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English usage is sometimes more than mere taste, judgment, and education – sometimes it's sheer luck, like getting across a street.  
EB White, 1954, 'Shop Talk', in *The Second Tree from the Corner*.

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**D**ue to the ACCs financial position, the Executive Committee has had to make some immediate changes to the ACC Prize schedule for the remainder of 2013. This has come about because of the significant increase in the cost of the book prizes and the resultant postage expenses. The cost of postage seems to have increased dramatically this year. Also, we have found that some members who win some of the book prizes already have the book in stock. We sincerely apologise for these changes but we have no alternative. Here are the details:

1. Slot 7 and monthly Quiz prize = \$75 cheque
2. Drop the Bonus Quiz
3. Only one prize for Slot 1 (DA's book autographed)
4. Only one \$75 prize for slots 2 and 3
5. Until the rest of the year continue to send out the book prizes for Slots 4-6 and then make them \$75 each
6. Annual COTM = \$50 cheque + certificate.
7. Certificate for each monthly COTM
8. Clue Writing Comp = book prize (six per year)
9. Slots 1-5 each month = \$100 cheque plus Certificate
10. All prizes to have a Certificate as per present arrangement.

At the end of the year, the Executive Committee will assess the ACCs financial position in order to determine the Prize Schedule for 2014.

This month we have another challenging set of puzzles and a Quiz for you expertly chosen by our eminently capable Puzzle Editor **Ian Williams**. Some of our favourite compilers include *Fortuna 48*, *Jesso* and *Timid Terrier*. In the Slot 1 puzzle we have a Skeleton Crossword by *Sinbad*. In the Slot 6 spot we have a challenging cryptic puzzle designed by *Whynot?*. And we welcome back *Crowsman* with another of his outstanding puzzles as the Slot 5 cryptic. Our Quiz this month is another of the Linkwords (Singers) devised by our legendary *Virgo*.

Best of Luck with your solving this month. —Patrick

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**T**hanks again for all the well wishes and nice cards. They are much appreciated. I had communication from four members who were overseas or in the midst of packing. The club's prizemoney is being put to good use! As usual there were half a dozen blank spaces eg E-TEEM, -ERY, CORRIGEN-A. I used to wonder how members could be so silly and careless till I similarly sinned myself recently. I now realise it must be a foible associated with genius.

**Slot 1:** Several spelling mistakes of WEIMAR; other mistakes mainly individual transcription errors. UNDERLIER (but not underlied) was accepted somewhat reluctantly. Explanations were requested for ANIMATION (anime minus e plus oration minus or) and DAHLIA (dahli/a).

**Slot 2:** 8 misspellings of ant(i)epenultimate, 8 residings for resident (re/side/nt, in being the definition), 4 errant for errand (err/and) lots of achaise or archaist for archaism (sm being sergeant major). Explanation requested for AUREATE = urea inside ate. Another amusing mistake was STOCKBROKER PENT.

**Slot 3:** A number of singular errors but the ones that occurred more frequently were BINNACLE, CAIQUE and GANG for pinnacle, barque and bang (ban/g).

**Slot 4:** Although consternation was often expressed about the three mysterious words, only QUICAS caused real difficulty with quicks, quacks and quichs causing the loss of 14 dots.

**Slot 5:** A lot of members lavished praise on this puzzle and only three made small mistakes. However, a large number declined to attempt it, so members were divided in their attitude.

**COTM:** A plethora of nominations but a very clear winner was *Blue King's* ANTEPENULTIMATE and a clear second was Shirl's THE WEDDING MARCH. —Brian Symons

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	111	96	109	97	90	503
Correct entries	97	56	96	74	87	410
Success rate (%)	87	58	88	76	97	84
Prizewinners	R Skinner W 'Raoul' Ryan	J Smith M Collins	L Coulton N Storey	J Woodford	R Caine	from 111 members

Prizewinner: July 2013 Slots 1-5: Alan Dyer — Congratulations!

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### July 1-2013

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## MEMBERS RESULTS FOR JUNE Slot 6 & JULY 2013 Slots 1-5

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ABBOTT Pam						
ALLEN W	.	.	.	.	.	.
ANDERSON C	.	.	.	.	.	.
ARCHIBALD C	.	.	.	.	.	.
AUSTIN A	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARNES J	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARRETT A	.	.	.	.	.	.
BAYLIS J	.	.	.	.	.	.
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BENNETT D	.	.	.	.	.	.
BLAKE M	.	.	.	.	.	.
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CAINE R	.	.	.	.	.	.
CALLAN A&D	.	.	.	.	.	.
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CARPENTER R	.	.	.	.	.	.
CARROLL L	.	.	.	.	.	.
CHAMPION G	.	.	.	.	.	.
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COLE G	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLGAN L	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLLINS M	.	.	.	.	.	.
COPLAND F	.	.	.	.	.	.
COULTON L	.	.	.	.	.	.
COWAN M	.	.	.	.	.	.
CROMER H	.	.	.	.	.	.
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DE GRYS T	.	.	.	.	.	.
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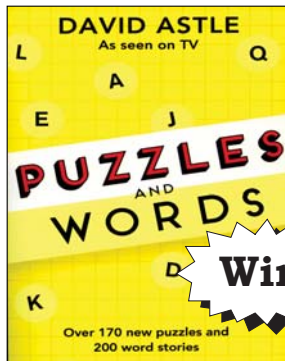
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FOWLER J	.	.	.	.	.	.
FREELAND J	.	.	.	.	.	.
FULLER G	.	.	.	.	.	.
GARNER P	.	.	.	.	.	.
GLISSAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.
GOODERICK R	.	.	.	.	.	.
GRAINGER D	.	.	.	.	.	.
GREENBERGER O	.	.	.	.	.	.
GREENING D	.	.	.	.	.	.
HAGAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.
HAMBLING C	.	.	.	.	.	.
HARPER K	.	.	.	.	.	.
HEMSLEY D	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOWARD L	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOWELLS S	.	.	.	.	.	.
IBBOTT B	.	.	.	.	.	.
JAMES V	.	.	.	.	.	.
JARMAN L	.	.	.	.	.	.
JERMY A	.	.	.	.	.	.
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LEEDS G	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEIGH J	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEMON G	.	.	.	.	.	.
LORD P	.	.	.	.	.	.
LOW R	.	.	.	.	.	.
McADOO G	.	.	.	.	.	.
McCLELLAND C	.	.	.	.	.	.
MacDOUGALL I	.	.	.	.	.	.
McGRATH J	.	.	.	.	.	.
MACKAY-SIM C	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKENZIE I	.	.	.	.	.	.

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MASON I	.	.	.	.	.	.
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MERCER P	.	.	.	.	.	.
MILES A	.	.	.	.	.	.
MOLINE R	.	.	.	.	.	.
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PARSONS D	.	.	.	.	.	.
PATTERSON A	.	.	.	.	.	.
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PYC M	.	.	.	.	.	.
QUINN C	.	.	.	.	.	.
RENDELL A	.	.	.	.	.	.
RODDICK M	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROULSTON S	.	.	.	.	.	.
RYAN WG	.	.	.	.	.	.
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SMITH J	.	.	.	.	.	.
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STOREY N	.	.	.	.	.	.
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WIMBUSH R	.	.	.	.	.	.
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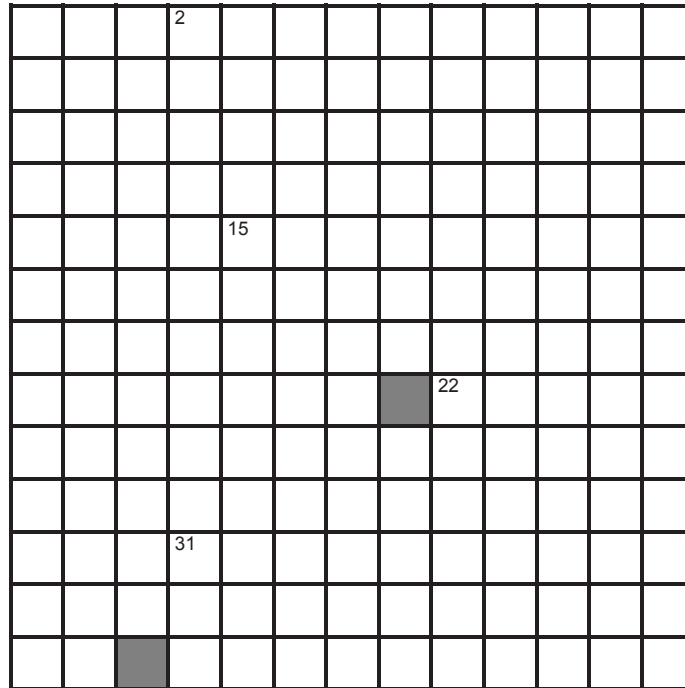
**Skeleton  
Crossword  
by  
Sinbad**

**Prize:**



**Win!**

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The challenge is to insert the blocks, solve the clues and insert the solutions, not necessarily in that order. The cryptic clues are of a kind and are not defined. The grid is symmetrical horizontally and vertically.

