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Purism, whether in grammar or vocabulary, almost always means ignorance.  
Language was made before grammar, not grammar before language.  
Thomas Hardy, 1904, in William Archer, *Real Conversations*.

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We have been delighted with the excellent response to the renewal of subscriptions and the generous donations to the ACC Prize Fund 2015. 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 2015 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 2015.

Thank you all for the thanks and the best wishes that make this potential chore so enjoyable. It's nice to catch up once a year, even on paper, when we're unable to attend the get-togethers. But, dear solvers, do check your typing or writing for literals before sealing the envelope or pressing "Send" – we also continue to receive grids with blank spaces! No "killer clues" this month so there was a very healthy swag of 5 dots.

Don't forget about the special offer where you can sign up a new member for 2015 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 not to mention a year-round intellectual challenge for your friends!

Slot 1 was well-received as a variation on the normal crossword format. The Julia Roberts movie in 13ac was responsible for a few missed dots with "play" submitted instead of PRAY. Very few other errors, once a liberal interpretation of the non-cryptic ill-tempered woman as other than OLD BAG had been allowed.

Our outstanding Puzzle Editor **Ian Williams** has selected another excellent range of puzzles for you this month. Your favourites are featured: *Fortuna 48*, *Penobscot* and *Crowsman* with excellent cryptics. Our compiler *Isla* has compiled a challenging AJ in the Slot 4 position and *Manveru* gives us one of his brilliant cryptic compositions for Slot 5. *Betelgeuse* has devised another fascinating Slot 6 puzzle titled *Themes and Variations* and we publish another commendable Quiz from the late *Virgo*.

Our new compiler *Ilywhacker* was very heartily welcomed in Slot 2 with his amusing clues which collected perhaps a record number of votes for COTM for a first puzzle, as noted below. Few errors or missed dots in this straightforward, but satisfactorily cryptic puzzle.

Kindly note the early closing date – **Wednesday 18 December**. This will enable us to get the January *Crozworld* out in good time for Christmas. Finally, a special note of thanks to the Williams team – Kay and Ian – for adjudicating the Slots 1-5 puzzles this month plus the e-lodgment ones too! Best of Luck with your solving. And we sincerely thank our Adjudicator – **Andrew Patterson** – who has taken on the pleasant task of adjudicating Slots 1-5 for December. —Patrick

Praise for the clever G-TWENTY theme by the popular *Cha-Cha*, although some were misled by the sporting reference in 17ac and entered T-TWENTY, but then entered the names of some clearly non-cricketing countries. Others missed the theme but some who clearly identified the theme failed to convert "germane" in 21dn to GERMANY to provide the seventh country. MALAYA fitted the checked letters in 6dn, but did not fit the clue, is these days called "Malaysia" and is not a G20 member.

The slot 4 AJ provided few troublesome clues and clearly gave a lot of pleasure to members. What more can we ask?

The evergreen Melbourne Cup theme collected a number of plaudits, especially for the clever FLEMINGTON clue. Pity about the incorrect word length indicators, but these things happen and they provided no challenge to our doughty solvers. The one jockey – REYS, although cleverly clued and dated, was responsible for the majority of missed dots, some solvers suggesting that he could have been identified amongst the themed solutions.

Slot 2 collected no fewer than 37 votes for COTM with UNDERPANTS winning with 19 votes, closely followed by EUNUCH with 8. Congratulations on your maiden run, *Ilywhacker*. All other slots received well-deserved nominations. —Kay Williams

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Entries received	118	112	112	107	102	551
Correct entries	107	108	87	102	84	489
Success rate (%)	90.7	96.4	77.7	96.3	82.4	88.7
Prizewinners	Joan McGrath	Nick Duggan	Ken Watt	Norma Heyes	Ian Thompson	from 120 members

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Prizewinner: November 2014 Slots 1-5: Charlie Quinn. Congratulations!

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## Nov 1-2014

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## MEMBERS RESULTS FOR OCT Slot 6 & NOV 2014 Slots 1-5

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
ALLEN W	.	.	.	.	.	.
ANDERSON C	.	.	.	.	.	.
ARCHIBALD C	.	.	.	.	.	.
AUDRINS K	.	.	.	.	.	.
AXELSEN U	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARBOUR J	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARNES J	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARRETT A	.	.	.	.	.	.
BAYLIS J	.	.	.	.	.	.
BENNETT D	.	.	.	.	.	.
BLAKE M	.	.	.	.	.	.
CAINE D	.	.	.	.	.	.
CAINE R	.	.	.	.	.	.
CALLAN A & D	.	.	.	.	.	.
CARROLL L	.	.	.	.	.	.
CHAMPION G	.	.	.	.	.	.
CHRISTIANSEN R	.	.	.	.	.	.
COATES D	.	.	.	.	.	.
COCKBURN B	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLE G	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLGAN L	.	.	.	.	.	.
COPLAND F	.	.	.	.	.	.
COWAN M	.	.	.	.	.	.
CROMER H	.	.	.	.	.	.
CROWE J	.	.	.	.	.	.
DAVIS M	.	.	.	.	.	.
DEARIE P	.	.	.	.	.	.
DE GRYS A	.	.	.	.	.	.
DENNIS M	.	.	.	.	.	.
DOBELE T	.	.	.	.	.	.
DOUGLAS R	.	.	.	.	.	.
DUCKER R	.	.	.	.	.	.
DUGGAN N	.	.	.	.	.	.
DYER A	.	.	.	.	.	.
EVANS, Jean	.	.	.	.	.	.
FORBATH A	.	.	.	.	.	.
FOWLER J	.	.	.	.	.	.
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GARNER P	.	.	.	.	.	.

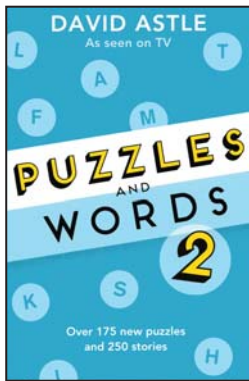
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GOODERICK R	.	.	.	.	.	.
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GREENBERGER O	.	.	.	.	.	.
HAGAN R	.	.	.	.	.	.
HAMBLING C	.	.	.	.	.	.
HARPER K	.	.	.	.	.	.
HEYES N	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCKING A	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOWARD L	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOWARD V	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOWELLS S	.	.	.	.	.	.
IBBOTT B	.	.	.	.	.	.
JARMAN L	.	.	.	.	.	.
JERMY A	.	.	.	.	.	.
JONES C	.	.	.	.	.	.
JONES D	.	.	.	.	.	.
KENNEDY L	.	.	.	.	.	.
KENNEDY M	.	.	.	.	.	.
KNIGHT S	.	.	.	.	.	.
LANKSHEAR J	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEE C	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEEDS G	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEIGH L	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEMON G	.	.	.	.	.	.
LLOYD G	.	.	.	.	.	.
LOBSEY V	.	.	.	.	.	.
LORD P	.	.	.	.	.	.
LOW R	.	.	.	.	.	.
MacDOUGALL I	.	.	.	.	.	.
MACKAY-SIM C	.	.	.	.	.	.
MARTIN F	.	.	.	.	.	.
MASON I	.	.	.	.	.	.
McCARTAN A	.	.	.	.	.	.
McCLELLAND C	.	.	.	.	.	.
McGRATH J	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKENZIE I	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKENZIE R&P	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKINDLAY Y	.	.	.	.	.	.

