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'I couldn't azackly' – that was always the substitute for exactly,  
in Peggotty's militia of words.  
Charles Dickens, 1849-50, *David Copperfield*, Ch 3.

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The ACC has a rare treat for you this month: not one but two new compilers are displaying their talents for your enjoyment in the form of *Blue King* and *Flowerman*, whose biographical introductions appear on p5. But wait, there's more! Two of our best-loved and respected compilers, Bev Cockburn and Len Colgan have combined their skills to bring you a sparkling slot 5 puzzle under the guise of *The Lady and the Scamp*.

We have been delighted with the excellent response to the renewal of subscriptions and the generous donations to the ACC prize fund 2013. Details of renewals and the names of those who have recently donated to the 2013 Prize Fund can be found on p9. For those who have not yet renewed, we enclose a renewal slip (p14). Sadly, this will be the final *Crozworld* for those who have not renewed.

Our accomplished Puzzleman **Ian Williams** has selected another fascinating range of puzzles for you this month. *Penobscot* occupies Slot 1 with his excellent cryptic and our new compilers *Blue King* and *Flowerman* can be found in Slots 2 and 3. The popular AJ puzzle this month has been devised by the well-respected *Wet and Dry* and in Slot 5 the new duo *The Lady and the Scamp*. *Raoul* has given us one of his special puzzles in Slot 6 and as an extra prize he will be donating to a lucky winner a bottle of Rene Pogel 1962 from his outstanding cellar. Many thanks *Raoul* for your kindness and generosity. The Quiz No 2/2013 featured on p9 titled Fun & Games has been devised by *Fortuna 48*.

The solutions to the Christmas 2012 Bonus Puzzles and Quizzes can be found on p13 of *e-Crozworld* and as a separate insert for the hard copy of *Crozworld*.

Good Luck with your solving this month. —Patrick

Thank you to all the members for their kind comments and support. I hope everyone is recovering from the weather extremes. There were a few omission errors this month – perhaps our members are still imbibing of the Christmas spirit(s).

**Slot 1:** Generally well received with only a couple of omission/transcription problems. There was one BARONESS for BARONETS and EARS for ERRS.

**Slot 2:** No real problems with this one. We had some with ELEVEN for CLOVEN, ELIDE for ELITE, GIN RUNNER for GUN RUNNER (sounds like more fun anyway!)

**Slot 3:** A couple of minor errors with ONCE for UNCE, and RUSHI for RISHI.

**Slot 4:** A few errors here, but also quite a lot of votes for COTM. Some peopled JIGGLED instead of JIGGLES, and there was CLOSE SHAVED for CLEAN SHAVEN, SLIVER for SWIVEL, EMPHASIS for EMPHATIC, NOVELLO for NOVELLA.

**Slot 5:** This was an interesting one. Quite a few of our members did not see that all the answers ended in E. As a result, we had a few AORTAS, instead of AORTAE. A couple of answers had DEMONIZE for DEMONISE. This fits the definition but not the rest of the clue, requiring ON to be contained in DEMISE (death).

**COTM:** Congratulations to all the compilers, with multiple votes to all five puzzles. The most votes were received for Slot 4 across a range of clues, but the winner by a narrow margin is Len Colgan (*Crowsman*) with SECRETE in Slot 5. Well done.

**Compiler of the Year:**

There were votes for most of our regular compilers but the clear winner for 2012 is *Crowsman*. Congratulations Len! You are a real asset to our club. —Jean Barbour

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	125	124	124	119	110	602
Correct entries	105	107	111	102	92	517
Success rate (%)	84.0	86.3	89.5	85.7	83.6	85.9
Prizewinners	M Blake A Martin	C Wilcox R Moline	A Jermy F Martin	R Carpenter	A Shield	from 125 members

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**Prizewinner: January 2013 Slots 1-5: Gabriel Fuller.**

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### Jan 1-2013

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## MEMBERS RESULTS for DEC 2012 Slot 6 & JAN 2013 Slots 1-5

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
ALLEN W	.	.	.	.	.	.
ANDERSON C	.	.	.	.	.	.
ARCHIBALD C	.	.	.	.	.	.
AUSTIN A	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARBOUR J	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARNES J	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARRETT A	.	.	.	.	.	.
BATUM C	.	.	.	.	.	.
BAYLIS J	.	.	.	.	.	.
BENNETT D	.	.	.	.	.	.
BLAKE M	.	.	.	.	.	.
BUTLER D	.	.	.	.	.	.
CAINE R	.	.	.	.	.	.
CALLAN A&D	.	.	.	.	.	.
CARPENTER R	.	.	.	.	.	.
CARROLL L	.	.	.	.	.	.
CHAMPION G	.	.	.	.	.	.
COATES D	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLE G	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLGAN L	.	.	.	.	.	.
COPLAND F	.	.	.	.	.	.
COULTON L	.	.	.	.	.	.
COWAN M	.	.	.	.	.	.
CROMER H	.	.	.	.	.	.
DAVIS K	.	.	.	.	.	.
DAVIS M	.	.	.	.	.	.
DEARIE P	.	.	.	.	.	.
DE GRYS A	.	.	.	.	.	.
DENNIS M	.	.	.	.	.	.
DINHAM V	.	.	.	.	.	.
DOBELE T	.	.	.	.	.	.
DORRELL R	.	.	.	.	.	.
DOUGLAS R	.	.	.	.	.	.
DUBOSARSKY D	.	.	.	.	.	.
DUCKER R	.	.	.	.	.	.
DYER A	.	.	.	.	.	.
EVANS Jean	.	.	.	.	.	.
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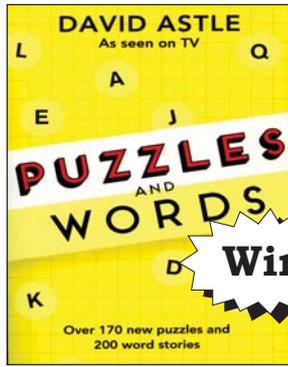
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GARNER P	.	.	.	.	.	.
GLISSAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.
GOODERICK R	.	.	.	.	.	.
GRAINGER D	.	.	.	.	.	.
GREENBERGER O	.	.	.	.	.	.
HAGAN R	.	.	.	.	.	.
HAMBLING C	.	.	.	.	.	.
HARPER K	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOWARD L	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOWARD V	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOWELLS S	.	.	.	.	.	.
IBBOTT B	.	.	.	.	.	.
JAMES V	.	.	.	.	.	.
JARMAN L	.	.	.	.	.	.
JERMY A	.	.	.	.	.	.
JONES D	.	.	.	.	.	.
KENNEDY M	.	.	.	.	.	.
KNIGHT S	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEE C	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEE N	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEIGH J	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEMON G	.	.	.	.	.	.
LOYD G	.	.	.	.	.	.
LOBSEY V	.	.	.	.	.	.
LORD P	.	.	.	.	.	.
McADOO G	.	.	.	.	.	.
McCLELLAND C	.	.	.	.	.	.
McCULLOCH I	.	.	.	.	.	.
McGRATH J	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKENZIE I	.	.	.	.	.	.
McMANUS D	.	.	.	.	.	.
McPHERSON T	.	.	.	.	.	.
MACKAY-SIM C	.	.	.	.	.	.
MARTIN A	.	.	.	.	.	.
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MARTIN John	.	.	.	.	.	.
MASON I	.	.	.	.	.	.
MEEK D	.	.	.	.	.	.
MERCER P	.	.	.	.	.	.
MILES A	.	.	.	.	.	.
MILTON R	.	.	.	.	.	.
MOLINE R	.	.	.	.	.	.
MORRIS B	.	.	.	.	.	.

