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A word flies away like a sparrow and returns to the house like a crow.  
Proverbial (German)

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ACC is organising the Victorian Get-Together at the Royal Oak Hotel in North Fitzroy on next Sunday 29 July 2018. We have an excellent number of keen solvers in attendance. There is a puzzle to solve called Easy Street by Stroz and a Quiz with some straightforward questions. And the food will be of first-quality not to mention the excellent white and red wines available.

**Use of cryptic crosswords**

Derek Harrison has informed us about a cruciverbal article recently written in the US. He said: "Friedlander and Fine have published an article in *Frontiers in Psychology* on the potential use of cryptic crosswords in research into insight problems. The article uses examples from puzzles published in the *Maggie*. I found some of it hard reading but if you skip to the section on cryptic clues there is a fascinating dissection of the mechanics of solving." You can access this article at: <https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fpsyg.2018.00904/full>

Our masterly Puzzle Editor, **Ian Williams**, has again selected a fascinating set of excellent puzzles and quiz for you this month. The grids start off with a skilful Half 'n Half by *InGrid* followed by our perennial ACC favourites including *Penobscot*, *Katydid* and *KA*. *St Jude* has compiled another challenging puzzle in Slot 5 and we are privileged to publish a skilfully designed puzzle by *Hot and Cold* in Slot 6. *Valkyrie* has provided another outstanding Quiz called *Odd Fauna*.

Best of Luck with your solving. —Patrick

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Sincere thanks for the delightful cards and letters containing warm wishes and, in particular, wishes for midwinter warmth. With ACCOLADE and the clear guidance provided by Ian Williams, adjudication is now a very straightforward process. There were very few empty spaces this month, but inadvertent misspellings still occurred, disappointing both solver and adjudicator.

**Slot 1:** Both SARSANET and SARSENET were accepted, but not SARCENET since (although correct as a variant spelling) it would have led to other errors. ANNALISTS bamboozled a couple of solvers. Other errors were mainly misspellings.

**Slot 2:** Several clues caused problems here. ABSTRACT became DESTRUCT, DISTRACT or INSTRUC. ALLUSIONS wandered off into either ILLUSIONS or DELUSIONS, and SCRUB turned SHRUBby. CALAMINE LOTION and a couple of other misspellings showed up.

**Slot 3:** Main problems encountered here were GRASS MOTHS and SEA PIGS. GRASS MITES and other variants may have been entomologically correct but did not fit the wordplay. SEA COWS, again, matched the definition of 'dugong' but led to problems with 12 Across, which required IBIS to fulfil the DD. The HUSKY became HASTY for one solver, another found a JOEY where there should have been a PONY, and there were a range of other one-off errors.

**Slot 4:** Only occasional errors with this slot: PROCAINE trapped a number of solvers, who submitted PRACTICE or a somewhat desperate PROCLIVE. CHARTER became CHARGER and there were misspellings of TAUREAN, OPALINE, KHANS and ESCARGOT.

**Slot 5:** Here again, errors were focused on a few clues. TIDIES needed to remain in the present tense to fit the clueing. The first part of SHOP TALK showed up in a variety of forms: SWOT, SLOG or SLOW (possibly depending on the solver's attitude to the 'work' component of the clue?). BOOBOOS caused a couple of booboos, and HOME became a HOLE.

**COTM:** Nominations were spread across all slots, with 30 clues receiving at least one vote. MANTICORE in Slot 3 (Manveru) gained 4 and VIBRATED in slot 5 scored 5, but the clear winner with 10 votes was SHOPPING CENTRE in Slot 2. Congratulations to *Pentangle* (Brian Tickle). And now we can look forward to another month of happy solving —Kath Harper

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	99	99	94	102	93	487
Correct entries	87	83	71	94	84	419
Success rate (%)	87.9	83.8	75.5	92.2	90.3	86
Prizewinners	Robyn Caine	Alison Shield	Richard Skinner	Julie Crowe	Richard Williams	from 106 members

**Prizewinner: July 2018 Slots 1-5: Alison Martin. Congratulations!**

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## July 1-2018

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## July 2-2018

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## July 3-2018

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## ACC MEMBERS RESULTS FOR July 2018 Slots 1-5 & June Slot 6

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
Abbott P.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Grainger D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Miles A.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Allen W.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Greenberger O.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Millard A.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anderson C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Hagan B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Moline R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Audrins K.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Hagan R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	O'Brien E.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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Baylis J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Heyes N.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Pinder S.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bennett D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Hocking A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Potts M.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bilkey C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Horadam K.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Procter D.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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Carroll L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Jones D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Rolfe G.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Coates D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Kennedy L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Roulston S.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cockburn B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Kennedy M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Schulz J.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cole G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Lankshear J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Shield A.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Colgan L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Lee C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Siegmán B.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Collins M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Leigh J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Simons A.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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Copland F.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Lloyd G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Smith J.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cowan M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Lobsey V.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Storey N.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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Dobele T.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Martin A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Tickle B.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Douglas R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Martin F.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Tofoni B.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Ducker R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Mason I.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Wilcox C.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Evans J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	McAdoo G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Williams K.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fernando C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	McClelland C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Williams R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fowler J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	McDonald P.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Wimbush R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Gambin M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	McKenzie I.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Wood J.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Garner P.	.	.	.	.	.	.	McKenzie R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Young A.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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**Half 'n Half**  
by  
*InGrid*



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**Across**

- 1 Tooth (7)
- 5 Weapon (7)
- 8 Step (5)
- 9 Obligatory (9)
- 11 Foundation (13)
- 13 Meddle (6)
- 16 Insincere (8)
- 18 Teacher (8)
- 19 Water ice (6)
- 24 Bone (8,5)
- 26 Storage place (9)
- 27 Reptile (5)
- 28 Ostensible (7)
- 29 Game starter (4-3)

**Down**

- 1 Vet cricket, perhaps, that swallowed a penny (7)
- 2 Cook she can't subdue (7)
- 3 Clean bush (5)
- 4 Fruit is in downpour (6)
- 5 Shot champion worker (8)
- 6 Ridiculous agreement not mean but welcome (5)
- 7 Unaffected by missing city of birth (5)
- 10 Artist for steamy back section (7)
- 12 Scurried, oddly confident (4)
- 14 Throw off positive urge (4)
- 15 Come on over before the end of July, Prudence (7)
- 17 Spooner's complete daring for keeping money (8)
- 20 Support Vice Admiral to perform and show courage (7)
- 21 Free hot doctor from that (7)
- 22 Beautify stream around department egghead (6)
- 23 Reportedly someone deriding a drink (5)
- 24 Prophetess not so bossily confounded (5)
- 25 Degree so simple (5)

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A common element appears 14 times in 13 solutions.

