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For every word has its marrow in the English tongue for order and for delight.  
Christopher Smart, 1758-63, *Jubilato Agno*, fragment B, 595.

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We have been delighted with the excellent response to the renewal of subscriptions and the generous donations to the ACC prize fund 2014. Details of renewals and the names of those who have recently donated to the 2014 Prize Fund can be found on p6. For those who have not yet renewed, sadly, this will be the final *Crozworld*.

**David Astle**, the well-known crossword compiler 'DA', entertained about 250 keen cruciverbalists at the Deakin Edge, Federation Square, Melbourne on 22 January. He was joined by the literary editor of *The Age* Jason Steger who asked DA all sorts of in-depth and fascinating questions about the history of crosswords and his cruciverbal style. In 2014 we are giving away copies of DA's recent publications: *Puzzles and Words 2* and *Cluetopia — The story of 100 years of the Crossword*. And they have been personally autographed by DA. Well worth winning!

Our proficient Puzzleman **Ian Williams** has selected another fascinating range of puzzles for you this month. *InGrid* has contributed a memorable Half 'n Half puzzle in Slot 1 and in Slots 2 and 3 we are privileged to publish cryptics from *Virgo* and *Jesso*. The popular AJ puzzle this month has been devised by the well-respected *zinzan* and in Slot 5 *Penobscot* has contributed another challenging Double Acrostic. *Wet & Dry* have given us another one of their special puzzles in Slot 6 and they have called this one *Missing in Action*. The Quiz No 2/2013 featured on p9 titled *Plus Two* has been skilfully devised by *Fortuna 48*.

The solutions to the Christmas 2013 Bonus Puzzles and Quiz 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

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A number of solvers commended the quality of the batch of crosswords, although there was a fair body of opinion that labelled them as harder than usual. At the risk of repeating myself, please have a final look at the completed grids before sealing the envelope. If you don't do a full proof-read, at least it might save you submitting a grid containing blank spaces. E-lodgers have no excuse for typos, with a built-in method of proofing their answers at their disposal.

**Slot 1:** A number of solvers overlooked the football-oriented definition of PROPS: they proposed PROWS, PLOWS, PLOTS, PROMS and others. AMBITIONS was offered in place of the required AMBITIOUS in a "straight" clue in the Half 'n Half. Do, please, read the clue!

**Slot 2:** Alternative answers for MEME were the prime reason for incorrect solutions in this puzzle, although EASE OFF for TAPER OFF caused a number of other lost dots.

**Slot 3:** The word "too" appearing in the clue and the solution gave rise to a number of comments (see p10) and perhaps some of the incorrect solutions to TOO BAD, helping to drop the overall success rate to 70%. Two of our members, while identifying the correct piece of music, were unfortunately unable to spell EMPEROR in 2dn and hence lost dots.

**Slot 4:** This puzzle was generally well completed and had a high success rate, although two solvers who should perhaps know better submitted FRANKO in place of the required Generalissimo.

**Slot 5:** This celebrated the two 2013 centenaries of crosswords and Canberra. A device for highlighting the Nina of a CENTENARY OF CROSSWORDS in the grid was the cause of grief for a number of solvers who failed both to parse the (admittedly unchecked) clue (see p10) and to see its significance in the grid. GO, OF, ON, FL (?) and OO were offered in place of the OF. Incorrect solutions to MALAYS was another reason for some failures where the definition was "Eastern people" and, "in France", *malaise* (illness) provided the cause of absenteeism, representing a homophone, indicated by "reported".

**COTM:** No less than 25 clues over all grids 1 to 5 were proposed for COTM with 22 votes for clues in slot 3 and 11 for clues in slot 3. Congratulations to *Blue King* and *Aristides*. But their clues receiving the highest number of votes (WATERY and WOOFER respectively) were narrowly beaten by *Manveru's* BIRTHDAYS in Slot 1. A fitting win by our Clue-Writing Competition guru.

**COTY:** A number of members nominated "all compilers who gave us pleasure through the year" but the runaway winner, with all but two of the votes cast was again Len Colgan. Congratulations to the *Crowsman*. —Kay Williams

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	98	89	88	101	83	459
Correct entries	75	61	62	94	63	355
Success rate (%)	76.5	68.5	70.5	93.1	75.9	77.3
Prizewinners	A Rendell	M Roddick	C Lee	P Dearie	A Jermy	from 102 members

Prizewinner: January 2014 Slots 1-5: Richard Skinner. Congrats!

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### Jan 1-2014

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MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
ALLEN W	.			.	.	.
ANDERSON C	.		.	.	.	.
ARCHIBALD C	.	.	.	.	.	.
AXELSEN U	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARNES J	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARRETT A	.			.		
BAYLIS J	.	.	.	.	.	.
BILKEY C	.	.	.	.	.	.
BENNETT D						.
BLAKE M	.	.	.	.	.	.
CAINE R	.	.	.	.	.	.
CARPENTER R			.	.		
CARROLL L	.	.	.	.	.	.
COATES D	.	.	.	.	.	.
COCKBURN B	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLE G	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLGAN L	.	.	.	.	.	.
COPLAND F				.	.	
COULTON L	.	.	.	.	.	.
COWAN M	.	.	.	.	.	.
CROMER H	.	.	.	.	.	.
DAVIS M	.	.	.	.	.	.
DEARIE P	.	.	.	.	.	.
DE GRYS A	.	.	.	.	.	.
DENNIS M	.	.	.	.	.	.
DINHAM V				.		
DOBELE T	.	.	.	.	.	.
DOUGLAS R	.	.	.	.	.	.
DUCKER R	.	.	.	.	.	.
DYER A	.	.	.	.	.	.
EASON A	.	.	.	.	.	.
FOWLER J	.	.	.	.	.	.
FULLER G	.	.	.	.	.	.
GARNER P	.	.	.	.	.	.

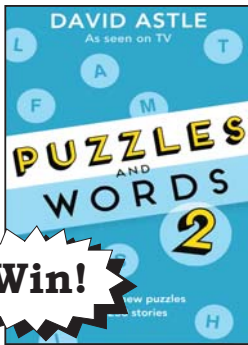
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GOODERICK R	.	.	.	.	.	.
GRAINGER D	.	.	.	.	.	.
GREENBERGER O	.	.	.	.	.	.
HAGAN R	.	.	.	.	.	.
HAMBLING C	.	.	.	.	.	.
HARPER K	.	.	.	.	.	.
HEYES N	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCKING A	.	.	.	.	.	.
HORAN P	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOWELLS S	.	.	.	.	.	.
IBBOTT B	.	.	.	.	.	.
JARMAN L	.	.	.	.	.	.
JERMY A	.	.	.	.	.	.
JONES D	.	.	.	.	.	.
KENNEDY L	.	.	.	.	.	.
KENNEDY M	.	.	.	.	.	.
KNIGHT S	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEE C	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEE N	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEEDS G	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEIGH J	.	.	.	.	.	.
LLOYD G	.	.	.	.	.	.
LOBSEY V	.	.	.	.	.	.
LORD P	.	.	.	.	.	.
LOW R	.	.	.	.	.	.
McCLELLAND C	.	.	.	.	.	.
McGRATH J	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKENZIE I	.	.	.	.	.	.
McMANUS D	.	.	.	.	.	.
McPHERSON T	.	.	.	.	.	.
MARTIN A	.	.	.	.	.	.
MARTIN F	.	.	.	.	.	.
MASON I	.	.	.	.	.	.
MEEK D	.	.	.	.	.	.
MERCER P	.	.	.	.	.	.

