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Grammar deals with the general facts of language, lexicology with the special facts.
Henry Sweet. 1878, *Words, Logic and Grammar*,
Transactions of the Philological Society.

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The recent devastating floods in many parts of Australia have affected so many families. Some of our members have been very concerned to learn of the well-being of our colleagues. Catherine Hambling from Fortitude Valley Qld informed us that she and her family "have come through unscathed although most distressed for those who lost so much: we feel so lucky." Shirl and Jack O'Brien are not directly affected as they live on high ground at Stafford Heights, Qld. Jenny Wenham from Comet tells us that the Central Highlands of Queensland (Emerald & Comet) are fine and mostly unaffected and family members and properties are safe. We send our best wishes to any ACC members in the flood-affected areas.

We were greatly saddened by the sudden passing of one of our most respected members **Margaret Galbreath** whose first composition was featured in Slot 2 of the January 2011 *Crozworld*. We send our sincere sympathy to Margaret's loving family. Also, we were saddened to hear of the recent untimely death of one of Carole Noble's sons. See p9 for further details.

We have been delighted with the excellent response to the renewal of subscriptions and the generous donations to the ACC prize fund 2011. Details of renewals and the names of those who have recently donated to the 2011 Prize Fund can be found on p9 together with details of the sponsorships of the Slots 1 and 5 puzzles. For those who have not yet renewed, we enclose a renewal slip. Sadly, this will be the final *Crozworld* for those who have not renewed.

Puzzleman Ian Williams has selected another fascinating range of puzzles for you this month. *midships* has contributed a Half and Half in slot 1, perennial favourites *Cha-Cha* and *Southern Cross* are featured with quality cryptics and *Difficult Women* have compiled a challenging AJ. We welcome back *zinzan* with a puzzle titled Break-out in Slot 5 and we are delighted to see the dynamic duo *Barney Naga* in Slot 6 with one of their puzzling Word Squares. The quiz No 2/2011 titled Capital Scramble has an anagrammatical flavour and has been devised by *Fortuna 48*.

Good Luck with your solving this month.

—Patrick

Season's greetings and many thanks to all who regaled me with nice cards and sentiments. Unfortunately there was a noticeable lack of large cheques, and even larger Chivas-size parcels leading to a noticeable lack of dots! I'm sure that I speak on behalf of all our members when I say that our thoughts and our hearts go out to all those people in flood-affected areas. Let slaughter commence!!

Slot 1: Quite a good success rate with this puzzle: a few thought that UGLYFRUIT would be a good alternative for UGLIFRUIT. I can find no reference to validate UGLYFRUIT. Other answers giving angst were NURTURES (NURTURED). PANEL has been allowed as has PENAL at 22dn as both satisfy the definition and the anagram. WEANLING in place of WEAKLING was disallowed.

Slot 2: This puzzle claimed a few scalps, notably with BRITISH in place of BAILIFF, leading to a few HOTHEADED answers to 13ac. Otherwise mistakes were minimal.

Slot 3: Alack and alas, this puzzle was the giant slayer with about 33 IGUANADONS roaming the landscape looking for IGUANODONS the former not being a correct spelling and also not fitting the clue: I=ISLAND + BIRD MANURE = GUANO + PUT ON = DON = 'OLD REPTILE' The other killer clue was ECOLOGIST with many opting for ECONOMIST. I've explained this clue within Members Comments (p11). Also SOCE was disallowed in place of SYCE.

Slot 4: GALLUP-POLE could not be certified correct in place of GALLUP-POLL. Also QUOTED in place of QUAILED was not allowable. FLESCH in place of FLYSCH was deemed incorrect.

Slot 5: The dreaded 'Blanks' reared their ugly heads a few times in this puzzle. As I and other adjudicators have said many times before, please check and double-check your entries before submitting them. Other errors included MARTEN for MARGIN and typos such as EFFANDI for EFFENDI.

COTM: Goes to Slot 4 the 'T' clue TRENDY. Congratulations *Virgo*. Slots 2 and 5 received many nominations.

Compiler of the Year: Goes to *Virgo* with 10 votes closely followed by *Praxis* 8 votes. Congratulations Audrey! —Col Archibald

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Entries received	126	119	120	119	123	607
Correct entries	112	102	68	105	111	498
Success rate (%)	88.8	85.7	56.6	88.2	90.2	82.0
Prizewinners	B Morris B Wallace	J Stocks D Kennedy	B Foott A Patterson	N Lee	M Potts B Webber	from 127 members

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Prizewinner: January 2011 Slots 1-5: Dr Anne Rendell

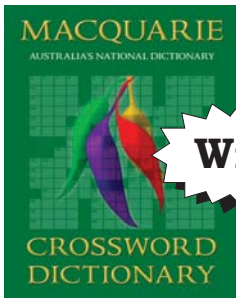
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**Half and Half
by
midships**

Prizes: \$50



Win!

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Across

- 1 Author (7,7)
- 10 Important person (5)
- 11 Facial decoration (9)
- 12 Siren (7)
- 13 Crooner (7)
- 14 Acute (5)
- 16 Extremely severe (9)
- 19 Endgame? (9)
- 20 Tone (5)
- 22 Arguably a namby-pamby (7)
- 25 Merit (7)
- 27 One who practices discrimination (9)
- 28 Ways of walking (5)
- 29 Top cop (5,9)

Down

- 2 Winter greeting at inside of Swiss city (9)
- 3 Rise and dance around bishop (5)
- 4 Asian tide confounded colonial company (4,5)
- 5 Old birds do take turf back (5)
- 6 Maritime attendants take taxi with popular lads (5-4)
- 7 Heron will rue losing head (5)
- 8 Support vigorous resuscitation – but leave out erotic elements (7)
- 9 Fishes rising – damsel-gnats in part responsible (6)
- 15 Chanteuse, loudly admitting old cast (9)
- 17 Collection of stories about Ted's canoe (9)
- 18 "Fair Spirit": Latin Poet missed mark (9)
- 19 Scot returned to Britain with most of rich material (7)
- 21 Reluctant to give bible to Irish (6)
- 23 Asian fruit with chili salad (5)
- 24 Principal part of proportional representation, in my opinion (5)
- 26 Character exclaimed "Fag, mother!" (5)


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Slots 1-5: Jean Barbour, PO Box 290, Wonthaggi Vic 3995.
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Slot 6: Jeremy Barnes, 4 Iraga Ave, West Wollongong, NSW 2500.
email: barnes2500@gmail.com Closing mail date: 11 March 2011.

