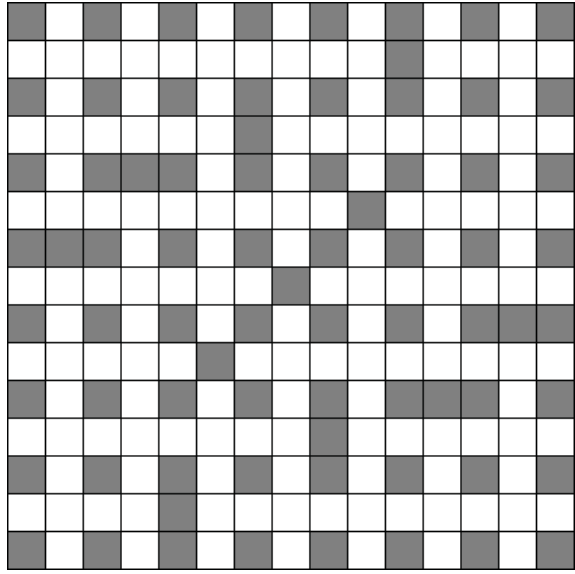
March 4-2012: AJ by Kaeila (Anne Simons)

- Without fail, I always learn new terms with the AJ. Two of them, LABARUM and KARAKUL are interchangeable. *Michael Kennedy*
- Like C CUSSED + NESS and Z ZENITH (DD). *Bhavan Kasivajjula*
- Liked the 'B' and 'S' clues not too sure of the cryptic part of Quays and Zenith (if they are right). Nice AJ. *Joan Smith*
- I enjoyed Anne's puzzle, and found a couple of words that were new to me – **karakul** and **labarum**. However, in the interests of transparency, I must confess that I had the inside running with the Z clue, as our father ran a **Zenith** stud for some years! *Nea Storey*
- I will not be the only one to say that the K & L solutions are interchangeable. A nice AJ nonetheless. *Margaret Davis*
- It's notable that the answers KARAKUL and LABARUM are interchangeable in the grid. The clue for PANTALOOON lacked an indication of (9). Is ZENITH an Aussie sheep? *Alan Walter*
- Uncertain of quays. Zenith means top, but I don't get the clue. LABARUM and KARAKUL are interchangeable. *Roy Taylor*
- A very enjoyable A-J. QUAYS shares my COTM as, while obvious, it is misleadingly tricky to comprehend. *Brian Symons*
- Difficult to find the best of Kaeila's clues: they're all beauties! *Max Roddick*
- I haven't worked out how the Q clue works but the answer was not difficult. *Peter Dearie*

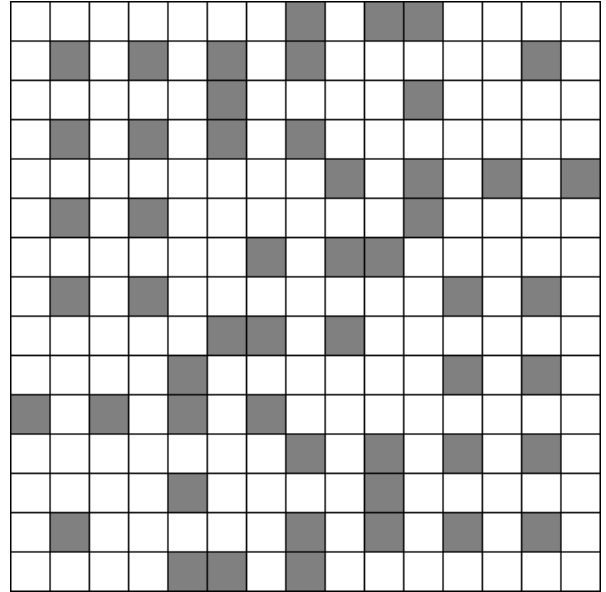
March 5-2012: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