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
MILES A	.	.	.	.	.	.
NOBLE C	.	.	.	.	.	.
O'BRIEN, Eileen	.	.	.	.	.	.
PARSONS D	.	.	.	.	.	.
PATTERSON A	.	.	.	.	.	.
PERROW H	.	.	.	.	.	.
PINDER S	.	.	.	.	.	.
POTTS M	.	.	.	.	.	.
PROCTER D	.	.	.	.	.	.
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QUINN C	.	.	.	.	.	.
RENDELL A	.	.	.	.	.	.
RODDICK M	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROULSTON S	.	.	.	.	.	.
RYAN W	.	.	.	.	.	.
SHIELD A	.	.	.	.	.	.
SIEGMAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.
SIMONS A	.	.	.	.	.	.
SKINNER R	.	.	.	.	.	.
STEINBERGER M	.	.	.	.	.	.
STOREY N	.	.	.	.	.	.
SYMONS B	.	.	.	.	.	.
TAYLOR R	.	.	.	.	.	.
TAYLOR S	.	.	.	.	.	.
THOMPSON I	.	.	.	.	.	.
TOFONI B	.	.	.	.	.	.
WALTER A	.	.	.	.	.	.
WILCOX C	.	.	.	.	.	.
WILLIAMS K&I	.	.	.	.	.	.
WIMBUSH R	.	.	.	.	.	.
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**Half 'n Half**  
by  
**InGrid**

**Prize:**



**Win!**

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**Across**

- 1 Framed on horse (7)
- 5 Immature whine embodies returning wrath (7)
- 9 Free peels start from head to foot (5)
- 10 Raindrop angel perhaps (9)
- 11 Praise neat oxtail soup (10)
- 13 Originally seen in long term deposit (4)
- 15 Fluid expulsion accommodating (7)
- 16 Not on strike when unexpected (7)
- 18 Do alter silly garment (7)
- 20 Encroachment onto popular highways perhaps (7)
- 22 Staunch spring (4)
- 23 Daring in measure of church relevance (10)
- 25 Send native into a type of depression? (9)
- 27 Guarantee not right to follow (5)
- 28 Studio messy, I relate (7)
- 29 Road songs providing surprises (7)

**Down**

- 1 Fat lemurs becoming imperious (9)
- 2 Ignorant organisation is sensitive (7)
- 3 Extravagant article on a minor, losing 6 for 100 (10)
- 4 Back block bird (3)
- 5 Road soil got lost by medical examiner perhaps? (11)
- 6 To hear noun has merit (4)
- 7 Dream picture held in (7)
- 8 Each lead to regularly acclaim (5)
- 12 Current dog leader (11)
- 14 Letterhead very short of nerve (10)
- 17 Plain and inelegant (9)
- 19 Supervise six balls by escort (7)
- 21 Men baffled in continent with memory loss (7)
- 22 Copies back over one tint (5)
- 24 Against being held in the meantime (4)
- 26 Blue moo (3)

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## Cryptic by Virgo



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### Across

- 3 Posh occupying Britain, returned to bother (3)
- 8 Pet for Reg coming back with a short beak (6)
- 9 One house following Bible results in enclosures (8)
- 10 Soldiers in Mount Cook found relic of the past (8)
- 11 More than one of the staff are dishonest people (6)
- 13 Initially, word of mouth gets measure of ladies (5)
- 15 A kind of movement in my chops stirring (9)
- 18 Duty list with nothing in it gets the bird (7)
- 20 In excitement of emergency room – out, yet still in the womb! (2,5)
- 21 Sensible at this time with Latin power, competent too (9)
- 24 There's logic in a touch, for example (5)
- 28 Rock Hudson in 101 Dalmatians, perhaps (6)
- 30 Jumping for work on ceiling (8)
- 32 Birds with grudge, two ways (8)
- 33 The gang from the garage at the opera? (6)
- 34 Hasten to be among the achievers (3)

### Down

- 1 Range of knowledge has zero numbers drawn (4)

- 2 Dense old boy with suet pudding (6)
- 3 Though not 'marooned' they're still down! (5)
- 4 Noblemen lose direction — get a support! (6)
- 5 Minor problem with chip? You see audio problem (6)
- 6 Depart having delivered real moue (5,3)
- 7 Make a bow at the water (4)
- 10 Cut back more than half of 13 (3)
- 12 Bag found in Massachusetts (3)
- 14 Love empty shape! (5)
- 15 Curbs twisted bush (5)
- 16 Crop one in puzzle (5)
- 17 Welshman said, "Risk sandwiches" (5)
- 19 Go swiftly to catch first of Steinway instruments (8)
- 21 Remains of seashell (3)
- 22 Sailor's turn on the road? How silly! (6)
- 23 It's wasteful to whip about half a dozen (6)
- 25 A diner unknown in the mess (6)
- 26 Easter symbol may be mine! (3)
- 27 O.J. American gas! (5)
- 29 14 disheartened poet (4)
- 31 Carol and Leon drunk (4)

### GENERAL COMMENTS:

- I send my best wishes for the Festive season to all the ACC stalwarts who do so much to make the ACC such a thriving concern. I would also like to express my admiration at the way in which Patrick can get the Crozworld out so promptly. *John Baylis*
- Many thanks for the book and certificate for the Clue Writing Competition. Noel Jessop's book is an interesting addition to my crossword library. Best wishes for 2014: I hope it will be another successful year for the ACC. *Roger Douglas*
- Thank you and the Executive Committee for your kind note and gift of a pen. I very much enjoy being a member of The Australian Crossword Club. I fear the pen will not make my brain function improve but I am sure I will look more elegant completing my crosswords. Wishing all at the ACC the best for a happy and prosperous new year. *Eileen O'Brien*
- What a lovely surprise I got today on receipt of the pen. A nice gesture. Thank you. I look forward to the puzzles each month. I am glad some of the compilers cannot hear me venting my frustration but I will not give up. *Barbara Glissan*
- Thankyou for the bumper issue of Crozworld. It will keep me busy while I watch Cricket and Tennis: a great way to spend the Summer. The pen was a surprise too — thank you. *Valerie Howard*
- Thank you so much for the surprise gift which arrived with the crosswords. What a lovely idea to give an inscribed pen to make members feel special. *Cheryl Gleeson*
- Delighted to receive 'the' pen in the mail. Many thanks. Shame there aren't some hidden answers in the cap. *Veniece Lobsey*
- Many thanks for my Dec. slot 3 book prize by Noel Jessup. A lovely Xmas present. Hopefully it will provide assistance in solving the ACC challenging puzzles. I wish all the staff & members of Crozworld a Happy & Healthy 2014. *Charlie Quinn*

FEBRUARY  
2014  
SLOT | 3

# Cryptic

by  
**Jesso**

Prize:



Book Prize kindly donated  
by Claire Batum

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**Across**

- 1 Medical specialist's parent going into base on the first (14)
- 10 Southern one intent to run about briskly! (7)
- 11 Corrupting influences take six tricks (7)
- 12 Facilitated smooth table marking (5)
- 14 Lost again, somehow longing for the past (9)
- 15 Taking off? Ring about Greek character at church (9)
- 17 Nuddy little boys set it back (5)
- 18 Rover to signify assent about graduate (5)
- 20 Wolf boy that is second servant (6-3)
- 22 Charging about, regretting about silence (9)
- 25 Swell of southern impetus (5)
- 26 Ditch is patterned in two lines (7)
- 27 Drink it in arm-wrestling? (7)
- 29 Pets can be the definition of a falling back (10,4)

