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Every word was once a poem. Every relation is a new word.  
Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, 'The Poet', in *Essays: Second Series*.

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We have received many heartfelt tributes to mark the remarkable life of ACC Legend **Noel Jessop** and his passing on 22 October 2010. These have been gathered together and published on p6.

We have been delighted with the excellent response to the renewal of subscriptions and the generous donations to the ACC prize fund 2011. It looks like the New Year will be richly rewarding for all solvers! Details of renewals and the names of those who have kindly donated to the 2011 Prize Fund can be found on p7. Further renewals and donations will be acknowledged in the next *Crozworld*. Many thanks for your generous sponsorship of the ACC in 2011.

Don't forget about the special offer where you can sign up a new member for 2011 for only \$30. Some of the members have already taken up this great offer. It will make a wonderful gift to your friends and a great Christmas present!

Puzzleman Ian Williams has selected another excellent range of puzzles for you this month. Many of your favourites are featured: *Virgo* and *Southern Cross* with excellent cryptics, *Fortuna 48* has compiled an interesting puzzle in the Slot 1 position and *Crowsman* offers us another outstanding composition with the popular AJ. *St Jude* challenges us again in the Slot 5 spot and *Betelgeuse* has devised a Printer's Devilry in the Slot 6 puzzle. And our Quizmeister *Virgo* has challenged us with another one of her fascinating and interesting quizzes. (see p9).

Kindly note that we have an early closing date with this issue – **Friday 17 December**. This will enable us to get the January *Crozworld* out in time for Christmas. Finally, a special note of thanks to the Williams team – Kay and Ian – for adjudicating the Slots 1-5 puzzles plus the e-lodgment ones too! Best of Luck with your solving. —Patrick

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Many thanks for the cards, greetings and notes that make adjudicating so much pleasure. I feel that I know you all. At the risk of repeating last year's comments, it's a great pity that so much effort is lost because of sloppy proof-reading of entries, including some from adjudicators and setters – who should know better. The normal distressing quota of blank squares. E-lodgers have the advantage that *AxWord* indicates where a square is left blank – we'd recommend that as many as possible try lodging by e-mail. It's not difficult and Ian gives full instructions and extra help where necessary. And it takes a lot of strain from the mail entry adjudicators.

**Slot 1:** A well-received puzzle from our *Eager Beaver* with very few errors (CEPS fooled some) once it had been agreed to accept RETURNS for the intended RETORTS in 1-across.

**Slot 2:** Unfortunately, the same latitude could not be extended to a surprising number of solvers who submitted AU NATURAL in place of AU NATUREL. Neither *Chambers* nor *Macquarie* has the semi-Anglicized version as valid and the construction requires AU + NATURE + L. MISSARANGE for DISSARANGE fooled a number and would have yielded an interesting synonym for "shabby". ESTRO eluded quite a few. Many people said that they solved this puzzle remembering Noel and his contribution to the Club.

**Slot 3:** Not too many problems with *Cha-Cha's* puzzle – but COLA was offered by quite a few in place of SODA, and ADAPTER in place of ADAPTOR, neither of which met the secondary indications (see p4). As with Slot 2, incorrect solutions relating to a very few clues dragged the success rate down to about 50%.

**Slot 4:** The main problem in Doug's neat puzzle was GOWNIES for GOWNMEN. As is his wont, he had cleverly placed POSITIVE and NEGATIVE symmetrically in the grid. Doug collected a large number of nominations for COTM for C, K, M,N, P, T, U, V and Y.

**Slot 5:** Very few non-typo problems with Roy's delightful Ximenean apart from SHIFT for SHIRT and a number of interesting variations on the anagram for OLOGOAN (in *Collins*). As will be seen on p10, a number of solvers had some reservations regarding PILOSES (but none had it incorrectly).

**COTM:** As noted above, Doug's AJ attracted a large number of votes. In the finishing straight his POSITIVE was leading by a short head from Noel's THE BARB, followed closely by Catherine's ECCLES CAKE. As the runners neared the winning post (Friday's post) ECCLES CAKE put on an incredible burst of speed and narrowly took the Cup. Congratulations Catherine!

We look forward to seeing many old and new friends at William's new pride and joy. —Kay Williams

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	114	108	107	107	92	528
Correct entries	105	56	53	81	72	367
Success rate (%)	92.1	51.9	49.5	75.7	78.3	69.5
<b>Prizewinners</b>	S Taylor A Barrett	H Cromer N Wilson	D Parsons M Kennedy	C Hambling	D Coates J McGrath	from 114 members

**Prizewinner: November 2010 Slots 1-5: Margaret Steinberger**

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### Nov 1-2010

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L	O	S	I	N	G	D	I	R	E	C	T	I	O	N
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## MEMBERS RESULTS FOR OCT Slot 6 & NOV 2010 Slots 1-5



MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
ALLEN W	.	.	.	.	.	.
ANDERSON C	.	.	.	.	.	.
ARCHIBALD C	.	.	.	.	.	.
AUSTIN A	.	.	.	.	.	.
BALNAVES J	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARBOUR J	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARNES J	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARRETT A	.	.	.	.	.	.
BENNETT B	.	.	.	.	.	.
BENNETT D	.	.	.	.	.	.
BRYANT R	.	.	.	.	.	.
BUTLER D	.	.	.	.	.	.
CAINE R	.	.	.	.	.	.
CALLAN A & D	.	.	.	.	.	.
CAMPBELL G	.	.	.	.	.	.
CHAMPION G	.	.	.	.	.	.
CHANCE C	.	.	.	.	.	.
CHRISTIANSEN R	.	.	.	.	.	.
COATES D	.	.	.	.	.	.
COCKBURN B	.	.	.	.	.	.
COCKBURN M	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLGAN L	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLE G	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLLINS M	.	.	.	.	.	.
COPLAND F	.	.	.	.	.	.
COWAN M	.	.	.	.	.	.
CROMER H	.	.	.	.	.	.
DAVIS M	.	.	.	.	.	.
DEARIE P	.	.	.	.	.	.
DE GRYS A	.	.	.	.	.	.
DENNIS M	.	.	.	.	.	.
DINHAM V	.	.	.	.	.	.
DOBELE T	.	.	.	.	.	.
DUCKER R	.	.	.	.	.	.
EGGLETON B	.	.	.	.	.	.
EVANS, Jean	.	.	.	.	.	.
FOWLER J	.	.	.	.	.	.
FREELAND J	.	.	.	.	.	.
FRY L	.	.	.	.	.	.
GALBREATH M	.	.	.	.	.	.

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GARDINER R	.	.	.	.	.	.
GARNER P	.	.	.	.	.	.
GILLIS J	.	.	.	.	.	.
GLISSAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.
GRAINGER D	.	.	.	.	.	.
GREENBERGER O	.	.	.	.	.	.
HAGAN R	.	.	.	.	.	.
HAMBLING C	.	.	.	.	.	.
HARPER K	.	.	.	.	.	.
HAZELL N	.	.	.	.	.	.
HEENAN C	.	.	.	.	.	.
HEMSLEY D	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCKING A	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOWARD V	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOWELLS S	.	.	.	.	.	.
IBBOTT B	.	.	.	.	.	.
JERMY A	.	.	.	.	.	.
JESSOP N	.	.	.	.	.	.
JONES C	.	.	.	.	.	.
JONES D	.	.	.	.	.	.
KENNEDY DJ	.	.	.	.	.	.
KENNEDY M	.	.	.	.	.	.
KNIGHT S	.	.	.	.	.	.
KNIGHT V	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEE C	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEEDS G	.	.	.	.	.	.
LLOYD G	.	.	.	.	.	.
LORD P	.	.	.	.	.	.
McADOO G	.	.	.	.	.	.
McCLELLAND C	.	.	.	.	.	.
MacDOUGALL I	.	.	.	.	.	.
McGRATH J	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKENZIE I	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKINDLAY Y	.	.	.	.	.	.
McMANUS D	.	.	.	.	.	.
McPHERSON T	.	.	.	.	.	.
MARTIN A	.	.	.	.	.	.
MARTIN F	.	.	.	.	.	.
MEEK D	.	.	.	.	.	.