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**Across**

- 1 Footwear is very Calvin Klein (4)
- 3 Solution makers from hell join you (10)
- 9 Almost all police work for fizzy drink (7)
- 11 Crufts shadows like this (3,4)
- 12 Urbane mingling that's episodic (13)
- 14 Congrats on part played in "Midnight Cowboy" (5)
- 15 Ian MacRae collected US bric-a-brac (9)
- 17 So cop, arresting author at hotel, is antisocial guy (9)
- 19 Leakages soak inside primer (5)
- 21 See Dad run chef around, happy at his misfortune (13)
- 24 Very legal approach for immoral purpose? (7)
- 25 Final destination has us travelling in prowless tender (3,4)
- 26 Space agency captured Alien Life Form, scrambled SOS for breathing space (5,5)
- 27 Record icy fronts make a great story (4)

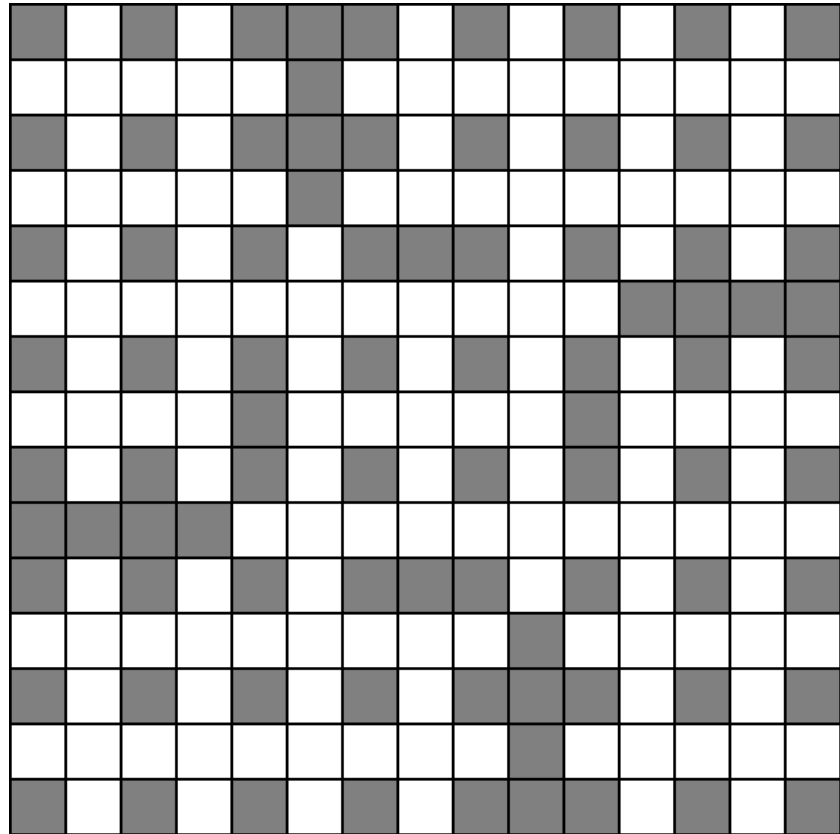
**Down**

- 1 She sews small patchwork mattresses, taking time (10)
- 2 Spooner's acne gear found in nose of plane (7)
- 4 Putin switched facts in computer entries (5,4)
- 5 Half-sodden hulled rice contains sodium (5)
- 6 Spooner's spirit survived thieving (5-8)
- 7 Litter can hide prickly shy one (7)
- 8 Broadcast sounds stitched together (4)
- 10 Unruffled. Sip hip alcohol cocktail (13)
- 13 Georgia gets some trick reported as an analysis method (10)
- 16 Spooner's chook replies to embellishers (9)
- 18 Throw the French into fortresses (7)
- 20 Fruit tart pacifier (7)
- 22 French said to repeat the aforesaid (5)
- 23 One child is, like, working (1,3)

**Vale Gillian Champion**

- Saddened to hear of the passing of Gillian C. – A great loss to *CrOZworld*. Anne Simons
- Terribly sad to hear of the passing of my favorite compiler *Betelgeuse*. Roy Taylor
- Appropriately, *Betelgeuse* is a bright Supergiant Star in the constellation Orion the Hunter. It forms the left shoulder of the hunter as seen from the northern hemisphere, and the lower right corner of the Saucepan, which is the more mundane name of the constellation in Australia. I shall remember Gillian when I look at her star each summer. Denis Coates
- Such sad news, such an amazing lady. She will be sadly missed. Julie Crowe
- I was extremely saddened to hear of Gillian's death. I always looked forward to her brilliant puzzles and enjoyed talking to her at the *Crozmas in July* meetings. Farewell to a real CHAMPION. Sincere condolences to her family. Robyn Caine
- I am very sad to hear of Gillian's death. I never met her but her crosswords were outstanding and gave me so much pleasure. I will miss her input to the club very much indeed. We were fortunate to have her contribution for as long as we did. Brian Symons
- That is terrible news. I will miss Gillian's wonderful puzzles. What a loss to the world, particularly *CrOZworld*. Pat Lord
- What sad news re Gillian. She was quite a character and her puzzles were very inventive. Jean Barbour
- Joy and I will sorely miss Gillian's tricky & difficult crosswords & not seeing her again. Condolences to her family. David Procter
- We once drove Gillian to the railway station after our annual lunch, held in the eastern suburbs. Can't remember the conversation but I do remember it was lively and non-stop. She'll be missed. Max Roddick
- The Club and I personally will miss Gillian. As well as having a keen intellect, she was a woman of wide interests, very self-sufficient and independent. I was in awe of her prowess as a compiler, and felt very humble to have her friendship. Nea Storey

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<b>AJ</b> by <b>KA</b>

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A</b> Embarrass with garments at hospital (5)</li> <li><b>B</b> Yes, land bill analysis can come to dead ends (5,6)</li> <li><b>C</b> Upper limit on electricity bills is large (9)</li> <li><b>D</b> French actor Alain embraces girl at sporting event (9)</li> <li><b>E</b> Girl has time for old lizard (4)</li> <li><b>F</b> Criminals conceal dreadful ire in convict populations (9)</li> <li><b>G</b> Good publican has speech writer (5)</li> <li><b>H</b> Owns, with hesitation, legendary birds (5)</li> <li><b>I</b> Reorganise Times for articles (5)</li> <li><b>J</b> Yes, in Berlin, the young boy is a Greek legend (5)</li> <li><b>K</b> Family goes to the East for cattle (4)</li> <li><b>L</b> Liberal possesses acres in capital (5)</li> <li><b>M</b> Scot and a female with injured side surfaced the road (11)</li> <li><b>N</b> In France, no time interval is put on an Integrated Circuit – it is irregular (3-8)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>O</b> Work on the newspaper by the editor was suppressed (9)</li> <li><b>P</b> Disturbed spoor led to millet (5)</li> <li><b>Q</b> Legal document makes you leave mining stake-out (4-5)</li> <li><b>R</b> Philosopher in charge is pragmatic (9)</li> <li><b>S</b> Devilishly, one girl hugs another taking cocaine (11)</li> <li><b>T</b> Give money to batsman for appliance (3,6)</li> <li><b>U</b> Vehicles for Indians (4)</li> <li><b>V</b> Vice-president has peevish beginning on return (4)</li> <li><b>W</b> Hawk is angry with headless eel (9)</li> <li><b>X</b> Headache powder returned to Ecuador by ship (5)</li> <li><b>Y</b> Variable line is part of graph (1-4)</li> <li><b>Z</b> Menagerie has identification of the organism (5)</li> </ul> |
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### Vale Lorna Waites

We were saddened to hear of the passing of **Lorna Waites** who died peacefully at home on 25 May 2018, just five days after her 97th birthday. Lorna was an original member of the ACC from 1990 and successfully won 19 prizes between 1992 and 2013. Rayner Lawler advised us that she will miss our monthly emails delivering Lorna "beloved crosswords." We extend our sincere sympathy to Lorna and her loving family.