**Down**

- 2 An aid to listening to lead group (7)
- 3 Geographic plan starts off much ado and panic (3)
- 4 Some impromptu rings place in Italy (5)
- 5 Contemplated a face in the finish (9)
- 6 A tenor tune returned in entrance halls (5)
- 7 Things the author developed for discernment (7)
- 8 Savanna limited development for the dasyure (9,5)
- 9 Climbing pass from bottom to top (9,5)
- 13 Gambled and passed over about a hundred (5)
- 16 State to know of old woman's unfriendly character (3-6)
- 17 Spire rebuilt with arch supports (5)
- 19 Impressionist to argue about gentleman rising (9)
- 21 More about own Scottish glacial deposit (7)
- 23 County is rising about Liberal move (5)
- 24 Bet a match, then 500 (5)
- 28 Legal thing in press centre (3)

**GENERAL COMMENTS (cont'd):**

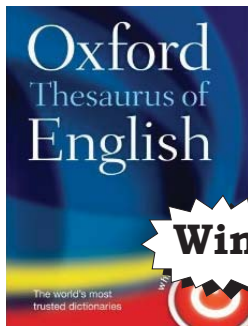
- Many thanks for the ACC pen. I am in constant need of pens. My husband says when in hundreds of years time archaeologists are excavating our block they will say, "Ah, this must have been a pen factory." Although I think now that they will suppose it to be a reading glasses store!  
*Ro Ducker*
- Many thanks to the team who put together the brilliant CrOZworld magazine throughout the year.  
*Laurence Kennedy*
- Happy New Year to all cruciverbalists. Thank you so much for my early Christmas present of the *Oxford Thesaurus*. It's weighty in more ways than one – a great help with exercising both brain cells and biceps!  
*Lynne Coulton*
- Thank you for last month's Slot 7 prize and certificate. I intend buying the *Reverse Dictionary*.  
*Graeme Cole*
- A great selection for the holiday period and when added to puzzles 6 and 7 more than enough to keep us busy. When the quiz and extras are added in we have barely had time to watch the cricket and the tennis! Choice for COTM is tough, as always. Winner is Slot 3, 6dn/23dn, as picking the anagram from the solution seems pretty smart to me. Plus I haven't heard of a fine-tooth comb since I was a lad in England.  
*Richard Skinner*
- An enjoyable set of puzzles with slots 2 & 3 being the most challenging. My vote for COTM goes to slot 3 for A FINE-TOOTH COMB. I almost gave my vote to *Blue King's VALEDICTORIES* (15ac) in Slot 2. There were several other great clues in this slot. *Ian Thompson*
- I have to say that this month's puzzles had a lot of inaccuracies, in my opinion. Possibly just honest mistakes, but only *Manveru's* could I finish with some conviction.  
*Andrew Patterson*
- Many thanks for my November slot 6 prize of the *Oxford Dictionary of English*. A more than fitting replacement for my well-thumbed, and slightly mouldy(!), *Concise Oxford*.  
*Dave Parsons*
- Found some of this month's puzzles quite hard, especially Slot 2. A big thank you to the Club for my prize for the Creature Features Quiz. It'll come in very useful after the expense of Christmas.  
*Marian Procter*
- A pleasant new year of crosswording to all members. May the next 100 years still see these puzzles thriving.  
*Alan Walter*



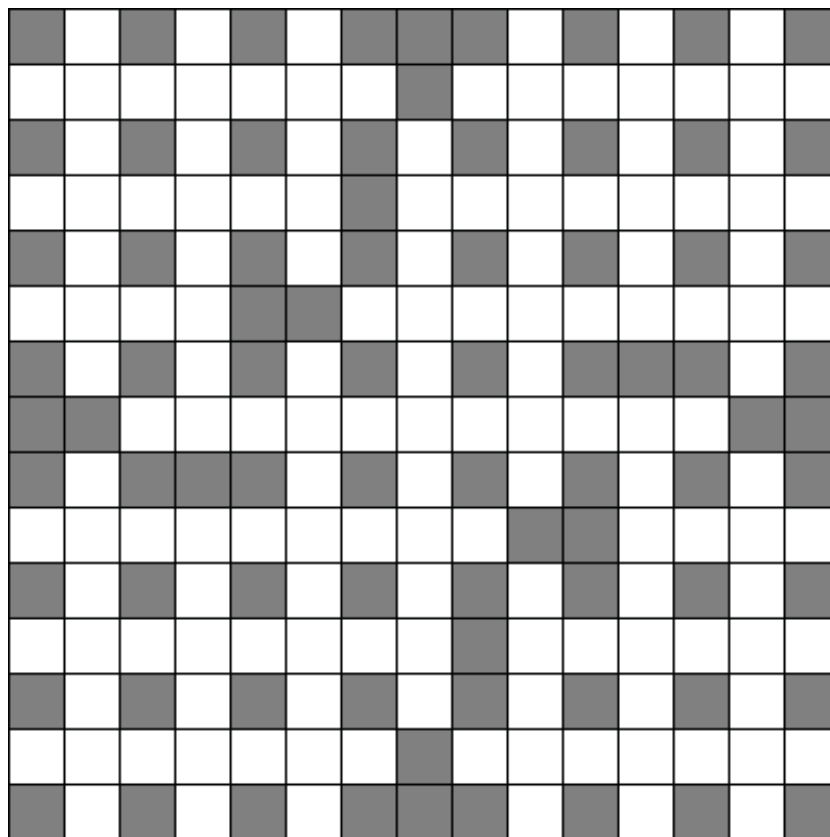
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Prize:



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



- A** Dictator once discovered apocalyptic horseman? (4)
- B** Paralytic agent, regularly blotto, wants a hug and a kiss (5)
- C** Bent cop maintains rights, leading uniform taskforce at first (7)
- D** Re-appearance of Tardis starts to clearly and totally confuse (8)
- E** Leave cranky producer to secure Brando's lead (8)
- F** Kings and Queens possibly scared to reform following strong current of change (4,5)
- G** Make-up gear re-order isn't commonly placed after September (11)
- H** Farmhouses had a nice renovation prior to start of sale (9)
- I** ABC TV (5,3)
- J** Note upset mimes after judge forces entry through (7)
- K** Takes a minor part in *The Body Code* and sleeps around (7)
- L** Janet (of *Psycho* fame) drew in the audience in *Force Of Nature* (3,4)
- M** Young actress O'Neal returned last from costume change (6)
- N** A vessel known to be matching ones existing at the time (5,3)
- O** Humming a tune while working? (2,4)
- P** Some hesitancy confronted Edward after inexperienced drivers crashed (9)
- Q** Stop rather short (4)
- R** X possibly shows restricted zone outside golf course (4,3)
- S** Millions leave a very poor area cold and drained (7)
- T** Excluded volunteers sounded very displeased (7)
- U** Last month's result I more or less covered (6)
- V** Deputies' personal problems overshadow extremely grave split (11)
- W** Fed instead with dentures remoulded (3-6)
- X** Element 100, reactive? (5)
- Y** Of course, internet service provider's backers are coming last before now (6)
- Z** Very keen on redirecting a canal around old city in America (7)

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2014:**

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**OXFORD WORD OF THE YEAR**

**Oxford Dictionaries** has named "selfie" – which had its humble beginnings in a post on ABC Online more than a decade ago – as its word of the year. Usage of the word has increased 17,000 per cent over the past 12 months, said the publisher of the mammoth *Oxford English Dictionary* (OED), which is styled as the definitive record of the English language. The word beat other 2013 buzzwords such as "twerk", "bitcoin" and "showrooming".