- A fine example of how thirty every-day words as answers can generate a challenging and enjoyable puzzle without having to resort to archaisms, dialects and other rare expressions. I prefer "omicron" to "omega" in 26ac. Interesting subtle link between 20ac and 8dn. *Len Colgan*
- Like 1ac 'Nimble' clue is contained and mixed up in a smart way to give SPR(UCEL*)Y, 16ac SWEARS and 28ac. For Clue of the Month there were many good clues, but *Manveru's* clue 14ac for me takes the cake: RE(C I T)ES. Excellent surface and not a wasted word in the clue. *Bhavan Kasivajjula*
- Manveru* really strained the friendship with this challenging puzzle. Especially liked the clues for 1 and 23ac & 1 and 9dn. *Joan Smith*
- Some tricky clues here, and I've had to make a couple of guesses. *Nea Storey*
- COTM must go to *Manveru* for 8dn. Very sneaky. I enjoyed all the slots except 5. Despite my best efforts I could not work out a satisfactory solution for 8dn – I have put in TWENTY on the grounds that "number" was mentioned in the clue! Also 28ac – I have put MEASURES as this is vaguely associated with "scales" [Both correct though – Adj]. I look forward to seeing *Manveru's* explanations for these clues. *Catherine Hambling*
- I have to say I always find *Manveru's* puzzles quite hard to complete and I am not at all sure about a couple of my answers. I shall soon know the worst! *Margaret Davis*
- The was a super difficult puzzle to solve with far too many vague definitions: 11ac 'this' 20ac 'it' 4dn 'these' 8dn 'this'. A fair cryptic compiler avoids these definitions as they don't help the solver whatsoever! In 5ac Resistance 'R' is not 'central' to 'war'. Better to replace 'central to' with 'inside'. F+R+IGHT 20ac 'could be' should be replaced with 'is' as article is 'the' (not 'could be') 'thing' is another terrible (double) definition to use. 27ac: If 'first' is the definition of LATEST, 'the French come' is not adequate to put LA in front of TEST! 8dn: Should either delete the words 'in this' or put 'in this grid' 'this is too misleading! 21dn: 'Body' is not a fair definition of VESSEL. ESSE = 'selfishly at heart'. What indicated the VL? Could the wordplay for 18ac and 28ac be explained in full? Overall, not a fair puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- I appreciated all the answers being well known words – nothing obscure. However some clues were rather obscure! *Roy Taylor*
- Another *Manveru* brilliance (we have so many terrific compilers now) – but GEOMETRIC puzzled me somewhat. *Brian Symons*
- Very tricky. Loved 8dn – spent days & days on it. Gave up. Filled in the answer grid and....there it was. How clever! And cunning! *Sonia Roulston*
- 20ac is so clever! It could be the thing = ARTICLE. *Brian Tickle*
- 18ac has me mystified. Zip = energy but I can't work out the cryptic part. *Peter Dearie*
- 18ac: If ENERGY (for Zip) is the correct answer, I still can't work it back from the rest of the clue. In the same slot, 8dn. I cross fingers that TWENTY is also correct for 13ac. (EVENS seems to fit the clue just as well, further confusing the issue). Apart from "Number" the clue is Greek to me (unlike 7dn's Greco-time which wasn't double-Dutch to me at all!) *Tony deGrys*