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NOBLE C	.	.	.	.	.	.
O'BRIEN, Eileen	.	.	.	.	.	.
O'HARA H	.	.	.	.	.	.
PARSONS D	.	.	.	.	.	.
PATTERSON A	.	.	.	.	.	.
PEARCE J	.	.	.	.	.	.
PINDER S	.	.	.	.	.	.
POTTS M	.	.	.	.	.	.
PROCTER D	.	.	.	.	.	.
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QUINN C	.	.	.	.	.	.
RENDELL A	.	.	.	.	.	.
RODDICK M	.	.	.	.	.	.
RYAN W	.	.	.	.	.	.
SHIELD A	.	.	.	.	.	.
SIEGMAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.
SIMONS A	.	.	.	.	.	.
SKINNER R	.	.	.	.	.	.
SMITH J	.	.	.	.	.	.
SPICER L	.	.	.	.	.	.
STEINBERGER M	.	.	.	.	.	.
STOREY N	.	.	.	.	.	.
SYMONS B	.	.	.	.	.	.
TAYLOR R	.	.	.	.	.	.
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THOMPSON I	.	.	.	.	.	.
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TOFONI B	.	.	.	.	.	.
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WAITES L	.	.	.	.	.	.
WALTER A	.	.	.	.	.	.
WENHAM J	.	.	.	.	.	.
WILCOX C	.	.	.	.	.	.
WILLIAMS I	.	.	.	.	.	.
WILSON N	.	.	.	.	.	.
WILSON R	.	.	.	.	.	.
WIMBUSH R	.	.	.	.	.	.
WOOD J	.	.	.	.	.	.
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**Cryptic  
by  
Penobscot**

**Prizes: \$75**



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**Across**

- 1 Very dry part of foot belonging to short pedestrian (7)
- 5 Correct. What a brow may have (4,2)
- 9 Tote, etc providing for players, but not on the horses (7)
- 10 Skill with diamonds about the first lead. That's the thing! (7)
- 11 See 22
- 12 Gets together with difficulty after slow start – draws level about the third furlong (9,2)
- 13 Quarrelsome person. One of eight, say (5)
- 14 So, the adjudicator with foreign money ... (9)
- 16 ... reckons I'm into properties (9)
- 17 Said by darling girl? (5)
- 19 Watering hole on the left displays heraldic device (3,8)
- 22 **11 and 25** Retaliation for `Arry's 3 (3,3,3)
- 23 Aspirant half full, bowed out (5,2)
- 24 Acceptable to 21 with skilful shot first (7)
- 26 Girl leaves exhibits, as turns out (6)
- 27 Regale 21 again in refuge (7)

**Down**

- 1 Hold out. Correct very loud for soft (7)
- 2 Maybe whirlpool with grill provides means of irrigation (6,5-4)
- 3 Lid that doesn't start! (3)
- 4 Gloomy dead end back (5)
- 5 Bees about ant on carob et al (4,5)
- 6 Nick? Not before church! (5)
- 7 Furniture in the "Now and Then Index"? (10,5)
- 8 Spritely dog? (6)
- 12 Self-contained edge material (5)
- 14 Shabby quality and Murphy quality to Mac? (9)
- 15 Ardent bore changing last two ... (5)
- 16 ... joints used by 21s? (6)
- 18 Shout after short measure? I ask you! (7)
- 20 But braves didn't come from here (5)
- 21 Soak. Soak up about work (5)
- 25 See 22

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**Cryptic**  
by  
*Blue King*



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**Across**

- 8 Betray quiet work (4)
- 9 Remains long in run for illuminator (10)
- 10 Eco-friendly oriental writer (6)
- 11 Nothing keeps up with sound sleep on earth flooring (8)
- 12 Tiny sherds maybe found in special men's digs (8)
- 14 Brief brief touch encountered destiny (6)
- 16 Wine's beginning by critical point (4)
- 17 Seaman to employ insult (5)
- 18 Old city for sin in poorly built panel (4)
- 19 Rise like US currency (6)
- 21 Here again with horse in great pain (8)
- 23 A painter criticised over note to webmaster (8)
- 26 I thus shell one with many legs (6)
- 27 Vanuatu ore is incorporated in pre-modern style (3,7)
- 28 Minor prophet reverts to intoxicant (4)

**Down**

- 1 15 wandering in places of ill repute? (5,5)
- 2 Supplement or program to finish at nine (8)
- 3 Exhausted lower classes party (6)
- 4 To the audience, opening walk (4)
- 5 Indian female singer, right with double ecstasy (8)
- 6 State against gangster's opposition (6)
- 7 Swish greeting in with letter for unknown (4)
- 13 As elevated American graduate covers seat (5)
- 15 Attention on document catches wild throw from excavators (10)
- 17 Elementary species from account, can I hesitate (8)
- 18 In Europe, I get a very bad envy (8)
- 20 Green card partners over by former baddies (2-4)
- 22 Specially interested associates that French follows the beginnings of common law institutions (6)
- 24 Unusual cheese snack without oral restrain. (4)
- 25 Coloured passed on by word of mouth (4)

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

- My heartfelt thanks to all the committee, setters and adjudicators for their tireless work to entertain and challenge us. My life has been greatly enriched since joining ACC. Thank you all. *Trish McPherson*
- What a lovely surprise to receive my cheque today. Came at the right time. *Barbara Glissan*
- To Patrick and all members of the ACC. You are and always will be in my thoughts. *Thérèse Savanah*
- We were both impressed by the beautifully-composed and presented tribute to the members of the Crossword Club – It is worthy of a frame and it will be kept in our archives, I assure you. The No. 1 Slot prize was an early Christmas present which was very much appreciated. Many thanks to you Patrick and and all the others whose efforts throughout the years make the ACC such a wonderful organisation. May we both thank you very much for all you do, Patrick, and we wish you and the members of the ACC all the best for Christmas and the New Year. *Dorothy and John Baylis*
- Thank you so much for the \$75 prize I received this week. It was such a surprise. We love doing the crosswords and appreciate all the effort that goes into producing the publication and adjudication and just want to say a big thank you. *Julie Leigh*
- What a wonderful collection of puzzles we have this month. Many thanks to the Executive and the compilers. Thank you, too, for the beautiful certificate which adorns my fridge. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- Thanks so much for the book I received for winning the "Payback" quiz. Entitled *Who, or Why, or Which, or What? A Global Gazeteer of the Instructive & Strange*, it kept us amused, intrigued and entertained while relaxing after our Christmas festivities! For instance, why is kissing banned on trains in France...? I'm looking forward to another year of racking the brains and consulting the reference books to find those elusive answers. Thanks for all the hard work the ACC team put on our behalf. *Alison Martin*
- Thanks to everyone who contributed to this bumper issue. I look forward to another great year of being baffled and doing my bit to help baffle you too. *Jenny Wenham*
- What a great start to what, I am sure, will be another excellent year of puzzles. *Jim Fowler*
- A generous swag of puzzles for the holiday season. *Nea Storey*

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**Cryptic**  
by  
*Flowerman*



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**Across**

- 1 Reproduce art prints with carbon copy (10)
- 6 Footballer shifted during play (4)
- 9 City quarantined by emergency workers following tick introduction. Little bloodsuckers! (10)
- 10 Everything diminished after constant nuisance (4)
- 12 Retreating enemy all part-amateurs (6)
- 13 Vacuous broadcaster tells tales (8)
- 15 Got Cate prepaid mobile (11)
- 18 Proper new capitular process I introduced (11)
- 21 Fixed pool accessory – removed centre, but not initially (8)
- 22 1-down from first shot to the last (6)
- 24 Spot icy part of canal (4)
- 25 Perceptive language editor adopting lighter heart (10)
- 26 Evidence of uneven swinging (4)
- 27 Checked stock without first keeping stock? (10)

**Down**

- 1 Ultimately restricted following stomach disorder (6)
- 2 Equine, for instance, included in tests (6)
- 3 Shock lawsuit heartless foe puts back to front (12)
- 4 Formal procedure sounds OK (4)
- 5 Prior knowledge of creeps in unorthodox church (10)
- 7 Start anew with tie-break after period as leader (8)
- 8 Perhaps queen’s assistant heard historic defence (8)
- 11 Disapproval of slaughtering Islamic goats (6,6)
- 14 Trifle with this animal coat (6,4)
- 16 Bogus doctors end uprising with unruly therapist dismissed (8)
- 17 Spreading manure over doctor points to spoil 26 (8)
- 19 Pay attention to security interest holding set margins (6)
- 20 Plant took days to become strongly attached (6)
- 23 Hey presto! Some simple tricks beginners put together (4)

**COMPILER PROFILES:**

**Blue King (Roy Low)**

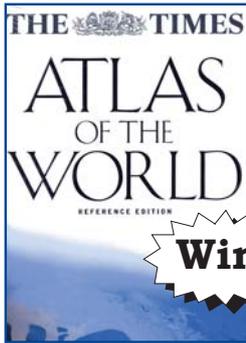
Teenage years: the daily crossword in the *Liverpool Echo* (England), mostly easy cryptic. Uni working holidays (1956): joint solve of the *Daily Telegraph* cryptic with colleagues at ICI Manchester. After graduation (MSC Chemistry at Sheffield): occasional cryptics in UK newspapers (*Observer*, *Sunday Times*, *Guardian* etc.) often jointly with my wife Mollie. Migrated to Australia 1970 working in IT, cryptic in *The Age* and, since 1976, we have jointly done the Australian Cryptic – sparked by Mollie’s first ‘DOH’ moment with: HIJKLMNO > water. 2009: created “Times Crossword Links” website which links to the *Times* Cryptic blog in London. 2012: joined the ACC and, encouraged by David Stickley, decided to try compiling as my new hobby to replace my former passion for golf. Other interests: Bridge, Computer Programming, History and Esoterica. My crypto-handle “Blue King” references the Latinate root of my first name and the mental state of my second.