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by
Cha-Cha



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Across

- 1 Gets happy expression when about to drink (6)
- 4 Cover the staff in close (8)
- 9 Provoke a sewer (6)
- 10 Located within limits in rental building (8)
- 12 Shining lights are obtained not by means of prayers (4)
- 13 To make choices have voting on board (10)
- 15 Cast-iron oven cooking leads to talk (12)
- 18 Using likenesses, work out Tim is Israeli (12)
- 21 Started to tie Gordian knot (10)
- 22 'Thank you' kiss before I take hired vehicle (4)
- 24 To be precise, I'd buy some goods on spec if I could (8)
- 25 5 is 1 on apparition (6)
- 26 Developing first tree requires watering (8)
- 27 Shut down with 150 large 16 (6)

Down

- 1 Commit to memory the pamphlet then shorten it (8)
- 2 The entire population comprises all of a number (8)
- 3 Look into cholesterol level of bread (4)
- 5 Swindle money and be estimated to have developed extra strength (12)
- 6 Choose man in charge of modern gadgetry (10)
- 7 Catch up academic with cord (6)
- 8 Cultivated Phil – so European (6)
- 11 Person with no off-spring (without issue) I take portion of salt solution (12)
- 14 Notified in surprising clarity of line (10)
- 16 Most of egg dumped, saving time reviewing food factors (8)
- 17 Attributed designs as allotted (8)
- 19 Indulge in price outside South-East (6)
- 20 Came in tipsy to the movie theatre (6)
- 23 In case the baby's sick, I'll put it down (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- I was ever so sad when I read in the last magazine that Noel Jessop passed away recently. I always looked forward to his "cryptic". I will think of him in my prayers. *Therese Savanah*
- Many thanks to the adjudicator for drawing my name out for the Slot 1 *Macquarie Crossword Dictionary*. It will, I assure you, get a lot of work! *Ted O'Brien*
- I was delighted to win the prize for Slots 1-5 for December. The cheque, arriving as it did a few days before Christmas, was a lovely early present and really put me in the Christmas spirit! *Nea Storey*
- Thanks so much for the book prize for last month's Slot 6. It came on Christmas Eve, so great timing. Cheers! *Fay Copland*
- I would like to thank you Patrick for all the work you put into the Crossword Club: it is much appreciated. I look forward to *Crozworld* every month. *Joan Smith*
- I've just had a quick look through *Crozworld*. Wow, what a great issue, I can't wait to get started. *Betty Siegman*
- Patrick many thanks for your continued sterling work for our Club. *Margaret Davis*
- Thanks for another wonderful year of puzzles. Has anyone noticed that the answer grid for Slot 6 (the one we cut out from the top left corner of p11) has been rotated 90 degrees? It's still possible to fill it in if you turn it around first. *Brian Tickle*

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by
Southern
Cross



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Across

- 1 Foot-lever badly set into base (8)
- 5 England, with time, could be secure for employment (6)
- 9 Word mix-ups from one writing about Indian city (8)
- 10 Orchestrator's right after 20 (6)
- 11 In "Sundance" Oliver unwinds (8)
- 12 Resident doctor appears alternately, so they say (6)
- 14 The last word, note, in styles to compensate (4,6)
- 18 Snowdrops? (10)
- 22 I'm taking a long time to get pictures (6)
- 23 Musical makes a comeback, Roman censor having each note shortened (8)
- 24 Bill, a month back, getting delegate finally to yield (6)
- 25 Abuse people after help is withdrawn (8)
- 26 Make certain to follow Rex inside (6)
- 27 Put in top seat, then change one on right (8)

Down

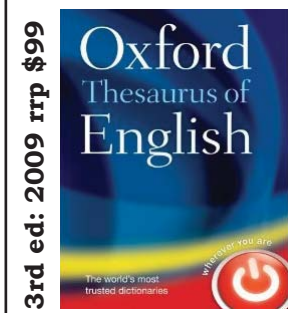
- 1 City where pair could be exposed to fever (6)
- 2 Shortage of ruffled heading used in curtains (6)
- 3 Passage that's utterly orthodox (6)
- 4 Make changes to Act, and time entry (10)
- 6 Sobriquet when penned? (8)
- 7 Complying and corresponding (8)
- 8 Half of tree resins diffused something strange in the air (8)
- 13 Ordinary foot-slogger? (10)
- 15 Word-play that's detrimental to the elderly? (8)
- 16 Those having done studies must accept weapon surpluses (8)
- 17 A time-fixing system regulating Landcare (8)
- 19 Maybe a nip - nip in the bud? (6)
- 20 Gaming lodge in NSW (6)
- 21 Stick to present company to start with (6)