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McMANUS D	.	.	.	.	.	.
McPHERSON T	.	.	.	.	.	.
MEEK D	.	.	.	.	.	.
MERCER P	.	.	.	.	.	.
MILES A	.	.	.	.	.	.
MILTON R	.	.	.	.	.	.
MOLINE R	.	.	.	.	.	.
NOBLE C	.	.	.	.	.	.
O'BRIEN Eileen	.	.	.	.	.	.
O'HARA H	.	.	.	.	.	.
PARSONS D	.	.	.	.	.	.
PATTERSON A	.	.	.	.	.	.
PEARCE J	.	.	.	.	.	.
PERROW H	.	.	.	.	.	.
PINDER S	.	.	.	.	.	.
POTTS M	.	.	.	.	.	.
PROCTER D	.	.	.	.	.	.
PROCTER M	.	.	.	.	.	.
PYC M	.	.	.	.	.	.
QUINN C	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROBERTSON S	.	.	.	.	.	.
RODDICK M	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROLFE G	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROULSTON S	.	.	.	.	.	.
RYAN WG	.	.	.	.	.	.
SHIELD A	.	.	.	.	.	.
SIEGMAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.
SIMONS A	.	.	.	.	.	.
SIMS J	.	.	.	.	.	.
SKINNER R	.	.	.	.	.	.
SMITH J	.	.	.	.	.	.
STOREY N	.	.	.	.	.	.
SYMONS B	.	.	.	.	.	.
TAYLOR R	.	.	.	.	.	.
THOMPSON I	.	.	.	.	.	.
TOFONI B	.	.	.	.	.	.
WALTER A	.	.	.	.	.	.
WATT K	.	.	.	.	.	.
WILCOX C	.	.	.	.	.	.
WILLIAMS K&I	.	.	.	.	.	.
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**Half 'n Half**  
by  
**Fortuna 48**

**Prize:**



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**Across**

- 1 Department head missing nothing in evidence (4)
- 4 Goddess in Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (4)
- 7 Rigged sale of drinks (4)
- 10 Loud, large sailor reveals excess fat (4)
- 11 Wooden box containing uranium for Irish barman's assistant (6)
- 12 Secure the thieves' target (4)
- 13 Topped the cake with scattered dice (4)
- 14 Free and available (4)
- 15 Ornament of gold with gold plated borders (4)
- 17 Animal returns bird to adopt (6)
- 19 Ungrammatically, she and I joined editor and roamed about (9)
- 22 Boxes in court (5)
- 24 Weapon for team member (7)
- 26 Toddlers hide minced pea in drink dispensers (7)
- 29 Throw away small fish (5)
- 31 Steed with horn chopped up and curtailed (9)
- 33 Deviation routed, re-routed (6)
- 36 The same inner dimension measure (4)
- 38 Odd number, losing principal, becomes divisible by two (4)
- 39 Look lecherously at the French Queen, who .... (4)
- 40 .... runs French Summer Network (4)
- 41 Develop & adapt *Love* (English version) (6)
- 42 and 43 Writer, man and boy, unknown to former British Prime Minister (4,4)
- 44 Name derived from soma (4)
- 45 Holy man with the old eyesore (4)

**Down**

- 1 Recreations (8)
- 2 Unwary (3,5)
- 3 Bloodsucking insect (4)
- 4 In the same place (4)
- 5 Mountaineer's tool (3,3)
- 6 Froth (4)
- 7 Very small particle (4)
- 8 Outcasts (6)
- 9 Appreciates (6)
- 16 Ascending current of air (9)
- 18 Not yet visited (9)
- 20 Tomboys (5)
- 21 Same here! (5)
- 23 A newt (3)
- 25 Producing evil (3)
- 27 An unguent (8)
- 28 Inhabitants of a NE African republic (9)
- 29 A conger (3,3)
- 30 In truth (6)
- 32 Women's quarters (6)
- 34 Covet (4)
- 35 An edible seaweed (4)
- 36 A showy flower (4)
- 37 Love-god (4)

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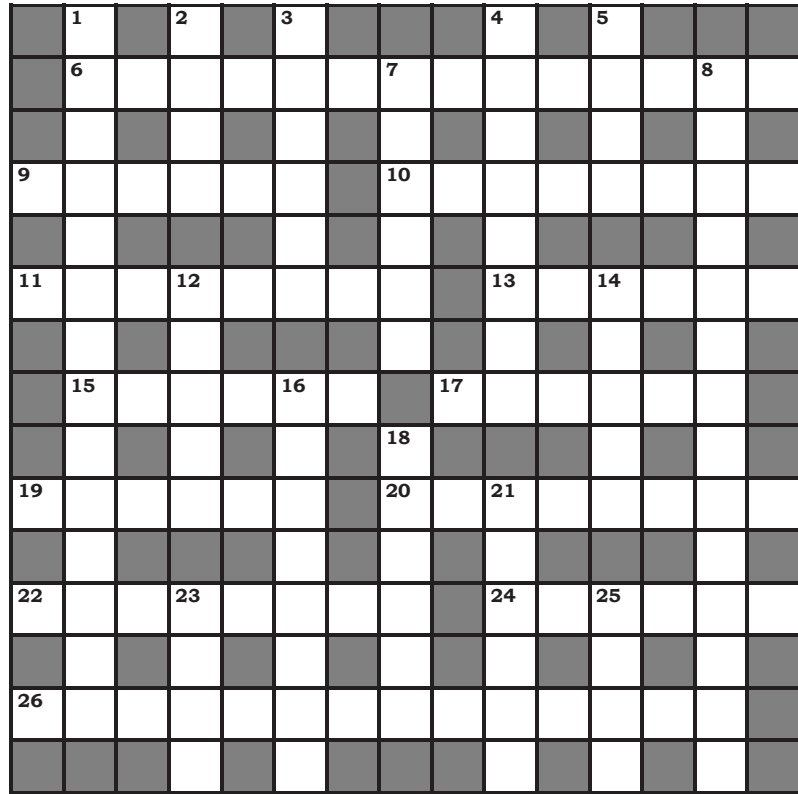
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## Cryptic

by

**Penobscot**



### Across

- 6** One ruining meat. Activity for the highly skilled? (14)
- 9** With first of overpass kerb's around. That's OK in Oz (6)
- 10** Rumps etc. contributes to "tasty dishes" with pancake make-up (8)
- 11** Brassy lass. Brass first to last (8)
- 13** Spiritual told Moses what to do with his tablets at storage area (6)
- 15** Program slated to extract a chemical (6)
- 17** Rioted because of his changes? (6)
- 19** Ancient vessel with two potential applications (3,3)
- 20** Disrobe as uncle though short could be (8)
- 22** Goats carry an obligation? False! (8)
- 24** Could be east plain? Far from it (6)
- 26** Beth mimes Nell's arrangement with some fancy additions (14)

### Down

- 1** Musical 26 of "Three Englishmen". First one headless, third one somewhat legless (2,3,6,3)
- 2** Done by seaman leaving berth? (4)
- 3** Footrest decentralised. Agitate (4,2)
- 4** Swept for insects and other annoyances (8)
- 5** Finish filming something taken by Patsy during recital (4)
- 7** 3 for awareness heard (6)
- 8** Sort wines on the 'Change for quality not to be overlooked! (14)
- 12** Disturbed at high stake (5)
- 14** Do in full! (5)
- 16** Pine tree. High ball followed by sweet (8)
- 18** Swears at dogs on courses (6)
- 21** Cleaner, unmarried lass could do with them? (6)
- 23** Hear about leggy bird (4)
- 25** Worthless sort of rock (4)

### GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Many thanks to the club. I was delighted to receive \$75 prize for September's Slot 3. *Julia Crowe*
- Thank you so much for the prize that I received last month, for August Slot 3 puzzle. There are six of us who meet each Friday morning at our local neighbourhood house to enjoy cryptic puzzling. *Brenda Webber*
- I was so surprised to receive a prize this month. A very big thank you for that and for the many, many hours of enjoyment that the ACC sends my way!! *Judith Woodford*
- It was a nice surprise to receive the David Astle book for the Slot 5 puzzle. I look forward to my puzzles each month and thought the new compiler *Illywhacker* was very good and had some goof fun clues. *Claire McClelland*
- A big thank-you to the Club for the very welcome win for Slot 7. It is always very satisfying to complete the puzzles and a prize is a lovely bonus. A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members and good solving for 2015. *Robyn Caine*
- I was delighted to receive the cheque for my solving success last month. It arrived just a few days after my birthday so the timing was great! Thank you so much. *Maureen Blake*
- Some clever themed puzzles. I thought that slot 1 was a trifle more difficult than usual but otherwise no complaints. *Col Archibald*
- Do I get the feeling that the tone of the magazine has been lowered? I mean to say, Slot 7 is all about booze, Slot 5 is all about horse-racing, and Slot 4 deals mainly with risqué women! As if that weren't enough, Slot 1 has an improper fraction and an obsession with food, Slot 2 has the milkman coming every morning and Slot 6 mentions a future sex change ..... what a lot of fun it all is! *Nea Storey*
- A big thank you to all who help provide this regular monthly dose of enjoyment. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- Thanks so much to the compilers and the club execs for giving me so much to look forward to each month. *Lynn Jarman*