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MILES A	.	.	.	.	.	.
MORRIS B	.	.	.	.	.	.
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NOBLE C	.	.	.	.	.	.
O'BRIEN Eileen	.	.	.	.	.	.
O'BRIEN Ted	.	.	.	.	.	.
PARSONS D	.	.	.	.	.	.
PATTERSON A	.	.	.	.	.	.
PEARCE J	.	.	.	.	.	.
PINDER S	.	.	.	.	.	.
POTTS M	.	.	.	.	.	.
PROCTER D	.	.	.	.	.	.
PROCTER M	.	.	.	.	.	.
PYC M	.	.	.	.	.	.
QUINN C	.	.	.	.	.	.
RENDELL A	.	.	.	.	.	.
RODDICK M	.	.	.	.	.	.
RYAN W	.	.	.	.	.	.
SAVANAH T	.	.	.	.	.	.
SIEGMAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.
SIMONS A	.	.	.	.	.	.
SMITH J	.	.	.	.	.	.
STEINBERGER M	.	.	.	.	.	.
STOCKS J	.	.	.	.	.	.
STOREY N	.	.	.	.	.	.
SYMONS B	.	.	.	.	.	.
TAYLOR R	.	.	.	.	.	.
TAYLOR S	.	.	.	.	.	.
TICKLE B	.	.	.	.	.	.
TOFONI B	.	.	.	.	.	.
TROLLOPE S	.	.	.	.	.	.
VILLIERS W	.	.	.	.	.	.
WAITES L	.	.	.	.	.	.
WALTER A	.	.	.	.	.	.
WEBBER B	.	.	.	.	.	.
WENHAM J	.	.	.	.	.	.
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WILLIAMS K&I	.	.	.	.	.	.
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**Quite Candid**  
by  
**Fortuna 48**

**Prizes: \$50**



**Win!**

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**Across**

- 1 The 6 across cape shows transparency (9)
- 6 Man to sign for prompt carriage of a pigsty (5)
- 10 Scary cry of disapproval (3)
- 11 A growth on toe, from which a tree will sprout (5)
- 13 Top pain explaining "Not tonight, dear" (8)
- 14 Girl backing English saint (5)
- 15 Aperture mostly composed of cheer (3)
- 17 6 across could be the ... .. this crossword (3,2)
- 18 Media boss (a 6 across), voter for an Archibald Prize (6)
- 21 Like Anglo-Saxon (2)
- 22 Describing lustful behaviour with brass instruments? (7)
- 24 A mademoiselle plays with 38a (3)
- 25 Sounds like little Gertrude is surrounded (4)
- 27 Vocalist (a 6 across) suffered a strain (7)
- 30 Stick tree resembles residue of fire in a sugar-mill (4,3)
- 31 Deep blue-green duck (4)
- 32 Without the rough edge, the burr can still cling (3)
- 33 The Body found in Latin country lanes (7)
- 35 The first two are lowly-ranked on board (2)
- 36 Russian denial includes books answering child's query concerning arrival (3,3)
- 37 Clever transport in reverse (5)
- 38 When I leave Pacific Island, it is new as in Jimmy Chi's musical (3)
- 40 Yes, German swan was Esau's twin (5)
- 41 Little German has unreasonable desire for a treatise by Tacitus (8)
- 42 Crooked aides whisper (5)
- 43 Off-colour in Illinois (3)
- 44 How to play a tune with an organ (2,3)
- 45 In Spain, the regular Senior Executive Service takes a break (9)

**Down**

- 1 6 across scientist lost one monster (12)
- 2 Anguish of relative who gives personal advice (5,4)
- 3 Australian artist's uncompleted martial art (5)
- 4 Record almost has the Hebrew measure (4)
- 5 Fake article for medicine man (6)
- 6 Miles of 6 across lines, not completed by novelist (8)
- 7 Shrink from harbour, spoilt without old city (5)
- 8 I hear Macpherson is missing Christmas (4)
- 9 All right? Quite the opposite - out for the count (2)
- 12 Deceitful arts of rodents (4)
- 16 Underground, roughly smother symbols of maternity? (5,7)
- 18 Advance excuse without words (3)
- 19 Craig's crooked smoking sticks (6)
- 20 See 40 down
- 22 A 6 across Huey embraced Rugby League photographer (6)
- 23 Atop article for Office of National Assessments (3)
- 26 Black bubs in sticky situations (3,6)
- 28 With this precedent, a tree may take flight (4)
- 29 Tense Greek poet doesn't start interconvertible isomer (8)
- 30 A twist of hair provides stimulus (3)
- 32 Short order for popular sandwich filling (3)
- 34 A girl: the French girl (née 6 across) who kept a diary (6)
- 35 Mao's edited book (4)
- 36 Although 500 less, it still had an eye (5)
- 37 The extent of the climb (5)
- 39 Duckling, not male, hugely described in fairytale. (4)
- 40 and 20 Miss Lake in Bronte novel (4,4)
- 43 Text message: I live in the same place (2)

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Closing mail date: Friday 14 January 2011.


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## Cryptic

by

## Virgo



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**Across**

- 1 Keep back the first water in the wild (8)
- 5 The caption is a legend (6)
- 10 Just starting to get into a car by the inlet (5)
- 11 Brian sent out for Roger (9)
- 12 Hold up wood and preserve (3,3)
- 13 Little woman – so backward in city humour (8)
- 15 Trial meant change for Will (9)
- 17 A German river! (4)
- 20 To be animated in spite of bad back (4)
- 21 Street drove a blue Rover without an 'E' tag (9)
- 24 A collection of different pitches put in a medley (8)
- 25 Some biscuits for our men (6)
- 28 Buys tea in pouches (9)
- 29 Peel off by French lagoon (5)
- 30 News about red wine (6)
- 31 Lone owls – flying jumpers perhaps? (8)

**Down**

- 1 To talk on a hot cake (6)
- 2 A strap for footwear or G-string (5)
- 3 Hose connections shan't dry out (8)
- 4 Blue movie – Grease perhaps? (4)
- 6 All calling out together is noun form (6)
- 7 Dog by broken tree with its end in river (9)
- 8 Can 'Sorry' settle fussing and fighting? (5,3)
- 9 Unwisely, to go quietly? (9)
- 14 The neatest ironed and so the most bucks (9)
- 16 Listen to the rain as it falls from the roof (9)
- 18 An insect trap in a kite perhaps? (8)
- 19 Miss Arden begins with fluent medley – lots happening (8)
- 22 Her wit is uncommonly dry (6)
- 23 Trees from Arabia (Spenser) (6)
- 26 Open a page-turner (6)
- 27 Starts on Sunday (see Capital) (4)

**Explanations for November & October grids, provided by the compiler (Thank you, Catherine and Roy) and requested by solvers.**