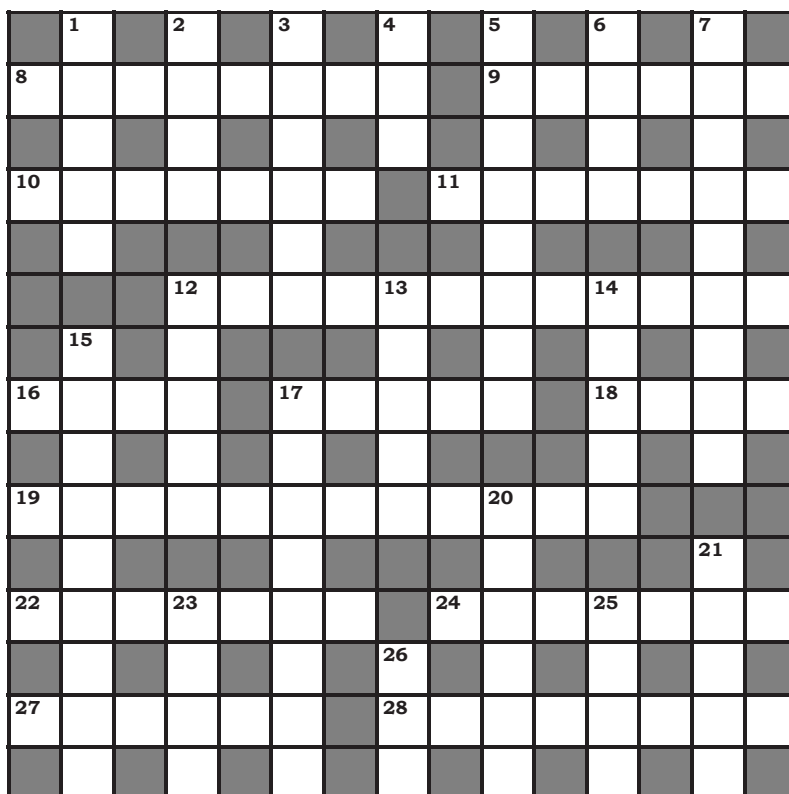


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## Missing in Action

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Across solutions require the missing word to complete a familiar expression or phrase. In each of these clues the definition refers to the whole expression but the subsidiary indication (and the word length indication) omits the word. Down clues are normal.

### Across

- 8 Bonnie Tyler sang it to the Brits across the Channel ... (2,6)
- 9 ... where European representative in small territory had tantrum (6)
- 10 See 19
- 11 Bender perhaps on Saturday **and** Sunday (7)
- 12 **and 18** One having MIT hose fittings re-engineered so long ago (2,3,5,2,4)
- 16 Italian found in Cyprus – legendary place (4)
- 17 No memory of family of parsnips, perhaps (5)
- 18 See 12
- 19 **and 10** Eight cheerleaders match up arrangement for narration of early life (1,2,9,2,5)
- 22 Got cross and put article to bed (3,4)
- 24 Utopian Capra movie gives warning about one Himalayan hybrid beast (7)
- 27 Went mad about a child (6)
- 28 Quality possessions left on bus, perhaps (8)

- 3 The origin of The Blob becomes apparent when The Blob expels sulphur (6)
- 4 Follow loveless leader in Turkey (3)
- 5 Blocked passages result when Troy, Rex & Earl are incontinent, son? (8)
- 6 Wild morning cooking with gas (4)
- 7 Advises again to check paperwork (9)
- 12 A month in Israel for a bit of DIY yard work (5)
- 13 Unconfined nymph to abscond (5)
- 14 Ownership status (5)
- 15 I'll hew elm to make a driver (9)
- 17 Breakdown service company covering small animals (8)
- 20 Hocks old mashed vegetables (6)
- 21 Important vessel capsized in "The Mouse That Roared" (5)
- 23 Fake offer (4)
- 25 One born out of goat (4)
- 26 Asparagus in spring? Quite the reverse! (3)

### Down

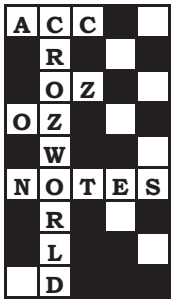
- 1 Supply blended nudie (5)
- 2 Lake in the middle of chain (4)

**Note:**  
Allow at least 3 days prior to closing date to ensure posted solutions arrive in time.

**Post Solution to:**

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Closing mail date: 14 March 2014





**Results for Quiz No 12/2013. Laminare by Brian Symons.**

**Answers:** 1 XOanon; 2 WORCestershire; 3 UNGainly; 4 TWENTy; 5 TARNish; 6 TANGERine; 7 TACiturn; 8 TABloid; 9 SIBillant; 10 PSAlterium; 11 MARQuee; 12 MALContent; 13 LEERy; 14 KLEptomania; 15 IATrogenic; 16 FLOWer; 17 FLACcid; 18 EPAulette; 19 DRIBble or DRIBlet; 20 BARCarolle.

**Entries:** 17. Winner Julie Leigh — Congratulations.

20: U Axelsen, R Caine, L Colgan, P Dearie, D Jones, J Leigh, A Miles, R Moline, M Procter, I Thompson and K Watt.  
19: B Cockburn, C McClelland, C Noble, B Siegman, R Taylor and A Walter.

**Adjudicator's comment:**

There were few problems once it was realised LANIMATED started with reversed animal (clued by reverse alphabetical order) and a preparedness for a bit of guided dictionary trawl. There were two misspellings *marquis* and *barcarole*. It was commented that TAI was a very obscure animal. It was! AI was meant an animal beloved by crossword/Scrabble addicts. —*Brian Symons*

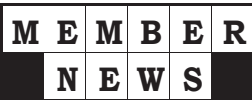
**Explanations to January Grids. Thanks to Michael, Roy, Alan and Roger**

**Slot 1 Manveru.** Down: 1 PA+USING, 2 inTENTION with AT replacing IN, 3 n(EARLY), 4 Anag of ENUNCIATOR minus O, 5 PRO(P)S(e), 6 A+DO, 7 Containment, 8 CR(e)ATE+S, 13 Containment - nEXT RAMbo, 15 S(p)Y, 17 Cryptic, 18 m(OTHER)+WISE, 19 Anag of O+POEMS after C, 21 Anag of SAILS around NG, 23 Double definition, 24 s(OFTEN), 25 Anag of SCARE, 28 Homoph.

**Slot 2 Blue King.** Across: 7 (F + FORE + PAT) >, 9 CLOT + HE, 10 Me! Me! (selfish), 11 KEY + HOLES + AW(e), 12 H2O (NATO abbrev) + Y (Spanish for "and")., 14 NUT + CASES, 15 V + (ALE + DI) C + TORIES, 17 EGG's + HELL, 19 RE + NOIR, 21 (MOURN AMISH)\*, 22 DD, 23 (C + THINE)\*, 24 homoph. Down: 1 "In-CAMERA" - in-, 2 DD, 3 COCK + EYED, 4 AC + COST, 5 T (OLE) + RATION, 6 A is lowered in ACHE > CHEA > PENS, 8 Cryptic def, 13 (NESTLE MINT)\*, 15 VA + GRANTS, 16 (GOES)\* around R + SES, 18 EU + NU + CH, 20 stITCHED, 22 (So GrUbBy) >.

