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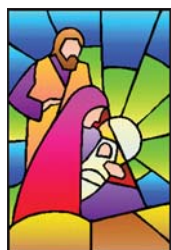


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For last year's words belong to last year's language
/And next year's words await another voice.
TS Eliot. 1944, 'Little Gidding', Part 2, in *Four Quartets*.

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The year 2006 has been another successful one for the Australian Crossword Club. We have increased our level of membership to a record high, continued to host and manage our website and successful Forum and we furnished you with Australia's best crossword puzzles and quizzes. Thanks to the healthy renewal of subs and the generosity of member donations we will ensure that the ACC is the best place for challenging crosswords & quizzes in 2007.

We sincerely thank those who have adjudicated in the past six months: Ian and Kay Williams, Doug Butler, Doreen Jones, Audrey Austin, Andrew Patterson, Brian Symons, Pat Garner, Roy Wilson, Catherine Hambling, Jean Barbour, Jim Colles, Jenny Wenham, Joan Smith, Jack Stocks, Steve Trollope, Max Roddick, Hazel Freeman, Karl Audrins and Michael Kennedy. A special thank you to the wonderful compilers and quizsetters who strive so hard to meet the high standards set by the Club.

We specially mention our hard-working Secretary Bev Cockburn who has made a huge contribution to the success of the Club. Our sincere thanks to Steve Workman for his sterling work as the Club's Treasurer and to new Life Member of the ACC Patrick Street for his assistance in formatting the puzzles and quizzes and editing and publishing *Crozworld* each month.

You will enjoy the puzzles selected for you this month. It's a bumper issue to the start off the New Year in a grand style. And we have some exciting news about the prize schedule for 2007. Finally, the Executive Committee of the ACC extends to all members and their families the Peace and Joy of Christmas and prosperity and success in the New year. Happy Crozworlding!

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The December adjudication seems a good idea as the extra Xmas cards received makes my displayed collection look all the more impressive. Many members sent good wishes not only to me but to ALL other members – too many to list. The entries received were conspicuous for one aspect, namely that very few comments were made on the puzzles themselves. (Presumably too busy at Xmas). Don't be afraid to award bouquets when it's due and more importantly, throw some brickbats as well.

Slot 1: The four incorrect entries were all carelessnesses (my own word – don't look it up). Two spaces, a TANGIRR and a WEEE were the culprits. Should've been 100%.

Slot 2: The big issue here was REEBOK. Six RHEBOKs arrived but although an alternative spelling, they didn't meet the secondary which pointed to the sportswear manufacturer. Three people missed OK TEDI in various ways. DOGWA, TRROB and other strange words also appeared.

Slot 3: There was no common problem here but rather it was spread about. FLIP eluded a few – it was meant to be 'Flippant' minus 'pant' (breathless). Two ENTHRALLs and a couple of BOCCE variations also arrived. A number of people submitted no entry (I know that feeling) among their others.

Slot 4: This also could've been close to 100% but for one letter being overlooked by eight solvers. The K clue asked for 'bigotS' so 'KLANSMAN' couldn't be accepted. A YAGATAN, MCCRAE and CLANSMEN were spotted. DAMO(S/Z)EL caused some debate but as the setter had DAMOSEL, both were accepted.

Slot 5: Not many people knew what a CAR-BRA is. I don't. But it did throw many correct solutions out. Richie BENAUD also eluded a few. ECHOUS, OLPA, ALLAH were other problems.

COTM: Nominations were spread across 21 clues, and across all five slots. BENAUD (Slot 5) gained three nominations, HATBOX (Slot 4) gained four, UNWED (Slot 3) gained five, and (drum roll, please), with seven nominations the winner was from Slot 3, EYE-OPENERS! Good work, *Manveru*.