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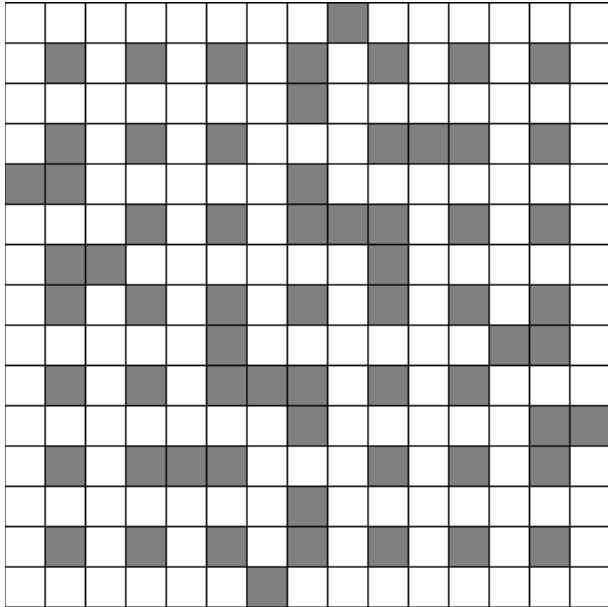
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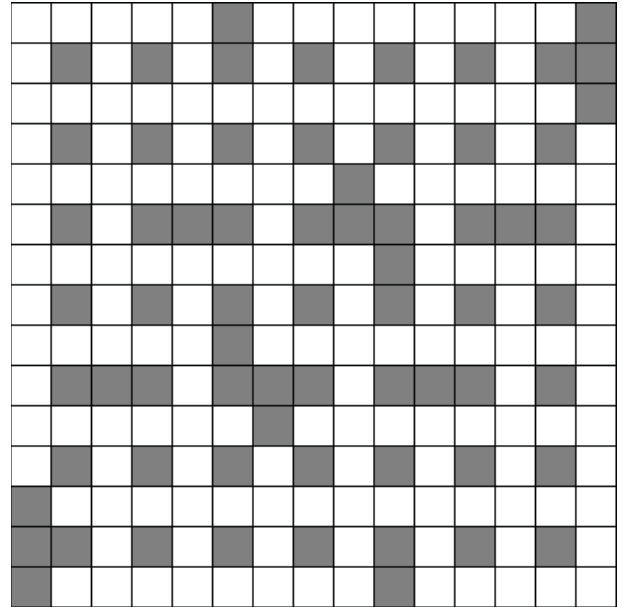
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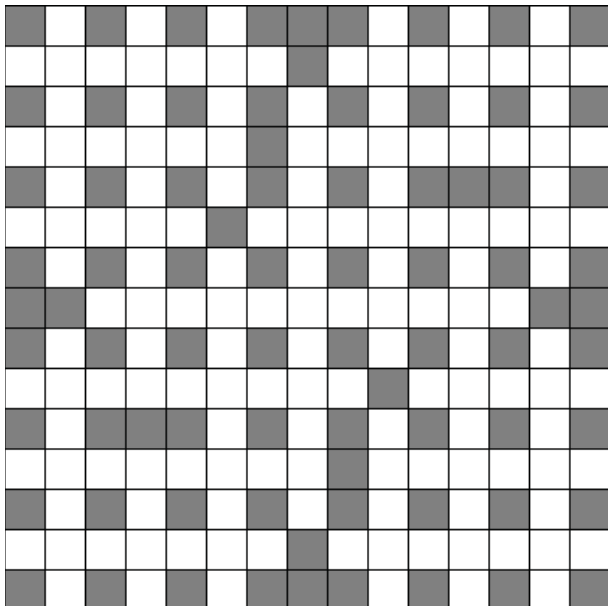
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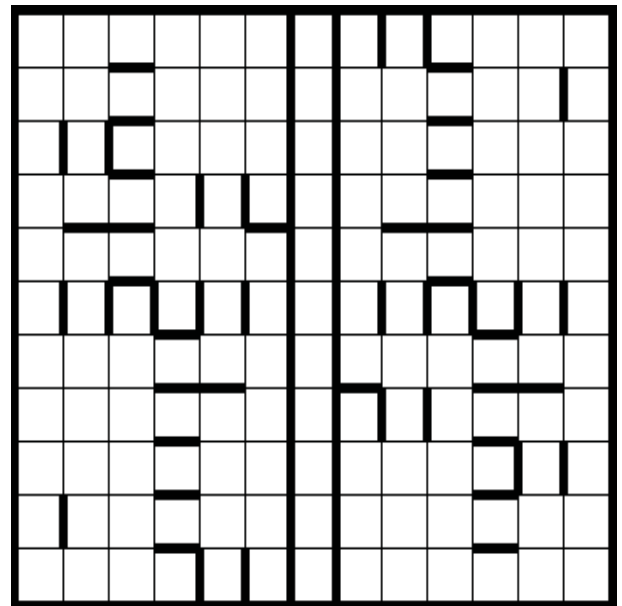
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Clue of the Month

February 6-2012: A Very Dodgy Cryptic by Raoul (William Ryan)

Entries: 77, Correct: 77, Success Rate: 100.0% Abuse Rate: 92.4%.

Prizes: There was a typo on the additional prize comment – “William is offering an extra prize of a bottle of Sherry from the bowels of the Harold Park Hotel” – should have read: “... an extra prize of a lobotomy, anaesthetised by Sherry, via the bowel, from Harold who lives in the park near the hotel”. I typed, and cut out, all the correct entry names, mixed them thoroughly, then pinned them to wall in the Public Bar. I had the least drunkest darts player throw two and the winning entries were:

Dave Parsons wins *The Chambers Biographical Dictionary* [rrp \$99.99]

Max Roddick wins the lobotomy [rrp priceless]. It is accompanied by the self-medicating anaesthetic in the guise of a bottle Delgado Zuleta ‘La Goya’ Manzanilla, Espana.