**Slot 3 Aristides.** Across 1 P(HE + AS)ANTS, 6 dd, 9 dd, 10 anag. 11 mobile; S + PRY, 12 DE + FACE + MENT, 14 homoph, 15 WOO + FER, 17 TOO + DAB > 18 B(R)ITCHES 21 anag., 22 WHO + A, 24 anag., TUNED\* around RA 25 dd, 26 E + LO + IN, 27 (AND BE)\* in SUED\*. Down: 1 PER + USES, 2 Cryptic def, 3 SA + RI, 4 NA + SCENCE, 5 (WE SAY)\* around A, 6,23 (BOTH FOOTMEN + CIA)\*, 7 Cryptic def, 8 (SORTED + R)\*, 13 FLEA + BIT + TEN, 16; TRI(LOB)ED, 17 TORT + UR + E, 19 anag. ,20 L + AND + AU.

**Slot 4 Zythum.** Across: A (h)ARBOUR, B (REV)ET, C ANN(e)ABIN, D (RYE) RS, E (MISER GOT)\*, F DD, GUILD ER S, HA (I) RD + O, I (SAIL RE)\*, JA UNTIE R, Keel\* around (Bri)TT(any), L (LADS WERE)\*, M DD, N + EURO + TIC, O BOIL\* + GhEe, P VISIT\* inside POE, QUA RT + (V)ER(A) + F + IN + A + LIST, RED (NECK) S, S (reds lust)\*, T (LIB AGENT)\*, U (D)UKE + LE + (f)LES(h), VE Nix < G, W (THE SOFT RACE)\*, X SEX < around BE + C, Y (East) S, ZIP + OIL\*.



**New Members:** We extend a warm welcome to **Lyn Woollett** from Bronte NSW and **Keith Potten** from Waitara NSW (a Membership Gift from Alison Shield), **Nick Duggan** from Towrang

NSW (a Membership Gift from Bob Hagan), **Anitra Ross** from Bardon Qld (a Membership Gift from Catherine Jones) and **Roger Reynolds** from Willoughby NSW. Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworliding!*

**Puzzle Adjustments:**

- Susan Howells gained a perfect score (25 correct answers) in Quiz No 11/2013.
- Tony de Grys and Lynn Jarman gained dots for December 2013 slots 1, 2, 3, 4 and W. Allen, C. Bilkey, D. McManus and C. Wilcox gained dots for slot 4.

**A message from David Stickley:**

David Stickley has released a set of 25 puzzles that were published in 2004 in NSW only. Called Stickler Boxed Set 1, they have been fully updated and globalised and are available in three formats: eBook (A4 PDF), printed and bound, and as an app for mobile devices and tablets. Clue help and worked solutions for individual puzzles are available on David's website ([www.stickler.com.au](http://www.stickler.com.au)) which makes them perfect for those learning to solve or those teaching U3A classes and the like. This is your chance to experience *The Stickler*, the only Australian daily 15x15 cryptic to appear in News Ltd papers in the last 15 years. Please visit [www.stickler.com.au](http://www.stickler.com.au) and click on Stickler Boxed Sets for more information.

A note to solvers from February Adjudicator Veniece Lobsey. "Our mail delivers about 8am."

**MACQUARIE DICTIONARY Word of the Year 2013**

Showrooming, freedom camping, eye tracking, one-punch law, yolo or mud run? This is just a taste of the new entries for 2013. Voting for the annual event closes at midnight 31 January 2014. What will this year's winners be? Visit: <http://www.macquariedictionary.com.au/resources/view/word/of/the/year/>

**Quiz No 2/2014 Plus Two by Fortuna 48**

Each answer comprises 2 words, each of which is defined in the clue. Answers must be given with the shorter word first, although the clue might order them differently. For example "Frown at a wise bird (3,5) = Owl, Scowl". Answers are not 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 14 March 2014. Book prize.

- 1 A bit of a fight (3,5)
- 2 Snake's bag (5,7)
- 3 Telephone Debtor (4,6)
- 4 Long note for First Lady (3,5)
- 5 Climb up traffic light (5,7)
- 6 City of shiny metal (4,6)
- 7 Trefoil on top (4,6)
- 8 Metal Task (3,5)
- 9 Sick of exercise (3,5)
- 10 Request a bottle (3,5)
- 11 Monkey Fruit (3,5)
- 12 Seize a snake (3,5)
- 13 Relax with lubricant (4,6)
- 14 Toll Measure (3,5)
- 15 Brown paper behind (3,5)
- 16 Promise of advantage (4,6)
- 17 Defrauding a restaurant (6,8)
- 18 Contraction of skating area (4,6)
- 19 Cut a tree (3,5)
- 20 Thread of currency (4,6)
- 21 Metal fish (3,5)
- 22 Long to sew (4,6)
- 23 Crude bit of hay (3,5)
- 24 Clever painting (3,5)
- 25 Rituals for elves (5,7)
- 26 Proclaim to everyone (4,6)
- 27 Doctrine of crystal form (3,5)
- 28 Tear a narrow piece of material (3,5)
- 29 Measure enchantment (3,5)
- 30 Dress Lighting (4,6)
- 31 Fish not allowed (3,5)
- 32 Final fashion (3,5)

## January 1-2014: Half 'n Half by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

• The Half 'n' Half is a nice brainstarter. And that does not mean it was easy! 22ac/23dn combination had me thinking for a while.  
*Alan Dyer*

• Some excellent clues. My favourites, because of their good surfaces, are 5dn (PROPS), 8dn (CREATES), 19dn (COMPOSE) and 24dn (OFTEN).  
*Chris Bilkey*

• Nice clues as always from Manveru. 8dn CREATES I think very clever and hardest, with 17dn BIRTHDAYS my pick.  
*Tony Dobebe*

• A nicely balanced puzzle appropriate to Slot 1. No problems here.  
*Andrew Patterson*

• Liked the (not) self-referential seventh down clue.  
*Rob Moline*

• Excellent clues, but in 5ac, is a short story "prose"?  
*Doreen Jones*

## January 2-2014: Cryptic by Blue King (Roy Low)

• Hated the top left-hand corner. I'm sure I've got it wrong, but had to put in an entry after all those hours of thinking.  
*Roy Taylor*

• Can't pick out 1dn (CAMERA) from the clue, although I am confident (by the definition) it is the right answer. 12ac (WATERY) is very clever and one of my candidates for COTM.  
*Alan Dyer*

• Some excellent clues mixed with a few that I'm not so sure about. 12ac: (WATERY) Nice variation on an old classic. 19ac: (RENOIR) Very clever! 23ac: (ETHNIC) Problems with this one, I'm afraid. "Ethnic" doesn't mean "cultural group"; one's an adjective and the other is a noun. And there is a secondary indicator (your old = thine = ethni when mixed). Or am I missing something? 1dn: (CAMERA, I think!) If I've got it right, I can't parse it. Help please! 3dn: (COCKEYED) The answer is an adjective; obliquely is an adverb. 6dn: (CHEAPENS) Lovely clue!  
*Chris Bilkey*

• NW corner hard, not helped by my trying to fit MERELY into 12ac. Some very creative clues – what's an EGG'S HELL – the knife used to break the shell, an omelette pan, a whisk? Indirect anag at 23ac? Not sure a vaulted roof makes a round building for CAMERA.  
*Tony Dobebe*