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**Cryptic**  
by  
**Crowsman**



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**Across**

- 8 Take a seat outside advanced doctor fellows for cold shoulder? (6,9)
- 9 Admits 8 (4,2)
- 10 8 English, able to be stretched to the limit (7)
- 11 Regularly skying balls in African capital (6)
- 12 Involves ace in 8 (7)
- 13 About time, collects strips of wood (6)
- 15 8 glitter (6)
- 18 Undervest for good-hearted 8 (7)
- 20 Annoyed having left out essential (6)
- 22 Unknown 8 became Russian leader (7)
- 23 Tell about past (6)
- 24 Male dignitaries mysteriously vanishing (15)

**Down**

- 1 West Indies 8 get menu accompaniment (4,4)
- 2 Female worker from where massage is had (6)
- 3 American carried 8 instruments (8)
- 4 Place of notoriety has relative finally changing sides (7)
- 5 Fish catch made a stone (6)
- 6 Enterprise confines numero uno upon returning (8)
- 7 8 sounds (6)
- 14 A new cutting inside houses provided fragrant climbing orchids (8)
- 15 Doctor cuts 8 curls of hair (8)
- 16 Olympic sport takes time during close of day (8)
- 17 8 held cold screen-printing plate (7)
- 18 Designated animal enclosure was out in front (6)
- 19 8 pay attention (6)
- 21 8 enter (6)

**Explanations of solutions to November puzzles**

**Slot 1: Zinzan.** Across: 1 jIFFY, 4 BRUTus, 16 hidden, 21 anag, 35 anag, 44 cryptic "no US", 47 dd. Down: 3 dd, 5 anag, 12 anag, 20 dd, 26 anag, 39 E + MUS.

**Slot 2: Ilywhacker.** Across: 1 anag, 6 OP+US, 9 homoph, 10 DO(PP+L)ER, 12 IMMOR (T) AL, 13 dd, 15 hidden, 16 anag -, 18 dd, 19 pun, 21 anag -, 24 rev hidden, 25 pun, 27 AD (JUST) S, 28 NURSE + RY, 29 hidden, 30 SET> + SELL + AT + E. Down: 1 TIT + BIT, 2 M + ILK + MAN, 3 anag, 4 DISH + A + RM + ON + Y, 5 W mADE, 7 dd, 8 S(TR)ADDLE, 11 anag, 14 pun, 17 anag -, 20 K + ILL + JOY, 22 CHIME + RA, 23 anag about TY, 26 anag.

**Slot 3: Cha-Cha.** Across: 8 BO (M) B, 9 nATIVE >, 10 dd, 11 and 28 anag, 12 GALL + ANTS, 13 CONCERT + O, 15 dd, 17 GT + WENT + Y, 19 anag (ED + CLUES), 22 FR (rag\*) ANCE, 24 anag, 26 ADD + END + UM, 30 anag, 31 WIN (C) E, 32 dd. Down: 1 dd, 2 anag, 3 dd, 5 FAB (ILL>) LE, 6 pun on Can Ada, 7 anag, 14 t OTTER, 16 IN + AID>, 18 anag, 20 (ELBA + DUAL) >, 21 GERMANe + Y, 23 NEED + LE, 25 PEST + ER, 27 ROOD >, 29 EX + AM.

**Slot 4: Whynot?.** A: Anag, B: BE (GUI L) ING, C: Cryptic, D: Homoph E: ET + Chambers, F: F + RISKY G: GALL (IV) ANT H: H + IN + NY I: REP in ILL UTE J: Cryptic K: Hidden, L: Anag M: Cryptic N: NAIL + VARNISH O: OF + TEN P: pun Q: Homoph R: RE (HEARS) AL S: S + TRUMPET T: T (EAT R (A)Y U: (f)UN + DO, V: Anag W: WANT + ON X: Anag - both Holden and Ford produced XRs) Y: YOUTH + FUL(l) Z: Z + Anag.

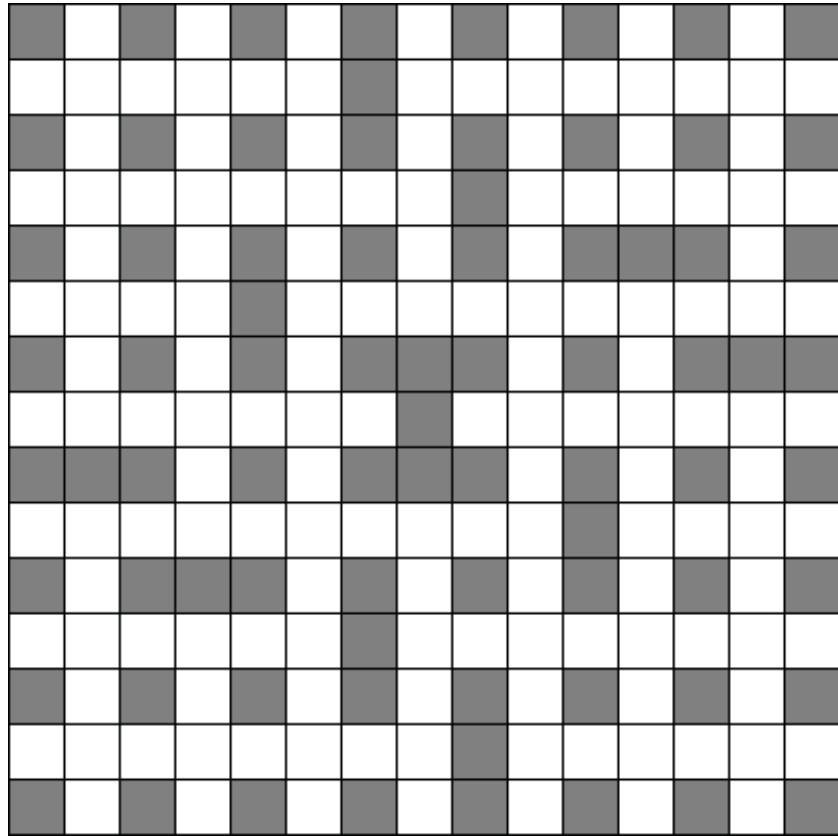
**Slot 5: Kaeila.** Across: 1 C (BRAIN\*) E, 5 SA + SA + NO + Four, 9 PAD + RE, 10 G + A BARD + IN + E, 11 AN + X + IE + TYke, 12 hidden, 15 Triple Def, 16 DD, 19 anag, 20 A M(B)O, 22 T + OWING, 24 anag, 27 CAT + A LOG + U + E, 28 LO + I + PE, 29 L + A N TERN, 30 S + PRINTS. Down: 1 C (UP) S, 2 RED + UND + ANT, 3 anag, 4 DD, 5 anag, 6 anag, 7 rev hidden, 8 anag -, 13 A + POLITIC + AL, 14 HE (RETSINA\*) S, 17 anag, 18 PRU + NELLie, 21 hOST + LEaR, 23 rev hidden, 25 AGONY, 26 homoph - up means on horseback.