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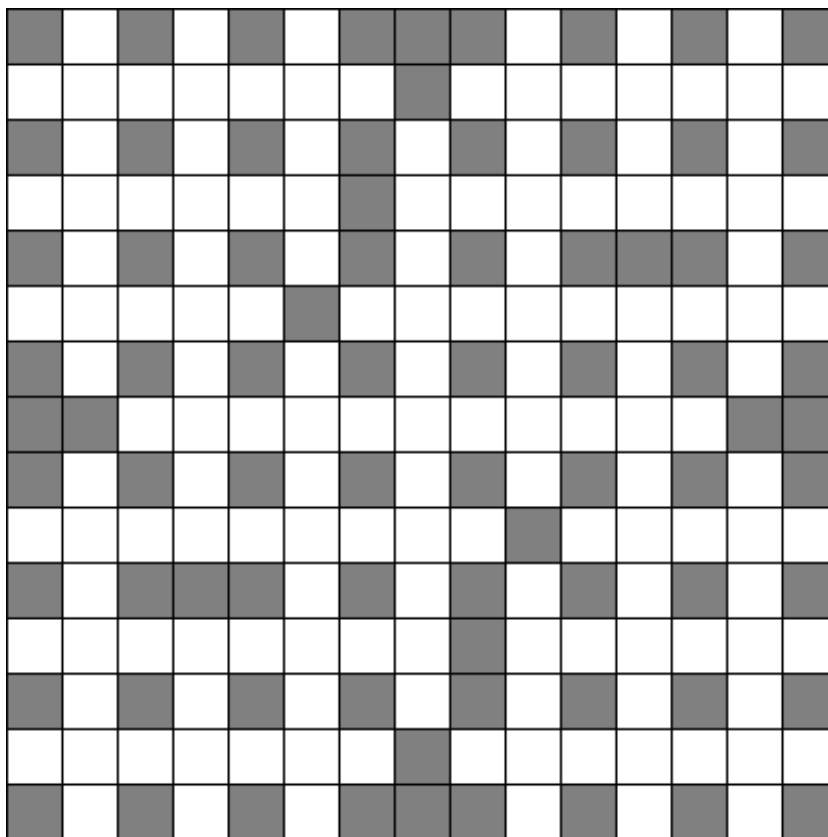
- After such a slack December I'm wearing the strongest of my specs in the search for invisible blanks! *Dale McManus*
- Many thanks to the club for my book prize for November Slot 7. A wonderful surprise! *Col Archibald*
- A lovely surprise to receive such a great book prize for December. Many thanks. The January puzzles were really enjoyable, Slot 3 took a while – hope I got it right. *Sandra May*
- This seemed to me to be a very gentle batch of puzzles to start the year. The calm before the storm perhaps? *Brian Tickle*
- Thanks for another great month of puzzles. The bonuses + words & quizzes are appreciated as well. A happy New Year to all. *Anne Simons*
- So glad I joined the ACC. Certainly keeps my brain active. *Rosemary E Dorrell*
- First time that I have completed all 6 puzzles, I just hope that a couple of them are right. I am a bit doubtful of a couple of words as I can't see the double meaning so am going with my gut instinct and waiting for the explanation in *Crozworld* Feb. Once again some lovely new words and lots of laughs from the Jan issue. (You did well Lynne: 3 out of 5 ain't bad!
C.) *Lynne Spicer*

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AJ by Difficult Women



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



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| A Charged and condemned without right (7) | P Assign English Liberal on Island boats (7) |
| B Gale initially ordered mammogram before one of the cells formed in early stage (10) | Q Question identity of son for large amounts of money (5) |
| C Despots' limousines circling Zambia (5) | R The Stones band rock in front of grandstand (7) |
| D Deviating woman on edge, not disheartened (9) | S Struggle with riff-raff about rule of modified game (9) |
| E Provoke export of snake (Eastern) with speed (10) | T Annoyed Southern editor after meal (6) |
| F Class benches in school grounds (9) | U American author overweight? (5) |
| G Irritating German sailor (7) | V French faces of the Roman power years (7) |
| H Animal raised after start of hunting suspended (4) | W Plot location on internet (7) |
| I Some Greek character in riot abroad (4) | X Unknowns behold unreal sound of street instrumentalist (11) |
| J "Not Happy" girl and I go to the hills as caretakers (8) | Y Not the oldest NSW town established (8) |
| K Loki's bizarre code word (5) | Z African skunk-like animals from Zambia soil are said to be confused (6) |
| L Breeds of cattle with extended antennae (9) | |
| M Unite in Government assembly (7) | |
| N Uncle changed at American centre (7) | |
| O Old English Staff Officer puts ring around crone's neck-containing gullet (11) | |

A SPECIAL NOTE OF GRATITUDE:

- To **Col Archibald** for another brilliant Adjudication this month with a large number of entries. Thank you for being such a wonderful contributor to the ACC. Also to this month's Adjudicator **Jean Barbour** who will be carefully checking numerous solutions in sweltering heat or raging flood waters!
- To **Bev Cockburn** our tireless Secretary/Treasurer and Life Member who has carefully handled all of the subscription renewals for 2011. This is a complicated and time-consuming task requiring special skills and Bev has carried it out in an efficient and most capable manner. Plus all of her wonderful puzzles and quizzes! Thank you Bev for your enduring contributions to the ACC.
- To **Ian Williams** who not only sets-up and selects all of our puzzles and quizzes every month but quietly and skilfully manages the e-lodgment scheme. Not to mention the challenging puzzles he frequently contributes to *Crozworld*. Thank you Ian for taking on these multiple tasks on our behalf.
- To **Brian Symons** who has organised the trophies for the Jan-Dec 2010 Slots 1-6 and the Quizzes Jan-Dec 2010. This takes a lot of skilful organisation and Brian has done it in a masterly manner. The trophies will be distributed to the lucky prizewinners soon.
- To **all of our compilers**. We could not function without your challenging puzzles. They are always keenly assessed by the solvers and scrutinised in detail. We are indebted that we have such a dedicated band of compilers who so freely donate their skills for the enjoyment of the solvers.
- To **all of our adjudicators** we appreciate all of their work done each month in assessing the hundreds of solutions. It's a task which requires patience and application and we thank you for your invaluable assistance in making the ACC the best crossword club in the world.
- To **all of our members** for making the ACC a thriving, friendly and successful club. Here's to another Great Year! —Patrick

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**Break-out
by
zinzan**

Prizes: \$50



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Note carefully, four related villains have escaped into the grid! These, and the lurking superhero who has dealt with them all, should be highlighted (or otherwise identified) to our adjudicator if your dot is to be saved and awarded.