**Across**

- 2 Anger over broken Bic (7)
- 7 Steersman absent (4)
- 8 Tangle (4)
- 9 A possibly harmful sandwich! (7)
- 10 Sound reproduction (2-2)
- 12 Female rabbits (4)
- 15 Tubes (5)
- 18 Code (5)
- 19 Follow (5)
- 20 Let out of bracelet (5)
- 21 Scots rob on the border (5)
- 22 An officer with Navy (5)
- 23 Bailiff (5)
- 26 Mathematical problems (4)
- 29 Width (4)
- 31 Kind of stew, without tea, reportedly (7)
- 32 In contact with (4)
- 33 Part of a huge number (4)
- 34 Astrals flying (7)

**Down**

- 1 Desert (4)
- 2 Turkish spirit (4)
- 3 Brown latinization (5)
- 4 No right to irritate (5)
- 5 Lengthened (4)
- 6 Back in Grenoble (4)
- 10 Funny report (7)
- 11 Warning cry! Branch! (7)
- 13 Sound of large hook-shaped tool (7)
- 14 Main points about bird (7)
- 15 Cutter (5)
- 16 Rotate ninety degrees clockwise from North (5)
- 17 Bristles (5)
- 24 Enrol (5)
- 25 Roman country house (5)
- 27 A foul name, partly (4)
- 28 Mark (4)
- 29 Sacks (4)
- 30 Former coin (4)

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## Cryptic

by  
**Fortuna 48**



One small word has not yet made it into *Chambers* or *Macquarie* in the current meaning and use.

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### Across

- 1 Between two roads find a German baby? Grand! (8)
- 5 OUT in off-side rules (6)
- 10 Almost 100 in prize for examination (7)
- 11 Gripe to spoil self-satisfaction (3,4)
- 12 Spicy food listed for around early winter (5)
- 13 Hairstyle for windy day at sea? (8)
- 17 Architect with eco-friendly manner (8)
- 18 Soft one across! (5)
- 21 Useful goat at a picnic (5)
- 23 Reprehensible party at climbers' departure point (4-4)
- 27 Wandering stingray on the loose (8)
- 28 Strong point for one across (5)
- 31 Lear etc. played around with Agamemnon's daughter (7)
- 33 Animal with large, loud gut, occupies city (7)
- 34 Plains Outback? (6)
- 35 Normal for service organisation to discard a senseless imitation (8)


### Down

- 1 Muso struggles with wrestling (4)

- 2 Object of Georgia guys almost at the final stage (7)
- 3 Returning prisoner to convert four in the dark (11)
- 4 Not entirely friendly, but on your side (4)
- 6 2 playing on 1 across perhaps (3)
- 7 Prime Minister took in a drop (4)
- 8 Petrol containing phosphorus will make you sing for it? (6)
- 9 Not on your Black Caviar! (5)
- 14 Actor Whit Bell, free from disease, dressed in clerical attire (5-6)
- 15 Three notes spell maturity (3)
- 16 Able to carry it? (3)
- 19 Pale and sickly, in endless decline (3)
- 20 A very quiet addition to your mobile or Ipad (3)
- 22 Middle-eastern one is real? Toss-up! (7)
- 24 A non-drinking artist out to draw attention (7)
- 25 Beast holding lot of advantages (6)
- 26 Where old Peruvian kept the film! (5)
- 29 1221 formed pop group.... (4)
- 30 .... to wait to support ..... (4)
- 32 ..... note sung at mealtime (3)

### GENERAL COMMENTS:

- How wonderfully exciting to receive a prize in the mail! Thank you, Patrick; it and all the work you put into the Club are much appreciated. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- Thank you for another great month. Couldn't finish them all as I am off to Mongolia. *Dale McManus*
- Thank you for my book prize last month. What a lovely surprise! *Pat Lord*
- A challenging and more difficult lot this month. I gave ERRANd my COTM. *Bob Hagan*
- Thank you so much for the surprise cheque for Slot 2 last month. I shall put the money to good use expanding my collection of reference books. Membership of the club has become an absolute delight giving me many hours of challenging puzzling. Thank you for another vocabulary enriching set of puzzles. "yertchuk" indeed!! *Maureen Blake*
- How lovely to receive my cheque for last month's slot 3, with its beautifully calligraphed certificate. I can't wait to splurge my winnings on yet another reference book. *Kath Harper*
- Once again left breathless at the brilliance of the compilers. *Eileen O'Brien*

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**Across**

- 1 Young person about island (7)
- 5 Elder MD's miscast as a busybody (7)
- 9 Townspeople backed sovereign to apply for medical dressing (8,7)
- 10 One-time secretary's notes taken wrongly (5)
- 11 Unknown epitaph rewritten about northern shrew (9)
- 12 Fill and spread out beyond Clancy's place (8)
- 14 Secretive person refitted ring tyres (6)
- 16 Return good French for better (3)
- 18 Clinch without doubt after evasion ends (6)
- 20 Evangelical mission away on range (8)
- 23 Company applies negotiation of bishops (9)
- 25 Animal has hankering to occupy area (5)
- 27 Contact code worker left pachyderm in the shade, feeling less ... (9,6)
- 28 ... so-so, sir, about dame's club (7)
- 29 Calm in storm met infrequently ... in Gaza by Huxley (7)

**Down**

- 1 Poles writing about nasty centre (5)
- 2 Rumours about man being quiet (9)
- 3 Comb half the field for pecuniary share (4-3)
- 4 Once adding female eleven on (8)
- 5 Instant sound of a bullet can be fretting (6)
- 6 Ghastly end on Lake Yttrium (7)
- 7 Stop disallowed service on high (3-2)
- 8 Lanthanide, perhaps, partly cooked on ground (4,5)
- 12 Shows poetaster the wrong way (9)
- 13 Court women with spectacles (3)
- 15 People in board susceptible to research (9)
- 17 Round window in suite, by the sound of it (5-3)
- 19 Indian money turned in on society instructions (7)
- 21 Call in to recycle plant in other quarters (7)
- 22 Borders parson upset as porn distributed (6)
- 24 One lazy Irish led off inside (5)
- 26 Arriving shortly as fancy drape (5)

**GENERAL COMMENTS (cont'd from p4):**

- Thankyou for a delightful surprize in June Slot 2. *Veniece Lobsey*
- I can't think of anything else where you are given money for doing something that you love! Thank you so much for the prize for Slots 1-5 last month. *Julie Leigh*
- Thanks for another fascinating set of puzzles. I particularly enjoyed slot 5 – great fun. *Jean Evans*
- Delighted to see one of ShirI's crosswords. Oh how we miss her and her contributions. *Ann Jermy*
- I am sure that many others have commented on the layout of this month's slot 5. I could make no progress until I had printed out a greatly enlarged version of the solutions grid. Surely the layout could be improved, even if it meant shrinking the standard *Crozworld* box in the top left hand corner. *Denis Coates*
- It was a lovely surprise to receive the *Chambers* crossword dictionary for May slot 7 so thank you for picking my name out. *Marian Procter*

**A Couple of Weird and Wonderful Words**

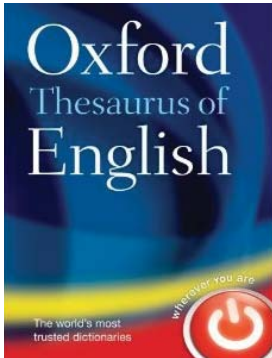
- **thwarterous** an adjective meaning 'twisted, gnarled'. A nonce-word irregularly formed from *thwart* on the model of *boisterous*.
- **steracle** an obsolete word meaning 'a spectacle or show'. This word may come from the word *stare*, modelled on *spectacle*.