**Slot 1 by The Eager Beaver.** 25dn: A slightly naughty indirect hidden word from Tenzing.  
**Slot 2 by Jesso.** 9ac: Ancient = OLD security = BAIL EY = the archaic (YE) backing; 10ac: Fly half = TSE turned = EST fROm (centre); 4dn: Barbarian = GOTH about to attach = AIL over – hence GO (LIA) TH  
**Slot 3 by Cha-Cha.** Ac 1: dbl defn 6. dbl dfn 9. BA(RMIT)Z VAH (HAV back) 10. SECOND RATE minus anag (fizzy) of CENTRE 12. IVORIES=KEYS BONY FRAME=SKELETON 15. anag SCENE IN 16. SKIPPY=ROO REST anag 17. Homophones HOLEY + SEA 19. brief ENVELOPE 20. POST(job) AGE(long duration) STAMP (press) 23. M=mother H=hospital 24. anag NOT MEETING 25. dbl defn 26.anag JOINTESTED. Dn 1. Santa part speak (HO) nasty smell (BO). 2. Little man(short NORMAN) 3. S(PICK) ANDS + PAN 4. GAZE-E+EL+LE 5. AD(APT)ORE-E 7. anag JOLTRECIPE 8. TRAIN-I+SCRIPT 11. INVOLVE(MEN)TS 13. INSUBSTANTIAL=LIGHT + homophone (PLAIN) 14. dbl defn 18. E(REMIT)E 19. EX TIN CT 21. NUTS up 22. BEN DAVIS-AVIS.  
**November Slot 5 by Praxis.** Ac: 1 MAIZE-OIL: ma(l)ze/oil; 11 ALINEMENT: a line/men/t; 12 SHIRT: S(HI/r)t; 13 GALEA G(ale) a; 14 FIASCO; AIF</Sco(t); 15 DIRLED: anag; 18 VIABLE: vi(AB)le; 19 EVASIVE: E(V/as)ive<; 20 ENROL: Lorne<; 23 DEBIT: It after bed <; 24 IRATELY: I/rate/l(ad)y; 26 VIOLET: v/Io/let; 28 ECHOER: (T)ech/o'er; 29 EATAGE: eat/age; 31 REEST: re(E) st; 32 SABOT; anag; 33 GAME COCKS: game/cocks; 34 FLEABANE: homonym/bane; Dn: 1 MISFEED: mis(s)/fee/d(amage); 2 ACHIEVE: ach(1)e/ve; 3 IXIA: XI in AI<; 4: ELTCHI: anag/hi; 5 OILOFVITRIOL: folio</VI/trio/l; 6 INADVERTENCE: advert in anag; 7 AMARANTH: a MA/ran/th(e); 8 WELL-BRED: well/b(loom)/red; 9 KNEEL: K/nee/L (pound/sovereign); 10 STADE: anag; 16 LA BOHEME: Labo(r)/hem/E; 17 PSILOSES: psi/loses; 21 OLOGOAN: anag around O [in Collins]; 22 LYNETTE: hidden; 25 ALASKA: alas/ka; 26 VERGE: verge(r); 27 ICEAX: ice/ax; 30 ABBA; double definition.

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**Across**

- 1 Queue said to be responsive ... (6)
- 4 ... loves commercials about foreign capital (6)
- 9 A Ra charm has made Dicky crazy (3,2,1,5,4,)
- 10 He rents a sheltered spot around the bend (6)
- 11 Lair fell far out (8)
- 12 Presidential way to take us off the beaten track? (4,4)
- 14 Hastens to get first prints of film (6)
- 15 The crime of the generously proportioned girl? (6)
- 18 Old sailor overcome by beastly mineral supplement (4,4)
- 21 The aim of LA Dodgers, pitching or batting (4,4)
- 22 Dedicated four included in ballot (6)
- 24 To have these creatures one must be 9 (4,2,3,6)
- 25 Cheapjack appears eccentric without being inhibited (6)
- 26 Preserve old fortification ahead (4,2)

- 2 'The Stones' appearing friendless? (5)
- 3 Put Derek on the pill, giving psychological benefit only (7)
- 5 After a month, rough ride proves to be the clincher (7)
- 6 Share distribution – in actual practice (9)
- 7 One leaves S. American republic with what family members share (7)
- 8 Bound to be beaten! (6)
- 13 Bliss for wayward son? Not on your life! (7,2)
- 16 One weeps about heartless author's lines relating to pressure (7)
- 17 Longed to take up study after twelve months (7)
- 18 View article as 'froth and bubble' (6)
- 19 Fetching large eggs to be found around lake (7)
- 20 Chap on one side standing in an attempt at concealment (5-2)
- 23 Badly lit up, it was much sought after when black (5)

**Down**

- 1 Paula falters then holds the note – it's high and even (7)

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

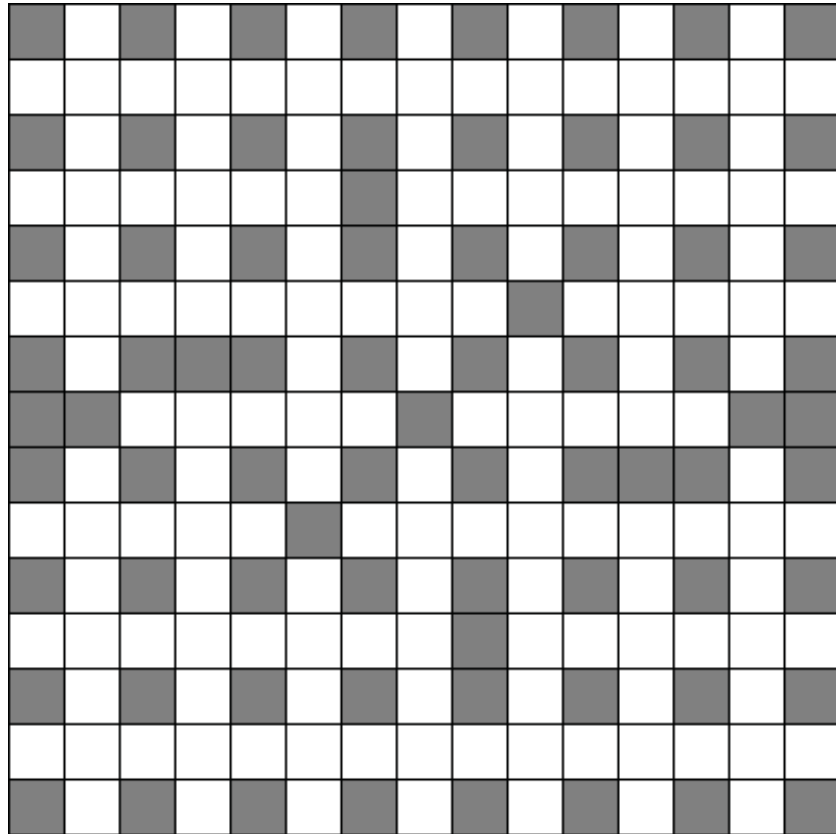
- Thank you for my totally unexpected slot 6 prize. I laminate your beautiful certificates and treasure them. I will bank the cheque, though! *Cathy Jones*
- Many thanks for the beautiful book prize for September Slot 7. Simply completing one of Gillian's puzzles is joy itself but to get the prize puts the icing on the cake!! *Valerie Howard*
- Thanks for my certificate and prize for Doug's music quiz. I can't claim all the credit, though. This was a combined effort with Lila Fry with some help from Lila's husband Derek. *Jenny Wenham*
- I wanted to thank the ACC for my magnificent prize. It will take a long time to read the *Brewers Dictionary of Phrase and Fable* but it will be very enjoyable and educational. I was totally surprised when I opened the parcel. Many thanks. *Paul Derrington*
- Thanks to the Club for my cheque for October slot 2 – my financial adviser would be proud of my investment skills. Pay subscription, next month get the whole lot back – and still get 12 months pure enjoyment (hard labour?). *Jim Fowler*
- A really tough lot this month. *Brian Symons*
- Just opened mail to an ACC cheque for a ton. Woo Hoo! Thanks! *William Ryan*
- I found the puzzles this month fairly difficult, with even Slot 1 being no pushover. I would like to thank the Club for my prize cheque for July Slot 6 – a pleasant surprise. *Col Archibald*
- I would like to thank the club for my book prize for September, for which I am truly grateful. *John Gillis*
- I was thrilled to bits to win a prize for October Slot 1. *Chester Chance*