—(Zinzan) Andrew Patterson

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Entries received	96	91	78	93	73	431
Correct entries	91	79	65	80	62	377
Success rate (%)	94.8	86.8	83.3	86.0	84.9	87.5
Prizewinners	R Caine	J Freeland M Galbreath	D Butler D Fuller	W Ryan J Barnes	L Waites	from 96 members

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR NOV & DEC 2006 & NOV Slot 7

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ANDERSON C
ATKINSON S
AUDRINS K
AUSTIN A
BALNAVES J
BARBOUR J
BARNES J
BENNETT B
BILKEY C
BUTLER D
CAINE R
CALLAN A&D
CAMPBELL G
COATES D
COCKBURN B
COLE G
COLLES J
COLLINS M
COOKE L
COPLAND F
COWAN M
CROMER H
DAVIS M
DEARIE P
DENNIS M
DINHAM V
DUCKER R
EDWARD J
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FOSTER C
FOWLER J
FREELAND J
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GREENING D
HAGAN B
HAMBLING C
HARPER K
HAZELL N
HEMSLEY D
HOCKING A
HOWARD L
HOWARD V
HOWELLS S
IBBOTT B
JERMY A
JESSOP N
JONES C
JONES D
KENNEDY D
KENNEDY M
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KNIGHT V
LEE C
LEEDS G
McCLELLAND C
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McKINDLAY Y
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MAY S
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PATTERSON A
PROCTER D
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PYC M
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RODDICK M
RYAN A
RYAN W
SAVANAH T
SIEGMAN B
SKILLICORN A
SMITH J
SOLOMON B
STANDARD J
STEINBERGER M
STOCKS J
STOREY N
SYMONS B
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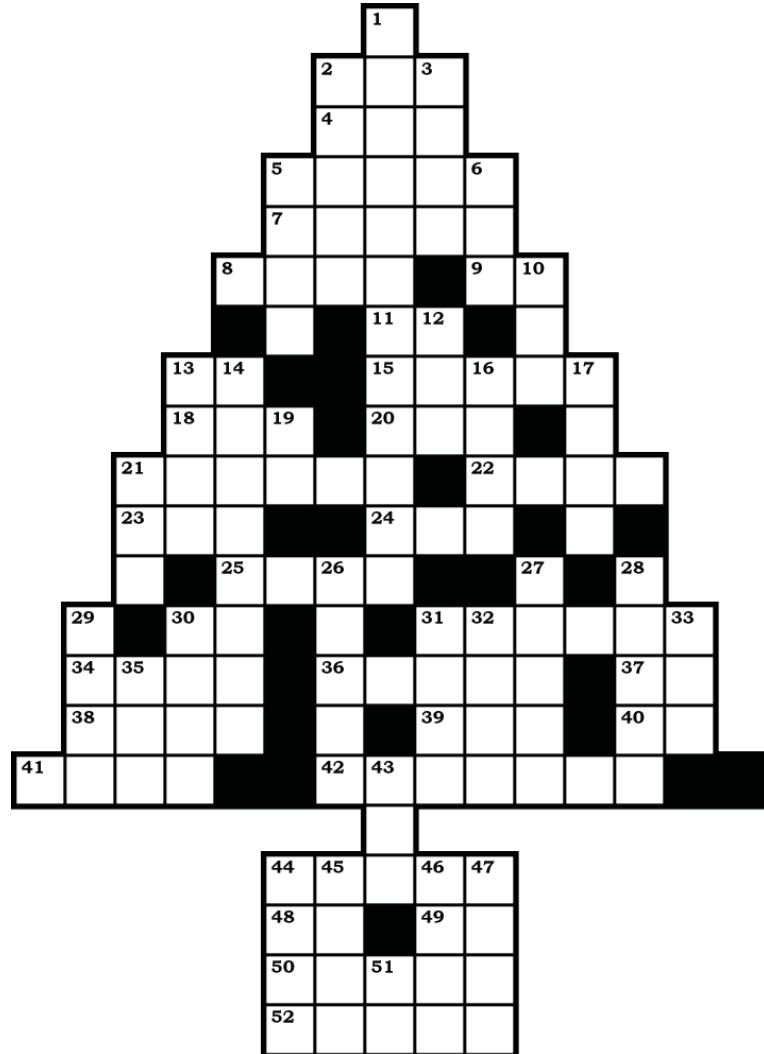
**Christmas
Cheer
by
Stroz**

Prizes: \$50



Win!