Setter’s Comments:

The Club is turning 22 years old this year, and I am very proud to claim 20 years membership. I am also a ‘62 vintage – Five-O this year – As they say, you are only as old as the women you feel. Quite a few first time entrants – thank you. Thank you, also, for all the constructive comments: I do not think it will fit. And for the prawn-heads; very ripe on arrival. And a postcard from Norway. (Don’t ask).

Director’s Cut: Anyone wishing to see what ended up on the cutting-room floor – testicles, phut, blow-up doll *et al* – please email me.

—Raoul (William Ryan)

Explanations: Across 1. Harold+park+hot+el 10. Cam+bric(k) 12. Holy/feast day 13. Apostle 17. DD 19. Hidden 25. Bad Cryptic 26. Anag 27. Anag **Down** 1. Here+s(ajy) 3. Lucy Lawless played Xena 5. DD 6. Homoerotic minus too 7. Tor+so (torso has a very peculiar alternate def!) 8. locks+Pet< 14. Arrrrr! 15. A+peri+tif(f) 16. Dud clue; four was 4D (paying) 18. High/tall hooker/ho, Bashful was a dwarf 20. Hidden 21. Hood+O+O 22. Anag iyammered - I am 24. DD.

Members’ Comments (expurgated due to space, profanity and libel laws)

• Thanks for an interesting puzzle. I am not sure if it is an infomercial or merely utilising significant product placement. Some excellent clues and some groaners but, overall, a very enjoyable diversion. One of these days, but probably, one of those days, we will jump in the car or hop on a plane and call in to sample your fare. So just maybe your advertising will, in the long run, work!
Jim Fowler

• Thanks, William for this ‘dodgy cryptic’ which was all ‘smoke and mirrors’! Much liked your clue for RUSSIAN ROULETTE!
Alan Walter

• This was much more interesting than the tennis on the TV!
Len Colgan

• Thank you very much for your ‘very dodgy cryptic’! I hope my answers are ‘dodgy’ enough to be correct!
Bronwyn Hull

• *Raoul*, another of your unique puzzles. There was a vague theme there somewhere but I just couldn’t put my finger on it . . . Fun clues made easier by knowing your sense of humour. God knows what Alan Walter thinks...
NFP

• I thought all the As and Is and no Es in LOCKSTEP was significant, so I spent too long on that one. HEIGH-HO still makes amuses me . . . an interesting image. Good clean fun.
zinzan

• Herewith your dodgy No. 6. You always did enjoy dabbling in smoke and mirrors. An enjoyable challenge.
Bob Hagan

• I enjoyed this. Thank you.
Valerie Howard

• I enjoyed your ‘advertisement’ puzzle – There was no ‘smoke and mirrors’ about the intention!
Bev Cockburn

• Congratulations on managing to weave your FINE OLD HOSTELRY into such a great puzzle. I enjoyed it very much. I had TEASHOP which gave me no end of trouble...had another look and found TRACHEA – would not want your schooners (or anything else going down there!) Loved HEIGH-HO!
Betty Siegman

• RUSSIAN ROULETTE would be my COTM.
Dr. Bob

• ‘...like a fascinating, boozy counter lunch.’
Roy Taylor

• Thanks for a very enjoyable puzzle – loved RUSSIAN ROULETTE and PIRATICAL.
Brian Symons

• Thoroughly enjoyed this puzzle – Mind bending! My COTM would go to TRACHEA or POACHERS, if it was a Slot 1-5.
Bill Bennett

• Dodgy – [circled and underlined on entry].
Ian McKenzie

• Shameless.
Manveru

• I found your puzzle very hard, but also very enjoyable, as it was such a challenge; it was quite satisfying when I got the answers out.
Claire McClelland (Mrs)

• Thank you for this ‘interesting’ cryptic. It took me some time to finally finish it, but I’ve hopefully cracked your devious clues. I particularly like SMOKE AND MIRRORS and RUSSIAN ROULETTE. There were, indeed, some very dodgy clues. Vagaries of your mind such as ‘these, here and those’ for definitions are not fair to the solver as we are not privy to what you are thinking (Thank God!!) I must say

I was amused by HEIGH-HO – clever and funny. *NFP*

• HEIGH-HO is lovely!
Robyn Wimbush

• *OED* – Eccentric: odd or capricious, whimsical – Yeah! That about sums it up – Plus, the cheap ad, of course!
Merv Collins

• Very dodgy indeed! When I saw the clue for RACEWAY, I wondered why it said Harold Park ‘was one’, so I Googled away and discovered it closed in 2010. The Glebe Post Office used to have a postmark featuring a pacing horse – I guess it has been retired [The post office and the horse, Peter! ed.]
Peter C. Dearie