• 7ac – 'echoing' applies to sound and nothing else. 12ac – surface? 23ac – is this an indirect anagram of 'thine' with 'c'? 'Ethnic' describes a group but is not a group. It may be a person. Least favourite clue of the month. *Andrew Patterson*  
• 23ac: disappointed to see yet another secondary anagram in a published puzzle. I think we should maintain the convention against such types of clues.  
*Drew Meek*

## January 3-2014: Cryptic by Aristides (Alan Eason)

• I liked 6ac (ADDER) – very inventive. 17ac, however, is a bit perplexing. I have TOO BAD as the answer but that means having "too" in both the clue and the solution. I'm looking forward to seeing the solutions.  
*Ulla Axelsen*

• Enjoyably difficult, although some choices made easier once I figured "deletement" is not a word! Perhaps 26ac is 24ac? My 17ac (TOO BAD) is a guess – it fits the definition of "stiff!" but I can't fit "too" in the clue (except for literally, which then contradicts the "said to be" indicator).  
*Alan Dyer*

• Some terrific clues. My favourites: 15ac: (WOOFER) A clever and cute clue. 22ac: (WHOA) Again, clever clue with a good surface. 6/23dn: (A FINE TOOTH-COMB) Elegant surface with an excellent anagram. 20dn: (LANDAU) Again, a first-class surface makes this an elegant clue.  
*Chris Bilkey*

• The hardest clue this month, and incidentally one that we still think we have wrong was 17ac. We have run through a variety of possibilities including Two way, Too pat and Too bad.  
*Julie Leigh*

• 24ac – great definition – nice idea for wordplay needs polishing. 4dn "NASCENCE" for COTM. A really smooth surface for an elegant word.  
*Roy Low*

• My COTM is WOOFER (although 14ac was a very close second).  
*Alison Martin*

• Did not know the two musical references but after checking recognized 'Hello muddah, hello faddeh' from *Dance of the Hours!* Back to the days when bobs were shillings and people wore britches. Some innovative clues. Can you have a single SOAP SUD?  
*Tony Dobebe*

• 5dn – is 'the aged' equal to 'a', so having SEAWAY? [Given as an abbreviation of "aged" in Macquarie relating to a horse. Adj]. 19dn – is not in singular form in Chambers.  
*Andrew Patterson*

• Took forever to see Bob=S(hilling) in SPRY. Bit unsure about 17ac, TOO BAD? Seems to be too too many to and too words in the clue, but otherwise very enjoyable.  
*Rob Moline*

• Is "appears" necessary in this clue? [Only in the sense that the solution "appears" after the wordplay – Adj]. In 17ac all I can think of for this answer is TOO BAD, but I fear that it is not correct. [AOK – Adj].  
*Doreen Jones*

• 17ac I assume to be "Too bad" defined by Stiff but said to be Too would indicate To or Two and tap back is dab reversed. Am I dumb (I live in Qld)? If so – too bad!  
*Jim Fowler*

## January 4-2014: AJ by Zythum (Roger Douglas)

• What a relief after struggling through Slots 2 and 3!  
*Roy Taylor*

• I always enjoy a good AJ.  
*Alan Dyer*

• This contains a consistently high quality of clues. My favourite is V: (VEXING) Great surface with a satisfying result.  
*Chris Bilkey*

• VEXING – great wordplay: the pick of the puzzle. *Roy Low*

• Anagrams are not my favourite clue unless the anagind is devious – SAILRE 'moved' is brilliant!  
*Tony Dobebe*

• ERGOTISM is poisoning not a fungal disease.  
*Andrew Patterson*

• Liked VEXING, but QUARTER-FINALIST?  
*Rob Moline*

## January 5-2014: Tons Up! by Fortuna 48 (Nea Storey)

[A comment was made on the asymmetrical grid. This was the Editor's suggestion to highlight one of the centenaries using OF without doing to much violence to the original grid and clues. Sorry if the idea misfired. IW]

• Generally good. I felt the cluing for 25ac (DIAMANTE) was a bit obscure ("an honour" = IAM?). I can't believe it took me so long to get 5dn (CANBERRA), although the "in" in the clue might have hindered! 13dn (MAJOR AXES) and 21dn (STALAG) were also on my list of possible COTMS.  
*Alan Dyer*

• A few clues that are a bit too obvious (1ac, 23ac, 6dn, 22dn, for example). On the other hand, some gems. I particularly liked 14dn (HANDSTAND). Very elegant.  
*Chris Bilkey*

• Nice effort with imaginative clueing, I really liked 21dn.  
*Roy Low*

• A nice celebration of the Centenary of Crosswords.  
*Tony Dobebe*

• Why 'in France' in 3dn? ["Malaise" in French is an actual indisposition rather than "uneasiness" in English as defined in Chambers – Adj]. In 24dn, H is hearts not 'heart'.  
*Andrew Patterson*

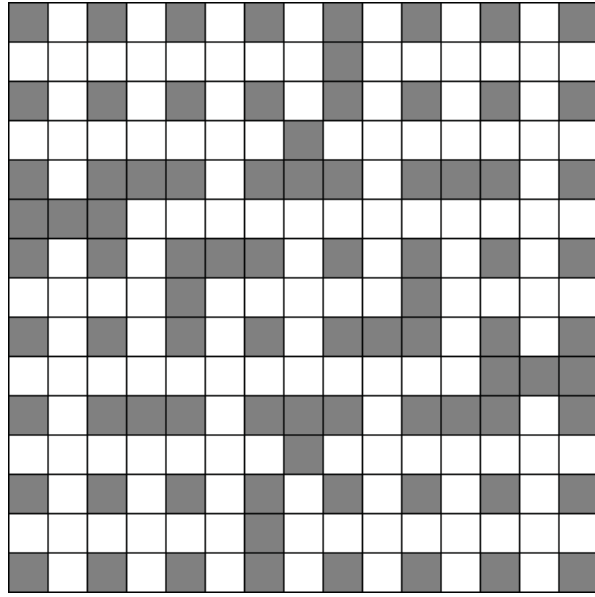
• Bit annoyed with the unchecked word in slot 5, so have just inserted a logical (to me!) answer based on part of the clue. I very much doubt it's correct, though [See note above: the word is unchecked, but OF is listed as an abbreviation of "Oddfellow" in Chambers and a bit off "off" also gives the required letters – Adj].  
*Dave Parsons*

• Other conventions, diagonal symmetry and answers intersecting other answers, out the window and I don't think working "centenary of crosswords" into the grid is sufficient justification for this.  
*Drew Meek*

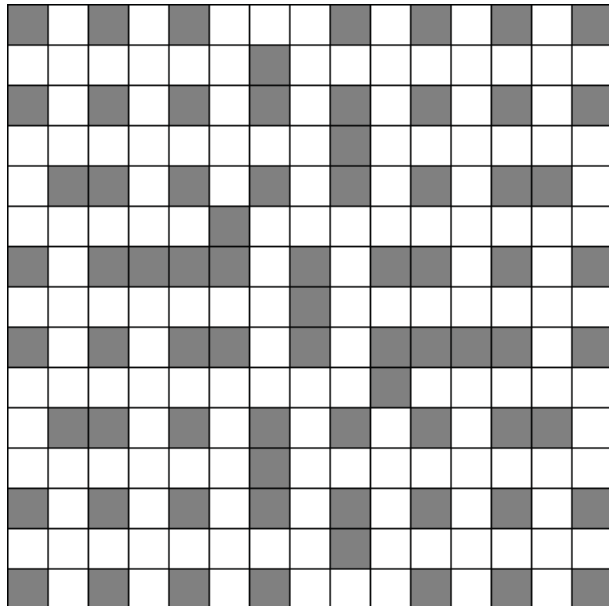
• #5 is getting a bit high in the black/white ratio – my calc is 37% black. This came up some years ago, as I recall, and has been very good of late. Not a massive whinge, just an expression of mild surprise.  
*Jim Fowler*