[rrp: \$49.95]



The asterisked clues
have something in
common

Across

- 2 Novel woman (3)
- 4 The system of www addresses (1.1.1.)
- 5 *Mary's boy ___ (5)
- 7 Decoys (5)
- 8 "Our home is __ by sea" (4)
- 9 Theatre work (2)
- 11 University man (1.1.)
- 13 These days (2)
- 15 *A divine messenger (5)
- 18 Paired (3)
- 20 Of itself (3)
- 21 *Consecrated (6)
- 22 The price of passage (4)
- 23 Indeed (3)
- 24 Fitting (3)
- 25 *Mother of Jesus (4)
- 30 Bachelor of Medicine (1.1.)
- 31 *Christmas songs (6)
- 34 A French notion (4)
- 36 To humble (5)

Down

- 1 *25 December (9,3)
- 2 An Arabic morning meal (5)
- 3 Ms McPherson (4)
- 5 *Manger (4)
- 6 Distinguished Service Order (1.1.1.)
- 10 *Christmas pastry (3)
- 12 Canberra University (1.1.1.)
- 13 Out (4)

- 14 *Christmas-time (8)
- 16 *Present (4)
- 17 *Jesus Christ (4)
- 19 Doctor (2)
- 21 Rested (3)
- 26 *Christmas lamb (5)
- 27 *Christmas spinach (5)
- 28 Fairies (5)
- 29 Japanese paste (4)
- 30 *Christmas supper (4)
- 31 *Sent at Christmas (4)
- 32 *Italian white wine (4)
- 33 A pouch (3)
- 35 Rabbit (3)
- 43 *Full watering-hole (3)
- 44 Confess (4)
- 45 An object of worship (4)
- 46 *Christmas present (4)
- 47 To cut (*obs.*) (4)
- 51 Academic (1.1.)

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Closing mail date: Friday 9 February 2007.

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Easy Peasy by Noel Jessop



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Across


- 1 Angry-looking policeman's bird (7)
- 5 English chose wrong repeats (6)
- 9 A great start by gunner obviated initial strife (5)
- 11 Detailed notabilia prepared as an offering? (8)
- 13 Wearing Irish monarch (6)
- 14 Trouble in Ecuador (3)
- 15 Argue against returning underground development (5)
- 16 Place for animals to return in church (4)
- 17 Record animal may finish as a resin? (5)
- 18 Ice tipple prepared for unfortunate sufferer (9)
- 22 Try latest majority (4)
- 23 It's futile to return Jovian satellite's energy (6)
- 26 Lord, move along (5)
- 27 Is back by end of April with southern oracles (6)
- 30 Carry hire purchase without hesitation (4)
- 32 Boaties' association may finish chat about suit (5,4)
- 34 Talk about a series of shops (5)
- 35 Puts troops into island senate (4)
- 36 Call company round to ease sound (5)
- 39 Boy's level of proficiency (3)
- 40 Women by midday left tea south of Uralla (6)
- 41 Vocalist accommodating a Latin novelist (8)
- 42 Strange stern sculptor (5)
- 43 Evaluate a she-donkey? (6)
- 44 Heartless individuals said streets should be torn up (7)