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**AJ**  
by  
**Crowsman**

**Prize:**  
**Brewer's**  
**Dictionary of**  
**Phrase & Fable**  
**18th edn [2009]**  
**[rrp: \$69.95]**


Solve the clues and  
place the solutions,  
jigsaw-wise,  
where they fit



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| <b>A</b> Enraged somehow (7)   | <b>O</b> Tips involving open containers (9)  |
| <b>B</b> Escaped while locked up? (6)                                      | <b>P</b> Full of self-indulgence, ruler concludes prayer by safe spot (8-7)        |
| <b>C</b> Reacted offensively towards altered course after summer (7-8)     | <b>Q</b> Lots of sheets of paper covering yearly gathering create dilemmas (9)     |
| <b>D</b> Yang's partner imprisoned by Chinese leader for contradicting (7) | <b>R</b> Allowance introduced for miscreant (9)                                    |
| <b>E</b> Covered trial involved in death (7)                               | <b>S</b> Celestial painting, to hang above the line of vision, has second coat (8) |
| <b>F</b> John, caught by Basset, say, is knocked down (7)                  | <b>T</b> One recording wicked thing (5)  |
| <b>G</b> French novelist spotted animal (5)                                | <b>U</b> A French strand's open (6)  |
| <b>H</b> Tying legs together - dance! (8)                                  | <b>V</b> Church official loses last right to come near (5)                         |
| <b>I</b> Two boys named by West African (7)                                | <b>W</b> Castor, for example, has western slant (5)                                |
| <b>J</b> Black person painting thin strips on aircraft (8)                 | <b>X</b> Isolated cross turned up synthetic resin (7)                              |
| <b>K</b> Armstrong, perhaps, is said to behave subserviently (5)           | <b>Y</b> Upset chap turned further against former countryman (8)                   |
| <b>L</b> Troops accommodated at missions (9)                               | <b>Z</b> Energy consumed on land division process (6).                             |
| <b>M</b> Saw a number of peaks (6)   |  |
| <b>N</b> Legendary spirit formed in US city with speed (5)                 |  |

### Tributes to Noel Jessop:

- It's so sad! I've just been going through the first copy of *Crossworder* (April 1990) and the first of "The Australian Crossword Club" (May 1990), the name being later changed to *CrOZworld*. The names of the members are all now family names. We are a large family, and Jessop, Noble, Walter and Street are just four names plucked from there. We are so grateful to Noel for his years of dedicated service to the club, and for his thousands of clever, reasonable and fair crosswords. Noel will be so missed! As we all get older I pray that we will have keen, younger members to take on the vacancies which must occur. The club must be the best in Australia for all of us. Vale Jesso, and many, many thanks for all those years of pleasure. *Shirl O'Brien*
- I am saddened to hear of the death of Noel Jessop. He did so much for our club and he will be sadly missed. *Valerie Howard*
- Very sorry to hear about Noel Jessop. A great loss to *Crozworlders*. *Cathy Jones*
- I was saddened to hear of the passing of Jesso. His puzzles were always beautifully clued and a pleasure to solve. *Jean Barbour*
- I was very sad to hear of Jesso's death. I will remember all the help he gave me in earlier times about 20 years ago. It was much appreciated. *Catherine Hambling*
- So sad to hear of the death of Noel Jessop. He was my introduction to cryptics, and I think he will always be my favourite crossword compiler! A sad loss to the club! Thank you to his family to allow us to go on enjoying his beautifully-crafted puzzles. *Nea Storey*
- I am sorry to hear that Noel Jessop has passed away. My condolences go to his family. *Peter Dearie*
- It seemed strange doing one of Jesso's puzzles when he is no longer with us. Several clues had me scratching my head. I felt the clue for 22dn was a bit dubious. However, it was made up for by finding an answer at 17ac for me (THE BARB). *Barb Ibbott*
- I felt very sad doing this enjoyable crossword. *Roy Taylor*
- Some very clever clues: ESTRO, THE BARB, GOLIATH, DISARRANGE. These are worthy of a London *Times* crossword. Jesso will be missed. *Tony Dobele*
- Jesso's craftsmanship lives on. DISMISS is a gem. *Max Roddick*
- I was saddened to hear of Noel's passing. He introduced me to the Club and I got to know him well. *Bill Bennett*
- So sad to hear of the passing of Noel. I will never forget his advice, help and encouragement when I started compiling - a great loss to crosswording. *Ann Jermy*

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<b>Cryptic</b> by <b>St Jude</b>
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One solution is not found in the standard references perhaps surprisingly, given its importance for Australia. The answer should be blindingly apparent.

**Across**

- 1 Mocking, I revised and revised (8)
- 5 Street dance trail in Ireland (6)
- 9 Threshold of delight (8)
- 10 A flash meat recipe included (6)
- 12 Scottish son of the first man coming to Iowa is a nut (9)
- 13 See 23 Down
- 14 Argue without initial reference to fever (4)
- 16 12 or 22 perhaps digested date and nodded (7)
- 19 American enraged when bedroom lubricant initially employed disastrously (7)
- 21 Early co-determinants of laws (4)
- 24 Load vehicle and leave (5)
- 25 Insult a Darwin University with attractive environs (9)
- 27 Urgent: need to drop weight to end up smiling (6)
- 28 Overturned residence to find silver massage oil in women's quarters (8)
- 29 Fears hairstyle (6)
- 30 Manifested confusion when external foundations removed results in craziness (8)

**Down**

- 1 Doctor took a drug in the morning before introduction to yoga – Fantastic! (6)
- 2 Note change of policy and affix once more (6)
- 3 Small solid fragment (5)
- 4 State's order of merit presented to the Maori noble (7)
- 6 Tickled students leave but five return smartened up (9)
- 7 Curse the CEO's speed (8)
- 8 Mere edge of Queensland raceway (8)
- 11 I declare, my dear, Brown will brown-nose (4)
- 15 German with swollen head removed and adorned with lace (9)
- 17 Hidden medical discipline healed (8)
- 18 Time for breakfast food (8)
- 20 Curtail shipyard weed (4)
- 21 Church is in the centre of study of French sacrifice (7)
- 22 Cereal portion for enthusiast (6)
- 23 and 13 Used mum's ivory ax as a rabbit killer (6,5)
- 26 Some sausage practice (5)

**Get-Together 2010**

It's not too late to 'sign up' for the ACC's Annual Get-Together to be held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's modern Harold Park Hotel, which is situated cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW on Sunday 28 November 2010 commencing at 11:30am. Why not come along and say 'hello'? Pay on the day. We will have some prizes to give away and there will be an easy xwd and a fascinating Quiz. Kindly let Bev Cockburn know if you will be attending. Looking forward to meeting up again.

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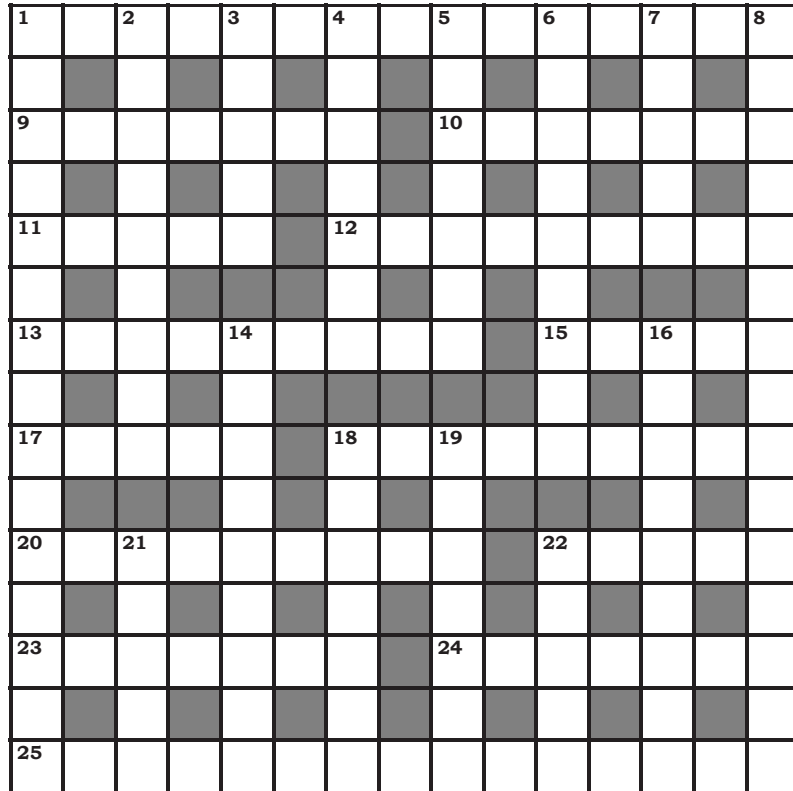
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## Printer's Devilry by *Betelgeuse*