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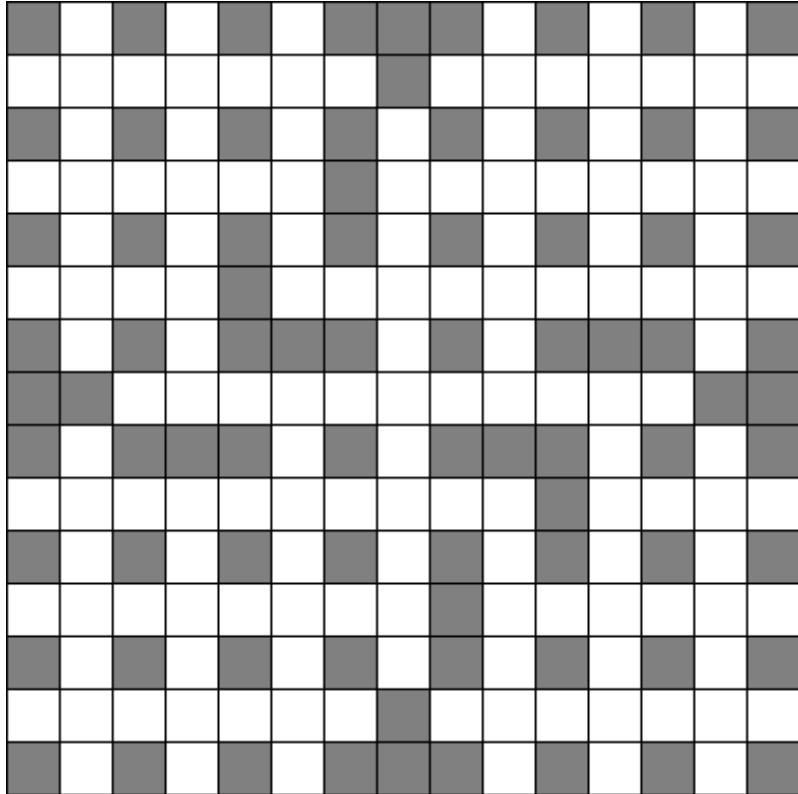
## AJ

by  
*Timid Terrier*

Prize



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

- A** American Independent starts off rumour to search for weapon (3,5)
- B** Bohemian poet worn out backing relatives (7)
- C** Monetary unit of Venezuela wrecked Thailand's income (7)
- D** Early morning rush on stock market operation (4,4)
- E** Older cereal grain fruit (10)
- F** Swan songs in final establishment (7)
- G** Social gathering of backyard band (6,5)
- H** Gloria's inside information on iodine (7)
- I** Pray for emperor's wisdom (7)
- J** Sweetheart, you are announcing a day in France (4)
- K** Man to trap old, small hunting dog (6)
- L** Ambassador tangled teagle (6)
- M** River girl (8)
- N** Guilty person heads off nervously over craggy, expansive native territory (6)
- O** Opposer's article on gold (8)
- P** Cushion, say, intimate chatter (6,4)
- Q** Jumping pole you say starts off movement for this leap! (7)
- R** Dosage measurement on one insect that's glowing (7)
- S** Road journey walk (6)
- T** Split bead in a decorative cavity in a glass (8)
- U** United Nations firm made-up (6)
- V** Indian curry with veal initially and olio stewed (8)
- W** Hard utensil for booby prize (6,5)
- X** Expressing strange fluid from frog (7)
- Y** Miracle weight loss requiring yen over there (6)
- Z** Enthusiasm for unknown river lake (4).

**Explanations for July Grids, where provided by compilers: thanks to Ian and Roy.**

**Slot 1 Bogeyman. Down:** 1 FE + RN, 2 anag, 3 kNICKERs - slang, 4 D + WELLS, 5 HW, 6 (SOB + BOY) >, 7 FEAsT, 8 anag - Chambers: the act or achievement of entering again, 9 ESS + AYE + RS, 12 CORRI (GEN) DA, 15 ANIME + orATION, 16 PERI + LUNE, 21 PARTNErs>, 22 homophone "daily" + A, 23 anag bRIdLeWAY, 24 (MEETS E) <, 27 V + E + RY, 29 H (IE) S.

**Slot 2 Blue King. Across:** 1 ARCH + AI + SM (head driller (CD)), 5 PHYSIC(s), 10 STOCK + BROKE [R] BELT, 11 RE(LIE)F + SPAM >, 13 IDE + A > IDEA, 15 NE [DIE] 'ER, 17 A [UREA] TE, 18 C+HEW(ER)S >, 19 EX + CRETE, 21 DD, 22 ADULT +(leads) + ER(tr)ANT -, 25 Cryptic Def. (third last), 27 ERR + AND, 28 RE- [D] START. **Down:** 1 DD 2 CO + O [bill and coo], 3 anag, 4 SC + RUM, 6 Hidden. HORN reversed in "corNErs OtHer drivers ignore, 7 continuing driving theme - cryptic def., 8 TAG (child's game) inside COT [TAG] E, 9 SKIP + LANE -, 12 (EDITOR ELECT)\*, 14 TRICK [ERIE] S, 16 RE + SIDE + NT., 18 inside CH [ORAL] E, 20 (tenth rate)\* less TH, 23 IL + L inside LE, 24 OP + EN, 26 Also Known As.

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**Across**

- 1 Sequence of events from awful car noise ... (8)
- 6 ... if packed (2,4)
- 9 Changes rows after cornets reassembled (15)
- 10 Concerned with natural preservation, powerful chaps get high in resentment (15)
- 11 Doctor comes to a northern hemisphere capital (4)
- 13 Pest is interrupting hint (8)
- 15 Hassled badly if lured outside front of residence (8)
- 17 All 20 produce this comparison, not 12 (4)
- 19 State briefly vilifies West Indians (6,9)
- 21 With calm resignation, Greek character nearby stocked very much the same (15)
- 22 Tree, it is said, divided nation (6)
- 23 W Tesla captures wildebeest upon returning (8)

**Down**

- 2 Left out of my pastime playing billiards (6)
- 3 I cry, upset for biblical widow (5)
- 4 Opposes holding start of traditional sermon for believers in universal salvation (15)
- 5 Man rose about eight (7)
- 6 Disregard core issue involving fraud (15)
- 7 Genial feature informed porcelain (9)
- 8 Bored about coalition getting protection during summer (8)
- 12 Crooked one has rights – holding up a pistol? (9)
- 14 Supreme Master enters quite fired up – end of party! (8)
- 16 Speed drug becomes damper (7)
- 18 Front of vehicle is almost cooked (6)
- 20 Ties turf up (5)

**David Stickley News**

We were sorry to read that David Stickley (*The Stickler*) has been relieved of his cruciverbal contributions to the *Daily Telegraph*. David said: "Due to changes by News Ltd to puzzle pages in four metro papers, *The Stickler* will no longer be published. This ends a 4786-puzzle labour of love. *The Stickler* has been the only new, daily, 15×15, Australian cryptic to appear in any News Ltd publication in the last 15 years.

I want to thank my faithful solvers, some of which have been with me from the start. I also want to thank News Ltd for taking me on 15 years ago, giving me the opportunity to turn a hobby into a career. Unfortunately this loss, along with other weekly losses brought about through this change, means the end of my crossword business. Some work remains and will continue. I'm one of the few people in the world to have made a living writing crosswords full-time, something not possible without *The Stickler*.