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**AJ**

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

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| <b>A</b> Starts from a loaded question to opera fanatics (2-5) | <b>N</b> Nuns lop cactus leaving stump (7)                  |
| <b>B</b> Office furniture (6)                                  | <b>O</b> No longer having clout, being crooked (3,2,5)      |
| <b>C</b> Bathers caught and decapitated stinger (6)            | <b>P</b> Balls we picked up to knit blankets (4,4)          |
| <b>D</b> Tyrant to overcome acne? (6)                          | <b>Q</b> Precisely recall design torque for my memo (5,4,6) |
| <b>E</b> Knowledgeable model dead cute (8)                     | <b>R</b> Squash accessory's scam (6)                        |
| <b>F</b> Buried out in left field (6,2)                        | <b>S</b> Outcome when thrown in the deep end? (4,2,4)       |
| <b>G</b> Santa's order; disobedient elf's fate? (3,3,4)        | <b>T</b> Speculation those people snatched gold (6)         |
| <b>H</b> Tipsy knights quaff can mounted – useful skill! (5,5) | <b>U</b> Frozen waste we'd haunt (8)                        |
| <b>I</b> Comic in origin, somewhat twisted (6)                 | <b>V</b> Choose to exercise veto (4)                        |
| <b>J</b> Relations? No, close pals (4,4,7)                     | <b>W</b> Increasing or decreasing hairiness? (8)            |
| <b>K</b> Conformed – owned cats, say, in retirement (4,4)      | <b>X</b> Inquisitorial type of crossword (8)                |
| <b>L</b> Weak shiny material (4)                               | <b>Y</b> Mythical creature – still one (4)                  |
| <b>M</b> Measure worked: crime reaps time (6)                  | <b>Z</b> Overheard menagerie ladies' language? (4)          |

**GENERAL COMMENTS (contd):**

- I enjoyed the package, with a couple of themed puzzles on G20 and the Cup thrown in for good measure. *Bev Cockburn*
- Another very engrossing set of puzzles, with each one including that final clue that kept me guessing until the very end. *John Baylis*
- Many thanks for my prize for the No 9 Quiz. It was a lovely surprise in my mail when I returned from holidays. *Joan Smith*

**ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER 2014**

We are looking forward to celebrating the 2014 Get-Together at William Ryan's exciting **Harold Park Hotel** which is situated cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW. The date is Sunday 30 November and the festivities commence at 11:30am. Many thanks to William for making his 'pride and joy' available for us to meet and discuss important things of a cruciverbal nature. It's not too late to accept the invitation. Kindly contact our Secretary Bev Cockburn to tell her that you would like to be one of the prestigious members attending this VIP function. Bev's email is: [bevco4@bigpond.com](mailto:bevco4@bigpond.com). Be there!!!

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**Cryptic**  
by  
**Manveru**

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**Across**

- 1 Sometimes it pays to be late? (4,9)
- 10 Identify counterfeit (e.g. coins with Queen depicted the wrong way) (9)
- 11 Opposed force with brilliant duke (5)
- 12 Leading article at Summit (5)
- 13 Join company making a comeback in East Asia struggling without backer (9)
- 14 Popular opinion, for example (8)
- 16 Frank has dreadful cold with temperature (6)
- 19 Grass is trimmed surrounding pitch in..... (6)
- 20 ....gamble over long square covers (8)
- 22 Exotic ceramics filled with European sweets (3,6)
- 24 Class War Marxism indoctrinating the mob (5)
- 25 Creative writing (5)
- 26 Catholic ceremony by Rome's cardinal and one old Norse canon (9)
- 27 The government's new NHS timetables (13)

**Down**

- 2 Climbs popular ridge section (9)
- 3 Moved gradually with blade over top of dimple (5)
- 4 Trial abolishing rule after overhauling insurance (8)
- 5 It's rarely difficult to tune a synthesiser with built-in components (6)
- 6 A fellow with sepsis needing hip amputation for attachment (9)
- 7 Powder from by-product of car repeatedly starting to acidify (5)
- 8 Agency degrading ISIS with NATO plans (13)
- 9 Inserted me with a TV broadcast! (13)
- 15 Escalating trouble with 'expertise' after America allies with us? (9)
- 17 English 'no good' embassy accepting Vatican City aggrandizement (9)
- 18 Changeable things endure in photos (8)
- 21 Eliminate malignancy with hand transplantation? (6)
- 23 Little ones from folklore, ultimately exist without one's society (5)
- 24 Stalk absorbing afternoon moisture (5)

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**Themes  
and  
Variations**  
by  
**Betelgeuse**



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The solutions include 4 related theme words, (solutions 1, 4, 7 and 23) each one having 2 variations. Composite clues to each theme word and its variations, given below, lack definitions.

- 1, 15 and 19** Our Donald, macho in lion skin camouflage (8,8 and 3-1-4)
- 4, 6 and 17** Cec, Leunig's duck'll be in missing storm (5,6 and 5)
- 7, 20dn and 21** Sheer hats sat rather awkwardly (6,6 and 6)
- 23, 3 and 9dn** Lacking height, spaghetti legs landed Prince in trouble (6,6 and 7)

**Across**

- 8** One at war with society - is he maladjusted? (7)
- 9** Cunning one leaves - ran into a hard bit (7)
- 10** Second last shed (5)
- 11** Throw back last mouthful of fashionable German brand of wine (9)
- 12** He's into making rent lower (6)
- 13** Stop lies circulating with old coins (8)
- 14** Some traverser accidents on the glacial mass (5)
- 16** The quarter horse said to be mine (3)
- 17** See 4 Down
- 20** Dead after they confused input carbon group (8)
- 22** The same again of spicy sumach (2,4)
- 25** Keeping sister out of one type of order (9)
- 26** Put straight when bad marks taken off (5)
- 27** Time, say, for generation of ground cover (7)
- 28** Choose or return plate? (7)

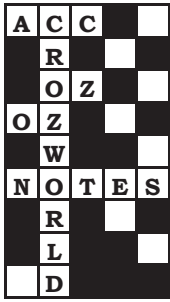
**Down**

- 1 15 and 19** Theme 1 (8,8,3-1-4)
- 2** Caught ghost of singer (8)
- 3** See 23
- 4 6 and 17** Theme 2 (5,6,5)
- 5** Cruel to enclose one in Blue-tack, say. (8)
- 6** See 4
- 7 20dn and 21** Theme 3 (6,6,6)
- 9** See 23
- 15** See 1
- 16** Weave after ten varieties of port (7)
- 18** 10.10 I've a ute problem (8)
- 19** See 1
- 20** See 7
- 21** See 7
- 23 3 and 9dn** Theme 4 (6,6,7)
- 24** Bird loses head, starts yawing crooked (5)

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**Quiz 10/2014 Colourful Clues by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen). Entries: 38; Correct 17; Success rate: 45%. Winner: Alan Walter – Congratulations!**  
**Solutions:** 1. Advertise 2. Cassandra 3. Chamberlain 4. Debonaire 5. Dewiness 6. Dredge 7. Frustrate 8. Impeachment 9. Inflamed 10. Kerosene 11. Lovey-dovey 12. Lumberjack 13. Mercerised 14. Misunderstanding 15. Neuroanatomy 16. Passageway 17. Rebuffing 18. Recruit 19. Sago palm 20. Screamer or Satirist 21. Stealthy 22. Tout le monde 23. Trotskyite or Trotskyist 24. Unplumbed 25. Vanilla 26. Whodunit.

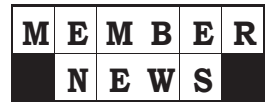
**Results: 26:** K. Audrins, B. Cockburn, G. Cole, L. Colgan, T. DeGrys, S. Howells, G. Leeds, J. Leigh, C. McClelland, C. Noble, E. O'Brien, W. Ryan, B. Siegman, A. Simons, R. Skinner, N. Storey, A. Walter. **25:** W. Allen, J. Crowe, J. Fowler, P. Garner, B. Glissan, R. Gooderick, D. Grainger, B. Hagan, P. Lord, C. Mackay-Sim, A. Miles, R. Moline, B. Symons, I. Thompson. **24:** S. Roulston, R. Taylor, R. Wimbush. **23:** V. Howard, D. Meek, S. Pinder, C. Wilcox.