### Prize



Don Manley, in his *Chambers Crossword Manual*, notes that this form of puzzle was invented by *Afrit* (AF Ritchie see *CrOZworld* July 2009 p12). Each clue marked "\*" is a passage from which the printer has removed a hidden answer, closing the gap, taking liberties sometimes with punctuation and spacing, but not disturbing the order of the remaining letters. For example, the printer might offer as a clue: "Children taking piano lessons soon learn the sign ff (6)" The break occurs in 'ff' giving the undeveloped version "... for a clef". The answer is therefore ORACLE.

**Hints to solvers:** Sort out any obvious space shifts. Then try to find the point at which the clue looks strained and insert a pencil stroke. See if you can add new letters to the stranded letters either side of the stroke to produce a word which fits in with the theme of the clue. Beware: the undeveloped phrase makes sense, but does NOT (normally) give a clue to the solution.

### Across

- 1 Label difficult gradient in English for growing business (6,9)
- 9 Obscurity of a thick head (7)
- 10 \* Wallowed by the mud (4,3)
- 11 \*We saw a bear last winter (5)
- 12 Secretion of a last meatball during a dinner party (9)
- 13 Complaint due to a run on the economy is lacking force (9)
- 15 \*Hunting for a frier comes naturally (5)
- 17 Nation French, and embraces swindle (5)
- 18 Woman terrifying, caught out old soldier (9)
- 20 Primary producer has iron weapon concealed in plastic grip (3,6)
- 22 \*Loose, say, at the base of the cliff (5)
- 23 \*Is example of DNA not required? (7)
- 24 Like a bull runs after Greek character in Spain (7)
- 25 Dead one's relation - entirely without consideration (15)
- 2 \*Following fruitless run to getting on the footpath (9)
- 3 Diabolical glee over your first serious poem (5)
- 4 Gets distorted key pattern (7)
- 5 \*Find confident suits at the top of the management ladder (7)
- 6 Like ivory, old and hardly used, after a fast run through the scale (9)
- 7 \*Strong way to reach one's goal (5)
- 8 Decadently aesthetic, ye regency rake really recklessly ignored cake (8-7)
- 14 Practice liturgy, arranging one excellent result (9)
- 16 Take off half ounce in test of wrist bone (9)
- 18 Arbitrator has drink after judge rises suddenly (5,2)
- 19 \*Filling in the survey after being on a cruise, liked "A calm sea and prosperous voyage" (7)
- 21 \*Take care - cook into sauce (5)
- 22 \*Why is Mary regarding the burnt toast? (5)

### Down

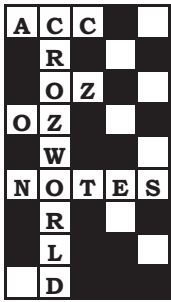
- 1 Historic time studied under initial parameters produces additions to original measurements (6-3,6)

Post  
Solution  
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**Results of Quiz No 10/2010**  
**Letters Enclosed by Virgo (Audrey Austin).**

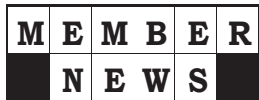
**Solutions:** 1. Ralf Schumacher 2. Ralph Nader 3. Ravi Shankar 4. Ray Meagher 5. Raymond Burr 6. Raymond Chandler 7. Red Adair 8. Rhett Butler 9. Richard Belzer 10. Richard Pryor 11. Richard Wagner 12. Ringo Starr 13. Robert Oppenheimer 14. Robert Palmer 15. Robert Wagner 16. Rod Laver 17. Rod Steiger 18. Rod Taylor 19. Roger Federer 20. Roger Miller 21. Roger Taylor 22. Roger Whittaker 23. Roy Scheider 24. Rutger Hauer.

**Scores: 24:** W. Allen, B. Cockburn, M. Collins, P. Dearie, V. Dinham, J. Fowler, R. Gardiner, P. Garner, B. Glissan, V. Howard, S. Howells, B. Ibbott, A. Jermy, G. Leeds, G. Lloyd, J. McGrath, T. McPherson, Drew Meek, A. Miles, C. Noble, M. Potts, D. Procter, B. Siegman, A. Simons, J. Smith, J & J Stocks, N. Storey, B. Symons, A. Walter, J Wenham and C. Wilcox. **23:** L. Fry, A. Martin, M. Procter, M. Steinberger and R. Wimbush. **22:** B. Tofoni.  
**Prizewinner: Ann Jermy. Congratulations!**

**Members' Comments:**

- I don't know how you come up with all these ideas, but I'm glad you do. *Joan McGrath*
- Another enjoyable quiz. So many names beginning and ending in the letter "R". Keep up the good work & thank you for all you do. *Marian Procter*
- I enjoyed this light refreshment. Actually, I was pleasantly surprised how few I had to look up. *Pat Garner*
- What a challenge to find all 24 names starting and ending with "R". The research must have been time consuming. *Jack Stocks*

- As always I take my hat off to your research abilities! Much easier to solve them via Google than it is to track them down in the first place. *Nea Storey*
- It made it a lot easier to look for only one letter at the beginning and ending for all of them. I actually knew most of them without doing much research. Oh joy! *Carole Noble*
- Thanks for an entertaining quiz. My wife and I enjoyed nutting it out together. Bit sorry Rupert Bear and Road Runner missed the cut. *Merv Collins*
- Thank you for your R \_ \_ \_ \_ R puzzle. RatheR enjoyable! *Alan Walter*
- I was surprised and pleased with how many I knew without having to resort to references. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- Where do you get your ideas from? This is a good one. Thank you! *Valerie Howard*
- Such a lot of well known men whose names begin with an "R"! *Susan Howells*
- Once I realised they all started and ended with R I made quite good progress but still had to research a few. Hope I've spelt them all correctly. *Jenny Wenham*
- I had some fun testing myself out with this one, thanks. *Margaret Steinberger*
- 16 and 17 seem out of order but I couldn't think of other answers. *Drew Meek*
- I hope that you put Rod Laver (17) in the wrong sequence. If you didn't, I got it wrong. (You got it wrong. A) *Jim Fowler*
- No 3 Love his playing. 7. Needed him for the oil leak off USA! 8. Makes me want to say "Frankly, my dear". 12. I saw the Beatles when they came to Melbourne in 1964. 16. Dr Z is one of my favourite films although very long. 17 Great tennis player. 19. Love to watch him play. 22. Always loved him singing *The Last Farewell*, 24. Had to look this one up. *Barbara Ibbott*



**New Members: Richard Betts** from South Hobart, Tas. A Membership Gift from Hilary Cromer and **Gary Lemon** from Heathmont, Vic (A membership Gift from Pat Lemon). Welcome to the Wonderful World of Crozworlding!

**Thank you:** To **Jenny Wenham** for her generous donation to the ACC Prize Fund.

**Puzzle Adjustment:** Jack Stocks lost a dot for last month's Slot 6.

**The Australian Oxford Dictionary**

**WORD OF THE MONTH**

**cruciverbalist** *n.* a person who enjoys or is skilled at solving crosswords. [ORIGIN: Latin *crux*, *cruci*- 'cross' and *verbalist*.]