**Flowerman (Ian Thompson)** has enjoyed solving cryptic crosswords since he was a teenager, and developed his understanding of the art through his university years by tackling *The Times* crossword in particular. He first compiled a cryptic crossword in 1980, a giant 25 x 25 grid full of veterinary terms for the Veterinary Students’ magazine, but suspects very few people ever attempted to solve it. Although he has compiled several crosswords for friends and family since, no other crosswords have been submitted for publication. The distractions of work, first as a country vet and later as a plant taxonomist and biology tutor, and family commitments meant that crosswords were pushed into the background for many years. Now with more free time, and encouraged by his new membership in the ACC (thank-you Susan Howells), he is pleased to have the chance to compile crosswords for members. He was born and raised in northern Victoria, but now lives in East Malvern, Victoria, with partner Jo-Ann and three boys, Marcus, Andrew and Josh.

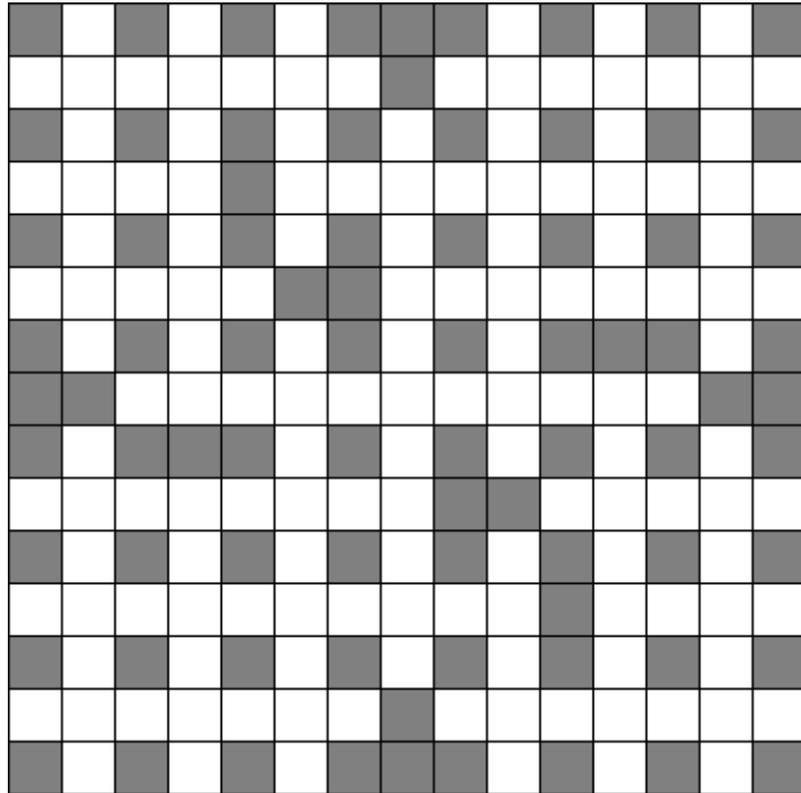
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**AJ**

by  
**Wet and Dry**



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



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A</b> Property of like group (5)</li> <li><b>B</b> Two bites of burger, liver and mince – a craving for food (7)</li> <li><b>C</b> Stone tool used in practising M! (8)</li> <li><b>D</b> Bearing after rude shock shows restraint (7)</li> <li><b>E</b> Broken rakes found on a gravel ridge (5)</li> <li><b>F</b> Loud adolescent, though inside, makes team (7)</li> <li><b>G</b> Relative caught by German lake – French Connection gives military punishment (8)</li> <li><b>H</b> Civil engineer, me and others dance to measures (11)</li> <li><b>I</b> Disparity evident in match (10)</li> <li><b>J</b> Flighty girl sick in plane (6)</li> <li><b>K</b> Spike knitted French caps (5)</li> <li><b>L</b> Revel in indulgence. Soap with Uri and Greek goddess (9)</li> <li><b>M</b> Science of computer types grasping subject of note (11)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>N</b> Resting place beneath hilltop is taken (6)</li> <li><b>O</b> Colonial founders located Old English stone tombs (7)</li> <li><b>P</b> Philip and Elizabeth too heard to flirt (9)</li> <li><b>Q</b> E squared less 500 – strange inquiries (7)</li> <li><b>R</b> Fruits of varied lustres (7)</li> <li><b>S</b> Ballesteros blushed and was cut (7)</li> <li><b>T</b> Another team broke their net (8)</li> <li><b>U</b> We hear you backed money for a place (4)</li> <li><b>V</b> Dave, confused about Tom, left (7)</li> <li><b>W</b> Two banners woven into head-dresses (3,7)</li> <li><b>X</b> Unknown time describing old dull eye conditions (8)</li> <li><b>Y</b> Old types are found at the back of many small desk storage components (5)</li> <li><b>Z</b> Greek mathematician finds truth in self-discipline and nothing more (4)</li> </ul> |
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**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

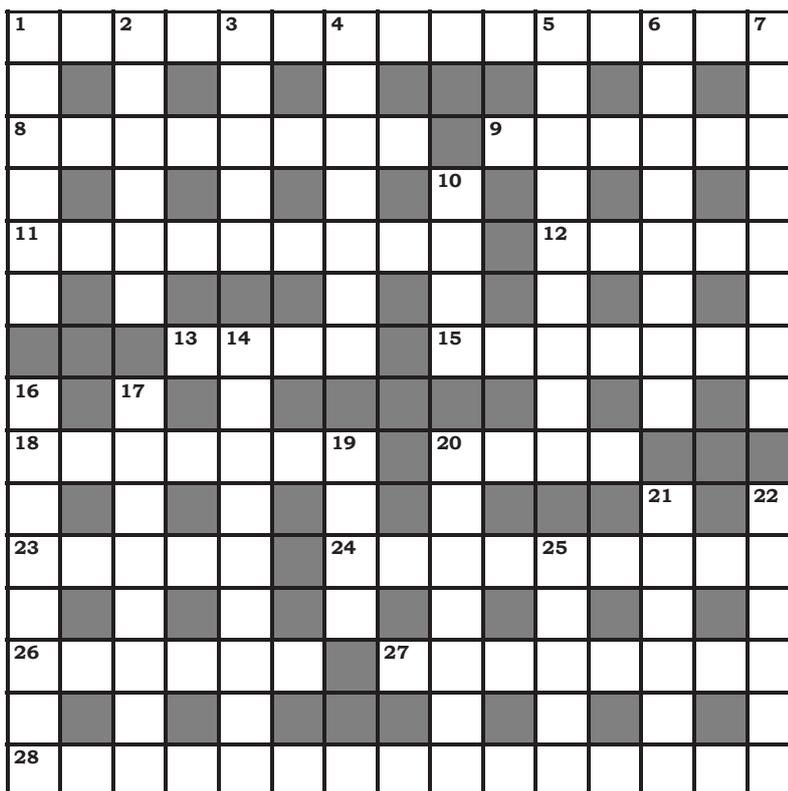
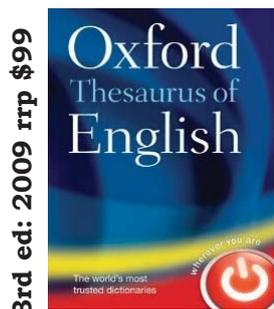
- Thanks to all for a very enjoyable collection this January. As to December's slot 6, it has remained in the too hard basket from the moment I cast eyes on it! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- Many thanks for my prize for Slot 2 last month: it was a wonderful surprise at the right time of year! *Col Archibald*
- I was delighted to receive, as a gift from Lesley Carroll, membership of the ACC. I am looking forward to a long association with the Club, and loads of fun attempting the puzzles. *Maureen Blake*
- I know now where Liechtenstein and Uzbekistan are located (both 'double landlocked') thanks to my Slot 4 prize Atlas. Very much appreciated. *Graeme Cole*
- Not often I finish Slots 1 to 5. Thank you to all compilers, adjudicators and everyone else involved in this great club. *Rosemary Dorrell*
- Please extend my congratulations to all the team for a fascinating year of diverse puzzles. I wait with bated breath each month for the next issue of *Crozworld* to arrive!! *Jean Evans*
- Happy New year to all compilers and adjudicators – you all do a wonderful job. Many, many thanks to you all. *Sally Knight*
- Thank you for the big January issue – recovering from another hip replacement so extra puzzles were just the thing to keep me occupied. Happy New Year to everyone. *Pat Lord*
- Crozzers! What a marvellous lot of puzzles – and that's even without the bonuses! Thank you, all you amazing compilers. As I have said many times, in different ways, was there life before *Crozworld*? All best wishes for the rest of the year, and though I was blown away by SWIVEL in Slot 4, because I was so sure FLOE COVERS was an anagram my COTM has to go to Slot 5 FORECASTLE. *Dale McManus*
- Was thrilled to receive my wonderful dictionary. Feel I need to acquire a stand for it. Thank you to all members of the club and the very clever setters, checkers and committee. A big thanks too to Patrick for great certificates. *Margaret Pyc*
- What a wonderful edition of *Crozworld*. Congratulations – so many great puzzles. Difficult to pick a COTM this month. *Brian Tickle*