### Corrigendum: Quiz No 7/2018 Merely Male by KA (Karl Audrins).

Please note the revised title and two revised word-lengths for the clues shown below. The correct version was e-mailed to all e-CrOZworld subscribers.

- 6** Wish (6)
- 17** Large tropical fruit (6)

**ACC Membership renewals** for 2019: Karl Audrins, Anne Duffy and John Nixon.

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<b>Cryptic by St Jude</b>


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**Across**

- 1 Shout "hell is mine!" ? (8)
- 6 Trophy, regularly, foully, seized in quantity (6)
- 9 Is there very limited military intelligence on Panama and Suez? (6)
- 10 I end at surrounds of pipe reconstruction happening regularly at the seaside (4,4)
- 11 Diamond layer may be found in Antarctica (3,5)
- 12 Grandly discarding money to hide low return is dim (6)
- 13 Reposition pose for salutation (6)
- 15 Star communist soldier and worker (3,5)
- 16 Reserve ridicule for some Texan food (5,3)
- 18 Navies escape initial torpedo strikes (6)
- 19 Institution has 150 in intensive care (6)
- 20 Historically a sedan-bearer has become a meeting organiser (8)
- 22 Toner hue is stirred up to now (8)
- 23 God, I transgress for a fruit (6)
- 24 A contest concerning a hallway (6)
- 25 Terse direction ignored after two commandos create devastation (8)

**Down**

- 2 Perhaps Aerogard is produced when a worker's representative takes model somewhere north (6,9)
- 3 Company stops salmon manufacture (5)
- 4 A layman with clarinet composed a passage from top to the bottom (10,5)
- 5 Guard goanna (7)
- 6 Assistant accused over business earnings being gutted (6,9)
- 7 Condescend to give encouragement (9)
- 8 Impassive world body to betray almost half of natives after adopting devil's way (15)
- 14 Setting short serial about English and French on a plain in Africa (9)
- 17 Obscure plot surrounding the centre of attraction (7)
- 21 Checks about trendy small size (5)

**July 5-2018: Cryptic by Whynot? (Tony Dobele)**

- Some very neat short clues: HOME BASE, DETAIL, SHOP TALK.
- An excellent puzzle!
- Excellent lot of clues that took some working out. Home base was last penny to drop.
- An enjoyable challenge.
- I found this really difficult but fortunately it fell into place. I liked 15dn VIBRATED and 14dn BOOBOOKS.
- VIBRATED runner up for my COTM.
- Liked WHITE, STACCATO, and especially TIDIES.
- I really enjoyed the clue for CHALET and the three related 13-letter solutions.
- Good clue for BOOBOOKS.
- This was really fun. Great theme. My partner tells me that in Ireland they used to say "Keep a cool head and dry trousers"!!
- Loved the clue for VIBRATED – my COTM.
- Great cross-references made this a lot of fun.

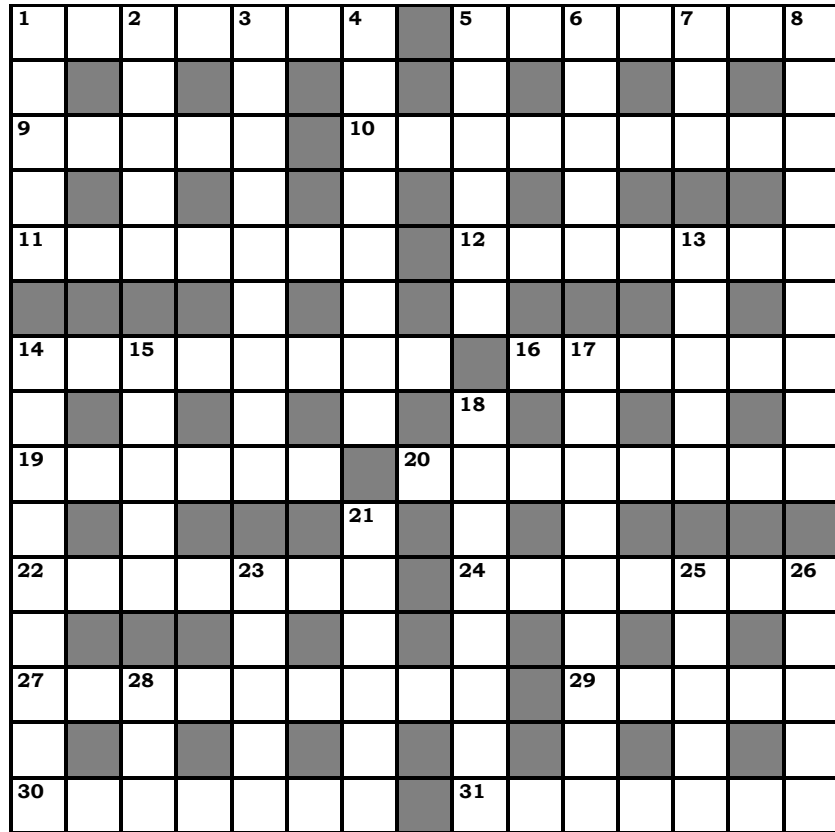
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## Ton-up by Hot and Cold

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The theme celebrates the centenary of an artist who, together with some of his works, is featured in seven solutions, which are not otherwise defined.