**Adjudicator's Comments:** One common mistake was **limewashed** for **mercerised** and even though it does have a similar sort of meaning it is alphabetically incorrect and the colour is not contained. Another error was **forestall** for **frustrate** and a sprinkling of different words for **dredge**. There were also a few words which did not contain a colour. Originally I had **screamer** for No. 20 but after some consultation **satirist** was also accepted as it meets the necessary requirements: unfortunately **sportive** does not. I'm delighted everyone enjoyed the challenge.  
*Ulla Axelsen*

**Solvers' Comments**

- The theme was obvious immediately, but the very last one, WHODUNIT, took me ages. No excuses for that procrastination!  
*Len Colgan*
- What a lovely concatenation of colourful words. This was certainly a quiz to brighten everyone up! Many thanks for your creative originality

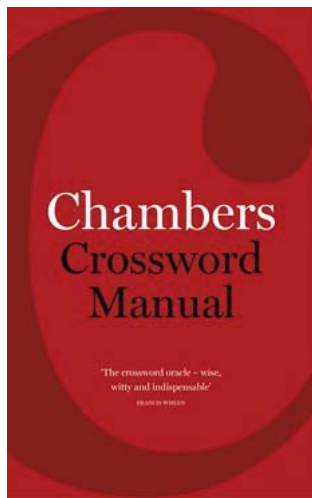
- in uncovering so many colours.  
*Alan Walter*
- Had a go at your quiz of hidden colours. I might have number 6 wrong. MERCERISED and SCREAMER were the other two recalcitrant words.  
*Rob Moline*
- Thanks for an interesting quiz.  
*Brian Symons*
- Good one Ulla. Must say that the title helped of course but it still took a couple of answers to pin down the colour theme. It helped colour our world!  
*Richard Skinner*
- Great quiz! So many colours cunningly concealed in words. Isn't it interesting how many colours are named after plants, flowers, fruit?  
*Nea Storey*
- Many thanks for your quiz this month. How do you think them up?  
*Julie Leigh*
- Many thanks for your excellent quiz. Took some doing with a visitor co-opted to help. I had no idea what mercerised cotton was but knew the word well. So ignorant! What a club...  
*Robyn Wimbush*
- Thank you for your very entertaining and challenging quiz.  
*David Grainger*
- Fantastic! Used much colourful language on IRIS and CERISE.  
*Raoul Bob Hagan*
- I enjoyed the challenge.  
*Betty Siegman*
- Not easy but very enjoyable.  
*Betty Siegman*
- As a lover of the book genre, WHODUNIT was my favourite clue.  
*Carole Noble*
- I enjoyed this quiz. The last word proved a bit of a mystery to solve and was last one in.  
*Andrew Miles*
- The only common colour was 'red' in DREDGE, the solution that to me was most difficult – deliberate? Thank-you for a fascinating, well-constructed puzzle.  
*Ian Thompson*
- Nice challenge. Thank-you.  
*Sonia Roulston*
- Thank-you for this quiz – great fun!  
*Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- What a cleverly constructed quiz, a well-balanced mix of reasonably simple and somewhat difficult ones. Thank-you.  
*Gabrielle Leeds*
- Colourful indeed! And very entertaining too.  
*Susan Howells*
- A real teaser. Keep these puzzles coming!  
*Cheryl Wilcox*



**Adjustments: Re Quiz No 9/2104.** Hilary Cromer achieved a perfect score. Nea Storey has been awarded a dot for her correct submission for the September Slot

7 puzzle by *Crowsman*.

**Chambers Crossword Manual by Don Manley**



A 5th revised edition of this marvellous Manual was released on 31 October 2014. Acknowledged as the definitive work on modern crosswords, *Chambers Crossword Manual* is an essential handbook for all crossword fans from beginners to experts. It is packed with practical advice on solving crosswords, as well as many practice crosswords.

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Don Manley – who visited us for the Get-Together in November 2013 and enthralled us with a wonderful cruciverbal history presentation – sets crosswords under a variety of Pseudonyms including *Duck*, *Bradman*, *Giovanni*, *Pasquale* and *Quixote*. As *Pasquale*, Don has been setting cryptics for the Guardian for 23 years, but his crossword empire is larger than that: he sets for all the UK broadsheets and is the crossword editor of the *Church Times*. He has been *The Observer's* Azed clue-writing champion on many occasions.

We will be giving away copies of this most desirable book as Slot prizes in 2015.

**Quiz No 12/2014**

**I am not an Animal! Movie Quiz by Virgo.**

The name of a creature appears in each of these movies, but none concern the creatures themselves. Given the dates of the movies and one of the principal stars, can you name them? They are in alphabetical order of movie, not animal.

Send your entries to Warren Allen, 25 Roberts Parade, Hawkesbury Heights NSW 2777. e-mail to [edapwg@hotmail.com](mailto:edapwg@hotmail.com). Closing date: 16 January 2015. Prize: \$75.

- 2001 Morgan Freeman (5,4,1,6)
- 1970 Richard Harris (1,3,6,5)
- 1972 Goldie Hawn (11,3,4)
- 1949 Joan Crawford (8,4)
- 1952 Cary Grant (6,8)
- 1975 Jack Nicholson (3,4,4,3,6,1,4)
- 1967 Carol White (4,3)
- 1980 Robert De Niro (6,4)
- 1975 John Wayne (7,7)
- 1973 Edward Fox (3,3,2,3,6)
- 1980 John Hurt (3,8,3)
- 1965 Richard Attenborough (3,6,2,3,7)
- 1968 Peter O'Toole (3,4,2,6)
- 1986 Harrison Ford (3,8,5)
- 1959 Peter Sellers (3,5,4,6)
- 1964 Richard Burton (3,5,2,3,6)
- 1965 Elizabeth Taylor (3,9)
- 1948 Olivia de Havilland (3,5,3)
- 1962 Gregory Peck (2,4,1,11)
- 1968 Clint Eastwood (5,6,4)

**Nov 1-2014: A Bit of Everything by Zinzan (Andrew Patterson)**

- Thanks, *Zinzan* for a challenging slot 1. *Alan Walter*
- Quality puzzle! It might have been a good idea to make 43ac a cryptic clue to avoid any dispute over whether the solution is OLD HAG, OLD NAG, OLD BAG. *Len Colgan*
- A well-compiled Slot 1. The literary and musical trios had me puzzled for quite a while! *Nea Storey*
- $V = 4/3\pi r^3$ . Without computer or calculator, suspecting the answer could be "earth" with a known radius of roughly 6370km you will find that the answer to the equation approximates 1,083,210 million cubic kilometres give or take a few billion. BINGO. *Tony de Gryz*
- Enjoyed it all, especially the cryptic clues – except perhaps 26dn. USED. " ... to fail" as an anagram indicator didn't sit well. *Max Roddick*
- A clever slot 1 variant. *Brian Symons*
- A nice mixture and just hard enough for this slot. *Margaret Davis*
- Very eclectic. Good title. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Nice mix: particularly enjoyed DEBUG and RUNNIER. *Dale McManus*
- Liked the trios. *Eileen O'Brien*
- Good to see the three "must get beers". *Roy Taylor*
- An interesting approach to slot 1. I'd like to see more like this. *Betty Siegman*
- I like a bit of everything. Good brain-training. *Robyn Wimbush*
- A nice change for a Slot 1 with good cryptic clues. Also loved the literary and musical trio. *Joan Smith*
- Clever and, tho' perhaps a bit hard for a Slot 1, enjoyable. My very hazy recollection of the 3 musketeers is of swashbuckling swordsmen so why are they called musketeers? P, P and M evoked a few memories. *Jim Fowler*