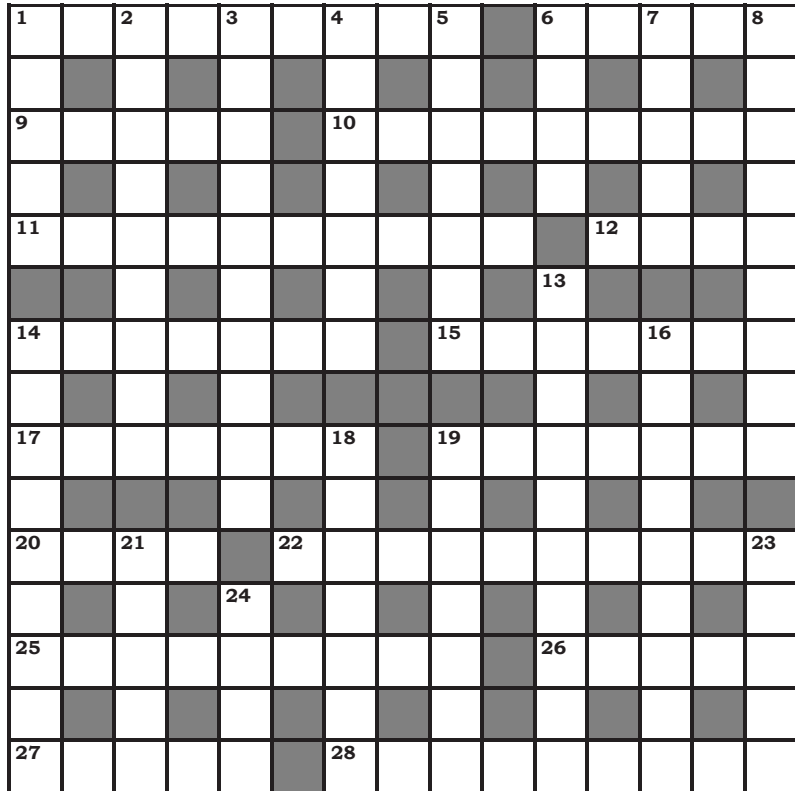
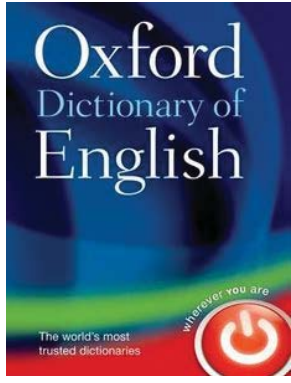
I'm faced with a career change at 51, with crossword-compiling skills and rusty IT skills to offer. I'm methodical and a stickler (don't you know it!). If anyone out there has a job for me, I'm up for just about anything (contact me at [stickler.com.au](http://stickler.com.au))."

We congratulate David on his long and distinguished cruciverbal career and extend to him our best wishes for the future.

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## Cryptic by Whynot?

Prize:



### Across

- 1 Succession of gaining degrees without University (9)
- 6 Punk dances with sticks, perhaps (5)
- 9 Under the table, caught out, naked (5)
- 10 Shiver, bare in the winter (9)
- 11 Barmy English people out in the open (4,6)
- 12 As time goes by, yours truly passes out, making a drink (4)
- 14 Approval for dual piano playing's charm (7)
- 15 Recycling chipped pine in a barrel (7)
- 17 River birds are music makers (7)
- 19 What keeps bums on seats? (7)
- 20 Takes strength from vital fluids (4)
- 22 Characters around you talking can be entertainment (10)
- 25 Walk away from endless debate after current dismissal (9)
- 26 Heads unworlly regular section (5)
- 27 Stage a tantrum (5)
- 28 Figures out close races at the finish (9)

### Down

- 1 Good opportunity to prepare for stardom (5)
- 2 A lunatic attaché following a big cheese (1,8)
- 3 In opposition, Pa done dealt from the other side (10)
- 4 People wearing togs (7)
- 5 Box up and beat old club (7)
- 6 and 24 Restricted work to separate ages (4-4)
- 7 Couch potato shakes off tax collector (5)
- 8 Allegedly witness Russian fighter capturing nuclear wings of laboratory (9)
- 13 Maybe Uncle Albert's concerned with how he connects to others? (10)
- 14 Stands on top of precipice, dateless, wavering (9)
- 16 First edition is authorised by American (9)
- 18 I don't believe it infected about a hundred (7)
- 19 Mischievous type has big smile over chopped up elm (7)
- 21 Sneaky glance when reported can give offence (5)
- 23 Proceeds carefully, emergency workers having left? (5)
- 24 See 6 down

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Solution  
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### READING THE OED by Ammon Shea, Viking, 2008:

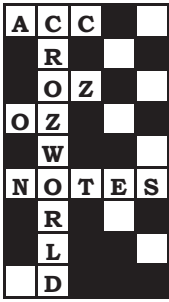
• **Zoilus** (n.) *An envious critic*

Taken from the name of a Greek critic (4C BCE) who had a tremendous dislike for Homer. St Augustine also disliked Homer, but he at least had the excuse of finding the Greek language difficult. Critics, beware: you're entitled to your opinions, but if fate turns its back on you, your name might forever be linked with the notion of a carping and pathetic nitpicker.

• **Vocabularian** (n.) *One who pays too much attention to words.*

In the past I have been accused by various parties of paying too much attention to words. Which is true, but what else do I have to pay attention to?





**Results of Quiz 6/2013**

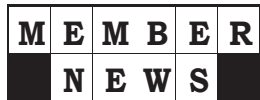
**Collectively speaking by InGrid (Jean Barbour). Winner: Judy Dix. Congratulations!**

**Correct:** 24 out of 24: Corryn Anderson, Bev Cockburn, Graeme Cole, Peter Dearie, Judy Dix, Alan Dyer, Barbara Glissan, Ray Gooderick, Bob Hagan, Barb Ibbott, Julie Leigh, Gary Lemon, Andrew Miles, Sue Pinder, Anne Simons, Joan Smith, Brian Symons, Ken Watt, Cheryl Wilcox and Robyn Wimbush.

Thank you to everyone who entered this quiz. So many clever entries were received, with all manner of answers. I include the 'official' list of answers, along with some of the funnier responses. —InGrid

**Ants — Army.** Other suggestions include bike (as Alan Dyer tells me, etymology is Scottish, entomology is Antish!), nest, sting, march, workshop; **Arrows — Quiver.** Or, perhaps flight, bolt, cupid (love a romantic, thanks Barb), volley, zing. **Bureaucrats — Shuffle.** And didn't we all have fun with this one! Quorum, conference, tedium, trial, red tape, delay (beautiful Graeme), waffle, bumf, (thanks Peter), bundle, ream, mundanity (very nice Robyn), bungle, escriptorio, bloat (Corryn!). **Chihuahuas — Yap.** Insignificance, oggle? (not a real word but just made the image of a chihuahua pop into my mind thanks Judy), variety, yelp, spelling!! (just gorgeous Barb), kennelette (so cute Brian), tedium and my all-time favourite, doggybag from Bob Hagan. **Clergy — Blessing.** Synod, exultation, clutch, mass, assembly, holiness, uniting (not ecumenical but very clever Graeme), yabber, vocation (very nice Ken), conviction, vicarage, dignity, surplice. **Eggs — Clutch.** Fry, nest, dozen, scramble (nice one Gary, Bob and Barb), range, sitting, potential, yoke (lovely image Ray), handful, thunder (this reminded me of prospecting for thunder eggs in Qld many years ago). **Gerbils — Horde.** Huggle (again a lovely image Judy), gaggle, ruination (not too good for crops according