### Across

- 1 Somewhere to clean up in Somerset town (3,4)
- 5 Only the best dine with soldiers (7)
- 9 Headdress for the heads of the Imperial and Royal Artillery (5)
- 10 Lacking imagination (5-4)
- 11, 14-down House stood. Returning Democrat to be misusing interns (7,9)
- 12 Sea slug bite engulfing traveller (7)
- 14 Heard train robber violent about main issues (3,5)
- 16 See 5-down (6)
- 19 Hands on switches (6)
- 20 Weave paper net (5,3)
- 22 Ham is uncooked? (7)
- 24 Insulated container covered in feather moss (7)
- 27 Gums up with eastern clay – it explodes (9)
- 29 Trunk to hold alternatives (5)
- 30 Close fastening for evening gown (7)
- 31 Post about special time in simple bliss (7)

### Down

- 1 One of us takes Eastern lecturer to pub (5)
- 2 See 5-down (5)
- 3 Firmly, a mother takes soldier to empty lorry (9)
- 4 Fit of sulks at broken wartime radio-location equipment (4-4)
- 5, 16, 2 Boy by a castle informed Scot's circle (6,3,3,5)
- 6 One who receives wages before middle of week (5)
- 7 German gentleman lost his head to sin (3)
- 8 Enduring first lady taking river bird (not British) to Norway (9)
- 13 Misbehave with current ram (3,2)
- 14 See 11
- 15 Folkloric image of Gladstone, say, invaded by article in Paris (5)
- 17 Ape and otters composed musical dramas (9)
- 18, 26 Direction of bias has theme (4,4,5)
- 21 Black and white publication on pastry (6)
- 23 Bright until the sun disappeared, then dark (5)
- 25 Damage to Iowa (5)
- 26 See 18
- 28 Scottish barrel-like vessel for half of brandy (3)

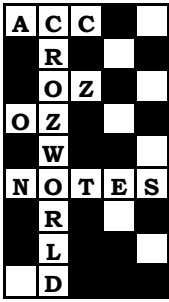
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Closing mail date: Friday 14 September 2018.  
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**Results of Quiz 6/2018.**

**Two times four is eight by Crowsman (Len Colgan).**

**Entries: 44.**

**Winner: Kath Harper. Congratulations!**

**Results: 30:** P Abbott, K Audrins, U Axelsen, M Blake, R Caine, L Carroll, B Cockburn, J Crowe, J Fowler, M Gambin, P Garner, B Glissan, R Gooderick, B Hagan, K Harper, D Jones, J Leigh, P Lord, F Martin, R McKenzie, A Miles, A Millard, S Pinder, D Procter, J Randall, A Shield, B Siegman,

R Skinner, R Taylor, I Thompson, R Wimbush. **29:** W Allen, D Grainger, C McClelland, E O'Brien, H Perrow, M Potts, A Simons, N Storey, C Wilcox. **28:** D Meek, M Procter, K Williams. **26:** G Cole.

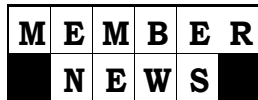
**Answers: 1** averages, **2** billowed, **3** brandish, **4** campuses, **5** castrate, **6** discover, **7** flagrant, **8** grimaces, **9** heathens, **10** idealist, **11** justices, **12** limpidly, **13** malemute, **14** pastoral, **15** plumpest, **16** quadrant, **17** rampaged, **18** realtors, **19** reappear, **20** scarcity, **21** shamrock, **22** sparrows, **23** surfaces, **24** tapering, **25** thinking, **26** triplets, **27** Vaseline, **28** warplane, **29** wavering, **30** whippets.

**Setter's Comments:** With all answers defined only indirectly, it was inevitable there would be different versions other than those expected. It was then a matter of judgment as to whether or not they were "close enough". For #15, "plumages" was received four times and was accepted, as was "plumbane", as was "camphire" for #4. The hardest to find were #10 IDEALIST and #26 TRIPLETS.

**Other Solvers' Comments:**

• Another excellent quiz. Thank you Len. *Ray Gooderick*

- Great puzzle – I'll never be able to look at some of these words in the same way! *Sue Pinder*
- A most enjoyable and thought provoking quiz. *Ulla Axelsen*
- This quiz was absolutely delightful. It had me chuckling all the way through. Hope my guesses are mostly correct. I think THINKING was my favourite, and TRIPLETS was the last one I managed to get. All very clever. *Betty Siegman*
- Another great quiz, thank you. How do you come up with such wonderful ideas? *Ann Millard*
- Not too many problems – VASELINE, SURFACES and IDEALIST were the last to be found. *Andrew Miles*
- I think this quiz is a case where the whole adds up to much more than the sum of the parts. Thank you for the mental workout. *Kath Harper*
- I never cease to be amazed at the variety you give us in your puzzles and quizzes. The pleasure and (occasional) pain is much appreciated – thank you. *Pat Garner*
- Yet another form of quiz. Your list must be endless. *Richard Skinner*
- Enjoyed your quiz. It's fascinating to see how many ways there are to torture us each month. Thank you again. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Excellent idea. Sometimes hard to separate out the eight letter word into the 2 x 4 word components! *Frank Martin*
- Thank you for all the ahas and chuckles to be had whilst solving this quiz, my first. Looking forward to many more. *Matthew Gambin*
- Thanks for a challenging and enjoyable puzzle although I was stuck on 26 for a while. I particularly liked 23. *Warren Allen*
- What a fun quiz this was! I'm not sure about all of them, but had a go anyway. *Judy Randall*
- Most enjoyable – gave the brain a good workout. *Lesley Carroll*



**Vale Gillian Champion (Betelgeuse)**

Gillian joined the Australian Crossword Club in April 2007 and contributed 45 outstanding puzzles and won 10 prizes. Gillian specialised in mind-bending puzzles

in many genres. Whether they were misprints, missing letters, displaced definitions, devilish themes, perimeter jigsaws or (rarely) conventional puzzles she always incorporated clues of dazzling complexity. It was a rare *Betelgeuse* that found its way into anything other than a slot 6 or 7 location. When Kay and I first met her at a Christmas in July lunch in Melbourne several years ago she presented us with a clutch of freshly-laid eggs that she'd transported by train from Metung in country Victoria, swaddled in beanies and vowed that she'd find a way of transmitting the next batch via the internet. Sadly, even Gillian's ingenuity was not up to that, but she was always looking for something new to exercise her mind, including writing courses, and she had a children's novel nearly completed at the time of her death.

In providing information for her bio on the website, she wrote: *"Being brought up in a large house crammed with books, I had this strange compulsion to write. Everybody did it, including sisters, cousins and aunts, and when they weren't writing, they read, argued over words and played word games. I studied literature and writing, then music and science for several years, and now back to words and writing again. My mother was the cryptic crossword enthusiast, who used to spend Saturday afternoons solving quite difficult cryptics (starting off with The Age Saturday, then English ones from The Guardian, or New Statesman) We even got the Listener for years, purely for the crossword. I started solving at about 16 years old – "helping" my mother and usually ending up with tables piled with books. About 20 years ago I discovered compiling and found it more fun than solving. It's great for train journeys – all you need are a few grids, sharpened pencils and your imagination. Why Betelgeuse? Can't think really, but I have always been fond of the faintly ridiculous ring to its name."*

Gillian suffered a stroke in May and unfortunately did not recover well enough to be able to return home to her smallholding with her dogs and geese. She was able to read the many good wishes and comments sent by members on her slot 6 puzzle, and was very happy to have received them. Thank you, all. After leaving hospital she contracted pneumonia, which led to her death on 19 July 2018 aged 80. She was a lovely lady and will be sorely missed. We thank Gillian for the pleasure that she gave us through her puzzles over many years and send our sincere condolences to her family. *—Ian Williams*

**Quiz No 8/2018:**

**Odd Fauna by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen).**

All answers have something in common suggested by the title and are in alphabetical order. The common element may be found either in the whole word, or in part of the word or words, of the answer.