Across

- 7 Good card in 500 opposed initially by Jack, King and Queen (5)
- 8 Birds weep about insects' demise (6,3)
- 10 Fly to Spain even though Sweden's expecting leaders to show (6)
- 11 Heard to sob, seen to sob more, for reasons explained (8)
- 12 No bunker shot's ever been without infringement (8)
- 13 Perform the role of Elizabeth Carlton maybe (4)
- 15 Powerful look that's some degree vile ? Yes (4,3)
- 17 Bet outside – the probability of losing's cut (7)
- 20 Church recess where a praetor sat, easterly, originally (4)
- 22 Walter Mitty's refuge is found among English resort camps (8)
- 25 Subwoofer is not expected to be successful (8)
- 26 Turned over a pastry's layers (6)
- 27 All but Lambert, initially, complained about all the ACC's puzzle books (9)
- 28 Be in control of navy's harbour (5)

Down

- 1 Source of itch and blurred vision linked to Italian river ending in Tuscany (6,3)
- 2 Kissed on the ear using the mouth muscle (8)
- 3 English and Greek characters heard to have spotted an ambiguous person (7)
- 4 One, unprepared to speak initially about dirty little bribe, beaten up (2-6)
- 5 To lock down assets is the policeman's imperative (6)
- 6 Drop set and miss finals here? (5)
- 9 Docile mouse's head appears along with the usual alarmed expression! (4)
- 14 Penny is put up in superior accommodation (9)
- 16 Shift edgily, assuming batting is giving up (8)
- 18 The ideal person to drink with Queen and King, for example (8)
- 19 Not long to plunge in, swim around for bird (7)
- 21 Fashionably conservative salesman quietly invades prissy surroundings (6)
- 23 Company's time and money required (4)
- 24 Provide an outcome that hurts (5)

Macquarie Dictionary Word of the Year 2010

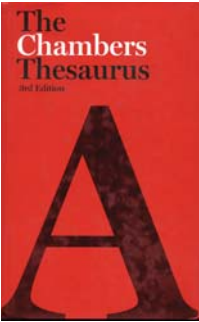
Voting is now open!

The categories have been selected, the nominations are in, and now it's time for you to decide! *astroturf marketing, horseball, bunta, fauxmance, googleganger, buddymoon, fire sculpture, chai latte, cube farm, pocket-dial, gym bunny, jatropa, email fatigue, freemium, binge listening, neurosexism, brand slut, vuvuzela...* which is your word of 2010? Cast your vote for what you think is the most striking contribution to Australian English in 2010. The voting will determine the winner of the People's Choice Award. The overall winning word will be selected by the *Macquarie Dictionary* Word of the Year Committee chaired by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sydney, Dr Michael Spence. All words will be included in the annual update of the *Macquarie Dictionary Online*. Voting ends at midnight on Friday 28 January 2011.

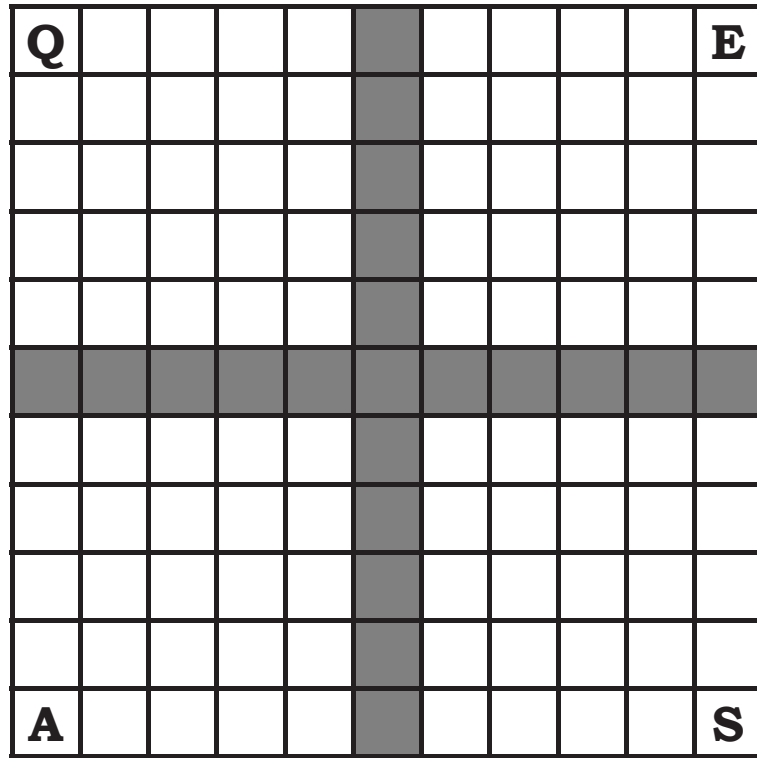
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Word Squares
by
Barney Naga



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Barney's Word Squares are a series of four separate collections of five five-letter words that are placed both vertically and horizontally in a 25-square grid. An example would be:

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CLUES:

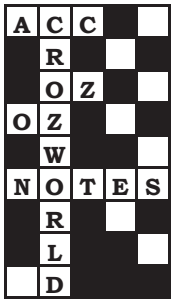
- Isolated but has a role to play
- Wipe out points surrounding artist
- He looks after Spooner's unusual dog
- Animal seen to graze brazenly on the veldt
- It's a bird! Not on your
- limited periods and conditions
- Another form of real tax – no thanks – take it easy!
- Alter false alarm ...
- ... even warns golfer of a dog leg
- Opening bids are called with the top card to make a pair

In this puzzle there are twenty normal cryptic clues in random order. When the clues are solved they can be arranged to form four word squares in the same formation as the sample above. To help get you started a corner letter in each grid has been supplied.

- Actor curtailed x-rated performance
- "This comment requires Mark's offer"!
- Drama work for the times
- A pouch some used as rubbish tip!
- Design the front of the factory
- Knight turned back Queen in flight
- Yes, first two and final four together made threes
- Furnish the last remark
- Get high through speed perhaps
- Vessel provides a place for notes

Post Solution to:

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Closing mail date: 11 March 2011.**



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2011:

Batum C, De Grys T, Dodd M, Foott B, Fuller G, Jenkins J, Maunder M, McCulloch I, Parsons D, Simpson B, Thomas M, Vnuk M and Williams C. **DONATIONS TO THE 2011 PRIZE FUND ARE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED FROM:** Tony De Grys, John Jenkins and Marie Maunder. Many thanks for your generous donation.

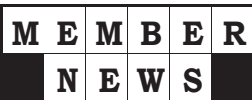
SPONSORSHIPS OF THE SLOTS 1 AND 5 PUZZLES FOR 2011

We are delighted to announce that the sponsorships for the Slots 1 and 5 puzzles for 2011 have been continued. In relation to the Slot 1 puzzle **Susan Butler** from MacMillan/Macquarie Dictionary said: "I am sure we can support the Slot 1 puzzle again." In relation to the Slot 5 puzzle, **Betty Hew**, Marketing Coordinator, General Division, Oxford University Press said: "We would be more than happy to continue sponsoring the Slot 5 puzzle of each issue." We extend our sincere thanks to Macmillan/Macquarie and Oxford University Press for the generosity in continuing to support the cruciverbal art in Australia.