to Brian), nibble, propaganda, nuisance. (It occurs to me that gerbils are not the most loved of our little furry creatures, if we go by these answers). **Gnus — Implausibility.** Rumble, herd, editorial (homophonically speaking, thanks Brian), broadcast, dearth, gawkiness, headline, unglutation, urgency. **Grandparents — Wisdom.** Indulgence, inheritance, nag (not quite politically correct but clever), torment, usefulness (much kinder), totter (cute, Graeme), treasure, zimmer!! (really Peter, tut tut), patience, gerry can and my favourite, a cuddle. **Hawks — Kettle.** Kitty, cast, hawthorn (lovely AFL reference), offer, expectorate (ewww Gary), hovering, wheeling. **Jellyfish — Fluther.** Lump, yuck, wobble, hazard, blubber, undulation, mould. (nice), sting, blob. **Lizards — Lounge.** Zither, monitor, quick, lick. **Mathematicians — Number.** Division, addition, infinity, calculation, tweed, multiplication, zero, quarter, puzzle, terror. No-one chose my favourite, a bracket of mathematicians. **Musicians — Orchestra.** Octave, quaver, bar (but which sort?), melody, chord, cacophony. **Nightingales — Match.** Florence (naturally!), pray, watch, melody, pageant. **Pearls — Rope.** Necklace, knot, nacre (for every crossword solver), luminescence, string. **Ptarmigans — Parliament.** Covey, tundrafull, grumble, grizzle, army, flight, invisibility. **Raccoons — Gaze.** Skulk, cheddar (love it!), whiff, varmint, Rocky, naughtiness, mask. **Riches — Embarrassment.** Dearth (I can sympathise completely, Anne), Lionel, plethora, vulgarity. **Sparrows — Ubiquity.** Drabness, underbrush, hedge, peck, meinie (new word for me thanks Judy), zoom, tribe. **Troops — Division.** Battalion, truckload, uniformity, army, parel, patrol, platoon, legion, van, invasion. **Turtles — Turn.** Trundle, dole, bale, ocean, shield, wallow, shell. **Vultures — Venue.** Wake, vileness, colony, vortex, scavenge, voracity, predation, yuck, ugliness, circle. **Zeal — Zest** (another of my famous typos, should be a zeal of zebras but the answers were so good I went with it). Zephyr, zebrat pack, excess, keenness, zing, zealots, fire, zest, overload, fervour.



**New Member:** We extend a warm welcome to **Norma Heyes** from Burwood, Vic (A Membership Gift from Barry Kennedy). Welcome to the

wonderful World of *CrozWorlding*.

A Special Thank you to **Jenny Wenham** and **Corryn Anderson** for their generous donations to the ACC 2013 Prize Fund.

Sincere thanks to those members who have responded to our plea for adjudicators of *Virgo's* quizzes. The excellent response (the first is opposite, thank you Warren) will guarantee that we shall be able to enjoy the challenge of *Virgo's* work for a long time to come.

**Get Well Message:** We were sorry to hear that our Life Member ACC First Secretary Carole Noble has not been enjoying 100% Good Health lately. We hope that Carole will be back in circulation soon and we send her our sincere Best Wishes.

**Corrigenda and corrections:** Pat Lord gained a dot for May's Slot 6 puzzle. Barb Ibbott and William Ryan scored 25 in the May Bonus quiz "Watch the Birdie".

Our observant member **Ray Gooderick** has unearthed a little diamond, WordSolverUK (<http://home.btconnect.com/Gamms/>). It is now free. The latest version V6 has a 670,000 word dictionary & a thesaurus with 2,000,000 cross references. It also has 23 word lists e.g. rivers, poets, birds, flowers together with an anagram solver. Worthy of a place in any cruciverbalist's toolbag enthuses Roy!

**Why do we do it?**

There's an entertaining article on crossword-solving at <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-2350295/Im-dab-hand-crosswords-intelligence--fact-theyve-stupid.html>

**Quiz No 8/2013: Linkwords Singers** by *Virgo*.

Find a name that links the given words, making three names or phrases in all. Answers are all well known male singers. Send your entries to Warren Allen 25 Roberts Parade, Hawkesbury Heights NSW 2777. e-mail to [edapwg@hotmail.com](mailto:edapwg@hotmail.com). Closing mail date: 13 September 2013. Cash Prize.

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| 1 Joe       | _____ | _____ | Siddleley (5,9)   |
| 2 Dora      | _____ | _____ | Rib (5,5)         |
| 3 Hal       | _____ | _____ | Knife (5,5)       |
| 4 Henry     | _____ | _____ | Owl (5,5)         |
| 5 Gamma     | _____ | _____ | Darwin(3,7)       |
| 6 Honest    | _____ | _____ | Spaniel (3,6)     |
| 7 Fatboy    | _____ | _____ | Springfield (4,5) |
| 8 Two       | _____ | _____ | Thomas(3,5)       |
| 9 Nature    | _____ | _____ | Washington (3,6)  |
| 10 Black    | _____ | _____ | Commodore (4,6)   |
| 11 Princess | _____ | _____ | Pollock (7,7)     |
| 12 Puffing  | _____ | _____ | Grey(5,4)         |
| 13 Ben      | _____ | _____ | Barleycorn (5,4)  |
| 14 James    | _____ | _____ | Scorsese (4,6)    |
| 15 Ginger   | _____ | _____ | Criminal (3,5)    |
| 16 Athol    | _____ | _____ | Cabot (3,9)       |
| 17 Saint    | _____ | _____ | Templar (4,5)     |
| 18 Penelope | _____ | _____ | Transport (5,5)   |
| 19 British  | _____ | _____ | Price (5,7)       |
| 20 Handy    | _____ | _____ | Sisters (4,8)     |
| 21 Pope     | _____ | _____ | Turk (4,5)        |

## July 1-2013: Half 'n Half by *Bogeyman* (Ian Williams)

• It was fun to solve a half and half in a Ximemean grid. *Brian Tickle*  
 • 22dn requires a homophone indicator. Does delivered perform this role? (I think this is fine: delivery can mean public speaking: Adj.)  
*Ian McKenzie*  
*Col Archibald*  
*William Ryan*  
*Max Roddick*

• Not as easy as we expect from slot 1.  
 • Great fun *Bogeyman*.  
 • Liked perilune. Animation was a poser.  
 • Liked the top & bottom horizontals ?both oxymorons. *Peter Dearie*

• I now know the correct pronunciation of DAHLIA;-) [Interestingly it is named after *Anders Dahl*, so you'd think it would have had a broad A: B'man] Do top & bottom lines across mean anything? FRIENDLY FIRE, EASY PAYMENTS [They appealed as oxymorons during the compilation but I couldn't find anything constructive to do with them in a Slot 1: B'man].  
*Rob Moline*  
 • The first line reads "friendly fire" and the last "easy payments" – clever!  
*Nea Storey*

• Nice puzzle to start with good clues. Particularly liked 1 and 29dn.  
*Joan Smith*

• Thanks *Bogeyman* for an enjoyable puzzle.  
 • Another challenging but fair puzzle from the *Bogeyman*. I hope no one was deterred by the salvo of friendly fire across the top, to say nothing of the trap of easy payments as the bottom line!  
*Kath Harper*  
 • Reasonably straightforward, albeit with a different grid style.  
*Alan Dyer*

## July 2-2013: Cryptic by *Blue King* (Roy Low)

• What a great anagram! Editor-elect, lie detector. *Brian Tickle*  
 • Good, tough, several great clues. 25ac gets my COTM. *Wm Ryan*  
 • My COTM goes to ALSO RAN. I loved it. *Bev Cockburn*  
 • *Blue King* has given us lots of goodies such as archaism if the sm is sergeant major. Head driller is a very gentle description of that office!  
*Max Roddick*

• Antepenultimate was brilliantly clued & gets my COTM. *John Baylis*  
 • 27ac ERRAND is tricky, well-constructed for just a 3-word clue. Like the definition for 16dn: IN. 6dn a guess... can see HORN reversed/ alternating in some fodder, but can't make sense of the clue. Is horn correct; and if so, how? [see Explanations p6: Adj] *Rob Moline*

• I liked 3dn: Children are also often called ankle biters! I also liked the clue for 24dn.  
*Nea Storey*