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**Quiz No 12/2010**  
**Namesakes by Virgo**

The following pairs (sometimes famous in different fields) each share the same surname. Answers are in alphabetical order. Send your entry to Audrey Austin, 35/55 Carter Road Nambour Queensland 4560 e-mail: [audreyaustin@bigpond.com.au](mailto:audreyaustin@bigpond.com.au)  
Closing mail date: Friday 14 January 2011. Book prize.

- 1 Anthony and Louis (9)
- 2 Barbara and Richard (4)
- 3 George and Rosemary (7)
- 4 Phil and Pauline (7)
- 5 James and Oliver (8)
- 6 Peter and Ted (4)
- 7 Brian and Jacob (7)
- 8 David and Robert (5)
- 9 Richard and Ruth (6)
- 10 Nathaniel and Nigel (9)
- 11 Ben and Paul (5)
- 12 Amy and Henry (6)
- 13 Alan and Tom (5)
- 14 Graham and Nigel (7)
- 15 Ben and Charles (8)
- 16 Jerry and Hayley (5)
- 17 Ben and Felix ((11)
- 18 Gus and Paul (8)
- 19 Bert and Isaac (6)
- 20 Cynthia and Richard (5)
- 21 Clive and Wilfred (4)
- 22 Brad and William (4)
- 23 Dennis and Randy (5)
- 24 Debbie and Joshua (8)
- 25 Charlie and Martin (5)
- 26 Mark and Robert (6)
- 27 Kim and Oscar (5)
- 28 Esther and Vaughan (8)
- 29 Edward and Joanne (8)
- 30 Loretta and Robert (5)

## November 1-2010: Half 'n Half by *The Eager Beaver* (Bev Cockburn)

- Thank you Bev this was a nice start for November puzzles. *Joan Smith*
- CEPS had me puzzled for a while, but a quick trip to *Chambers* settled it. *Jenny Wenham*
- Iac could have been returns or retorts – opted for returns. Both fit the definition. [Either accepted: KW] *Jim Fowler*
- Learned a new word CEPS, but it sounds more muscle than mushroom. *Max Roddick*
- Thanks, Bev, for a pleasant Slot 1 introductory puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- Thought 6dn very clever. *Nea Storey*
- No problem here (hopefully). A good puzzle. *Peter Dearie*
- Reasonably straightforward. The plural of YOGURT threw me for a while. *Barb Ibbott*
- THE BARB had me puzzled for ages. I thought it strange that November had come and gone with no mention of The Cup!! Checked on my Cup runners. Thank you. *Bill Bennett*

## November 2-2010: Cryptic by *Jesso* (Noel Jessop)

- The usual good cryptic from Noel. I especially liked 1 and 17ac and 4dn. *Joan Smith*
- I don't understand the reference to "race" in 22dn. I hope PATTI is correct. [Race = TT (Tourist Trophy motorcycle races in the Isle of Man) P(A TT)I: IMW] *Jenny Wenham*
- Many thanks to Noel for a challenging and interesting cryptic puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- 10ac: ESTRO was the last to be solved. 17ac had me mystified for a while. I'll have to remember RINGENT for Scrabble® games. *Peter Dearie*

## November 3-2010: Cryptic by *Cha-Cha* (Catherine Hambling)

- Challenging puzzle with good clues especially 1, 12 and 20ac and 22dn. *Joan Smith*
- Goon soap and fly pie – you must have some interesting items in your shopping trolley! *Jenny Wenham*
- I enjoyed *Cha-Cha's* last puzzle: very good surface readings; this one just as good. 14dn perhaps a little unfair as the solver needs to know the Goon characters or what a fly pie is! *Tony Dobele*
- In my A-Z search for -O-A words, the one that appealed as an alternative for SODA and COLA was "mora", the game of guessing how many fingers are held up (as I have to guess anyway). Can hardly wait for the explanation (see Explanations p4). But thank you all you Crozzers for your never-ending attempts to increase my vocabulary. *Dale McManus*
- SODA was the hardest clue this month – took me ages. *Brian Symons*
- 10ac. Good clue – would work without "fizzy", but who likes a flat drink? *Max Roddick*
- No matter how many times I read it, I still don't understand 10ac. *Brian Tickle*
- A very enjoyable cryptic, thanks *Cha-Cha*. *Alan Walter*
- When I was young, Eccles cakes in the school canteen were known as "Fly's graveyard". *Peter Dearie*
- Fancy finding my favourite cake in this puzzle. My mother used to make the most delicious Eccles cakes. *Barb Ibbott*

## November 4-2010: AJ by *dB* (Doug Butler)

- Not an easy puzzle when you have your mind set on Emerson being Roy and wondering what it had to do with HOBGOBLINS. Once this was sorted out I enjoyed the puzzle and was happy with the answers. *Joan Smith*
- Charles Talbut Onions was an editor of the *OED*, but he didn't start it, so I'm baffled by the O clue. I'm also not sure of my answer for P - POSITIVE. My favourite clue is G - GOWNMEN. YOUNGER & GOWNMEN appear to be interchangeable [noted by a number of members: - K]. Hope I have it right. *Jenny Wenham*

- Spent a little time wondering if GOWNUPS was a word. *Tony Dobele*
- Great puzzle – good clues. *Brian Tickle*
- If the answer to the U clue is indeed UNGIRT, it should be noted that, since Jervis Bay is part of the ACT, the ACT is in fact girt by sea – on one side, to quote Auntie Jack. *Iain MacDougall*
- Thanks for a very good AJ Doug. *Alan Walter*
- Had trouble with the O clue, as I was thinking of the very first OED – Who read *The Surgeon of Crowthorne* by Simon Winchester? *Nea Storey*
- The 1841 quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson's essay *Self Reliance* is in the *Oxford Dictionary of Quotations*, which explained the otherwise-baffling H clue. Not having wired any plugs recently, I failed to comprehend the P clue for some time. *Peter Dearie*
- Love UNGIRT – my COTM. I thought that GOWNMEN was difficult – I was surprised to find it was a real word! *Barb Ibbott*

## November 5-2010: Cryptic by *Praxis* (Roy Wilson)

- One of my favourite compilers: I really enjoyed this puzzle. Loved the clues thanks Roy. *Joan Smith*
- I'm assuming 17dn is the word that's not in *Chambers* or *Macquarie* and that it's PSILOSES, though it doesn't appear in my ancient *Collins* either. Favourite clue was 31ac. *Jenny Wenham*
- I am not happy with 17dn. I think it should end with "IS" but that does not fit with 33ac. *Valerie Howard*
- Wonderful, as usual. Especially OIL OF VITRIOL (my COTM) but I don't think that there is such a word as PILOSES (it is PILOSIS) and I am also unhappy about L standing for sovereign in 9dn. *Brian Symons*
- 21dn: hope I've placed the O correctly [Yes, you have – K] *Max Roddick*
- I always learn some great new words from Roy's excellent puzzles. Ya just gotta love OLOGOAN. *Brian Tickle*
- Thanks for your very challenging cryptic, Roy. *Alan Walter*
- I couldn't confirm 21dn, so hope I have guessed correctly! *Nea Storey*
- I hope that PSILOSES is correct as I can't find this spelling in my dictionaries. OLOGOAN – another great Scrabble® word. *Peter Dearie*
- I appreciate *Praxis* telling us that a word is not in *Chambers*. Another terrific puzzle. *Roy Taylor*

## General Comments:

- A nice mix this time of familiar words and complete unknowns. Having heard Don Watson speak tonight on the corrosive effects of 'management-speak', it was satisfying to reflect that we're collectively keeping the language alive – and having fun at the same time! *Kath Harper*
- I eagerly waited for the November issue and flicked straight to the results table to see how I had gone. In my excitement of seeing dots for all I had submitted I rushed to call Jenny Wenham who very recently introduced me to the club, only to be told by her that I had also won a prize for Slot 3. The surprise was enough to make my month but I was even more excited and thankful to receive the beautifully scripted cheque in the mail. Thanks for all the entertaining and head scratching hours spent on *CrOZworld* each month. As an avid ABBA fan Slot 5 30dn automatically gets my vote. I was surprised to find that 'abba' had other meanings! *Lila Fry*