**November 2-2014: Cryptic by Illywhacker (Alex Forbath)**

- In 24ac to re-fuse is to re-solder. 14ac: UNDERPANTS is a clever, humorous clue. *Alan Walter*
- Excellent puzzle with laudable surfaces and clever use of words. Favourite clues are 25ac, 17dn, 20dn. A couple of quibbles though. While I accept "laptop = L", "the top = T", "my top = M", I cannot agree that "top exchange = E". There is a difference. Similarly, I cannot find a reference where precisely "woman = W" and "man = M". *Len Colgan*
- Welcome to *Illywhacker* – I enjoyed your clues. *Nea Storey*
- I very much liked Slot 2, 24ac (SOLDER) – clever play on "refuse" which took me ages to get. *David Grainger*
- There were so many good clues for me to choose from this month as contenders to the title of COTM, several in *Illywhacker's* slot 2. I finally settled for slot 2's 14dn, Drawers where shoes are found. What fun! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- Some enjoyable clues here, especially DISHARMONY and UNDERPANTS. However, I found OPUS to be a weird clue (Am I missing something?). *Ian Thompson*
- I noticed that 10ac, 12ac, 30ac, and 2dn, not only used the word "top" in the clues but also that "top" indicated the first letter of a word in each case. 21ac: Clever changes in word meanings. First time untouchables (body parts?) direct object and "he" subject in the passive voice. Second time untouchables as subject removed "to labs" (direct object). The first explanation "to remove untouchables" is perhaps a contradiction in terms? There is a distinction in removing "to labs" as compared to removing "trespass". In 17dn "to labs" is discarded; "trespass" is kept as the solution! 1dn Clue confusing. 2dn: I am surprised that the milkman still comes every morning in Sydney. Liberal use of "remove" in 21ac (3 times,) 28ac, 7dn and 17dn. Is "object" not superfluous? 18ac is a parent necessarily elderly? 29ac No definition for "stye," although easy to solve. *Tony de Gryz*
- Clever and amusing clues – Welcome *Illywhacker*! Liked SOLDER for re-fuse. *Max Roddick*
- Some excellent clues, ie STRADDLE, WADE, EUNUCH and SOLDER – but UNDERPANTS gets my COTM. *Brian Symons*
- Welcome to a new compiler. Two questions – is it permissible to use OLD as a parent? I've heard parents described as "the olds" but not in the singular [Macquarie has the plural form and it doesn't seem too much of a stretch these days to apply it in a singular sense. – Adj]. And I can't find a connection between "refuse" and SOLDER [See comments above - Adj]. But I do like ADJUSTS. *Margaret Davis*
- Welcome to the Club, Alex. Enjoyed your crossword. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Welcome, young *Illywhacker*. Not sure about a couple of my answers but had to deliberate between MILKMAN and EUNUCH for my COTM. UNDERPANTS tickled me too but as usual the 4-letter WADE took the longest. *Dale McManus*
- I liked RAKES IN. Congrats to our new author. *Bev Cockburn*
- A very good puzzle. SOLDER was deceptive. EUNUCH COTM – Also liked UNDERPANTS. *Roy Taylor*
- A warm welcome to *Illywhacker*: some great clues, especially OPUS and RECORD. *Betty Siegman*
- I always have trouble with a new compiler and *Illywhacker* was no exception. Finally finished it and liked the clues for TELEXES and RAKES IN. *Joan Smith*
- Good to see new compilers. An enjoyable puzzle. My only doubt was 24ac. Resolder was there as a reverse hidden (as of course was solder) and fits better with re-fuse. Unless re in refuse means about. Even then I see it not. *Jim Fowler*
- Where in Australia does the milkman still do home deliveries? Certainly not in my part of Melbourne. 17dn: Where is the anagram indicator? [removing? "all but tie" seems to invite solvers to use the fodder provided and dispense

with the unneeded TIE - Adj] 18ac what is the authority for parent = old? 24ac to solder is to fuse: re-solder could perhaps be refuse. 19ac good pithy clue. *George Rolfe*

**November 3-2014: Cryptic by Cha-Cha (Catherine Hambling)**

- Thanks, Catherine, for a lovely G 20 summit themed puzzle. Clever clues for EVITA, CANADA and LAUDABLE. *Alan Walter*
- Timely crossword on the G-Twenty! The seven participating countries named being UK, USA, Brazil, India, Germany, France and Canada. *Nea Storey*
- Nice concept Catherine. Good fun. *Len Colgan*
- Horseplay = prance. [or "rag" - Adj] How does Cologne change it to France? [See explanations, p5 - Adj] *Tony de Gryz*
- Fun to solve! Liked G TWENTY, but didn't see CANADA until I checked who'd be there. *Max Roddick*
- An elegant themed cryptic. EVITA my favourite. *Brian Symons*
- It was not too hard to find ourselves in G-TWENTY country but I confess I had to Google the countries attending to complete it. *Margaret Davis*
- Oh no! Even in *CrOZworld* we Brisbanites can't escape the G20! *Ulla Axelsen*
- A very topical puzzle. *Cha-Cha* has managed to work in so many countries: well done. *Betty Siegman*
- Enjoyable. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Loved the theme by *Cha-Cha* though it was a while before the penny dropped. Favourite clue was EVITA. *Joan Smith*
- A one off chance for a different theme. I'm still not sure what shirt-fronting is but Abbott seems to have Putin a new word to the lexicon of diplomacy. *Jim Fowler*
- Neat idea, well executed. *George Rolfe*

**November 4-2014: AJ by Whynot? (Tony Dobeles)**

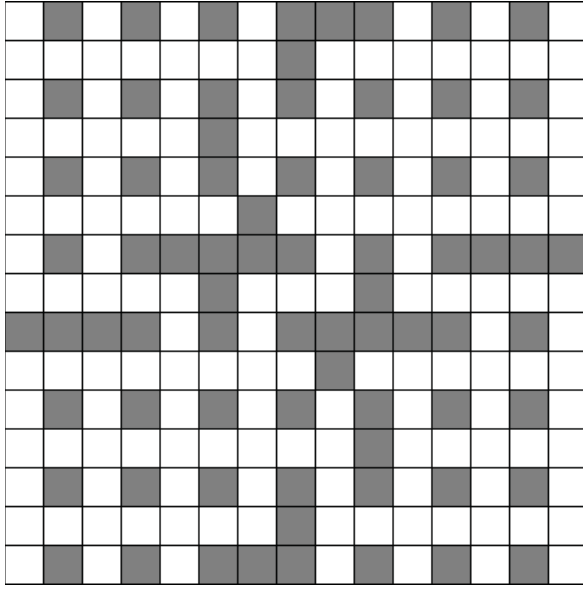
- A pleasant AJ, thanks, *Whynot*. *Alan Walter*
- A pleasant AJ with only Cockade, Hinny and Xerafin needing a dictionary (for verification only). I had never heard of Cockade and Hinny, and the X-word is usually an unknown word anyway although here the anagram was manageable. Zestful was found once I discovered the Z is worth two Ms (also literally, for M is the 13<sup>th</sup>, and Z the 26<sup>th</sup> letter). *Tony de Gryz*
- Quite a romp, but I got the elevenses last – a couple of beauties! *Max Roddick*
- Another good AJ, especially OFTEN, REHEARSAL and DEPENDS. *Brian Symons*
- A number of good clues here. I particularly liked C and S. *Margaret Davis*
- Liked the DA and M clues. Was not aware that two thousand = Z. [Chambers tells us that it is a mediaeval Roman numeral – perhaps a little hard to use it without any qualification, because there are quite a lot of similar abbreviations - Adj]. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Nearly always my favourite. Though I have done a lot of it, it was the first time that I'd written QUEUEING. Loved STRUMPET, WANTON, FRISKY and COCKADE. Definitely a theme there – "ill repute" perhaps? *Dale McManus*
- I always enjoy the AJ and this was no exception. *Betty Siegman*
- I do like AJ. I start there sometimes just for fun. The 11-letter words help to move things along. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Enjoyable AJ with good clues: esp. liked DEPENDS. *Joan Smith*
- Not hard but, as with most A-J's, very enjoyable. *Jim Fowler*