Vale Margaret Galbreath (Wol)

We were greatly saddened to hear of the untimely passing on 4 January 2011 of long-time ACC member **Margaret Galbreath (Wol)**. Margaret, who was born in England in 1925, emigrated to Australia in 1949 and joined the ACC in August 1990. She was a loyal member and an excellent solver not only of the crosswords but the quizzes also. We published Margaret's first cryptic puzzle last month (Slot 2, p4) and she was a valued partner of Bev Cockburn in the compilation of Quizzes by *Two Grey Owls* (cf Quiz No 2/2010). Bev wrote: "I was very shocked and saddened to hear of Margaret's passing and know we have lost a gracious and loving club member and friend. My deepest sympathy goes to Margaret's loving family." Margaret's daughter Mary informed us recently: "It is with great regret that I must pass on sad news to you. Mum passed away on the 4th of January 2011. She had been in remission from cancer for 5 years but it returned and although she had treatment it wasn't enough to prevent its growth and after several weeks in palliative care she finally passed, but not without a fight as she had a strong spirit and still had so many things she wanted to do. She was a wonderful lady, loved by all her family and so many loyal friends."

Doug Butler sent this heartfelt tribute: "How fortunate that Margaret lived to see her Slot 2 published! Though she thoroughly enjoyed crosswording it was her first and only attempt at compiling. We only met half a dozen times, but had maintained a correspondence over many years – she could make words sing, even in an email! She was a member of *Friendly Street Poets* and I once saw one of her published poems though its meaning was beyond me. That on top of her embroidery and recorder playing with folk group *Filigree*. She loved bushwalking, followed Geelong in football and Australia in cricket. But mostly she lived for her family – husband Ron and children Mary, Simon (both in Tasmania), Alison, Edwin, Martin and Robin, the grandsons and great-grandchildren. It was for her enjoyment of them that she persevered with the treatment that kept at bay the cancer that eventually killed her. She was a lovely lady."



New Members: We extend a warm welcome to **Elizabeth Harper** of Numurkah Vic (a Membership gift from Kath Harper) and **Pam Abbott** from Bathurst, NSW (a Membership Gift from Lesley Carroll). Welcome to the

wonderful world of *Crozworl ding!*

Sad loss: We send our sincere sympathy to Carole and Len Noble on the recent death of their son.

Corrigenda and errata:

January 2011 Crozworld, Bonus puzzle 4: In case some members are still reflecting on a couple of clues, the F clue should have read "Support provided by graceful crummock". The P clue has 7 letters.

November Slot 6: 23dn IZARD. Following extensive research in print and online the compilers were unable to substantiate the alternative of ISARD provided by a number of members and hence adjudicated it as incorrect. We have now happily discovered that the "S" spelling is given as an alternative in at least the 1992 reprint of the 1973 edition of the *SOED* and have therefore awarded dots to the following members: Warren Allen, Jeremy Barnes, Ross Bryant, Robyn Caine, Tony Dobele, Ro Ducker, Jill Freeland, Bob Hagan, Kath Harper, Christina Lee, Claire McClelland, Ian McKenzie, Andrew Miles, Sue Pinder, William Ryan, Betty Siegman, Margaret Steinberger and Lorna Waites. **H&C**

A Thought from Thomas Edward Spencer (1845-1911)

A peaceful spot is Piper's Flat. The folk that live around —
They keep themselves by keeping sheep and turning up the ground;
But the climate is erratic, and the consequences are
The struggle with the elements is everlasting war.
We plough, and sow, and harrow — then sit down and pray for rain:
And then we all get flooded out and have to start again.
But the folk are now rejoicing as they ne'er rejoiced before,
For we've played Molongo cricket, and M'Dougal topped the score!

—How M'Dougal Topped the Score
from *The Dictionary of Australian Quotations*

edited by Stephen Murray-Smith, Heinemann, 1984, p244.

**The Australian Oxford Dictionary
WORD OF THE MONTH**

Bobsy-die *n. Brit. dialect & NZ* a great deal of fuss or trouble (*she'll kick up bobsy-die later*). [ORIGIN: contraction of earlier *Bob's-a-dying*.]

The Australian Oxford Dictionary, Second Edition, 2004.

Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$115.00 ISBN 9780195517965

Quiz No 2/2011

Capital Scramble by Fortuna 48

All clues are anagrams. All answers have the same definition and are in alphabetical order.

Send your entry to Nea Storey, 10 Whiteman Street, Wanniasa, ACT 2903. Fax: 02 6231 0820. Email: neachy2@netspeed.com.au

Closing mail date: Friday 11 March 2011. Book prize.

- A** A bad Jin (7)
- B** A chest rub (9)
- C** Cool mob (7)
- D** Sam A. Scud (8)
- E** Hindu Berg (9)
- F** Ewe front (8)
- G** A ti-clay tea-mug (9,4)
- H** Heil Skin! (8)
- I** I'm sad, Baal (9)
- J** Jesu' realm (9)
- K** Lama Pk, Uluru (5,6)
- L** Mail (4)
- M** Do vote mine (10)
- N** Jade Mann (1'7)
- O** A. O. Watt (6)
- P** Loi Proust (4-5) or (4,5)
- Q** Ti Quo (5)
- R** Noon rag (7)
- S** U lose (5)
- T** Gail & Pa get University of Canberra (11)
- U** Not a lubra (4,5)
- V** Invite Nea (9)
- W** Hike down (8)
- Y** 'e and you (7)
- Z** Arizona Mob (5)*

*Prior to 1974

January 1-2011: Half 'n Half by *The Eager Beaver* (Bev Cockburn)