Send your entry to Ulla Axelsen, 6 Maud Street, Donnybrook, QLD 4510.  
e-mail: [ullaaxelsen@hotmail.com](mailto:ullaaxelsen@hotmail.com)  
Closing date: 14 September 2018. \$75 Prize.

- 1 Supply with notes (8)
- 2 Estimate highly (10)
- 3 Disagreeable (7)
- 4 XXXX plant (7)
- 5 Soup (7)
- 6 Cunning (6)
- 7 Thirst (7)
- 8 Perpetual (11)
- 9 WA coastal town (7)
- 10 Leave (8)
- 11 Intellectual power (6)
- 12 A greeting (4, 9)
- 13 Weeding (6)
- 14 For sure! (6)
- 15 Port costs (7)
- 16 Intentionally (9)
- 17 Loose indoor garment (7)
- 18 Dressing (10)
- 19 Relating to a dehumanised authoritarian society (9)
- 20 Sanctimonious (8)
- 21 Backlash (8)
- 22 Timer (9)
- 23 Demonstrator (7)
- 24 Sporting event (9)
- 25 Bugs Bunny's catch phrase (5,2,3)
- 26 Moving fast (7)

## July 1-2018: Half 'n Half by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

- Nice starter with a couple of look-ups, especially 'eric'.  
*Andrew Patterson*
- Interesting theme and brilliantly executed.  
*Roger Douglas*
- Sending this through again as Optus were giving me grief yesterday!  
*Patricia Abbott*
- Phew, parsing BLOOD FINE was convoluted. Surely "course" should be "coarse" [Whoops! - happily no solver tried the literal meaning - Ed]  
*Roy Low*
- Wonderful! And I thought ERIC was Idle, 2 of my uncles or a nephew! No, it is a BLOOD-FINE. Thank you, Len.  
*Ann Millard*
- A good challenge, and it took me a while to cotton on to a few clues. SARSENET was the only material I hadn't heard of, so the answers were not too obscure in my opinion.  
*Ian Thompson*
- Can make no sense of 9dn. Who is Eric?  
*Merv Collins*
- There's nothing immaterial about this one.  
*Michael Kennedy*
- I wonder how many people, like me, entered CASHMERE for 1ac and had to cross it out and enter PASHMINA? Maybe 50? I did them in pencil after that.  
*Andrew Miles*
- Did anyone get all of these without references? I found it educational.  
*Roy Taylor*
- Not the easiest for a Slot 1. Good fun though.  
*Ulla Axelsen*
- Nice start to the month.  
*Tony Dobebe*
- Well fabricated!  
*Nea Storey*
- A most enjoyable puzzle. I was taken on a trip down memory lane with 'serge'.... as I recalled the horrible navy serge uniforms of my high school days.  
*Maureen Blake*
- Great variety of material in here!  
*Robyn McKenzie*
- Lots of good stuff.  
*Jim Fowler*
- A little more challenging than usual for this slot - BLOOD FINE took a while! Textile theme was good.  
*Mike Potts*
- ANNALISTS was a nice invention. How many of us wasted time with CASHMERE for 1ac?  
*Max Roddick*
- I now have material covered.  
*Richard Skinner*
- Nicely themed half-and-half. Eric = 'blood-fine'. Who knew?  
*Brian Tickle*

- No idea about 9dn! Just clutching at straws!  
*Eileen O'Brien*
- You had me at 'alpaca': I have two spoilt beauties which eat from my hand and were pleased to know they were mentioned in slot 1, so had to be COTM:).  
*Lynn Jarman*
- Good fun - once the across theme became clear!  
*Anne Simons*
- How clever. Enjoyed the first of the month. Thanks Len.  
*Robyn Wimbush*
- I learned a lot about fabric!  
*Cath Fernando*
- Excellent material for clueing!  
*Bev Cockburn*
- I loved the 'straight' theme for fabrics. Who is Eric Bloodfine? (If my answer is correct).  
*Robyn Caine*
- Every Across 'fabricated'! What fun Crowsman. Oh, and Eric took me ages: it was the last solution I found in Slots 1-4.  
*Kathy Horadam*
- Nice start to the month.  
*Tony Dobebe*
- Enjoyed this puzzle.  
*Helen Perrow*

## July 2-2018: Cryptic by Pentangle (Brian Tickle)

- Quite tricky for a slot 2. Those many-worded clues really strain the brain. Lots of cleverness in the clues, so thanks for the challenge Pentangle.  
*Ian Thompson*
- Lots of great clues.  
*Brian Symons*
- A most enjoyable puzzle with lots of terrific clues - KNIGHTS and ILL-FED were standouts. Be "a follower", indeed!  
*Andrew Miles*
- Lots of nice little tricks, eg. B is A follower. Gave COTM to shopping centre.  
*Roy Taylor*
- A few unusual clues but clue for 'shopping centre' was clever.  
*Ulla Axelsen*
- Liked 'a follower' = b, and the very quiet shopping centre.  
*Tony Dobebe*
- Lots of guesswork on my part!  
*Nea Storey*
- I really enjoyed the long clues.  
*Robyn McKenzie*
- We found this to be a pretty tough slot 2.  
*Richard Skinner*
- Fine puzzle with praiseworthy grid.  
*Len Colgan*
- Good clues, especially 1ac, 21ac, 1dn, 2dn & 17dn.  
*Anne Simons*
- Ah, that 6dn-4ac combination. Clever!  
*Max Roddick*
- Really enjoyed this puzzle and to actually complete same gave me a real buzz!  
*Glenda Lloyd*
- I gave my COTM to SHOPPING CENTRE but also loved LATERAL THINKING.  
*Robyn Caine*
- I liked PETER and ABSTRACT. The clues for 1dn, 3dn and 4dn still puzzle me.  
*Kathy Horadam*