**Nov 5-2014: Cryptic by Kaeila (Anne Simons)**

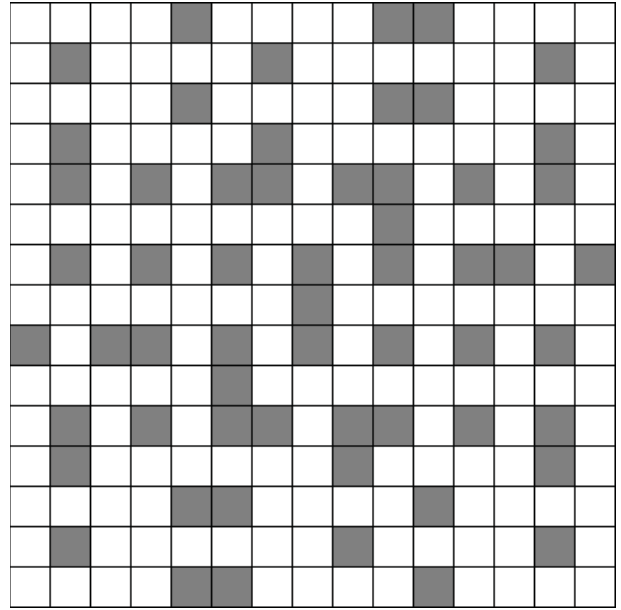
- Thanks, *Kaeila* for your Melbourne Cup winners puzzle. A clever clue for Reys, the winning jockey in 1973. *Alan Walter*
- The clue for FLEMINGTON involves an amazing coincidence. I really like it! I did not notice how relevant CUPS was in 1dn until entering my answers. *Len Colgan*
- Melbourne Cup crosswords – a speciality of *Kaeila's*. As well as 7 Cup winners (Carbine, Sasanof, Comedy King, Piastre, Catalogue, Lantern and Wotan) she has managed to work in CUPS, FLEMINGTON, REYS (a winning jockey), and OSTLER, while SPRINTS remind us of shorter races! *Nea Storey*
- An enjoyable theme for me, although I was only familiar with three of the winners. I liked the way those clues with otherwise vague definitions could be fully interpreted by associating them with the theme. *Ian Thompson*
- After the seven winners is 26dn also not really defined by "1973" (Reys)? [One expects Cup winners to have four legs - Adj]. 1dn: Once again a number 1 (down) was the last to be solved. It would have been worse had there been no plural indication (prizes). 9ac after "pad" one expects "le" or "ge". Only a foreign word Padre seems to accommodate "re". *Tony de Gryz*
- My COTM goes to ANXIETY. Unfortunately there were too many blanks elsewhere in my solutions to Slot 5 to submit it but I thought that the clue was great! *Lynn Jarman*
- Liked ANXIETY, REDUNDANT, HEARTINESS & OSTLER. *Max Roddick*
- PEAL and REYS took me ages. *Brian Symons*
- It was not too long before I realised that we were in Cup Country but REYS was hard to find. EIGHT BOATS seems a bit dodgy to me. Any specific "eight boats" anyone? [The term is quite commonly used in the USA when talking of racing eights and their crews, but is not in the standard references with that meaning - Adj]. *Margaret Davis*
- I found the seven words and even with FLEMINGTON I still didn't get the connection until I Googled SASANOF. But then they're all a bit before my time. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Every November I swear that I'll keep my printed out list of Cup winners. My two new words LOIPE and AGON. Thank you *Kaeila*. *Dale McManus*



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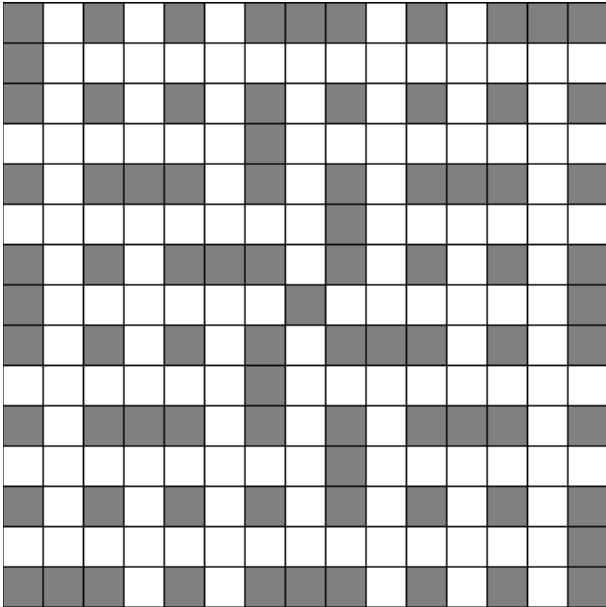
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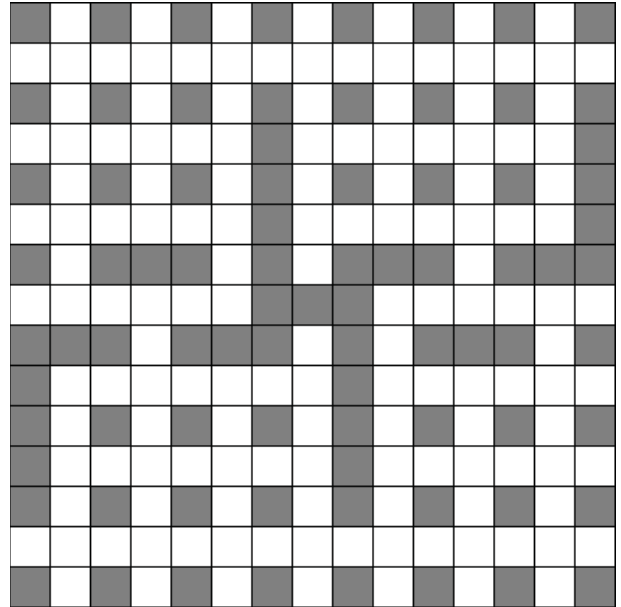
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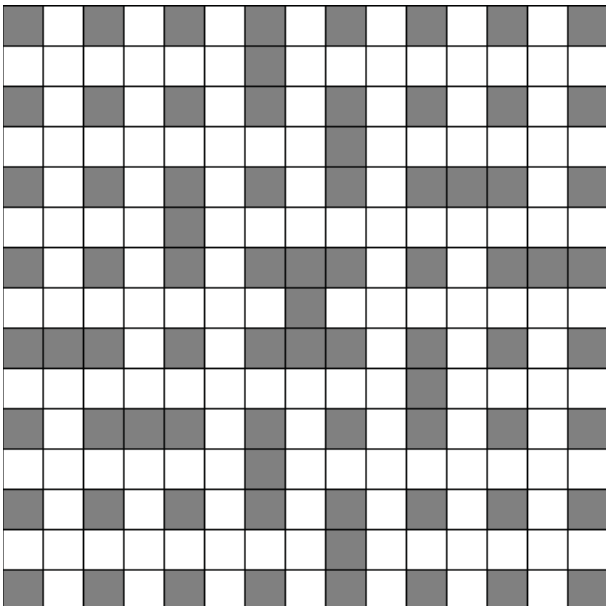
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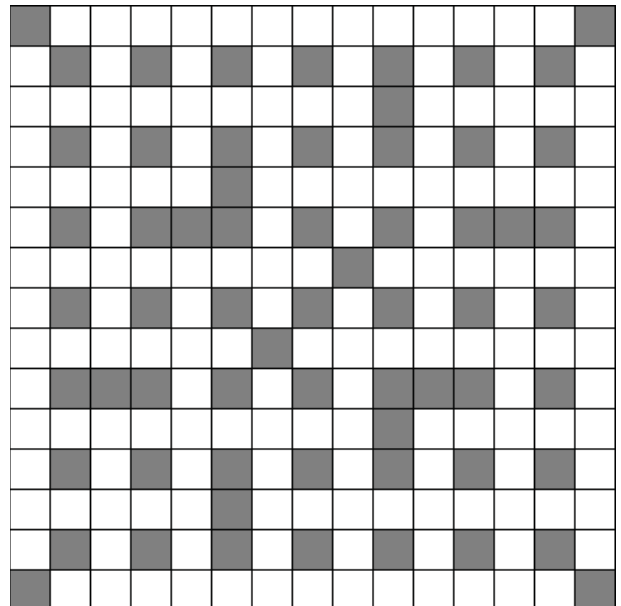
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Clue of the Month .....