- Thanks Bev. For a very good Slot 1 starter. *Alan Walter*
- 21ac: Shouldn't the clue simply be "speak profanely"? 22ac: Both *Chambers* and *Macquarie* incorrectly describe the hyena as a carrion feeder – they are primarily expert hunters of large prey. *Peter Dearie*
- 8dn: Doctor: anagind. 11dn: "HE" redundant. 16ac: "Ice block, large, in ice-boxes but confection? Word not in my *Chambers* (n. a lollipop; an ice lolly; in my *Chambers*: **C.**) 17dn: Clever clue: gnat flies upward (tang) in shady (anagind) "N.Lee" the whole a containment ind. 22dn: Is "a" in arrangements a printing error? (arrangements is the correct spelling: **C.**) *Tony DeGry*
- Impressive set of answers in the grid which is much appreciated. I query the inclusion of "He" in the definition of 11dn. *Len Colgan*
- Thanks Bev, a nice start for our first puzzle for 2011. *Joan Smith*

• In 17dn, is "shady" intended as the anagind for NLEE? Haven't found a sense of the word which makes it suitable for that role. [*Chambers has shady as "mysterious" which is in the list of anagram indicators in Chambers Crossword Dictionary, as is "suspect" which I would also have seen as a normal meaning, eg shady character: IMW*] *Drew Meek*

January 2-2011: Cryptic by *Wol* (Margaret Galbreath)

- 12ac was a difficult clue to solve Beat THE BAND= to surpass everything Ancient Egyptian dead beat that (3,4) THEBAN + D = THE BAND. 15ac: The initial word A does not seem necessary. 1dn: Incorrect anagram for TRANSPARATION. 23dn: No 'hidden' indicator given. Thanks *Wol* for your mind-racking cryptic. *Alan Walter*

- I got off on the wrong foot by putting Victoria in at 7dn (capital of British Columbia and the Seychelles). *Peter Dearie*
- I must confess to being bigheaded and pigheaded before coming up with fatheaded. (13ac). *Brian Tickle*
- Had a few problems with this but managed to finish, I hope correctly. *Rosemary E Dorrell*
- All very good surface readings. Particularly liked 1dn and 23dn. *Max Roddick*
- 12ac has me (and many others?) bamboozled after my wasted hours and will cost me a dot. No amount of possible combinations of possible letters makes any sense to me in contrast to the rest of the puzzle (See Alan Walter's comments re. this clue: **C.**) 15ac: Double definition. 27 ac> triple ditto. *Tony DeGry*
- Took me a while to get onto Margaret's wave length. An enjoyable puzzle, particularly liked 11ac 'SETTING'. *Joan Smith*
- Welcome to *Wol* – some clever clues, and neat definitions. I liked 1ac, 16dn, 23dn, 11ac. *Nea Storey*

January 3-2011: Work it out! by *Kaiela* (Anne Simons)

- Your 7 clues without definition were challenging to solve 17dn ECO=LO=GIST. 3dn was the hardest clue to fully solve anagram of BROWN BEAR-AWN = ROBBER. *Alan Walter*
- What a miscellany of occupations! *Peter Dearie*
- Ecologist? Economist? Eeny meeny miney mo? ('English Chamber Orchestra =eco +look =lo + the point = gist: **C.**) 'Rabbed'? Can't find it, but giving it a go. (See Alan's comments above: **C.**) *Dale McManus*
- Another great cryptic from Anne with many good clues. My favourites were 1 & 11ac, 6 & 13dn. *Joan Smith*
- Not too difficult to find the theme. I liked 9ac and 13dn – I always thought chinchilla was a gorgeous pussy-cat, not some kind of rat! Very clever of you, Anne, to work "non-drinker" into the text (19ac). *Nea Storey*

January 4-2011: AJ by *Virgo* (Audrey Austin)

- FLYSCH, QUAILED, ZEREBBA & SLIDING, mind-teasing clues. Thanks for a pleasurable AJ *Virgo*. *Alan Walter*
- Flysch – a new one for the vocabulary. *Peter Dearie*
- When I remembered GALLUP wasn't a horse, things went a lot better! *Dale McManus*
- It's been great to see quite a bit of variation from the 'standard' AJ grid so often used e.g. the very clever 15-letter 'A show Stopper = COMMERCIAL! BREAK. *Brian Tickle*
- Xmas'es! A fresh new X-word – always a problem in AJ's – and a neat clue to match. Thank you *Virgo*. *Max Roddick*
- A challenging AJ. Thank you Audrey. *Joan Smith*
- An enjoyable AJ from *Virgo*. I am giving my COTM to her clever political clue about Rudd and Ruddock. *Nea Storey*

January 5-2011: Cryptic by *The EmCee* (Merv Collins)

- 11ac: LOT, his wife turned to a pillar of salt. 18ac: Cheeky one = WAG & WAG stands informally for "Wife and Girlfriend". Thanks for presiding over this enjoyable cryptic *EmCee*. Please explain wordplay to obtain NEE. (Yes please do! **C.**) *Alan Walter*
- 20ac: "A clue strangely" was very neat. I think "a monster lived there" would have been better in 19dn, as it was not actually a bull. *Peter Dearie*
- I enjoyed the clever pun in 2dn: 'cavalry' to suggest REINFORCE and Father Fitzgerald to make PAELLA (4dn). 19dn was also very clever though also very wordy. *Brian Tickle*
- Very enjoyable solving, but I don't understand the 5dn clue SISTER (a double definition clue 'None heard' =NUN= Sister: **C.**) *Max Roddick*
- 10ac: Displayed = containment indicator. 31ac: Read as no "I", bungles = anagind, "overlook" the definition. 4dn. Pa and Ella 17dn. Nearly every letter of "need". 18ac: WAG formed by the "acrosses" but what or who is the posh sportsman's wife? (WAG is an acronym for 'wives and girlfriends' usually used by media commentators. "Posh" was one of the *Spice Girls* and she is married to David Beckham an English soccer player: **C.**) *Tony DeGry*
- Good fun and commendable surface readings! I did not immediately see SISTER, and liked the lipping references. I query an anagind in 33ac. *Len Colgan*
- Great puzzle Merv: especially liked your clues for 1, 16 and 31ac and 3 and 5dn. *Joan Smith*
- I found this fairly straight-forward – getting William of Orange first-off was a big help. Favourite clue was the foul-mouthed princess in 32ac! 13ac (Tiger Woods) was also clever. *Nea Storey*