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## Cryptic by Raoul

Prize:



William is kindly offering a prize of a bottle of Rene Pögel 1962 from the Harold Park Hotel cellar.

### Across

- 1 Left, or right, a bunch of 5s (7,8)
- 8 Final! Say, it shortly with the French weapon circling (4,4)
- 9 Axminster, the fabled flyer! (6)
- 11 On-line jobs lead to issues (9)
- 12 The A in CAT goes from pole to pole (5)
- 13 They show their faces in Monopoly? (4)
- 15 This whammy is a bad look (4,3)
- 18 White knuckle sounds like it is in the 21s (7)
- 20 Cuss-word, and cross-word (4)
- 23 Sounds like they're belonging to them (5)
- 24 Sierra & Foxtrot isn't straight for Midge (9)
- 26 They are all in your mind? (6)
- 27 Strong drink wumoured to make the heart grow fonder? (8)
- 28 Anthem taking on board black stuff on beaches and rubbish! (5,3,7)

### Down

- 1 These heels are murderous (6)
- 2 Retracted in India's nuclear review (6)

- 3 Trans-Tasman folk almost touch having taken in Jam and Jerusalem (5)
- 4 Sounds like puller?! (7)
- 5 Miller, say, playmaker, not footballer (9)
- 6 'Handicapped', the devil said (8)
- 7 Raoul, say, is a rabbity runner (8)
- 10 Distressed part of being (4)
- 14 Igor takes new article to sum up nong (9)
- 16 Current concerns! (3-5)
- 17 Crete Tea arranged and so on with ... (2,6)
- 19 ... piece of cake, or piece of Tea Sydney Festival (4)
- 20 Vehicle for compilation (7)
- 21 Dolly Parton's circus venue? (3,3)
- 22 Fixed or liquid, they're of help (6)
- 25 Tuck in the 'hood gang (5)

Post  
Solution  
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**Vale Aileen Skillicorn**

We were saddened to hear of the death of **Aileen Skillicorn** on 28 November 2012 aged 91 years. Aileen was one of the first members of the ACC and was an outstanding solver. Unfortunately Aileen had not been enjoying good health in the past few years. Aileen was the sister of our highly respected member, Adjudicator and compiler **Doreen Jones**. We send our condolences to Aileen's loving family.

**Araucaria not well**

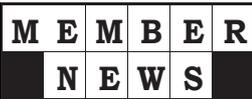
One of Britain's most celebrated crossword compilers — *Araucaria* — (The Rev John Graham MBE) has cryptically announced that he has terminal cancer. In the crossword No 25,842 published in *The Guardian* recently concealed in its clues was the fact that the setter — the legendary *Araucaria* — was dying. One clue was: Sign of growth (6) CANCER. The paragraph above the grid stated: "Araucaria has 18 down of the 19, which is being treated with 13-15". In other words, he has cancer of the oesophagus and is receiving palliative care. The cruciverbonym *Araucaria* is the Latin for the tree known as "monkey puzzle" and he has been a full-time compiler for more than 50 years. His output has been prolific with six crosswords per month for *The Guardian*, several for *The Financial Times* and two a month for the magazine he founded in 1984, *1 Across*. One of his byzantine Christmas crosswords contained the clue, "O hark the herald angels sing the boy's descent which lifted up the world" which was an anagram of "While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground". Now at the ripe old age of 91 and a widower for the second time, John Graham lives alone, compiling his gems from a tiny, dictionary-lined study in middle England. His death will be a major loss for cruciverbalists around the world. We presume that after his death he will be buried 2ac, 6dn.

**News from Ian Williams:**

We received a record-breaking 40+ entries by e-lodgement for January. If you can e-lodge it helps our hard-working adjudicators by presenting them with a summary of the results from all five grids. It's not hard – some of our e-lodgers are in their eighties. If you're not on the list contact Ian Williams who has all sorts of advice available and will help you through the process.

**Rotating Bookcase for Reference Books**

We have mentioned previously in *Crozworld* about Charles Storey's skill in making rotating bookcases. Recently Charles wrote an article about the bookcase for the publication *The Australian Woodworker* and it is published in the February edition issue No 167. The edition is distinguished by the pyrographed pouch on the front cover. If you would like to contact Charles directly: Ph 6231 0820; Mob 0407 488 610.



**New Members:** We extend a warm welcome to **Ray Gooderick** from Ulverstone Tas, **Sylvia Blackmore** from Weston ACT, **Perryn Fowler** from Elwood, Vic (a Gift Membership from Jim Fowler), **Maureen**

**Blake** from Kelso, NSW (a Gift Membership from Lesley Carroll), **Dr Geoffrey Shaw** from South Perth WA (a Gift Membership from Ian Mason), **Patricia Corcoran** from Monbulk and **Roger Douglas** from Westleigh NSW. Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworlding!*

**Puzzle Adjustments:**

- Ian McKenzie received a dot for December Slot 3. MORA (Naima Mora, a model and Mora a fish) was accepted for the double definition clue in place of the intended MARK in 7ac. Verna Dinham received a dot for December Slot 1. Tony de Grys gained dots for December's slots 1-3 inclusive and Slot 5.
- The T word unaccountably escaped from Quiz 1/2013 and there are therefore only 22 words for members to find in the Quiz. Many apologies for any confusion, loss of sleep, etc thereby caused.
- "My humble apologies for mix-up in last month's slot 5 puzzle between PAEON & PAEAN and for the confusion it caused. TMB (too many birthdays)???" *Praxis*

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2013:**

Barbour J, Batum C, Butler, D, Bryant R, Campbell G, Carroll L, Collins M, Dyer A, Fiddling B, Fowler J, Garner P, Hagan B, Hazell N, Howard V, Leeds G, Lloyd G, McAdoo G, McCulloch I, Meek D, Owens G, Parsons D, Quinn C, Steinberger M, Watt K and Wilson R.

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**A SPECIAL LETTER:**

Thank you for the lovely Christmas Greeting page I found in my January *Crozworld*. I am so glad my daughter accidentally heard about the ACC when she went to a physiotherapist all those years ago and the subject of crosswords came up and the physiotherapist told her of the ACC and gave her the address and details, and ever since, she has paid my subscription each year as a birthday present. I have always loved crosswords and now I've reached my nineties they are even more a joy to (try to) do and keep my mind active! *Nancy Hazell*

**Quiz No 2/2013 FUN & GAMES by Fortuna 48**

All answers have a common definition, which is not provided. Answers are in alphabetical order. Send your solutions to Nea Storey, 10 Whiteman Street, Wanniasa, ACT 2903. Fax: 02 6231 0820. Email: [neachy2@netspeed.com.au](mailto:neachy2@netspeed.com.au). Closing date 8 March 2013. Book prize.