October 6-2014: Cryptic by *Flowerman* (Ian Thompson)

Entries: 51. Correct: 41. Success rate 80.4%.

Prizewinner: **Julie Leigh. Congratulations!**

**Adjudicator's Comments:** Thank-you members for your entries and kind comments. I was pleased to see that my 'Spooner clue' met with approval. Also thank-you to those members who have offered, since I have started contributing, their advice on what constitutes a fair and well-constructed clue. It was pleasing to see a high success rate for this puzzle. Most difficulties seemed to have come from the far NW and SE corners because of the obscure words PRODRAMUS and DOSIMETER respectively. Unfortunately, there were a few misspellings or typos for both TURPITUDE and ATHENAEUM. For 25 ODORISING, lose = DO, as in "do your dough". —(*Flowerman*) Ian Thompson

**Explanations:**

(partial anagrams shown by \* and underlining).

**ACROSS:** 1 PRO + rev. (DR + OMUS), 6 CAMP + S..., 9 Anag., 10 TU + \*RP(IT)UDE, 11 OVER + DUB, 13 SPA + THE after, 15 \*STENO(T...)IC, 16 (g)AMBLE(r), 18 H(O)A(R)Y, 19 \*OLIP[HAN(d)]T, 21 TET + CH(app)Y, 23 MINDS + rev. E(soh)T, 25 O + DO + RISING, 26 (n)EATEN, 28 T(A)SKS, 29 Anag. (D = day)  
**DOWN:** 1 (c; P)ARROT, 2 Rev. (m)ORF, 3 \*RES(ID)ENCY, 4 Spoonerism, 5 Rev. S(w)ERB, 6 Double def., 7 Anag., 8 SKEW(ER)ED, 12 EX(TRACTION)'S, 14 S(CRIM)MAGES -e, 16 A(THEN)A + rev. E(s)UM, 17 Fodder (WHITE)+ anag. indicator (out), 20 ST(a; ONE)R, 22 Homoph., 24 BIN + ...D, 27 TUT(ees).

**ERRORS:** MODE BUTTON, MITY BUTTON, TERPITUDE, DEPRITUDE, DILL, BIDD, SIPS, SARD, OZONISING, PRODROMES, PRODRAMOS, PASTRAMIS, ATHANAEUM, ATHENEEUM, DOSEMETER, DISCMAKER, LYSIMETER, REDOS, SID, TSK.

**Solvers' Comments:**

- Very nice crossword. MUTE BUTTON is my COTM nomination. *Ian McKenzie*
- Possibly *Flowerman's* best! I especially appreciated the clues for PRODRAMUS, RIFTS, OLIPHANT, CRISP, and WHITE OUT. In particular, "what we hit could be" giving WHITE OUT appealed. I could not totally reconcile a couple of others. *Len Colgan*
- Tough day at the office, Floro! Took a while to get started, and a while to finish. Good workout, thanks. *Raoul*
- Clues are wonderfully misleading but fair. Thanks for a lot of enjoyment. *Brian Symons*
- What a super mind-testing puzzle! Took ages to solve and fully rationalise. *Alan Walter*
- An absorbing crossword with plenty of outstanding definitions and surface readings. *Michael Kennedy*
- Had the old brain working overtime. EXTRACTIONS was clever: my COTM. Should have a question mark in clue for OLIPHANT given the way "shorthand" is to be read. *George Rolfe*
- Lots of great clues again. *Roy Taylor*
- Thanks for a challenging puzzle: much more doable than the last one. I still have my sanity after doing this one. Liked MUTE BUTTON and AMBLE: nice misdirection. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Thank you very much for your Slot 6. I particularly enjoyed OVERDUB and MUTE BUTTON – brilliant! *David Grainger*
- A challenging puzzle as usual, but solvable with the aid of a dictionary. *Roger Douglas*
- Thanks so much for such an entertaining challenge. There were many great clues, but MUTE BUTTON was by far and away my favourite. When I first saw the clue I thought, "Great! A Spooner clue. I love those!" However it turned out to be the last clue I solved. Thanks again for a great puzzle. *Brian Tickle*
- Another challenging crossword – SPATHE held me up for a while. Loved the clue for MUTE BUTTON! *Nea Storey*
- I found all your clues extremely fair, so thank-you. I loved the clues for CRISP and CAMPS among others. *Bev Cockburn*
- Very challenging. Some new words to add to vocab. *Bob Hagan*
- Many thanks for quite a number of hours puzzling! *Julie Leigh*

- Reckon this was a real "little girl with a curl" puzzle. Some of them, CAMPS, TURPITUDE, MUTE BUTTON, were very, very good, and some of them, PRODRAMUS, ORF, were horrid!

*Eileen O'Brien*

- A nice challenge. *Ray Gooderick*
- New words, a Spoonerism, and some really tough clues. What more can we want? *Richard Skinner*

- Quite a few new words for me, including PRODRAMUS and DOSIMETER, but good clueing made them solvable. I liked the clue for MUTE BUTTON. *Robyn Caine*

- Thanks for the puzzle. I had many words to look up, but I got there in the end. All good. *Andrew Patterson*

- A real challenge, as always. Thanks, Ian. *Andrew Miles*

- I must be getting the hang of your clueing style – still challenging, but at least I managed to finish this one! Possibly even got it right, though I had to do a bit of searching for the answer to 1ac. Thanks for the fun. *Kath Harper*

- Thanks for your ingenious but fair puzzle. The NE corner was the most problematic. Only someone with the alias 'Flowerman' and an email address containing the word 'botanist' would have SPATHE as part of his everyday vocabulary. *Denis Coates*

- Thank you for the enjoyment. A riot of braintwisting clues! Especially liked PARROT, CAMPS, RIFTS, and SPATHE. MUTE BUTTON brought a smile. *Max Roddick*

- Thanks for an enjoyable puzzle. *Peter Dearie*

- As usual with your crosswords, this was interesting to complete, introducing me to some new words such as PRODRAMUS and ORF. Your clear and precise clueing, however, makes such words so much easier to discover. *Susan Howells*

- That was very enjoyable. I particularly enjoyed the "bute mutton" spoonerism, but if I hadn't already given my cotm for this month, it would go to this slot's 24dn, with BIND as a solution for "Pickle container leaked at the bottom". Very neat! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*

- Thanks for another enjoyable puzzle. MUTE BUTTON and WHITE OUT (a nice 'cute' clue) were cleverly misleading. Took me ages to figure out the word-play for MINDSET – first thought a possible anagram of TENDS but finally saw the devious use of 'vacation' for 'emptying'. *Tony Dobeles*

- Some very good clean clues once the penny dropped. Unfortunately it never did for the connection between 28ac & 27! I liked RIFTS. *Jill Freeland*

**Solvers' Comments continued from p10:**

- How does one know those horses, let alone put them into a crossword. I was in a fix until FLEMINGTON jumped out and then I was off and running – to the computer! So clever. *Eileen O'Brien*

- Wish I could always pick so many winners. Took a while to get REYS. Thought of lifting HEMS after Jean Shrimpton – but that was 1965! *Roy Taylor*

- Another very topical puzzle. I'm amazed at just how many Cup winners were included, some of which I'd never heard. Great work, *Kaeila*. After much thought My COTM goes to FLEMINGTON – a wonderful clue which reads well, paints an interesting picture and comes up with a great answer. *Betty Siegman*

- REYS is a guess. If it is right I'd like to know how. ["told" is the homophone indicator that turns "lift" into "raise" (REYS) and up means riding (in 1973, when he won) - Adj] *Valerie Howard*

- A very interesting Melbourne Cup workout. I have heard of Phar Lap and that's about it so how educational was this? Sasanof?? *Robyn Wimbush*

- Another enjoyable themed puzzle though it took a little time to find REYS. *Joan Smith*

- Nicely put together theme. One of these years I'm going to print out a list of Cup winners and Jockeys so I don't have to Google it all the time. *Jim Fowler*