Results of Quiz No 12/2010 Namesakes by *Virgo* (Audrey Austin)

Adjudicator's Comments: 22 members gave alternative answers to some of the questions. I suppose if you don't know the answer and go to the net you will come up with all sorts of namesakes, especially with a fairly common name. The criterion is – how well-known are these people? Many on the net were there to promote their businesses, or just for vanity. I have allowed 7 of the 22 for their achievements, but this has made very little difference to the scores. They are: Ruth Glover, a prolific author of Christian fiction, Ruth Fuller, a Zen Buddhist pioneer author, Ruth Harris, another prolific novelist, Richard Fuller, a British MP, David Field, an Australian actor, Henry Isaacs, an American professional artist, David Evans, an Australian professional photographer and a similarly named US singing evangelist. Also Robert Evans, an American film producer. I wonder how many of those answers were guesses on your part? My view is: better to guess than leave a blank; you may well be right! I was surprised that two Northern Territory members got No. 6, Ted Egan, wrong. There were some misspellings too: Hawthorn for Hawthorne and Newtown for Newton. But Robert Essex for Robert Frost was fine by me. Several members pointed out that Mendelsohn (Ben) and Mendelssohn (Felix) were spelled differently. My apologies. Thanks for all the enquiries about the Queensland floods – I was not affected – Nambour is high and not by a river. And thanks also for the early entries wishing me a Happy Christmas – it was fine! And to those wishing me a Happy New Year, the same to you, one and all. Audrey

Winner: *Robyn Wimbush*. Congratulations!

Scores: 30: B Cockburn, P Dearie, B Foot, A Jermy, P Lord, J McGrath, A Miles, C Noble, A Simons, A Shield, J Stocks, N Storey, A Walter, R Wimbush. **29:** V Dinham, R Gardiner, P Garner, T McPherson, P Mercer, D Procter, J Smith, B Siegman, B Symons, L Waites. **28:** P Heath. **27:** C McClelland. **25:** L Howard.

Solutions: 1. Armstrong 2. Bach 3. Clooney 4. Collins 5. Cromwell 6. Egan 7. Epstein 8. Frost 9. Gordon 10. Hawthorne 11. Hogan 12. Irving 13. Jones 14. Kennedy 15. Kingsley 16. Lewis 17. Mendelssohn 18. Mercurio 19. Newton 20. Nixon 21. Owen 22. Pitt 23. Quaid 24. Reynolds 25. Sheen 26. Taylor 27. Wilde 28. Williams 29. Woodward 30. Young.

Some Members' Comments:

- A challenging quiz. *Jack Stocks*
- A mix of quite easy and some I have never heard of – and some very odd couples to say the least! *Pat Garner*
- Another fun quiz. Thanks so much. *Trish McPherson*
- An enjoyable puzzle and I was pleased that I knew quite a few without having to resort to my reference books. *Joan McGrath*
- Your Double Trouble Namesakes was enjoyable to solve. Many thanks for the challenge. *Alan Walter*
- Another good quiz. With help from family, Google and reference books, I hope I've got them all correct. *Nea Storey*

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Send solution to: Jeremy Barnes,
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Closing mail date: Friday 11 March 2011.
NAME:



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Clue of the Month

December 6-2010: Printer's Devilry by Betelgeuse (Gillian Champion)

Entries received: 40. Correct: 33. Strike Rate: 83%.

Winner: Peter Dearie, Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments:

Thank you for all your cards, letters and comments. There was a slight glitch in 10ac, where the answer was given as being two separate words instead of one hyphenated one, however this didn't fool anybody. There were some comments regarding GREENERY-YALLERY. G&S fans would have recognised this as having its origin in the Savoy Opera *Pattience* (or *Bunthorne's Bride*). As written by WS Gilbert: "A pallid and thin young man. A haggard and lank young man. A GREENERY-YALLERY Grosvenor Gallery, Foot-in-the-grave young man." etc, the words being intended perhaps as a commentary on the Aesthetic Movement and its affectations.

The undevilled asterisked clues were: ACROSS: 10. Wa[SH UT-E YE]llowed by the mud. 11. We saw a b[LEAK Y]ear last winter. 15. Hunting for a f[OX TER]rier comes naturally. 22. Loose s[CREE L]ay at the base of the cliff. 23. Is ex[EMPT, I.E S]ample of DNA not required? DOWN: 2. Following fruitless run to get t[RAM, PANT, LY]ing on the footpath. 5. Find confident, su[RE SORT S]its at the top of the management ladder. 7. Str[IDE A L]ong way to reach one's goal. 19. Filling in the survey after being on a cruise li[NER, I TIC]ked "A calm sea and prosperous voyage." 21. Take care cookin[G A PES]to sauce. 22. Why is Mar[C HUFF]y regarding the burnt toast?

Solvers' Comments:

• A stupendous brain-stretching puzzle with some amazing clues. Took a while to confirm RAMPANTLY, CREEL, NERITIC. Not sure about 10ac (is FOUR EYE an expression?) and 5dn (is SURE-FIRE a noun?). It will be interesting to see how your report can explain all of the answers. *Len Colgan*

• A few of the undevilled sentences were a bit unusual in their surface but not beyond solving. I hope I got it all right. *Andrew Patterson*

• Your Printer's Devilry was a diabolical puzzle to solve! I thought that once I had solved your normal clues then the starred clues wouldn't cause too many problems. How wrong I was! They took ages to solve and rationalise. The huge difficulty in solving each of these 11 clues is that there is no definition, nor wordplay associated with each answer, and even when one discovers a likely answer, it then has to fit appropriately into the clue supplied. I had the greatest difficulty with EMPTIES and GAPES. There were over 110 words fitting into the space G---S and I found 42 words fitting the pattern E---I-S. For each of these 42 words there are 24 positions to test possible fittability in your clue, and this process of fitting is devilishly tedious! Once EMPTIES is fitted, there is only one possibility for G-P-S = GAPES. Fitting GAPES into clue 21dn was a mind wracking experience in itself to make PESTO emerge! This puzzle is not a normal type of crossword due to the lack of definitions and wordplay. I would earnestly suggest that for future issues of *Crozworld* that 'Printer's Devilry' puzzles are classified as slot 7, not to be included with the cumulative slot 6 competition puzzles. Thanks for your very time consuming puzzle. *Alan Walter*