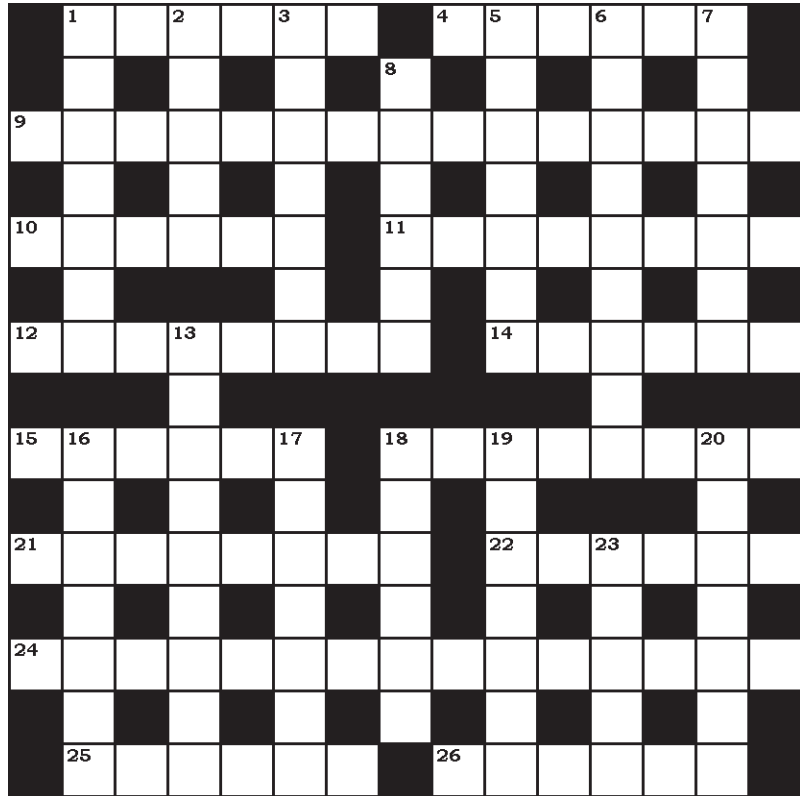
Down

- 1 Transplants old king rising in ranks (9)
- 2 Argues with young girls about the goddess of mischief (7)
- 3 To somewhere inside to turn it on (4)
- 4 Zealot upset philosopher (3-3)
- 5 Expanse of water in series (4)
- 6 Hebrew measure – about a hundredweight to fix (7)
- 7 River gold in Ohio county (7)
- 8 Wet as viceroy and your leader (5)
- 10 Animal shot gun (3)
- 12 Model played around smartly (7)
- 19 Holds in Los Angeles city (5)
- 20 Mick's mate on church for some period of time (5)
- 21 Idriess in command of the Ionians (5)
- 24 At home, individual is unfeeling (7)
- 25 O, you, say, express in confusion these showings up (9)
- 28 Mace-bearers are in bed with a man (7)
- 29 Executes woman in front of church rest centre (7)
- 31 You, say, exclude soldiers and natives (7)
- 33 Discuss southern stands (6)
- 34 Subdue artist in NSW town (5)
- 37 Rosa smashed paddles (4)
- 38 Some accessible character (3)
- 39 Passed over, that is, in dead-ends (4)

BULLETIN BOMBSHELL!

The publishers of *The Bulletin* have decided from 2007 to discontinue the cryptic crossword. This startling decision is said to be part of a "cost-cutting" exercise. Noel Jessop has been the setter of *The Bulletin* crossword since 1991. Before that it was taken from *The Observer* (UK). Noel wrote recently: "I understand that *The Bulletin* is in the throes of cost-cutting. My contact there tells me that other contributors have bitten the dust. I hope and believe that the first issue in 2007 (no crossword) will generate a storm of protest which will enlighten this new editor. The problem will be if this storm of protest turns out to be no more than a mild zephyr. That will be the end of that! So, anything that can be done through the ACC will be very much appreciated. In June 1991 my cryptics replaced those from *The Observer* and have continued without a hitch until today." If you would like to express your view about this unsatisfactory development, you can write to The Editor, *The Bulletin*, GPO Box 3957, Sydney, 2001; Fax (02) 9267 4359; Email: bulletin@acpmagazines.com.au