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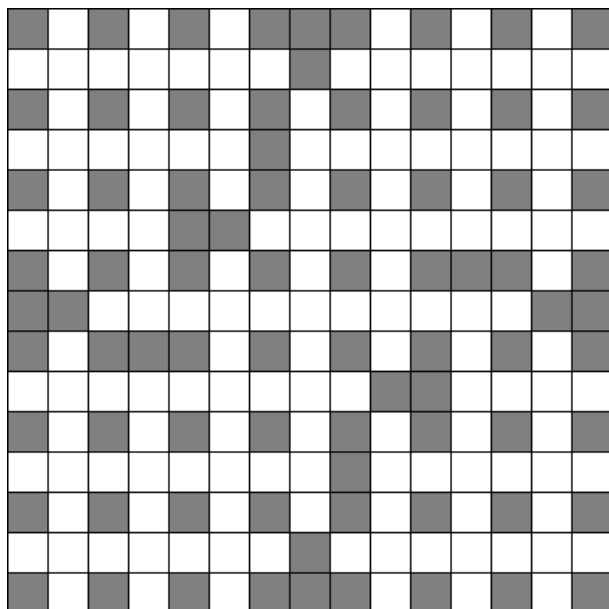
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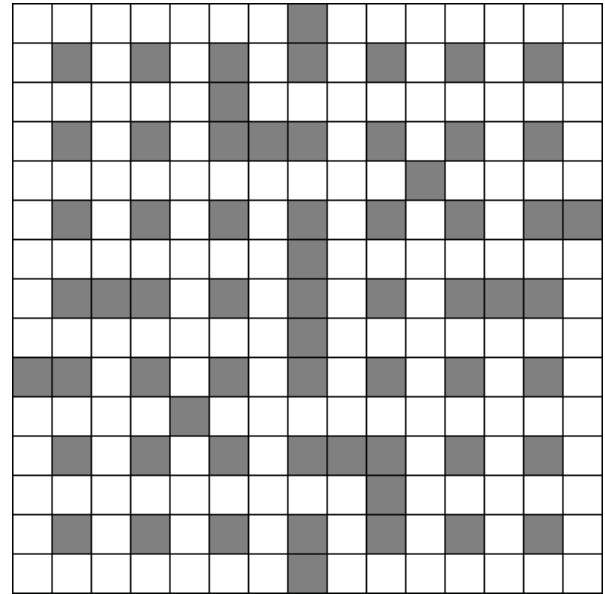
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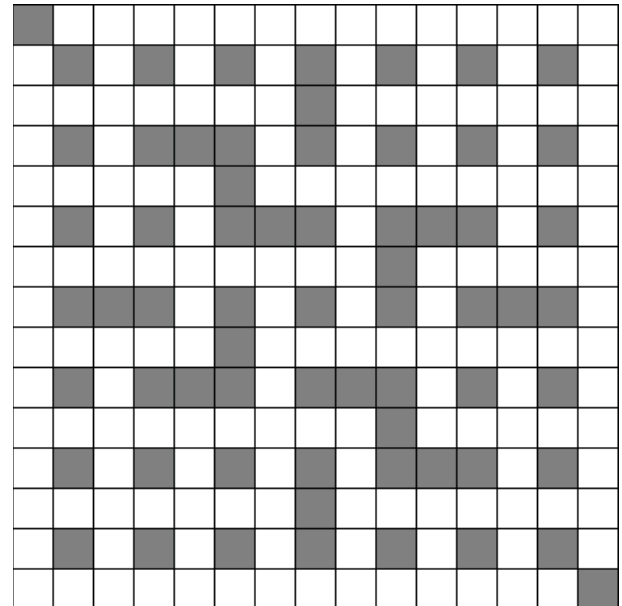
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See p12 for Solution Grid to slot 5

Clue of the Month .....

December 6-2013: Cryptic by *Flowerman* (Ian Thompson)

Results: Entries 52; Correct 47; Success rate: 90.4%.

Winner: Cheryl Wilcox. Congratulations!

Errors: PHANTASMAGORIC, NISSAN, IMAGERS, GRAZE.

**Adjudicator's report:**

Thank-you members for your entries and comments. It was pleasing to have a high success rate. The 47 successful entrants included an anonymous one from N.S.W. (based on postcode). For two solutions, AGGRANDISEMENT and APPRISE, alternative spellings using Z were fine. The only error that was repeated was putting the adjective PHANTASMAGORIC in 1ac rather than the noun (see word play explanations). —*Flowerman* (Ian Thompson)

**Explanations: Across:** 1 Anag. + A...; 9 RE[PRES(s) + ..E]NT; 10 S(L)ANG, & lit.; 11 Rev. I + (y)LIAD; 12 WATER + BEAR; 13 OVER + EASY; 15 LIB(..Y, -.r)A + N; 17 I + C.. + E.. + UPS; 19 GING(er)LY + rev. MI; 22 UN + DER + TAKE; 23 Homoph.; 24 Rev. hidden, partial & lit.; 25 Anag. + (-)E; 26 AC + COMPLI(SH)MENT. **Down:** 1 Anag. + SLY; 2 A + P + PRISE; 3 T + WEED; 4 Alt. \_ST\_EP\_WI\_SE\_; 5 AS(TUT) E(-); 6 (j)OB + SERVING; 7 I(MAG)E + R(-)Y; 8 Homoph.; 14 Anag.; 16 LITERA(l) + TI(p); 18 Homoph. EID + rev. ETIC; 20 Anag. (R and O from abbr.); 21 Rev. (BAN + GUP); 23 G(rev. RAP)H.

**Solvers' Comments:**

- A corker from *Flowerman*, with 24ac LATIN, 25ac GUACAMOLE, 26ac ACCOMPLISHMENT, 21dn BANG-UP being my favourite clues. A great grid and exemplary surface readings. The clue for STEPWISE originally left me with mixed feelings, but in retrospect I now like it! Thank you Ian. *Len Colgan*
- Very pleasing. Liked 24ac LATIN, 26ac ACCOMPLISHMENT, 3dn TWEED, 14dn ESPERANTO, 20dn YEAR ONE. All topped by 23dn GRAPH, excellent! And, as usual, learnt a few new words: INANE as empty, WATER BEAR, GINGLYMI, EIDETIC and GLAIR, which took a bit of finding as my last one in after a dictionary search. *Rob Moline*
- Most enjoyable as ever. GRAPH/GLARE a very tricky corner. *Andrew Miles*
- Some tough clues. Worked out many answers from surrounding letters and definition. Have since worked out all wordplays except 24ac LATIN. Re 18dn, eid was a bit problematic as by itself it is pronounced eed and in EIDETIC the d goes with the 'etic' part. But I got there eventually. I never knew that egg whites were called glair. *Ulla Axelsen*