• Congratulations, Gillian, on a great puzzle. Have long suspected traces of 'greenery-yallery' but never knew it by name. *Norman Wilson*

• Many thanks for hours of enjoyment and challenge – whether I am right or wrong. As far as the 'devilry' clues – I suppose it may be possible more than one word could suffice but I feel I can justify my answer. *Brian Symons*

• Thanks for a stinker. Not so much *Betelgeuse* – more like a bloody great black hole that sucks in everything around. There were a number of times that I just about gave up but after getting all the non-devilled answers it then became a matter of grinding through all possible combinations and permutations (not sure I ever did fully comprehend the difference), add a bit of wild inspiration and I think I've got it. (By George – I think I've got it) It must have been even harder to compile than solve, so congratulations on a brilliant puzzle. A nice way to round out the year. *Jim Fowler*

• Thanks for the puzzle. I've never really understood Printer's Devilry clues. I see now how they work, though I still don't like them. They are difficult to solve and must be a nightmare to set. My main problem with them is that there's no definition. I think I've solved all but one correctly. I've guessed CHUFF for 22dn as it's the only word I can come up with that fits the grid. I won't be surprised if it's wrong. Of the normal clues, I liked 18dn best. *Jenny Wenham*

• Thank you for the Printer's Devilry puzzle. It's been some time since I have done one and, I thoroughly enjoyed it. I think I have it, but the way my solving's been of late, I'm not prepared to stake my life on it. *Roy Wilson*

• Devilish indeed, *Betelgeuse!* Thoroughly enjoyed it – thank you. *Andrew Miles*

• Herewith your very challenging but very enjoyable Slot 6. As always

a few new words to learn.

Bob Hagan

• Thank you for your puzzle which is refreshingly different from the usual cryptics. I loved GREENERY-YALLERY which I had never heard of before. *Doreen Jones*

• A major breakthrough came when I found 'Greenery-Yallery' in *Chambers!* At first I was looking for a theme connecting the asterisked clues. 5dn and 23ac were the trickiest, but clever (IS EXEMPT I.E. SAMPLE OF DNA NOT REQUIRED!) Thanks for an enjoyable challenge. *Roy Taylor*

• Enjoyed this although Degree of Difficulty = DA+. Great puzzle. *Pat Lord*

• Another challenging and enjoyable puzzle! I hope I've got it right – not sure about 'rampantly'. *Robyn Caine*

• This crossword should have been entitled 'Gillian's Devilry' as it was an extremely difficult puzzle and I am no way certain that my answers are correct – some yes but others?? I'm glad it was a Slot 6 but it would have made a very good Slot 7! Thanks for it anyway. It was a very clever puzzle invented by a devious mind! *Bev Cockburn*

• Well! I can't believe I have finished one of your crosswords, especially one with extra complications. At first, I thought I would never get going, then gradually got one or two answers. Thank goodness the 'space shift' made sense once solved. As I had never heard of "GREENERY-YALLERY" this was solved last, when I had all the letters in and looked it up on Google. Keep them coming. *Marian Procter*

• Every cloud has a silver lining – the early submission date for the 1-5 slots meant that I could get started on your puzzle sooner than I normally would. ...I have never come across a puzzle of this type before. I concentrated on solving the regular clues, with a certain amount of success...eventually I was left with 4 answers to solve – 5dn, 10ac, 22ac and 22dn. ...I'm still not quite sure how the answers came to me – but I do find that simply continuing to stare at the puzzle somehow works, if you can resist the urge to give up in despair! One small quibble – I spent some time puzzling over 10ac, thinking that the answer was two separate words. SHUT-EYE is in *Macquarie* and *Chambers*, and SHUTEYE (all one word) is in *Collins*, but I can find no reference to SHUT EYE. *Peter Dearie*

• I started this with some trepidation but once I got into the swing I loved it – very clever. *Jill Freeland*

• I finished this a couple of weeks ago but have sat on it since pondering if 'resorts' is right. I now think it is but time will tell. I do love the challenge of these crosswords and you have done a terrific job of creating one worth solving. I can only imagine how much time was involved in its creation. *Michael Kennedy*

• What a brilliant puzzle!! I particularly liked 21dn which was the last one I solved. I guessed it was GAPES but I couldn't fit it, until I suddenly had that Eureka moment. *Steve Trollope*

• Thank you for a very tough but entertaining puzzle. I hope to see more of your puzzles in 2011. *David Procter*

• This is undoubtedly a waste of a stamp, but I have invested as many brain cells in it! I'm going to send it in! I cannot imagine what 22dn is and can't wait to see. *Robyn Wimbush*

• That was a curly one! I always find "Printer's Devilry" difficult but once I got a bit of a start I was determined to press on. Now I hope I have solved it correctly and not made any silly transcription errors. Thank you very much for a challenging, but rewarding puzzle. *Margaret Davis*

• Thanks for a challenging puzzle. Took some time to get my head around the concept. Found SHUT-EYE, LEAKY, NERITIC and GAPES the best concealed, with the devilled surface offering no clue as to the break. How did you find GREENERY-YALLERY to clue it. Took ages to find it even when I had most of the checked letters. Well Done. *Jack Stocks*

• 13ac seems at first to have the year/season relationship reversed. But then, the dreary months of winter can seem like a year. *Max Roddick*

• Stimulating, exhausting, time-consuming! The most difficult (and the last solved) answers were 22ac and 22dn where the shared first letter of each was not the expected "s" but turned out to be "c", after I realised that the devilled word across did not have to start in the middle of a word like "loose" (as with the other answers) but could also start after the "S" of the following word "say". *Tony De Gry*

• Phew! That was a challenge. You have my admiration for putting so much work into setting this one up. They say DA in *The Age* is a hard task master, but with 3 or 4 hours of concentrated effort I can often beat him. Yours took me about twice that long! Just lucky that it is holiday time and I was able to find that time. Much shuffling of scrabble tiles on the kitchen table. Now I hope it's all correct! *Mike Potts*

• Not confident about a couple and certainly didn't think the 'space shifts' were at all 'obvious'. *Tony Dobe*