- 1 Singer lying in middle of a railway (7)
- 2 Endorse humbug (10)
- 3 HM surrounded by shouts of welcome (8)
- 4 500 creative works (5)
- 5 Levelling around the square (8)
- 6 Panic for Puff? (4-6)
- 7 Drink! The drink belongs to me! (3,5)
- 8 Ben Fish (7)
- 9 Eye, say "watch secretly" (1-3)
- 10 Sailor naked in the streets (4, 6)
- 11 Knot and hex (4,3,5) or (5-5)
- 12 Reconcile Al's score (8)
- 13 Speak indistinctly of model note (11)
- 14 Cake for the Emperor (8)
- 15 No Standing Room Only for Mexican hat (5)
- 16 Put on make-up for the dance (9)
- 17 Leaves, holding nothing (6)
- 18 Cosmetic and French artist. Not again! .... (5,2,4)
- 19 Russian, for example, is permitted in marching orders (8)
- 20 Seat on sphere (9)
- 21 Topsy nictations (11)
- 22 Vagrant is wrinkle-free? (10)
- 23 6 almost got run out (6)
- 24 Narrow margin doesn't allow for hesitation (5)
- 25 No money in Uzbekistan (4,3)

## January 1-2013: Half 'n Half by *Timid Terrier* (Joan Smith)

- A nice easy starter for the month, thank you. *Col Archibald*
- I learned a new word: (ZARF = a cup holder) and I will try to work that one into a conversation sometime this week! *Ron Carpenter*
- One of the more satisfying Slot 1 puzzles. Pity about 2dn. *Len Colgan*
- A nice starter. STERADIAN was a new word for me. *Margaret Davis*
- Thanks TT for a straightforward Slot 1, though 21ac was a new word for me. *Peter Dearie*
- Good start to the month with plenty of new words, including a 'pocket' violin! *Tony Dobebe*
- Is this setting the tone for this year? – I found this deliciously challenging. *Alan Dyer*
- A gridful of clever clues: REEL, ASSESS, WITCH DOCTOR and more. *Max Roddick*
- BURR/BORE a trap for young players! *William Ryan*
- A great lot of puzzles that has kept the mind from stagnating over the January break, (if only I could get as excited with physical exercise!) thanks *CrOZworld* and all involved. So many lovely clues this month and a lot of delightful puns. *Lynne Spicer*
- First put RANT, then ROAR, finally put RAVE for 4ac. Thanks *Timid Terrier* for an entertaining Slot 1 puzzle. *Alan Walter*

## January 2-2013: Cryptic by *Bogeyman* (Ian Williams)

- Not a steal but doable. *Col Archibald*
- Everything was fair and nicely clued, with no weird answers. Thanks *Bogeyman!* *Len Colgan*
- A good straightforward puzzle with several neat clues. *Margaret Davis*
- I always enjoy Spoonerisms and 21ac SHORT KIP for COURTSHIP was one I had not come across before. An enjoyable Slot. *Peter Dearie*
- Clever use of 'overcast' as an anagind. *Tony Dobebe*
- Another challenging start to the year. *Alan Dyer*
- My COTM goes to 21ac: Spooner has brief sleep while wooing (answer: Courtship). Not a difficult one, but so pleasing! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- 28ac: I think "on this occasion" is a poor definition for "Tuesday". *Drew Meek*
- All good and mostly humorous clues. Uplifting! *Max Roddick*
- Liked LIB(ER)ATION! Might make a t-shirt. *William Ryan*
- Spooner for me is always a laugh when one finally gets the joke so I am going for 21dn Courtship. *Lynne Spicer*
- Great puzzle with good clues. 20ac had me thinking. First thought was Dusty Springfield (I am a big fan of hers): that didn't work. Aha, I thought! Slim Dusty; wrong again: finally remembered dusty-miller. Nice clue. Other favourites were 20ac, 1, 5 and 18dn. *Joan Smith*
- This was an enjoyable puzzle, very fair clues. I particularly liked MOLOTOV, ETERNAL, LIBATION, COCKNEYS and EXECUTE (my COTM). *Nea Storey*
- There were many great clues this month, but I'm giving my COTM to *Bogeyman* for 21ac's Spoonerism clue: COURTSHIP/SHORT KIP. *Brian Tickle*
- How does 'Heard lute piece' = SWAGMAN? (lute sounds like loot = swag + man (piece). Thanks *Bogeyman*. *Alan Walter*

## January 3-2013: Cryptic by *Fortuna 48* (Nea Storey)

- Did this one first as I thought that I'd get the hard one out of the way first. Wrong!! *Col Archibald*
- COTM Nea's 30dn/21ac *Roget's Thesaurus*. What a terrific anagram! *Gillian Champion*
- Quite a few uncommon answers, but somewhat forgivable when needing to fulfil a theme. 8dn is a clever and laudable clue, but I'm not sure about the legitimacy of 2dn as a cryptic clue, where it would have been better to use all/swell in the secondary. Thank you *Fortuna 48!* *Len Colgan*
- A clever concept. I thought OXFORD was counted in the 7 until I found OED. *Margaret Davis*
- Couldn't ask for a more appropriate theme! Very clever. *Peter Dearie*
- Slot 3: Nice theme of crossword-solving 'aids'. Not sure if I have an 'inner lamb' though. *Tony Dobebe*
- A tough one. Even picking out the theme and related clues didn't really help. *Alan Dyer*
- Liked this one. A pity in a way that the prizes are cash – A tome of reference would have been more appropriate. *Jim Fowler*
- I am unable to find INNER LAMB anywhere as a phrase. Otherwise an excellent puzzle with an interesting theme of reference books. *Doreen Jones*
- 30dn/21ac should have indicator 5'1,9 and for 2dn it should be 3'1,4. [The convention adopted by the quality British crosswords, which we follow, is not to indicate apostrophes – Crossword Ed] *Drew Meek*
- We've all sought treasures in *Roget's*, but it was *Fortuna 48* who noticed the anagram. Well done! *Max Roddick*
- Loved the lexicon angle. *William Ryan*
- Another good theme cryptic with good clues. Especially liked 15, 35ac and 1, 6 and 9dn. *Joan Smith*
- My dictionaries got a workout doing this one! *Roy Taylor*
- Loved the theme. *Brian Tickle*
- WEBSTERS was a humorous reference to 'Makers of home pages'. *Alan Walter*

## January 4-2013: AJ by *Manveru* (Michael Kennedy)

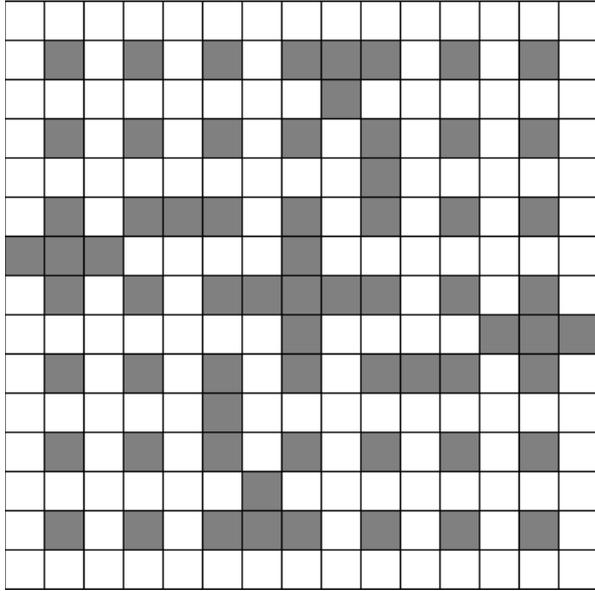
- I think that the A clue would have been fairer by not using THIS as the definition. 'Use the cure' might have been better. *Col Archibald*
- My vote for clue of the month goes to *Manveru* for "The shortened career of a winger" = THRUSH. This clue is elegant and concise and it took some time for me to stop thinking football and realise "winger" could refer to a bird. In the same crossword was my next favourite, "Titania, perhaps – she's prone to exaggeration" = DRAMA QUEEN which gave me a chuckle when I finally worked it out. *Ron Carpenter*
- Another exemplary contribution from *Manveru*. No uncommon words with all answers readily reconcilable. *Len Colgan*
- The AJ is always a favourite of mine and this did not disappoint. I liked CLEAN SHAVEN. *Margaret Davis*
- Very good puzzle, especially the V clue. *Peter Dearie*
- *Manveru* again proves he is 'master of the anagram' with another set of beauties. *Tony Dobebe*
- A CLOSE SHAVE, but only a CLEAN SHAVEN DRAMA QUEEN works out. *Alan Dyer*
- Excellent as one may expect from *Manveru*. *Jim Fowler*
- The J clue makes clever use of Johns' initial and of his character. Smartly done! *Max Roddick*
- *Manveru* and I had lunch and discussed his U clue... *William Ryan*
- Love AJ puzzles and this was no exception. C and D were my favourite clues. *Joan Smith*
- The J clue was so clever – using (W E) Johns' initial and Biggles minus B to make JIGGLES. The clue for FERRIS WHEEL was also great. *Brian Tickle*
- Please avoid using the word THIS as your definition (as in Clue A). J clue was very clever. An enjoyable AJ thanks *Manveru*. *Alan Walter*