## July 3-2018: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

- 30ac: Manticore - a cryptic clue almost lifted directly from the dictionary definition - marvellous.  
*Andrew Patterson*
- MANTICORE brilliant, DORHAWK also excellent.  
*Rob Moline*
- 30: Far too long-winded. (20 words). Try 'Mark the startled reaction to this fabulous creature.' [No question that MANTICORE is a relatively long clue (Chambers takes 19 words to define it). The clue literally describes the animal parts that legendarily constitute a manticore, hence the apparently lengthy text - M].  
*George Rolfe*
- What a wonderful adventure that was. Birds, beasts and swimming creatures.  
*Trish McPherson*
- A great effort to make all answers zoological.  
*Ian Thompson*
- Not enjoyable. Too many obscurities and dubious usage.  
*Roy Low*
- Wonderful.  
*Brian Symons*
- I struggled with some of these clues.  
*Roy Taylor*
- Congratulations on getting so many animal-related words in both answers and clues. The many unusual animals and the ? and ! clues made this a real challenge.  
*Ulla Axelsen*
- Nice animal theme. Liked the clue for MANTICORE: don't see why it needed the brackets though? [The brackets in the manticore clue were used for the surface sense in order to link the lion to the cat. I possibly could have got away with omitting them. - M]  
*Tony Dobebe*
- Animals, birds, fish, insects, mythical creatures - this one has the lot!  
*Nea Storey*
- Enjoyed the animal theme, and learnt some new ones as well!  
*Maureen Blake*
- A couple of creatures that I had never come across before.  
*Ann Millard*
- Nice job with the animal theme, and a good balance of hard and moderate clues. SEA PIGS had me sweating.  
*Mike Potts*
- Thank goodness we picked the theme early, else this would have been a lot tougher. Some very inventive clues and new (to us) creatures.  
*Richard Skinner*
- Thank you for an enjoyable puzzle with some great clues.  
*Sonia Roulston*

- What a wonderful job you have done to fit all of those creatures (some exotic and some mythological) into the grid!  
*Brian Tickle*
- Unusual answers rely on good clues and this one has good clues.  
*Lynn Jarman*
- Found this hard. Great job fitting all those creatures!  
*Anne Simons*
- I have interacted with many dugongs and have not heard sea-pigs before. Yet another first time. Enjoyable puzzle  
*Manveru*  
*Robyn Wimbush*
- The clue to 16dn is puzzling. Not cryptic or accurate as a descriptor, Man may, arguably, cause extinction on the earth but not of the earth.  
*Jim Fowler*
- A menagerie of the weird and wonderful. Where does Manveru find all these outlandish creatures?  
*Ron Carpenter*
- Amazing number of animals incorporated in this puzzle. Well done, Manveru!  
*Bev Cockburn*
- Wow! So many animals, and a few new ones for me.  
*Robyn Caine*
- Michael's effort in placing so many animals in the grid was incredible - a 'Slot 7, 26ac' achievement!  
*Graeme Cole*
- An amazing feat to fit every clue to the theme! 12ac and 15ac took me ages; hope they are correct.  
*Kathy Horadam*

## July 4-2018: AJ by Both Sides (Anne Simons & Nea Storey)

- Some great clues. I especially liked Queen Mother.  
*Robyn McKenzie*
- The easiest crossword for the month. Thanks.  
*Ulla Axelsen*
- Difficult grid but some great clues! Loved FROU FROU.  
*Tony Dobebe*
- I've put PRACTICE in for P, but don't know why.  
*Peter McDonald*
- Some clever clues. I liked FROU FROU!!  
*Ann Millard*
- I love the challenge of these puzzles.  
*Jenny Madden*
- Liked UTTERMOST. The E in PROCAINE doesn't seem to be accounted for.  
*Max Roddick*
- AJ, enjoyable, as always.  
*George Rolfe*
- Excellent puzzle, Nea and Anne. Predictably, I query "last light" and "last stripey". I would use "light's end" and "rear of stripey".  
*Len Colgan*
- As much fun as usual. Thank you.  
*Robyn Wimbush*
- Hard work but satisfying. FROU FROU my favourite.  
*Cath Fernando*
- Coincidentally, I ate 'escargot' on Bastille Day, July 14th!  
*Bev Cockburn*
- Another very enjoyable AJ.  
*Robyn Caine*
- A few guesses here (O-is Spain supposed to be España? [IVR for Spain - Ad] and H) but some great clues (W; and F which gets my COTM).  
*Kathy Horadam*