J A N 2 0 0 7 S L O T 3
Cryptic by Southern Cross




Across

- 1 Lake appearing every morning (6)
- 4 Compensate for inoperative group (6)
- 9 Identify and replace a digit (3,3'1,6,2)
- 10 Newsworthy character, to wit, has a way to go (6)
- 11 They give good example but die, unfortunately, before putting fires out (8)
- 12 Sent a memo for Oliver, possibly to take care (8)
- 14 Kind of music espoused by the German textile dealer (6)
- 15 Half of Portugal loves to be out here (6)
- 18 My having spoken it inside shows complete honesty (8)
- 21 Doctor urges reform – turn in one of the junkies (4-4)
- 22 Polish port sighted from Dashing Dan's ketch (6)
- 24 Fire both – meeting is in disarray meanwhile (3,3,4,5)
- 25 The establishment could be messy when getting square (6)
- 26 Trophies given for big vehicles (6)

Down

- 1 Learned East German man found on outskirts of Trieste (7)
- 2 A low compensation initially upset this Snowy Mountains Authority town (5)
- 3 The last word of French Accord finally redressed (7)
- 5 Took a liking to crushed ice after cooler finally fixed (7)
- 6 One sky-high after part of play is mentioned? Nothing new there! (4,2,3)
- 7 Regret to sound the horn first? That's unfortunately right! (3,4)
- 8 Break the law – coming to bad finish (6)
- 13 Kit gets mad about bans finally and floods the crops (9)
- 16 Dot's at the end of the line for ages (7)
- 17 Stink raised over part of play – it's disgusting! (7)
- 18 Almost extra tender when melancholy (6)
- 19 Deplores putting rook with other birds (7)
- 20 Various tansies used in these medicinal brews (7)
- 23 Betel nut supplier caught in the district (5)

Slot 1 Book prizes in 2007

Macmillan have generously agreed to sponsor the Slot 1 puzzles in 2007. The sponsorship includes a copy of the *Concise Macquarie Dictionary* (HB) new 4th edn, 2006 which will be the coveted monthly prize for the Slot 1 puzzles in 2007. This new edition has over 50,000 headwords including 3000 new words, more than 120,000 definitions and over 1000 new encyclopedic entries covering people and events, both local and international. Macmillan have also agreed to give one annual subscription to the website with each copy. See: www.macquariedictionary.com.au. Susan Butler who is the publisher of the *Macquarie Dictionary* also said: "I may get gift vouchers that can be sent at some stage in 2007, but they are not ready just yet." These will be eagerly awaited. There will be happy solvers in 2007!

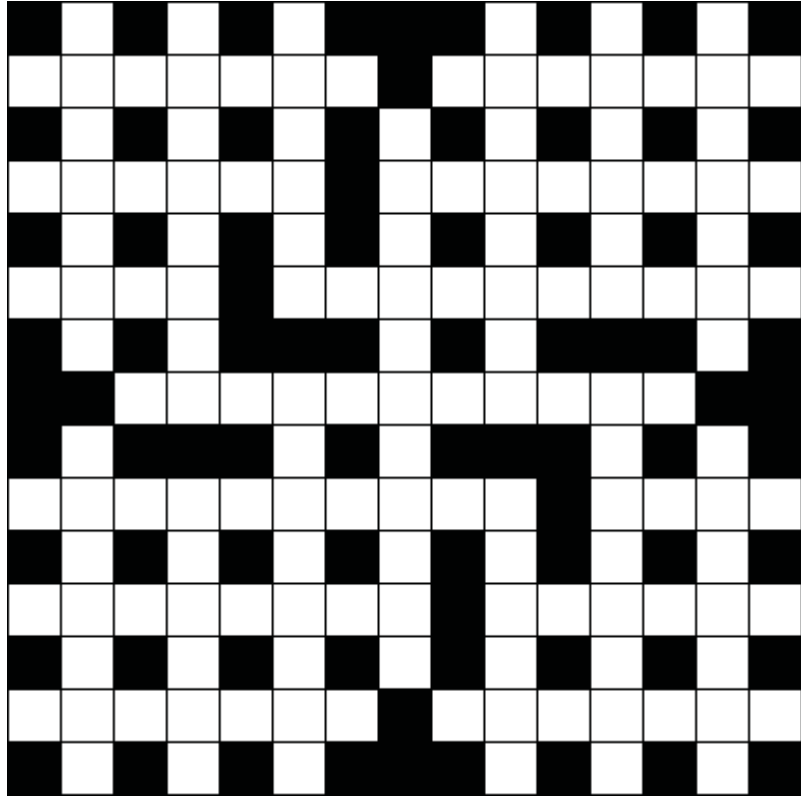
Clue Writing Competition No 1/2007:

Write a clue for the phrase **THE ASHES (3,5)**.