## January 5-2013: Cryptic by *Crowsman* (Len Colgan)

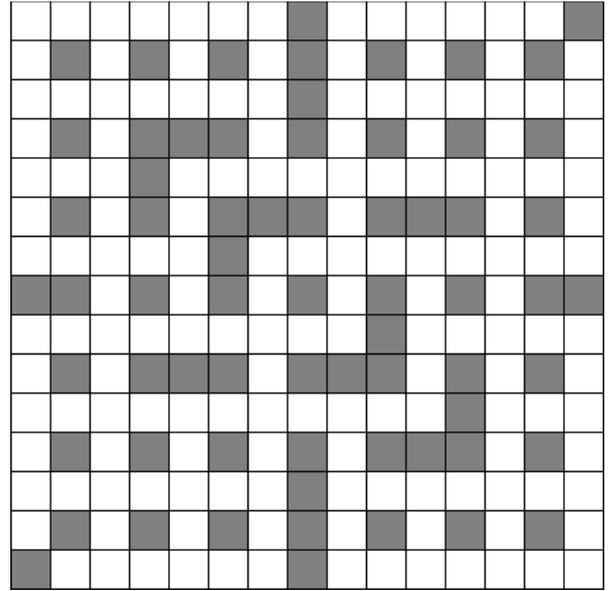
- This puzzle was difficult enough without it being in an AAJ format, albeit without the benefit of the first letter. *Col Archibald*
- My *Chambers Crossword Dictionary* took a beating! Clever tricky clues – a joy to solve. Good theme – like *Buzzer's* 'silly tie' all answers ended 'IN-AN-E'. *Tony Dobebe*
- Took me a while. COTM: Slot 5, SECRETE. The South-East Crete region was very clever! Only one word (including multiple word solutions) did not end in E (SELECT as part of SELECT COMMITTEE) – I was hoping for a clean sweep. *Alan Dyer*
- E's done it again! Len truly is effulgent. Terminally inane but quite easy in the end. Good stuff. *Jim Fowler*
- Another fine *Crowsman* contribution! Every word familiar and a satisfying range of clues, including some beauties – SECRETE was very clever but SETTLE for COTM. *Doug Butler*
- Solving the clues was the least of the problems here – putting the solutions in the correct spots was the challenge. It would be invidious to select one clue out of so many good ones. *Margaret Davis*
- After finding EPEE, REFEREE and SECRETE, I thought that E was the only vowel in all the answers – until ORANGE FREE STATE made me reconsider. I have not checked to see if Ierapetra is in S E Crete but it seems a good bet! (and gets my COTM) LORD CHARLEMAGNE'S BIRTHPLACE, LIEGE, was very clever. *Peter Dearie*
- As one who plods through dictionaries and reference books, I had trouble finding 'AORTAE'. *Verna Dinham*
- Loved the bottom line of slot 5 – sounds like my comment when I solve a pesky clue. *Lynn Jarman*
- More of these puzzles please. *Joan McGrath*
- This puzzle was Slot 6+ material. SECRETE for COTM. *Max Roddick*
- Great cerebral workout as usual, prof. Thanks. *William Ryan*
- Always find *Crowsman* puzzles challenging. Loved the clues for ELOPE, DEMONISE and CHARTREUSE. *Joan Smith*
- As usual, *Crowsman* led me on a merry chase and I pondered "On delving into death, denounce as evil" for two weeks. Then the penny dropped at last and of course you wonder why it took so long. Such a literal clue, laughing at me! I love Len's puzzles and get very excited when I get a dot... fingers crossed. *Lynne Spicer*
- Nothing common about a puzzle from *Crowsman*! Neither was it a walkover, even though I picked the common feature quite early. I liked SELECT COMMITTEE: a very intricate clue, which took me ages to solve! *Nea Storey*
- Great fun jigsaw. Not 'E'asy! *Roy Taylor*
- Some great subtractive clues: ANTELOPE minus ANT = ELOPE; INSTANCE minus IN = STANCE but what about South East Crete to get SECRETE? Brilliant! *Brian Tickle*
- Every clue was a saga containing clever and sneaky diversions. A brilliant puzzle with many E's but certainly not solved with EASE! Thanks *Crowsman*. *Alan Walter*

**General Comment:** A seriously good effort in the January "mag". I am a member of a rather large gliding club and involved in both the training of students and the management of the club in a voluntary capacity. It takes a lot of time. Therefore I appreciate the clear and considerable commitment that the Committee makes to *CrOZworld* simply for the love of it. Thank you. Special mentions to *Fortuna 48* and slot 3. Wordy, but clever! Next, E lad, but Cryptic too, E be a smart onE don't E?. Thirdly, *Buzzer* and slot 7. Sneaky, that obviously mythical man. *Richard Skinner*

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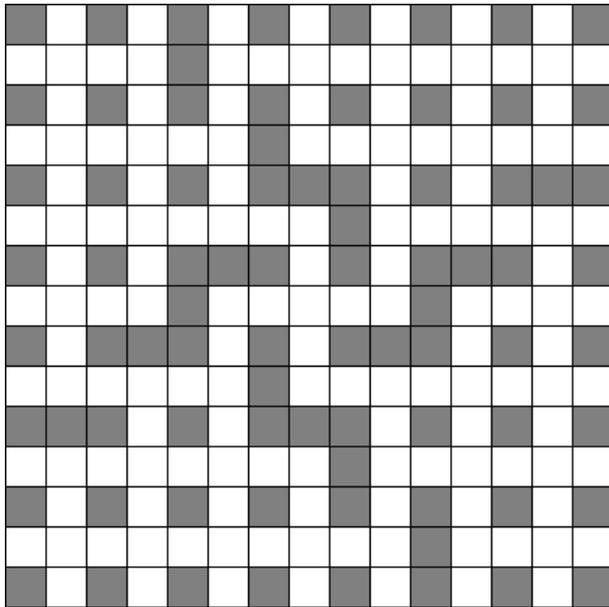