- I'm amazed at the number of false trails that you laid. *Warren Allen*
- Outstanding. GRAPH was just a beautiful clue. Good and fair and tough – just the thing in front of the cricket. *Raoul*
- Thanks Ian for a wonderful puzzle. *Brian Symons*
- 23ac clue was very clever giving GLARE (glair). So was 3dn giving T + WEED. A very challenging puzzle to solve. Thanks, Ian. *Alan Walter*
- Thanks for an enjoyable puzzle. My favourite clue was 23dn GRAPH, which provided a real eureka moment. *Denis Coates*
- Very challenging slot 6. It took several hours of thought before I managed to get 1ac; the others slowly followed. A very enjoyable exercise. *Bob Hagan*
- Thanks for an interesting puzzle. Didn't know GINGLYMI and regret it will probably fade from memory quite quickly. Nice word tho'. Took me far too long to connect brace and two or pair in 4dn STEPWISE. Nice camouflage. All good wishes for Xmas and the New Year. *Jim Fowler*
- That's one of the more interesting collection of words I've seen in a crossword, and some I've never seen before. If I had to choose a favourite clue, I'd probably go with ESPERANTO for its lovely anagram. *Michael Kennedy*
- Very tricky! *David Grainger*
- Very tricky in part, but ultimately doable. I think I've earned a dot! *Dave Parsons*
- Thanks for your puzzle. The lower half came out okay but the top half held me up for a while. I think I'm now done. I thought STEPWISE was probably the best. YEAR ONE probably my least favourite as I'm not keen on abbreviations as part of anagram fodder. That's just me. *Andrew Patterson*
- Solving *Flowerman's* clues is like finding a way through dense scrub — shafts of light, when they come, are brilliant! OBSERVING was the best of many. Please keep them coming, Ian! *MaxRoddick*
- What an interesting puzzle, Ian. Thank you for introducing me to GINGLYMI – love it. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- I loved 10ac SLANG – very clever, and 19ac GINGLYMI was so neatly clued I got the answer without ever having heard of the word. *Peter Dearie*
- Delighted to complete one of your puzzles; you have been able to baffle me in the past. Did enjoy this cryptic. Love 8dn AGGRANDISEMENT and added to my vocabulary with 19ac GINGLYMI. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Thanks for this puzzle – a couple of curly ones, and thanks for the introduction to WATER BEARS – fascinating stuff! *Michael Potts*
- As a former maths teacher I was annoyed with myself for taking so long to get 23dn GRAPH! Thank you for another enjoyable crossword. *Lesley Carroll*

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## Solutions to Christmas 2013 Bonus Puzzles and Quiz

### Bonus Puzzle 1 Cryptic by *Virgo*

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### Bonus Puzzle 2 AJ by *Kaeila*

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### Bonus Puzzle 3 Cryptic by *Crowsman*

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### Bonus Puzzle 4 Cryptic by *zinzan*

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### Bonus Puzzle 5 Sex Change by *Betelgeuse*

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**Bonus Quiz: Reel Men III by *Virgo*.** 1. Shine 2. The Naked Civil Servant 3. The King 4. The Five Pennies 5. Beyond the Sea 6. Mountains of the Moon 7. All the President's Men 8. The Queen 9. The Gathering Storm 10. The Ten Commandments 11. Heart Beat 12. Jesus Christ Superstar 13. The Legend of 1900 14. De-Lovely or D'Lovely 15. Evita 16. The Last King of Scotland 17. Great Balls of Fire 18. Sunshine 19. Studio 54 20. Pocahontas 21. The Prestige 22. Judgment at Nuremberg 23. The King's Speech.

### As dead as a doornail

#### Meaning

Dead, devoid of life (when applied to people, plants or animals).  
Finished with, unusable (when applied to inanimate objects).

#### Origin

This is old—at least 14C. There's a reference to it in print in 1350, a translation by William Langland of the French poem *Guillaume de Palerne*:

"For but ich haue bote of mi bale I am ded as dorenayl."

Langland also used the expression in the much more famous poem *The Vision of William Concerning Piers Plowman*, circa 1362:

Fey withouten fait is febelore þen nouȝt, And ded as a dore-nayl.  
[Faith without works is feebler than nothing, and dead as a doornail.]

The expression was in widespread colloquial use in England by the 16C, when Shakespeare gave these lines to the rebel leader Jack Cade in *King Henry VI*, Part 2, 1592:

Look on me well: I have eat no meat these five days; yet, come thou and thy five men, and if I do not leave you all as dead as a doornail, I pray God I may never eat grass more.

There are several 'as dead as...' idioms, amongst the most notable examples being 'as dead as a dodo' and 'as dead as mutton'. Dodos and mutton are unquestionably dead, but why doornails are cited as a particular example of deadness isn't so obvious.

Doornails are the large-headed studs that were used in earlier times for strength and more recently as decoration. The practice was to hammer the nail through and then bend the protruding end over to secure it. This process, similar to riveting, was called clenching.

: This may be the source of the 'deadness', as such a nail would be unusable afterwards.

Doornails have been top of the 'as dead as' pops since the 1300s. Perhaps it's time for a 21C upgrade? Given the ubiquity of digital downloads, I'll put in an early bid for 'as dead as a DVD'.

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**The Washington Post published the winning submissions to its yearly neologism contest, in which readers were asked to supply alternate meanings for common words.**

**The winners were:**

1. Coffee (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. Willy-nilly (adj.), impotent.
6. Negligent (adj.), describes a condition in which you absent-mindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.
8. Gargoyle (n.), olive-flavored mouthwash.
9. Flatulence (n.) emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
10. Balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
11. Testicle (n.), a humorous question on an exam.
12. Rectitude (n.), the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
13. Pokemon (n), a Rastafarian proctologist.
14. Oyster (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.
15. Frisbeetarianism (n.), (back by popular demand): The belief that when you die, your Soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.
16. Circumvent (n.), an opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.

**The Washington Post's Style Invitational also asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition.**

**Here are this year's winners:**

1. Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
2. Foreploy (v): Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.
3. Cashtration (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.
4. Giraffiti (n): Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
5. Sarchasm (n): The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
6. Inoculatte (v): To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
7. Hipatitis (n): Terminal coolness.
8. Osteopornosis (n): A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)
9. Karmageddon (n): its like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
10. Decafalon (n.): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
11. Glibido (v): All talk and no action.
12. Dopeler effect (n): The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
13. Arachnoleptic fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
14. Beelzebug (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
15. Caterpallor (n.): The color you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you're eating.

**And the pick of the literature:**

16. Ignoranus (n): A person who's both stupid and an asshole.

**Some Unusual, Obscure and Preposterous Words from Mrs Byrne's Dictionary**

- Dapifer *n.* Someone who brings meat to the dinner table; the steward of a royal household.
- Dealbation *n.* Hair bleaching.
- Ensky *v.t.* To make immortal.
- Envoutement *n.* The use of someone's picture in order to put a hex on her (Old French).
- Epulotic *adj.* Having healing power. *-n.* a medicine that heals.
- Helminthiophobia *n.* The fear of being, or becoming, infested with worms.
- Inconcinnity *n.* unsuitableness; ineptitude.
- Inaniloquent *adj.* Loquacious, windy, garrulous.
- Lentiginous *adj.* Freckly (Latin *lentigo* = freckle).
- Mogigraphia *n.* Writers' cramp.
- Modoc *n.* 1. Someone who joins the Air Force for favourable publicity. 2. A dummy used as a target for carnival ball tosses. 3. An Indian tribe formerly of California, now relegated to Oregon and Oklahoma.
- Octapia *n.* 1. Origen's Hebrew text and seven different Greek translations appearing side by side. 2. Any text with eight such versions.
- Piobaireachd *n.* A traditional dirge, with variations, for the highland bagpipe.
- Pipsissewa *n.* A herb used as a diuretic.
- Ryotwar *n.* Tax or rent paid directly to the government by farmers in India.