• Found this very challenging and was the last one I finished. Took me a while to work out the clues. Favourite clues 10 & 28ac. *Joan Smith*  
 • Like *Blue King's* previous offering, I thought this was a fairly tough puzzle, with interesting, quirky ideas. There were three clues that were runners-up for me in COTM – 10ac STOCKBROKER BELT, 11ac RELIEF MAPS and 25ac ANTEPENULTIMATE. *Ian Thompson*

• Some very clever clues, I thought – 25ac ran a close second as my pick for COTM.  
*Kath Harper*

• A challenging second brush – I spent a bit of time trying to figure out how to fit natural nitrogen into "gold ate" to get aureate ... until I figured out it was urea in ate instead! I always have difficulty with the COTM because there are so many to choose from. This month I pick: Slot 2 17ac (AUREATE) due to the misdirection and smooth surface reading.  
*Alan Dyer*

• I've picked 2dn in slot 2. Mainly because I haven't heard the expression Bill and Co for so long and Dorrie professed to never hearing it!  
*Richard Skinner*

• 25ac: loved the definition. If there had been a second (eg hold bet before last...), may have got my vote for COTM. 6dn: while "reversing in alternating corners other" is a good indicator for HORN, "vehicles dodge a" does not contribute to the clue (other than the surface reading link to the following clue). Extraneous words should be avoided.  
*Drew Meek*

## July 3-2013: Cryptic by *Southern Cross* (Shirl O'Brien)

• Great to see another of Shirl's puzzles. *Brian Tickle*  
 • Yet another very enjoyable cryptic thanks to Shirl O'Brien.  
*Alan Walter*

• Ahhh a breath of fresh air from our indomitable Shirl, thank you.  
*Col Achibald*

• Loved ways and means.  
 • Liked OXEN and THE WEDDING MARCH.  
 • Liked eric idle and moonshine.  
 • Another stellar offering from *Southern Cross*.  
*Peter Dearie*

• Liked 1ac, but 5dn gets my Clue of the Month – from someone who doesn't like cryptic definitions! Is there an actual UK-broadsheet setter in the club (slyly slipping Australian references into the UK papers... "The Body" in 6dn)? [Shirl, until her death, appeared regularly in The Guardian as Auster, and yes, she did delight in giving the Poms a few lessons in matters and vernacular Australian: Adj] Though as an engineer not too pleased with the crossing pair 22/26 that confuse

both energy and force, and force and acceleration. *Rob Moline*

• Lovely old crossword from *Southern Cross*, with the delightful Wedding March clue. I also like outlaw force = ban + G. *Nea Storey*

• Was *Southern Cross* displaying her political colours with 23ac, or just some very accurate forecasting of events this month? *Kath Harper*

• As usual for *Southern Cross*, excellent clues with good surface readability. I particularly liked 3, 5, 6, 8dn and gave 20ac my vote for COTM.  
*Drew Meek*

## July 4-2013: AJ by *Kaeila* (Anne Simons)

• Yertchuk, konekes & quicas were serious stumbling blocks but my main problem was putting pause & mumsy in the wrong spots.  
*Brian Tickle*

• Quicas is pronounced kwee-cas so homophone does not work properly.  
*Ian McKenzie*

• What a lovely surprise! Should have been a slot 7 or 8!!  
*Col Archibald*

• Thought quicas, konekes and yertchuk a bit hard not being in *Chambers*.  
*Roy Taylor*

• Konekes and yertchuk were hard to find.  
*Robyn Caine*

• I searched in vain in *Chambers* for quicas, konekes and yertchuk – then found them all in *Macquarie*!  
*Peter Dearie*

• YERTCHUK hard to get without the crossing E, I was vaguely thinking YURT... not in any on-line dictionary, finally found it in an old-fashioned printed *Macquarie*. Later Googled and it came up in a *Wikipedia* "List of Eucalypts." Should have Googled that list first. Then KONEKES even more difficult, again in the printed *Macquarie* but nowhere online. Wow! And kudos to *Macquarie*, circa 1981 edition.  
*Rob Moline*

• Anne's AJ almost caused sororicide – but I hope I made it in the end.  
*Nea Storey*

• Hardly ever use my *Macquarie Dictionary* but it came in handy for the K, Q and Y clues. Enjoyable AJ with good clues.  
*Joan Smith*

• My vote for COTM goes to *Kaeila* in slot 4 for QUIKAS for the difficulty in tracking the word down and for the nice wordplay. *Ian Thompson*  
 • As expected with an AJ, this had a good selection of new words to be discovered. I searched very hard for the K answer, and finally found it (I hope) as the original Maori word from which a related word was derived.  
*Kath Harper*

• QUICAS gave me a lot of bother, as it is not in my *Chambers* or *SOED*. Finally found it via *Macquarie Thesaurus*, of all places – who'd have thought? Nevertheless, this gets my COTM.  
*Mike Potts*

• Where on earth do we find these words? As I still don't own a *Chambers*, confirming Quicas (instead of Cuicas) was difficult. Konekes and yertchuk were new to me as well but well-clued.  
*Alan Dyer*

• More difficult than usual for this style of puzzle. The Q & K clue solutions are not in *Chambers* [but are in the "Big Mac": Adj] and are both new words to us so here's hoping we are right!  
*Richard Skinner*

## July 5-2013: Double Acrostic by *Penobscot* (Maurice Cowan)

• Worth all the effort to get the clever citation. *Brian Tickle*

• Left hand grid too small for easy reading and citation grid should have all words barred to avoid solver's frustration. [Surely, that would make this type of puzzle far too easy for our expert solvers? IW].  
*Alan Walter*  
 • Would have been fairer had the bars been placed between words not lines.  
*Col Archibald*

• What a carload of fun.  
*William Ryan*

• Great fun as usual. I gave ortho my COTM.  
*Roy Taylor*

• Congratulations again to Maurice for his unique poetry and clever puzzle.  
*Bev Cockburn*

• Loved the acrostic. My favourite type of puzzle.  
*Barb Ibbott*

• Is there a puzzle of the month? Fantastic!  
*Eileen O'Brien*

• Different... no comment  
*Rob Moline*

• I particularly enjoyed Slot 5, probably because it was a different type of puzzle for me, but also because it introduced me to some Australian poetry.  
*Julie Leigh*

• A good double acrostic, the "appropriate message" being NINE MILES TO WHERE A DOG MAY SIT.  
*Nea Storey*

• Love the Acrostics but did find it hard without word endings. Liked the clues for NOODLES and TIGHT.  
*Joan Smith*

• Another pearler of a puzzle from *Penobscot*! I really enjoy these.  
*Tony Dobebe*

• Thanks *Penobscot* for an enjoyable puzzle. I spotted Gundagai at the end of the verse early on, which helped me working backwards to solve quite a few of the clues.  
*Ian Thompson*

• Full marks for the clueing, but the jury's still out on the poetry!  
*Kath Harper*

• How many of us started humming along?  
*Alan Dyer*  
 • Slot 5 came up trumps. Just how good is that, to get solutions such that two separate outcomes pop up! In the clue and citation grids. You have to be impressed.  
*Richard Skinner*

• If I could have a second nomination for COTM it would be clue X, SHIFT.  
*Ron Carpenter*