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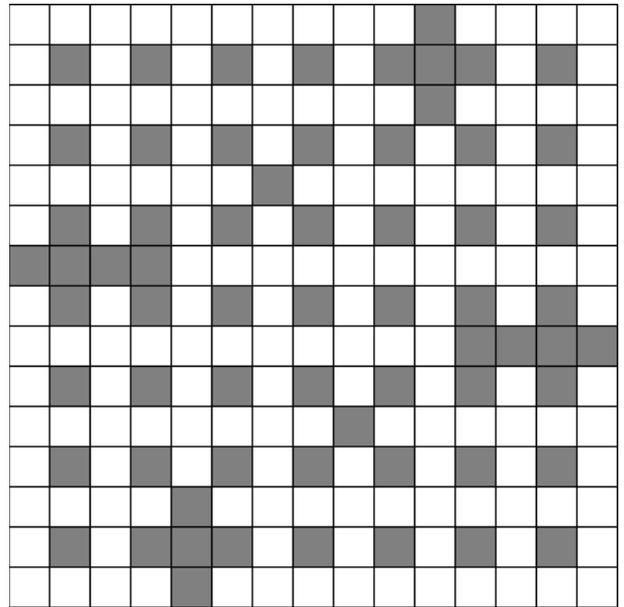
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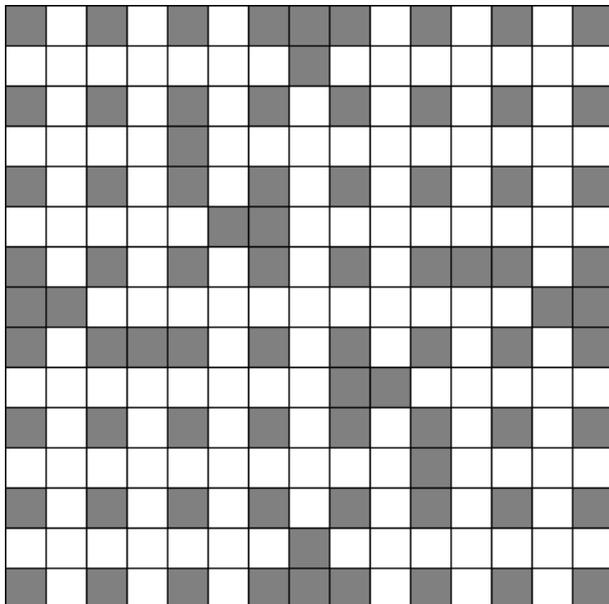
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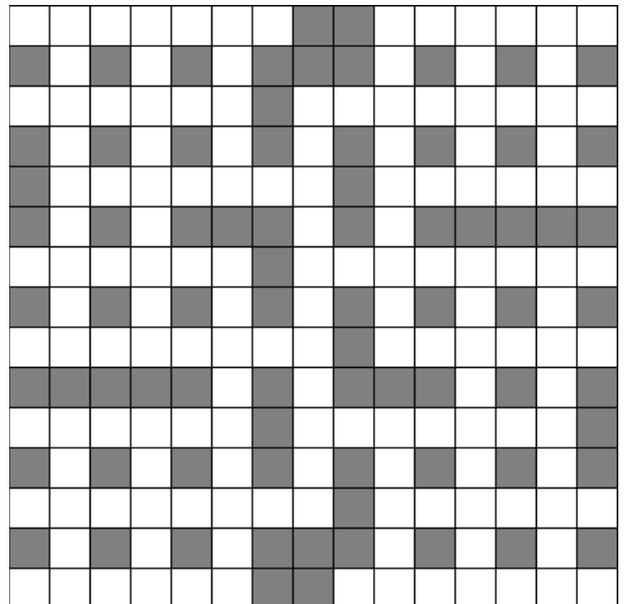
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**December 6-2012: Misprints by Betelgeuse (Gillian Champion)**

**Results: Entries 26; Correct 18; Success rate: 69%.**

**Winner: Mike Potts. Congratulations!**

**Compiler's remarks:** Thank you for all your welcome cards, letters and feed-back generally. The idea of misprinting definitions is certainly not a new one. It was (and still is) a favourite ploy of various compilers, although the separate rules for dealing with the across and down clues may be different. These could have caused some confusion but were admirably overcome. The only bone of contention here was in the bottom RH corner. There were a few DEES for 25dn, some ERNESTs and a couple of inventive EONISM/Ts for 28ac. The main problem was the rather odd word 'bish'. In *Chambers* it is given as meaning 'blunder or mistake' (inf) but there is no indication as to whether it is out-dated or of special use. —**Betelgeuse (Gillian Champion)**

**Explanations: Across:** (The letter giving correct definition is capitalised). 8. ELOPER One who runs to ©Marry=ELOP-(post back)+-ER(emergency room) 9. ARTISTRY= sk(t)Ill=ART-(Branch of learning)+-IS-+-TRY(judge) 10. GAGA =(l)Mad = GAG-(joke)+-A 11. LIGHT BEAMS (d)Rays = -BEAMS(smiles) after LIGHT-(idle) 12. MAINTAIN kee(l)P = MAIN-(sea)+-T-IN(can following sea)+-A- 14. CRADLE=©Holder= -A-+-DLE(led astray)+CR-(short credit) 15. STYLISH=chi(p)C=STYLI-(needles)+-SH(second hand)17. MAGENTA=sha(m)De= -AGENT-(007)+M-A(mother) 20. SCAMPI=se(t)A food = -PI(detective)+SCAM-(swindle) 22. EXTERNAL=(c)Outer=E-NAL(way back)+-X+T-(Times +Square)+-E+R-(bearing+right) 24. IDENTIFIED given (s)Name=anag of "diet+find+i.e) 26 TOYS=plA(o)ys =Today's(now)+lawyer dismissed(minus DA) 27. REASSURE=confli(o)rnm again=REAS-(logic not working=reason minus -on)+-SURE(certain) 28.BANISH=cast(h)out=B-ISH(blunder)+-A-+N(note). **Down:** 1. P(L-h)EASANT(bird)=p-easant+1 2. S(P-t) RAIN(race)=Sp-ain +R 3.O(R-v)AL(shape)=ORA+l(start to lose) 4. MAR(G-l) INS(fish)=Mar+gins 5.STA(T-g)ECRAFT(know-how working boards)=-CRAFT(ship)+STATE-(Victoria,say) 6.ASP(E-i)RATE(add an"h")=ASP+E+RATE 7. BRU(M-t)AL(crue)l=-RU-(sport)+B-MAL(rearing young one) 13. (A-s) USPICIOUS(dubious)=-IOUS(notess)+AUS-(Australian)+-PIC-(photograph) 16.LA(M-t)ENESS(being behindhand)=anag of "mean less" 18. TOAD(Y-f) ISH(swimmer)=anag of O(oid)+DIY+S(sun)+HAT 19. DEC(I-o)DED( translated)=-CID-(hero)+DE-ED(action)21.CO(D-n)GER(fish)=COD-(make fun of)+-GER 23.RAT(v)ING(crazy)=RA(F)TING minus F 25. DO(B-e)S(acts)=D-(delete)+-OBS(late notices=obituaries).

**Solvers' Comments:**

• Wow! The down clues were mind-bending and the across clues mind-numbing. Many times I confused my bends with my numbs but in the end I at least filled the grid. To fill a grid with down words that can all be altered by one letter into another word is impressive by itself. LIGHT BEAMS was my first entry, DOBS was my last. If I miss this dot I may very well cry. Thanks again. Love your work. *Michael Kennedy*

• Gillian, you had me convinced that "revolving" must imply that the definition in 24ac would be "revolving". Boy, was that wrong! I had never noticed that "auspicious" and "suspicious" differed by a single letter. *Len Colgan*

• I found the puzzle interesting and challenging (and somewhat mind-bending). Thanks! *Ian Thompson*

• Brilliant. Hard but brilliant. *Andrew Patterson*

• Took me ages to understand the down clues, so I tried to get as many across clues as I could. 25dn caused me a lot of changes - I thought ACTS=DEEDS-D=DEES=Notices=SEES. Then I got BANISH for 28ac and went for ACTS=DOES and DOBS=Late notices! 11ac- Does LIGHT mean IDLE? - I can't see the connection. [Yes, in *Chambers* - see Light2]. *Marian Procter*

• Hardest puzzle ever. 3-4 man-hours got me 90% - another 2-3 and I was only 4 short. Another ten hours and I was still on that same 4 bottom right hand corner. A total of 20 odd hours of my life never to be relived! But loved it! Thank you! *Raoul*

• The different rules for across & down clues made it hard to focus on what was necessary - a lot of time was wasted going up mental blind alleys! I especially liked SCAMPI / seafood/ and Auspicious/Suspicious.*Roy Taylor*

• Yet another gem from you! I'm not sure that I've got all the answers correct, but fingers crossed! "TOYS" has me confused - I hope "ploys" is a misprint for "pAys", but the rest of the clue has me bamboozled. *Robyn Caine*

• Note that DEES is a perfect fit to 25dn clue on its own. *Ian McKenzie*

• Thank you for another difficult crossword puzzle. Everything seemed to be going well until I reached the bottom right hand corner and then had problems resolving the answers to 25dn and 28ac. Finally decided that BANISH was the answer to 28ac. This left DEEDS or DOES as synonyms for ACTS and I decided that DOBS was preferred to DEBS although I could see reasons for both of them. *David Procter*

• Didn't think I was going to solve this! That SE corner - Whoa! 25dn could be 'DEES'. *Andrew Miles*