## A Final Noel Jessop tribute:

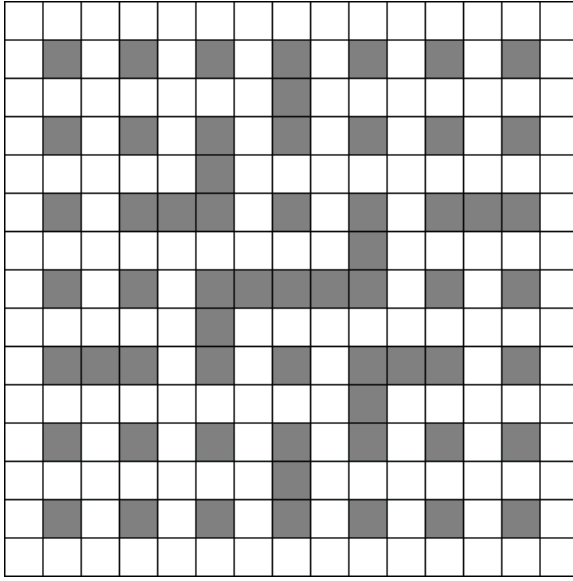
- I was saddened to hear of Noel's death. The Club is fortunate to have a stock of his puzzles and permission from his family to use them. I met him at an early Get-Together and have always enjoyed his puzzles. You could usually guarantee to learn at least one new word. I have given my COTM to his BURPING, just because it made me laugh. *Margaret Davis*

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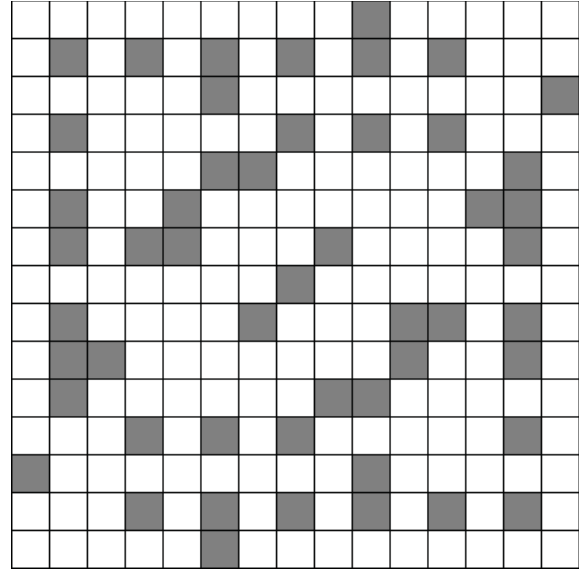
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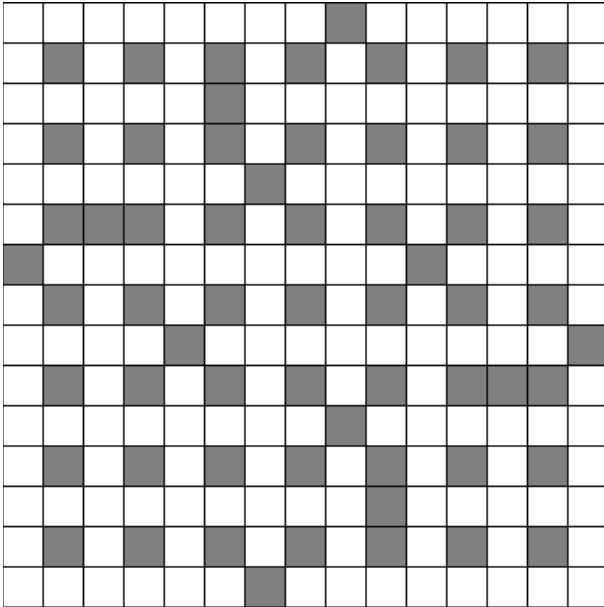


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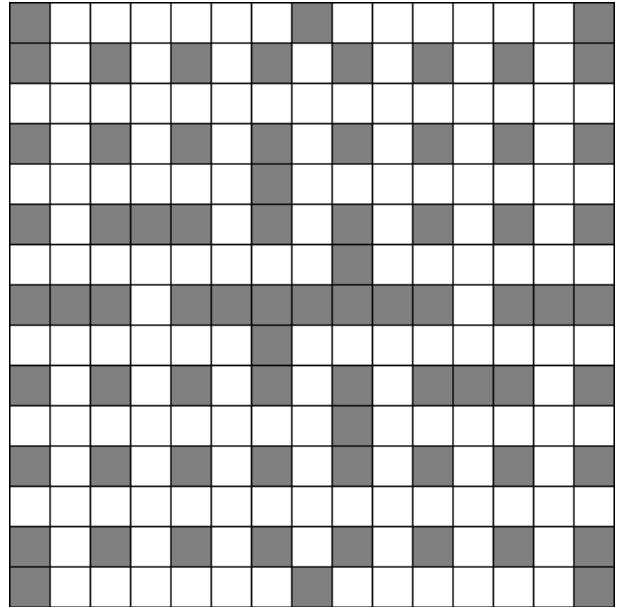


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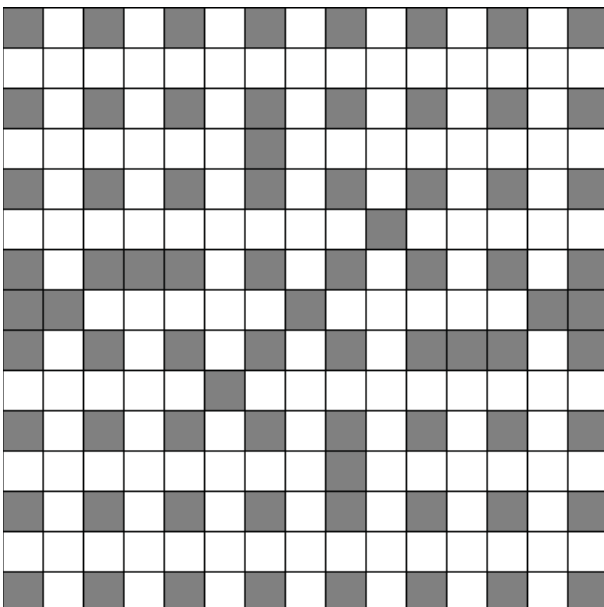
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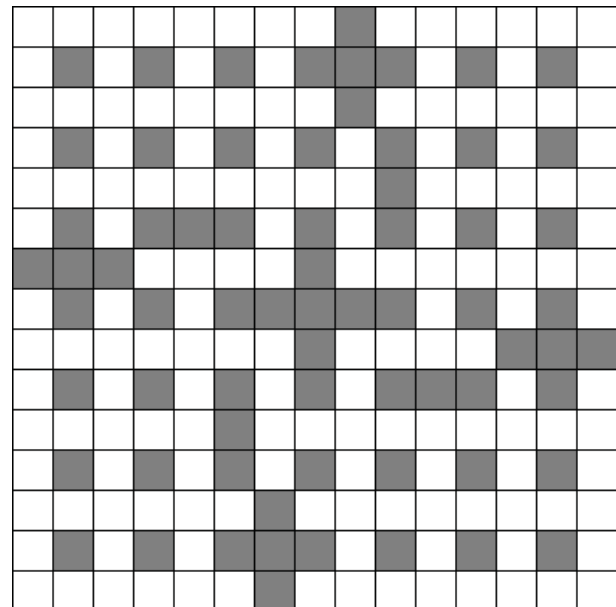
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**October 6-2010: Cryptic Indications by Crowsman (Len Colgan)**

**Entries 67. Correct 61. Success rate 91%.**

**Prizewinner: Betty Siegman. Congratulations!**

**Adjudicator's Comments:** *Chambers* suggests BUBBLED should not be rejected for 4dn, in addition to the expected MUMBLED. A few knew MATILDA was the swag in 17dn, but were unsure of the rest of the clue. To snarl is to MAT, violent losing direction is (W)ILD, and a is A. Others correctly gave INERT GAS for 16dn, but missed "He typically" referred to helium.