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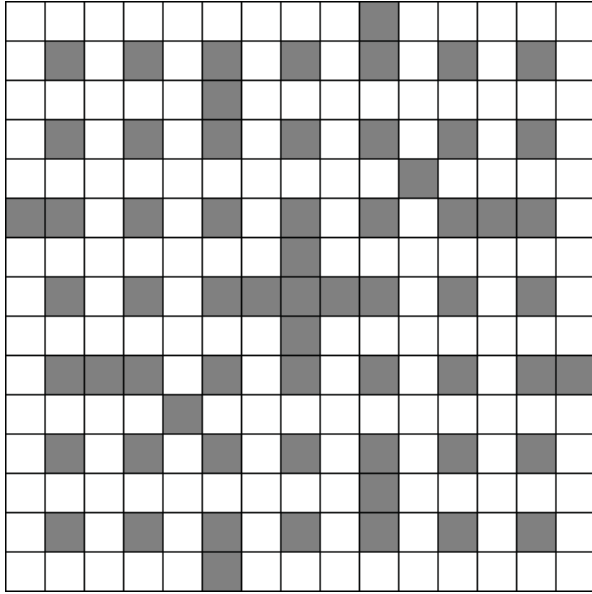
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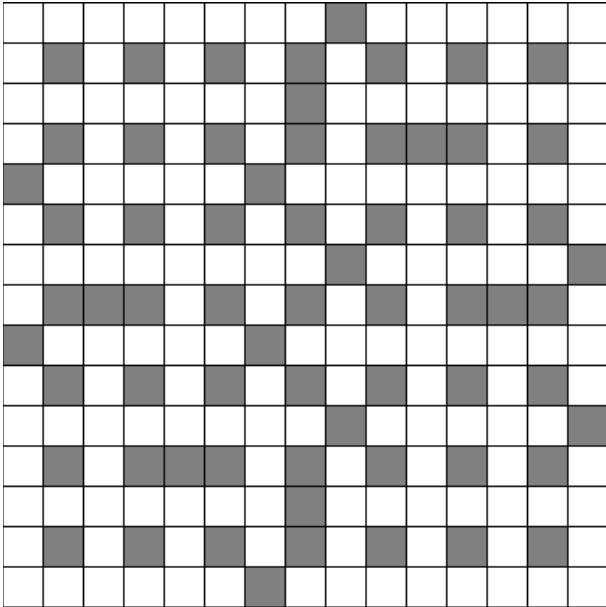
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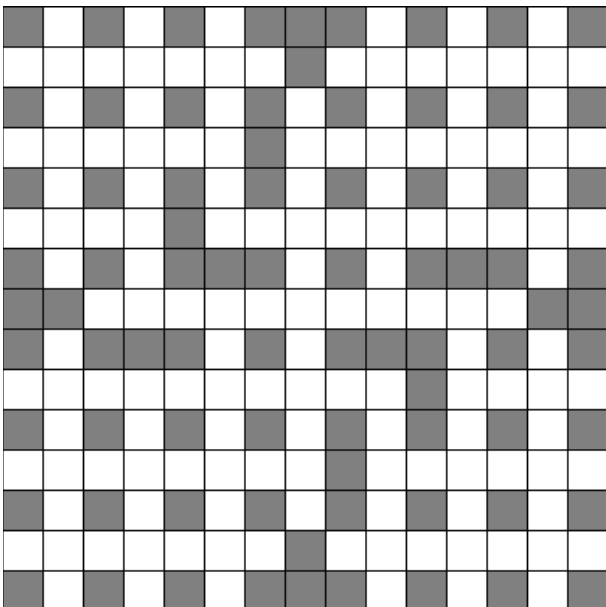
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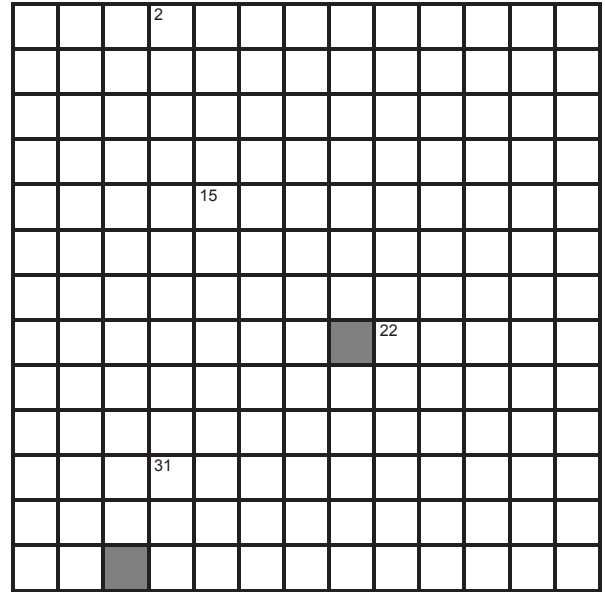
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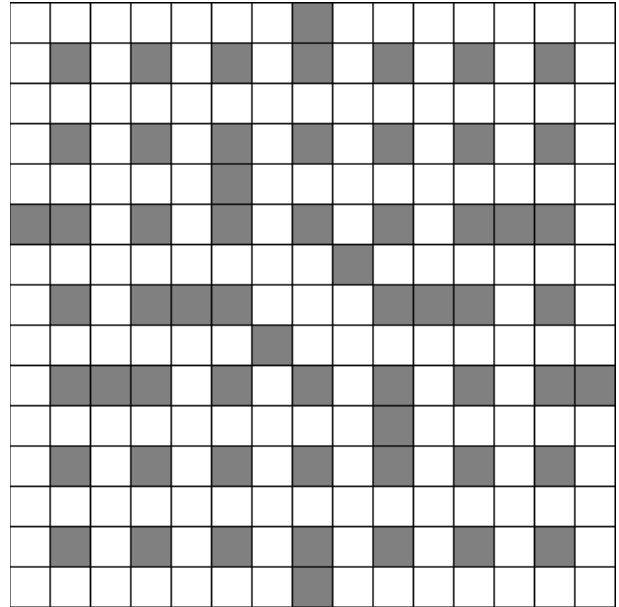
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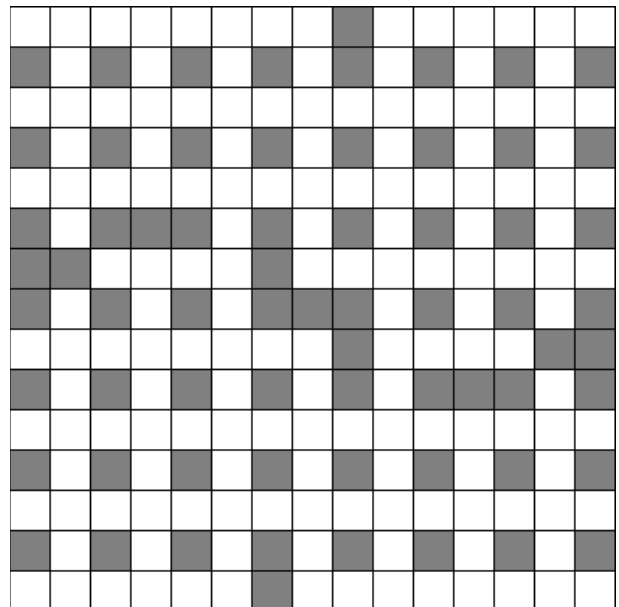
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Clue of the Month .....

**June 6-2013: Cryptic by Zplig (Dover Dubosarsky)**

**Results: Entries: 64; Correct: 60. Success Rate: 93.7%.** Pickett + Pay-off mistake: 3; Feeney mistake: 1.

**Winner: John Baylis. Congratulations!**

**Adjudicator's comments:**

Thank you all for your kind comments. This being my first responsive proper audience it was truly lovely to receive all the kind letters. A big thank you goes to Ian Williams for his massive help in editing the crossword into what it is today. A few asked about 16dn. The clue for CATHARTIC required the subtraction of 'some love' i.e. part of LOVE (LO). A bit dodgy I realise. (Another reading could be that some =L (like 50) and love = O (this is far more dodgy)).