• For the first few days I was unable to solve a single clue. For the last few days I have been staring at 23 and 25dn, and 28ac. It's amazing how a change of letter can cause so much bafflement. With 28ac, I was considering "blunder" to be the possible definition, so plunder, bounder etc were all possibilities. "Cash out" gave "bash out," "wash out" and "cast out". I have not heard of "bish" for blunder for a very long time. If I remember correctly, I came across it when reading school stories at the age of eleven or twelve, where "to make a bish of something" meant to mess it up significantly. It certainly wasn't in use at my school. Although I had considered "rating" at 23dn as a good possibility (crazy=raving) I could not for the life of me work

out what the dangerous sport without a fellow could be. My wife suggested "rafting" - good for her! I am hoping 25dn is "dobs". Does="acts", delete=the letter D, and late notices="OBS". Ob, as an abbreviation of obit/obituary is surprisingly not mentioned in *Chambers* but *Collins* and *Macquarie* both list it. All in all, I considered this puzzle to be one of the toughest I have encountered for a long while. For 17ac, I was considering changing "Shame of 007" to "Shake of 007" making the answer "Martini", but light dawned eventually! *Peter Dearie*

• Very challenging slot 6. Having to change the thinking pattern from across to down clues made it even more daunting. *Bob Hagan*

• A+ for your challenging puzzle. *Pat Lord*

• Thanks for this puzzle - nearly drove me GAGA! (Though that was one of the early clues to be solved.) I have a page and a half of word lists written out as I looked for misspelt possibilities. Devilish cunning clues, but at least a very clear explanation of the scheme used (unlike some I could name). I think this puzzle took as much solving time as the rest of the Decembers combined. *Mike Potts*

**Results of Quiz No. 12/12 Movie Links 2 by The Busybodies**

**Entries 46. Winner: Lorna Waites. Congratulations!**

**Solutions:** 1. ANNIE HALL 2. BREAKFAST CLUB 3. BUSH CHRISTMAS 4. CLOCKWORK ORANGE 5. DUCK SOUP 6. EASY RIDER 7. FACE OFF 8. FIRST BLOOD 9. INDEPENDENCE DAY 10. JUNGLE BOOK 11. MONKEY BUSINESS 12. MOUSE HUNT 13. PAPER MOON 14. PRETTY WOMAN 15. RAIN MAN 16. SHORT CIRCUIT 17 SOUTH PACIFIC 18. SWEET CHARITY 19. TOY STORY 20 UNCLE BUCK.

**Results: 20:** W Allen, A Austin, J Barbour, M Cockburn, M Collins, P Dearie, V Dinham, J Fowler, P Garner, B Glissan, D Grainger, K Harper, S Howells, L Howard, V Howard, B Ibbott, A Jemy, C Jones, D Jones, G Leeds, J Leigh, G Lemon, C Mackay-Sim, C McClelland, J McGrath, S Roulston, I Thompson, L Waites, A Walter and R Wimbush. **19:** R Caine, A Dyer, H Freeman, D Meek, A Miles, E O'Brien, S Pinder, B Siegman, J Smith, M Steinberger, J Stocks, B Symons and C Wilcox. **18:** T McPherson and N Storey. **17:** B Tofoni.

**Setters' Comments:** This quiz was well received by our members judging by the results and the comments. Thank you to all who sent Season's greetings and New Year wishes. Our best wishes to you all for a happy and successful 2013. There was one major problem which tricked 10 of you - MOUSE TRAP for MOUSE HUNT. Other errors included SHARK TROUBLE and SPACE WESTERN for 17, BUSH TELEGRAPH for 3, FACE RED and TIME OFF for 7, FIRST NIGHT for 8, PAPER TRAIL for 13 and BREAKFAST SODA for 2. We allowed SWEET COUNTRY for 18 as it is a movie and fitted the clues. —**The Busybodies (Bev Cockburn & Carole Noble)**

**Solvers' Comments:**

• I really enjoy these Linkword puzzles of yours. *Susan Howells*

• I had a little trouble with No. 16: found one to fit the space but not the outside words (*Roman Holiday*). I don't remember much about *Short Circuit* but all the rest were great movies. *Audrey Austin*

• Thanks for a relaxing quiz. *Catherine Jones*

• What a movie quiz! Had to dredge up several of these answers but chasing up these brought back many familiar memories. *Alan Walter*

• I love quizzes like this that need lateral thinking rather than researching - lots of movies I haven't got round to seeing but hardly any I hadn't heard of. *Kath Harper*

• This took my fancy and I was able to get most of them without resorting to references. Thank you. *Jean Barbour*

• Not being a film goer, I had to search for some of the answers but thoroughly enjoyed the exercise. *Pat Garner*

• It was an enjoyable quiz, good for this time of the year when the brain is over-loaded (well mine is). *Joan McGrath*

• Thanks for another entertaining quiz. *Claire McClelland*

• Thank you for providing such entertainment. I often wonder when attempting this type of quiz whether people get stuck on the same or different questions. *Julie Leigh*

• I've seen only 6 of the above. Being a film tragic, I thought it might be a lot more.... *Robyn Wimbush*

• I usually find movie quizzes difficult, but have surprisingly managed to solve your quiz. *Barb Ibbott*

• Thanks - very enjoyable and a few challenges too. *Sonia Roulston*

• This quiz was a good way to end 2012. You always have such good ideas. *Valerie Howard*

• Thank you, that was fun; the whole family got involved for once! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*

• Quiz attempt - very challenging and I went off on many a false path! An interest variety - modelled off your own collection? (Not really: B & C) *Alan Dyer*

• Not easy this quiz if you are not a great film buff but a little help from the family who were around got me started. *Cheryl Wilcox*

• Many thanks for an enjoyable quiz with good clues. *Joan Smith*

• Thank you for an entertaining movie quiz refreshing my memory. *Jack Stocks*

• I always find these link quizzes difficult, as I tend to miss the bleeding obvious until it's pointed out to me! *Nea Storey*

• At first glance I thought not to bother as my knowledge of films (movies if you prefer) is ridiculously small. I cannot recall my last trip to a cinema and I rarely watch on the box. However, I started with associations and did several and plodded on to the end. *Jim Fowler*

• This was fun and "doable" by someone who is by no means a film buff.

• Very fair and covering quite a few years of cinematography. *Robyn Caine*

## Solutions to Christmas 2012 Bonus Puzzles and Quizzes

**Bonus Puzzle 1**  
Cryptic by *Jesso*

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**Bonus Puzzle 2**  
Cryptic by *Virgo*

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**Bonus Puzzle 3**  
*Just Desserts* by *Betelgeuse*

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**Bonus Puzzle 4**  
Cryptic by *Crowsman*

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**Bonus Puzzle 5**  
Cryptic by *Kaiela*

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**Bonus Puzzle 6**  
*AJ* by *Virgo*

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**Bonus Puzzle 7**  
Cryptic by *Penobscot*

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**Bonus Puzzle 8**  
Cryptic by *Aristides*

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**First English Puzzle**  
by *Wynne & Shepherd*

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**Bonus Quiz No 1: Reel Men by Virgo.** 1. Chariots of Fire, 2. Seven Seas to Calais, 3. Walk the Line, 4.10 [Ten] Rillington Place, 5. Born on the Fourth of July, 6. A Song to Remember, 7. All the Presidents Men, 8. A Man for all Seasons, 9. Apollo 13 [Thirteen], 10. Moulin Rouge, 11. The Last Emperor, 12. The Motorcycle Diaries, 13. Good Night and Good Luck, 14. Reversal of Fortune, 15. The Last of his Tribe, 16. Camelot, 17. Three Little Words, 18. Jesus Christ Superstar, 19. The Music Lovers, 20. Cinderella Man, 21. The Pianist, 22. Girl with a Pearl Earring, 23. Quiz Show.

**Bonus Quiz No 2: An assembly of Nations by Neir B'Odet.** 1 African, 2 American, 3 Australian, 4 Austrian, 5 Belgian, 6 Bolivian, 7 Chinese, 8 Danish, 9 Dutch, 10 English, 11 Fijian, 12 Finnish, 13 French, 14 Germany, 15 Irish, 16 Italian, 17 Latvian, 18 Mexican, 19 Peruvian, 20 Polish, 21 Scots, 22 Swiss, 23 Thai, 24 Tongan, 25 Welsh.



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