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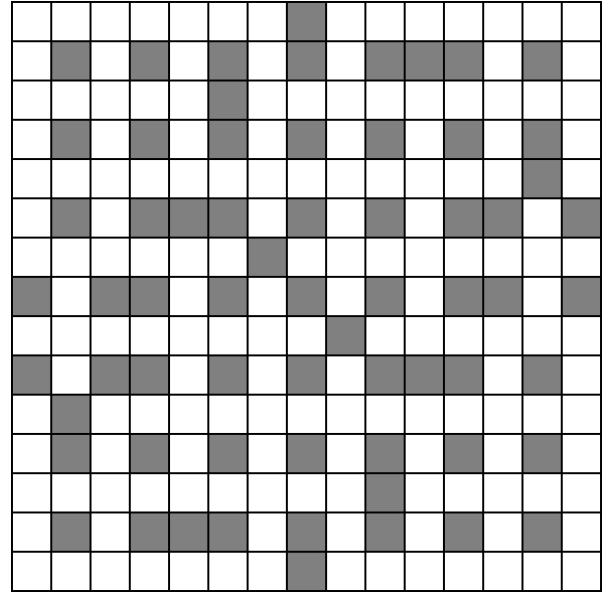
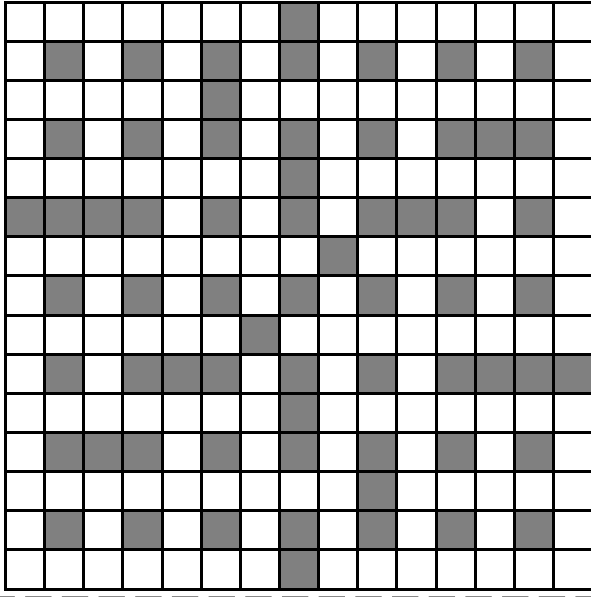
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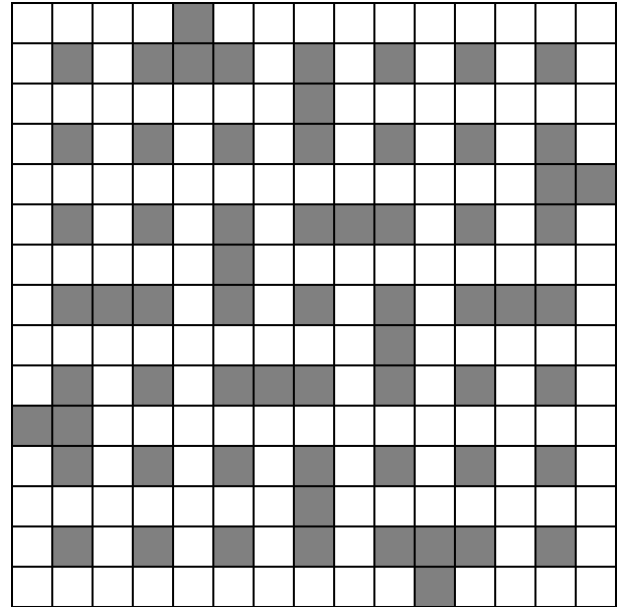
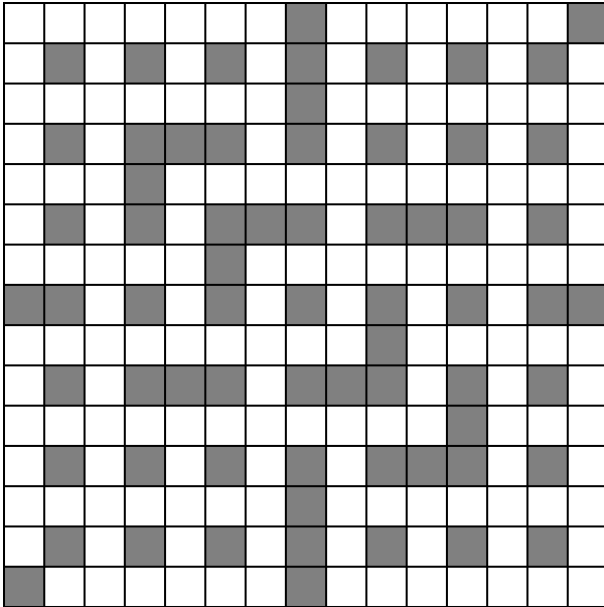
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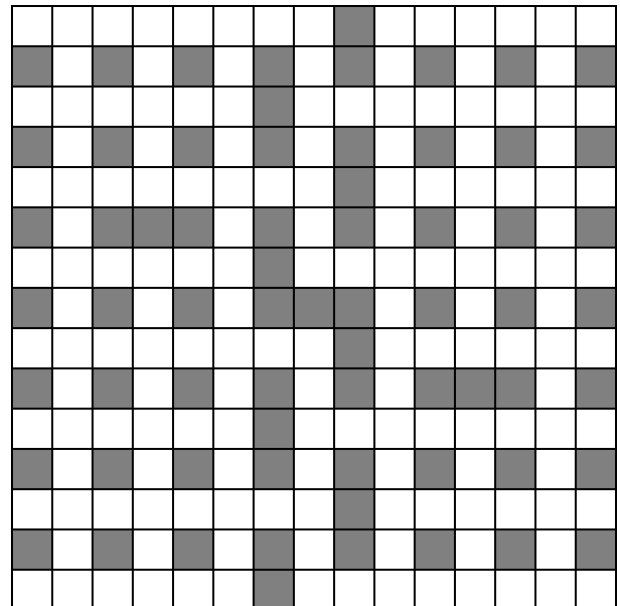
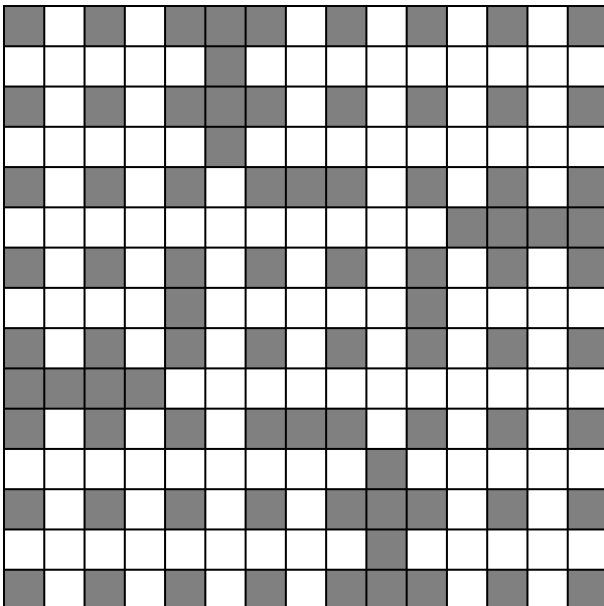
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Clue of the Month .....

**June 6-2018. Misprints by Betelgeuse (Gillian Champion)**  
**Entries received 38: Correct 26: Success rate 68%.**  
**Prizewinner: Mike Potts. Congratulations!**

### Adjudicator's Comments

We are very sorry to report that Gillian died early last week of complications with pneumonia following a stroke. Please see the tribute on page 9. I was pleased that I was able to adjudicate her puzzle. Relatively few mistakes were found in one of the most tricky puzzles of the year, judging by the comments below, with most members registering only one error. The clue that gave most problems was 14-down, where eight solvers submitted BUTTERING in place of MUSTERING. The "soften" referred to "ret", and "up" to its reversal in the down clue, inside MUSING: "domination" gave the definition of "mastering", with the misprint U for A. A couple of LOCKETs in place of LICKED gave the only other repeated error. Thank you, Robyn, for the beautifully-rendered dragon card containing your entry – it made adjudication more of a pleasure than usual.

—Kay Williams

### Explanations

**Across: 8** (TIME + oSCAR)\* [p(C)lays], **9** CHOIR\*+D [s(F)lower], **10** WATCH\*+K [m(B)eat], **11** CA (P) R (ICE) S + [sudden m(N)otions], **12** aDROIT [L(R)ight], **13** PERu + DICTION [w(H)ell], **15** (IN HOUSE)\* [(W)nicked], **17** SAT\* around TACK [g(S)ets on], **20** E (PI) LATION [removal of he(A)ir], **22** A + FIR + E [t(B)urning], **25** ELECT +-homoph "rick" [able to be chan(R)ged], **26** B (RU) ISE [f(P)ound], **27** DE + MEAN [lov(W)er], **28** P (ED) AN + TRY [no(I)t picking]. **Down: 1** W+E(I)THER [wett(H)er], **2** VA+(ACTION)\* [Va(O)cation], **3** M (INK) E [mink(C)e], **4** S+TICKER [Stin(C)ker], **5** (DIRTY POT I)\* [torr(P)idity], **6** SC (HI) ST [schism(T)], **7** homoph "why a" + W=OR+K [wireworm(K)], **14** MUS (RET-) ING [Ma(U)stering], **16** homoph "ex spelled" [exc(P)elled], **18** AF (FLUE+N) T [e(A)ffluent], **19** CON (CE + P) T [concer(P)t], **21** LI (C) KED [lin(C)ked], **23** RES (OR) T [Rep(S)ort], **24** A + I in BED\* [as(B)ide].