**Explanations: Ac:** 8 Ch(e)ops; 9 anag; 10 loo/king/back/ward; 11 stink (rev); 12 her/barium; 14 f(lash)ed; 15 sl(e)ight; 18 Para/bolas; 20 pacer (rev); 22 lo(sing dire c)tion; 23 (s)unburned; 24 c(r)anny. **Dn:** 1 throw/allan (rev)/round; 2 box(kites); 3 anag; 4 mum bled; 5 black/ball; 6 a/n/s(e)wer; 7 is b(r)ought a round; 13 be(long)ing; 16 (He=Helium) anag; 17 mat/(w)ild/a; 19 sum/in/a (all rev); 21 B(e)ach.

**Solvers' Comments:**

- I enjoyed the whole process of discovery after realising that it wasn't as daunting as it appeared. All the clues were fair and reasonable. A worthwhile Slot 6. *Andrew Patterson*
- What a mind-bending puzzle to solve! This must have taken you ages to weave together the 4 vital full length indicators plus all the answers related to them. Much liked HER+BARIUM, SLEIGHT, PARA+BOLAS, RECAP (PACER ←), C(R)ANNY, BOX (KIT)ES, ANIMUS (SUM IN A ←), BE+LONG+ING, BLACK+BALL, B(E)ACH. *Alan Walter*
- What a fantastic workout – one long session. Great concept. Even after I worked out the instructions, it was still tough. Loved it. *William Ryan*
- Many thanks for such an innovative and enjoyable puzzle. Especially liked FLASHED, INERT GAS, HERBARIUM. *Brian Symons*
- Marvellously convoluted clues! It took a while for some pennies to drop e.g. 16 He being helium, 22 liquid cosmetic being lotion, 13 yen being long, 11 are off being stink. I liked the directionless wild in 17 and sewer in 6. Great fun! *Roy Taylor*
- Thank you for this interesting and very challenging puzzle. I've no idea how compilers work, but the results of their efforts help make my retirement days. 16dn would have been my COTM had it been eligible. It was a lovely clue. *Ted O'Brien*
- Hard! Hard! Hard! Loved it! *Pat Lord*
- Thanks for this enjoyable exercise. Loved the novel approach to the 'cryptic definitions'. Looking forward to more. *Roy Wilson*
- It is the first time that I have organised myself to actually submit the results! The 'cryptic indications' proved fascinating. *Jean Evans*
- I raise my glass (and I hope my solving ability) to this excellent puzzle. Quite a challenge, but most enjoyable. So cleverly devised; wish I'd thought of it. *Carole Noble*
- What a fun puzzle! How lucky we are, as members, to have compilers who can produce such brilliant crosswords. A great mental workout. *Robyn Caine*
- Slow to get started but a very enjoyable exercise. *Bob Hagan*
- Thank you for another really clever puzzle. I must say I prefer your 'straight' ones without the added complications as your clues are so good you don't need the added difficulties – some members would give up long before they understood your 'indications', I'm afraid. *Bev Cockburn*
- Thank you for another excellent puzzle, Len, which was hard work but most enjoyable. I particularly liked 16dn and 17dn. *Gillian Champion*
- I'd give HERBARIUM my vote for COTM if Slot 6 were eligible! *Nea Storey*
- Thank you for your challenging and enjoyable puzzle. I particularly enjoyed 12ac and the misdirection in 1dn. *Jean Barbour*
- Many thanks for another good puzzle – didn't figure out the significance of the numbers in the clues (1,7,10,22) till I finished. Might have helped if I'd twigged that sooner! *Merv Collins*
- Thank you for your very challenging puzzle. I managed to

solve the four important clues fairly quickly though I confess I wondered if I was correct as it seemed a bit unlikely you would use the word 'around' twice. But I decided that was it. A number of the clues were really clever. I got INERT GAS but could not see why for ages until something reminded me of helium. I am not happy with 'breach' as a definition of CRANNY.

*Margaret Davis*

- Almost gave up on this one! A friend helped with a couple of the indicators and the penny dropped. Some great clues.

*Anne Simons*

- Great concept – loved it. Especially the words LOSING DIRECTION.

*Betty Siegman*

- Really enjoyed solving this – 21dn had me stumped for a while as I was looking for a composer.

*Marian Procter*

- With my beautiful new *Chambers*, I must have them all right! Thank you for a great puzzle.

*Robyn Wimbush*

- Phew!!! 10 Episodes of "LETTERS and NUMBERS" all wrapped up in one puzzle. Took forever to get started, even longer to reach critical mass, and then ages to justify a couple of my answers. It literally "threw me around", "made me lose direction", had me "looking over my shoulder", and needing something stiff to "bring me around". Brilliant. Must have been a marathon to compile.

*Jack Stocks*

- Good puzzle. Clever references. I liked HERBARIUM.

*Maurice Cowan*

- I guess that the logical way to solve your puzzle would be to work out the four "key" indicators and carry on from there. As it was, they were just about the last four answers that I found! This was a most ingenious puzzle, and once I managed to get a few answers, it was both good fun and a challenge too.

*Peter Dearie*

- I thoroughly enjoyed this tussle which took several days, but a great feeling of satisfaction to complete it.

*Pat Garner*

- Took me a while to understand the instructions till I noticed, in the clues, the numbers 1,7,10 & 22. In 16dn, He ~ helium! Took me ages to get INERT GAS. Very clever. Would you please explain MATILDA? No other problems in this very original and demanding crossword. More please!

*Graeme Cole*

- A bit convoluted but well clued.

*Bill Bennett*

- It was a most interesting puzzle. Hopefully, I've done it justice.

*Dave Parsons*

- 22ac was the last of the big ones. Dire C for bad cold is fair but hard to get – for me, it was. I liked the misdirection of He. Absolutely not unfamiliar to me as helium but, being placed at the start of the clue to bring in the capital H, and with no other elementary connection, it took a while.

*Jim Fowler*

- I found this really hard but very enjoyable. I loved 16dn and would have nominated it as COTM had that been possible.

*David Grainger*

- I really enjoyed this unusual crossword, but am not sure of some of my answers.

*Susan Howells*

- I found this puzzle a real challenge with excellent clueing.

*Gabrielle Leeds*

- I much enjoyed this. I love puzzles that start off being mysterious, but become clearer as one chips away, like getting a crystal out of its embedding rock. I particularly liked 4dn and 16dn.

*Margaret Galbreath*

- I was slow to start, but once I solved a couple of the key clues I made good progress. Very enjoyable. My favourite clue was 12ac, which got a smile from me when I solved it and a groan from my husband when I explained it to him.

*Jenny Wenham*

- A very entertaining and novel crossword, with some tricky cryptography.

*Ro Ducker*

- Another brilliant puzzle. Too many excellent clues to pick a favourite.

*Jan Wood*

- Referring to the four indicator clues, LOOKING BACKWARD is the easiest to solve, then THROWN ALL AROUND, which is a bit easier than IS BROUGHT AROUND, with LOSING DIRECTION the hardest. I despaired of getting the last clue out until it suddenly came to me – CHEOPS. Easy, really, when you think about it. I'm looking forward to the next rendering.

*Tony de Gry*

- Loved this one! Nearly gave up until I got one of the indicators by reverse engineering from one of the other answers. 16dn was my favourite.

*Mike Potts*