**Brief Explanations: Across: 1.**BECK+(J)ETT(Y) **5.** SIGN+S(L)U(M)P(S) **9.** YE + ATS **10.** I + MIT + (N)ATIVE **11.** (FILMS)ang + IE + ST **12.** WIL[D(RAMA)]E **13.** DI(E)+ ET **15.** MAC+(NEICE)hom **18.** (NT +ENTIRE)anag **19.** (KEEL)rev **22.** (REJOICE)hom - ER **24.** (SHAM+PAIN)hom **26.** COMP+ON+ (P)E(A)N(U)T(S) **27.**double def **28.** (CERESIN)anag **29.** (UNETHICALLY)anag - I - ALL. **Down:** BU(YO)FF **2.** (I+LOCATION)anag **3.** cubiSTS Aestheticism **4.** (BRAINSTEM)anag **5.** (F+WITS)anag **6.** (WHEREALEGIS)anag **7.** Double def **8.** PRES(S) + T around E **14.** THE+REF + OR + E **16.** CATH[ART](OL)IC **17** CLEARS + GUY+ MAN - S(ydney) U(niversity) A(postles) **20** E+ J +(CE)rev +TS **21** HEA(T) + (YEN)rev **23** (ENEMY) **24** bessEMER Converter **25** P(O)E(T)R(Y) + DU. —Zplig

**Solvers' comments:**

- Great stuff, mate! Loved the mini-theme – took me a little for the penny to drop. Best: Tribesman! And Roman! Many thanks for the excellent work out. *William Ryan*
- Welcome to the ACC setter ranks. *Ian McKenzie*
- Very promising opener with a great mini-theme. A few laboured clues, but I look forward to your future puzzles. *Len Colgan*
- A great first up. Congratulations! Keep them coming. Cathartic is my COTM. *Ray Gooderick*
- Thanks for your first cryptic puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- Thank you for your clever Slot 6. As with all crosswords of this type, the trick is working out the theme sooner rather than later. For me, it was more the latter but once I did the rest followed relatively quickly. I did have to look up MacNeice, and I did not realise Swift was Irish. As a fan of Beowulf, I was particularly pleased to see Heaney got a guernsey. I think your clueing style is very solid, and it reminds me somewhat of my own. I particularly enjoyed GEAR WHEEL (nice anagram) and STILL. If there was one criticism, it would probably be COMPONENT (assuming I have the correct answer!). One thing that David Stickley (*The Stickler*) told me some time ago, is to never use a definition where a significant part of the word is also contained in the solution – in this case 'COMP'. Easier said than done at times. I look forward to solving more crosswords from you. *Michael Kennedy*
- I thoroughly enjoyed doing this puzzle and hope you can compose many more for the Club – thank you. *Pat Garner*
- Welcome Dover, to a wonderful club. If Honi Soit ran cryptic in the fifties, they passed me by! Many thanks for an enjoyable Zplig. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Congratulations on a very interesting puzzle. Keep up the great work. *Jean Evans*
- Thank you for your most enjoyable puzzle! *David Granger*
- Thank you for an interesting and entertaining puzzle – great for working out the Irish playwrights/poets. *Maureen Blake*
- Thank you for a lovely crossword: quite a challenge. Thoroughly enjoyed it! Keep them coming! *Ann Jermy*
- Welcome! Enjoyed your puzzle – hope it is the first of many. Am not super confident – few tricky ones! *Eileen O'Brien*
- A good lot of fair clues and writers. *Roy Taylor*
- Another new compiler this month – how rich in talent is our Club? Welcome and thank you for an interesting puzzle. The only one I am not sure about is Pickett but I can't find anyone else to fit. *Macquarie* describes him as "soul singer and composer" so does that fit him to be in such exalted company?? I do like your pseudonym though I would not care to try pronounce it! My grandson recently married a girl of Polish parentage and it took me a while to get my tongue round her surname and that of her maternal grandparents. Thanks again for your puzzle and I hope you produce many more for our delectation. *Margaret Davis*
- Welcome to the Club, Zplig, and thank you for your puzzle *Doreen Jones*
- An intriguing puzzle that I greatly enjoyed solving. Good luck with the checking. *John Baylis*
- Great to have yet another clever compiler in the Club. Loved the literary references. Many thanks. *Robyn Caine*
- Thank you for compiling this well constructed puzzle. The "Irish

writers" theme took me a while to deduce. It's always a pleasure to welcome a new compiler, and I hope you get a good response to your crossword.

- Peter Dearie*
- Thank you for your first cryptic. It had excellent clues and a clever extra twist with the seven Irish authors. I have a query next to 16dn. I hope you will explain that in your report. I loved 7dn – short and sweet! *Bev Cockburn*
- Thanks for a whole new perspective on Irish literature – cruciverbal man of letters! *Kath Harper*
- Congratulations on your first ACC crossword – well up to standard. I look forward to more. *Jill Freeland*
- Herewith your very challenging slot 6. I was having the usual problems until the penny dropped with WILDE! Some great clues. *Bob Hagan*
- Thanks Dover for an excellent puzzle. *Brian Symons*
- Thanks for doing this! *Daphne Greening*
- Did enjoy doing this puzzle and was very pleased to complete it. I do not often finish a slot 6 and after struggling with slots 1-5. Keep up the good word. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Welcome to the club. Your xwd a toughie indeed, but I've done my best. *Verna Dinham*
- Welcome, Zplig – very challenging! *Andrew Miles*
- Very clever clues that make the solver feel very clever too! Thank you Zplig; let's have some more! *Max Roddick*
- What a great clue "YEATS". Best I've seen in 20 years. *Bill Bennett*
- I found seven poets and playwrights within the answers. Thanks – a great first effort! *Mike Potts*
- A very enjoyable puzzle, but I have question marks on JOYCE and CATHARTIC – look forward to explanations. *Jan Wood*
- Thank you for setting this crossword. I enjoyed the challenge. *Lesley Carroll*
- Welcome to the ACC; it's always good to have new setters join us. Herewith my attempt at your June Slot 6 puzzle, which cleverly incorporated the seven Irish writers. *Susan Howells*
- Congratulations on compiling such an entertaining puzzle. BECKETT and SWIFT put me onto the theme. For 21dn I opted for FEENEY (passion equating to feel) and Google informing me that Elaine Feeney is an Irish poet. *Jeremy Barnes*
- Thanks for your efforts. Enjoyable puzzle. *Dave Parsons*
- While I think a coalkeel may be a flat-bottomed vessel, the keel itself is a spine and definitely detracts from a flat bottom! I don't have a copy of the *Chambers* so I could not check that for any dissenting definition. *Alan Dyer*
- Thanks for an enjoyable puzzle. It's great to see a new setter. In 1dn, YO = 'a greeting', can it also be 'agreement'? *Tony Dobebe*
- This was a very nice puzzle with interesting and fair clues. No clues especially stood out from the rest for me; my favourite was perhaps 17dn CLERGYMAN. The puzzle had several relatively easy clues which helped me to get off to a quick start. 19ac LEEK was fine as a clue and the following is purely for your interest. It is standard for all letters of the second word of a species name (the epithet) to be lower case. Also, the accepted scientific name for the leek from what I have read is now *Allium ampeloprasum*. *Allium porrum* is a *nomen rejiciendum* (rejected name). I look forward to your next offering. *Ian Thompson*
- Solution enclosed, with the 7 undefined Irish poets, most of them variously described (by *Wikipedia*, never wrong!) as playwrights/satirists/novelists/writers as well. Had heard of 5, not MacNeice or Heaney (Nobel Prize quite recently!); and had always thought Swift, Yeats and Wilde were English. You learn something new every day. Some nice clues – 13ac has a nice surface, as does 27ac. Some I'm not so keen about – archaic words like KEEL=flat-bottom boat and ROMAN=tale; Latin names that need to be looked up; 22ac seems to be homophone of REJOICE without the Queen, but the Queen is not RE or R E; 26ac defined as COMPOSING = present participle, answer is COMPONENT = noun or adjective; 16dn?? Gussed CATHARTIC but can't work out the wordplay, maybe some obscure early Christian sect I've never heard of... such as Catholic, but then how is OL "some love"? And 25dn, French seems to be doing double duty, for DU in the wordplay and PERDU in the answer. Very libertarian, and as you can probably guess I prefer Ximenean. *Rob Moline*
- I thoroughly enjoyed doing this puzzle and hope you can compose many more for the Club. Thank you. *Pat Garner*
- Congratulations – interesting puzzle and I loved the theme. I got stuck in the top left corner, because I interpreted "stream" as "burn", so had "Burnett" in 1ac. It sounds such a plausible name for an Irish poet, but when I finally Googled it I found there was no such person. How could I miss Beckett? *Roger Douglas*