### Solvers' Comments

- This needed perseverance and concentration to avoid muddling the Across and Down instructions. The clue I cannot fully reconcile needs getting S from "can be subject to sudden" [See explanations – Adj]. But enormous satisfaction solving the puzzle.  
*Len Colgan*
- I'm sure my head is missing bits after this!  
*Tony Dobe*
- Beautifully constructed and clued. I do hope Gillian is recovering well.  
*Roy Taylor*
- All my best wishes to Gillian. Hope she is up and about quickly to set us some more fiendish and challenging crosswords.  
*Ulla Axelsen*
- Particularly tricky!  
*Julie Leigh*
- Whew! Took me five hours over several days but I think I've got it! Kept confusing the instructions for across and down.  
*Nea Storey*
- Wonderful.  
*Brian Symons*
- Quite a brain strainer, as is usual from Betelgeuse.  
*Ian Thompson*
- This puzzle was a bit unfair, to put it mildly! Spent hours on it, so here's hoping.  
*Anne Simons*
- This must have been as hard to compose as it was to solve.  
*Doreen Jones*
- Oh, the mental gymnastics required to stay within the counter-intuitive guidelines! Thank you Betelgeuse for another brain-buster.  
*Kath Harper*
- Get well soon Gillian. We would love more of these tough, very tough, puzzles. All the best for a full and speedy recovery.  
*Richard Skinner*
- Another excellent Gillian puzzle. I love them! They require a clear mind and ample time. I do hope Gillian is on the mend, and back challenging us soon.  
*Julie Crowe*
- I lost count of the number of times I had to return to the instructions to work out which word to include in the puzzle.

Utter confusion followed and I am not at all confident in my submission!  
*Maureen Blake*

- What a headache. I'm still not sure I have it tight.  
*Warren Allen*
- A great challenge, that I may or may not have completed accurately. A re-submission after a revelation of Damascene proportions led to CLAYS not PLAYS and CERAMIST as an anagram of TIME and OSCAR without the O. A great puzzle.  
*Ian Mason*
- The hardest puzzles end up giving the most satisfaction when completed (and I hope correctly!)  
*Robyn McKenzie*
- An excellent puzzle as one has come to expect. Unsure about 16dn.  
*Jim Fowler*
- A brilliant challenge, as always!  
*Mike Potts*
- What a struggle!  
*Laurence Kennedy*

### Explanations for Clues in July Slots 1-5

Note: cd = cryptic definition; dd = double definition; rev or < = reversal; homophones are noted as "homoph" and words from which they are derived may be shown in quotes; anagrams as anag. if straightforward, or (NNNN)\*. "Heads" or Tails" are first or last letters of part of a clue; letters forming solutions are normally written as capitals and removals as lower case; hw or hidden = hidden word. Explanations provided by individual compilers may vary from this format.

**Slot 1 Crowsman.** Explanations to cryptic clues. **Down: 1** PI + gNOCCHI + O, **2** dd, **3** M + ON + GO + NAIL<, **4** VAN< + Y, **6** homoph of "you" + PEND, **7** FREE + ANGER\*, **8** LA(iNKs)Y, **9** BROOD with R changed to L + FINE, **14** IN(CAR)NATE, **16** S(PRAGUe<)LUM, **18** ANNA + LISTS, **19** L + AND + A + GENT, **22** TYPE D, **23** homoph "leads", **25** A(PRO)N, **26** A + AIR<.

**Slot 2 Pentangle.** **Across: 1** ABS + homph "tracked", **5** (FILLED)\*, **10** LATER + ALI + THIN + KING, **11** dd, **12** (HELP MANIC)\*, **13** OCT + gETs, **14** NAIL + HEADS, **16** cd, **18** dd ref Blue Peter, **19** AP(POINTE)E, **20** Palindrome, **21** KNIGHT + OFT + HE(B)ATH, **22** (WAI(US)T)\*, **23** REST(TEA)\*S. **Down: 1** AiLLUSIONS, **2** SATURn + nATION + POINT, **3** RARE + BaIT, **4** (A CALM NOTION LIEs)\*, **6** LONG + fISH, **7** FL(I)GHT)ATTEN + D + ANT & cd, **8** dd, **9** cd, **15** (REST)\*(CHEST)\*, **17** <ST(GH) INK, **18** PA(TIE)NTs, **19** bASKEt + W.

**Slot 3 Manveru.** **Across: 1** (I + LESSON)\*, **5** OA(R)FISH, **9, 24** (ADAPTING+A+N)\*, **10** CD, **11/28** White Rail – Spoonerism, **12** DD – Ibis Hotel, **13** DD, **15** BUM(BEE(r))S, **17** (DARKWHO)\* &lit, **20** (MOUNTAIn)\*, **22** ROSE+ALL<, **23** cd, **25** cd, **26** M+A+CAW, **30** (CAT+IO+N+M+E+R)\*, **31** rev hidden, **32** (COASTLINE minus CT)\*, **33** (USE YARD)\*. **Down: 1** cd, **2** ORANG(e), **3** (THEOREMS around CT)\*, **4** (PASSE around I + G)\*, **5** LIDO\* around RIB<, **6** (R+SAY)\*, **7** IMAG(e)+O, **8** Homoph – ruff (sound of a dog), **14** GRASS + M + (SHOT)\*, **15** dd, **16** M(e)AN, **18** Reference to ALL, **19** taKEAway, **21** Hidden, **22** DD, **23** PU+MAS, **27** COY+PU(p), **29** NZ.

**Slot 4 Both Sides.** **A** A+S(T)OUND, **B** BAN + GS, **C** CHART + ER, **D** rev hidden, **E** ESC(ARGO)T, **F** anag FOUR repeated, **G** G(AZ)ET+ homoph "tier", **H** HIGH + LAND, **I** INTER + CEP + T, **J** (CAIN + JOB)\*, **K** dd, **L** LIBRA + TORY, **M** cd, **N** (TRANCE)\*, **O** OPAL + IN + E, **P** PRO + homoph "Cain", **Q** cd, **R** RACE + WAY, **S** dd, **T** Anag. , **U** cd, **V** dd, **W** (HER NEW GROOM)\*, **X** (IN + EX RAF)\*, **Y** Y + AWNING, **Z** (A+ZEL)\*+OT.

**Slot 5 Whynot?** **Across: 8** cd, **9** dd, **10** dd, **11** cd, **12** (ISCENTLOSS)\*, **14** cd, **16** BOO(T)ST + SPAR<, **20** dd, **21** (TAS)< + I + ATE + squiD, **23** Char. **Down: 1** Chi(ALE)T, **2** CAT< + CAT in SO, **3** dd ref baseball, **4** Hidden, **5** (BALD + CROOKS)\*, **6** WHEN around IT, **7** (TRAM IS)\* + A + Route, **12** CRYPT + (MAR GO) < (up), **13** AUNt in Sth Aus, **14** bOOB in BOOKS, **15** BRA in VITED, **17** T I D + IE + S, **19** dd, **21** (Hard OP) in STALK.