• Thanks for a fun puzzle. My favourite clue was RUSSIAN ROULETTE.
Brian Tickle

• Hoping for the dodgy flor!
Ro Ducker

• Thank you for a very challenging crossword (Though I did call you some names while doing the puzzle).
Joan Smith

• Thank you for your puzzle. I don’t know about dodgy. I think I would call it cheeky! Whatever, I enjoyed doing it and hope I have not made any foolish errors.
Margaret Davis

• I really enjoyed this ‘dodgy’ cryptic.
Robyn Caine

• Very accurate title. Thanks for the fun!
Kath Harper

• Not sure about LAWLESS and PIRATICAL. Liked POACHERS!
Marian Procter

• I always enjoy doing your quirky crosswords and your sense of humour. Thank you for your input to the Club.
Doreen Jones

• Thanks for the fun, once again!
Sonia Roulston

• Always enjoyable once I get into your quirky clues.
Trish McPherson

• Here is a dodgy solution.
Greg McAadoo

• Great one, William...not quite as terrifying as some of yours!
Dale McManus

• Congratulations on compiling a very satisfying puzzle. Enjoyed DISCIPLE and RUSSIAN ROULETTE, and laughed out loud at PIRATICAL. Couldn’t quite come to terms with 25ac TRACHEA? Maybe with another scotch or two it would fall into place!
Jeremy Barnes

• Very good, I enjoyed this – not too dodgy, at all!
Jill Freeland

• Attached is my very dodgy entry!
Jan Wood

• Thanks, *Raoul*; now that I have a little time on my hands, I look forward to knocking these over from the back bench.
K Rudd

• It took a while to work out who the Tommy was in 2dn, as I got sidetracked by the racing and hotel themes. Thought 23ac was Chinese Whispers, at first, as it also fits the clue.
Hilary Cromer

• A 6dn effort, full of 11ac. Hope I didn’t have too much 21dn and turn it into a 26ac, otherwise I’ll be 4dn for it. Certainly not a traditional cryptic, more your typical 14dn effort that I’ve come to expect from you. Thanks for the headaches!
Dave Parsons

• *Raoul*, Hello! Not sure where the *very dodgy* comes from! Bit of a blatant infomercial, but clues very gettable (I hope). Enjoyed REMEDY the most.
Jack Stocks

• Attached is my effort for Slot 6. Now, I found much of this puzzle intriguing and slightly twisted as always, but RUSSIAN ROULETTE? Yuck! I had Chinese whispers in here at first but that really didn’t work. Some very interesting cross promotion also included. Loved it really but you have a very strange mind. Take care and thanks for the entertainment.
Jean Barbour

• A wonderful mix of hard, clever, and fun. Who would think RUSSIAN ROULETTE could be such a laugh? Thanks, *Raoul*!
Max Roddick

• I just hope I entered some of the clues correctly, a la RUSSIAN ROULETTE (which was one of the easier to find answers). PAYING and TORSO seem a bit vague. DRUNKARD relates to the pub scene and fits in as the only possible answer...the known last letter of the solution is a ‘D’ not an ‘S’ to answer to the plural ‘they’, or is this a possible ‘in-joke’? I am looking forward to the explanation in due course.
Tony de Gry

• Some very dodgy answers, too! If Bashful is one of the seven dwarfs, I will be Happy. If not, Grumpy!
Gary Lemon

• A challenging puzzle, somewhat thematic, shall we say? I liked RUSSIAN ROULETTE.
Maurice Cowan

• Your cryptic might have been dodgy, but was also great fun! There were lots of clues that I enjoyed: I laughed at 14dn and its piratical humour and thought that HEIGH-HO was very clever. *Susan Howells*

• I really enjoyed this puzzle, and especially liked RUSSIAN ROULETTE. I am sure you must be related to David Astle – you have his instinct for edgy clues. Not to mention a bit of free advertising. I might use that idea to my own ends at a later date.
Mike Potts

• Dodgy, as only you can make it, *Raoul*; PIRATICAL, indeed. HOMERIC is a great clue.
Andrew Miles

• It was an enjoyable puzzle and not all that dodgy! Though I do submit my solution with some trepidation and not total confidence. Thanks for the effort you put in to composing this. I hope that all is going well at your new pub.
Pat Garner