Note: only one clue per person.

Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Steve Trollope, 28 Pannosa Ct, Capalaba Qld 4157 or by email to: steve.jt@bigpond.net.au Closing mail date: Friday 9 February 2007. Book prize.

<p> J A N 2 0 0 7 S L O T 4 </p>
<p>AJ by <i>Timid Terrier</i></p>

The letter before each clue is the initial of the answer.

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| A Player with a carbon lock (7) | N Submit memorandum about married woman (8) |
| B Obscure core of fruit (10) | O Abundance in food lessons (6) |
| C An informer at the Islands (6) | P Establish Scot's own Indian banana (8) |
| D Rush back with stem for queen's hat (11) | Q Unusual fashion designer without independence (6) |
| E Kiwi objective to hold letter he left here! (8) | R Some recount: Al Gore hears everything (8) |
| F Trick last batsman on grass (7) | S Master muddied river (6) |
| G Spirit exercises in funfair rides (5,6) | T Eliot holding crescent tip spiny plants (6) |
| H Sharp-sighted bird spotted (4-4) | U Proclaimed perfect editor (7) |
| I Misfortune of adverse windfall (3,4) | V State man a sitting target (6) |
| J Girl to revolve on huge fairground ride (3-5) | W Woman with birds not quiet ducks (7) |
| K Joint with loose ends on back of chair cushion! (7) | X Mark measure of wild ox and genus of armadillos (7) |
| L In cover tie back animal (7) | Y Precious jade about plant (4) |
| M Subdue memory of ringleader (10) | Z Small room features a bronze table (4) |

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- An excellent set of puzzles, none too easy, all with great clues. *Bev Cockburn*
- Many thanks for my prize for November Slot 4. A very unexpected but welcome surprise at this time of year. Have enjoyed the December puzzles but unfortunately the short time allowed and the busyness of the season means that I've only had time to do Slots 1-4. Thanks to all the setters for 2006 and I look forward to 2007 puzzles. *Hilary Cromer*
- I wonder if there will be any comments on Slot 5 – ORIANA. The name of the individual ship which was not overly famous might prove to be a problem for some solvers. Sydneysiders ship spotting in the 70s and 80s would be familiar with the vessel launched in 1959, which spent a fair amount of time in Australian waters. She was the last of the Orient liners, subsequently absorbed into P&O and so became eligible to display the Golden Cockerel, signifying that she was the fastest liner in the P&O fleet, capable of over 30 knots. She was also the largest passenger ship ever to be built in England. Most importantly though, if I hadn't been working on board her in 1975, I would not have met my wife (who was a passenger) and would not be living in Australia! There was another *Oriana* launched some years ago but I don't know anything of her history. *Peter Dearie*
- A great set of puzzles but wow! Are they getting tougher? *Catherine Foster*
- Thank you for my prize for November Slot 2. *Ann Jermy*
- Happy Christmas and fabulous 2007 to all you adjudicators who do such a wonderful job – how much of your time does it take? All the very best and many thank yous. *Sally Knight*
- My thanks for the prize for *Cursory Characters* Quiz last month. *Del Kennedy*
- Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to everyone involved in the production of the most excellent *CrOZworld*. And thanks. *Iain MacDougall*
- A big thank you for my \$50 Slot 3 prize – a pleasant surprise. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and happy and healthy New Year. *Marian Procter*
- Thanks to the Club for my recent (slots 1-5) prize of \$75 and accompanying certificate for my scrap book. *Doreen Jones*

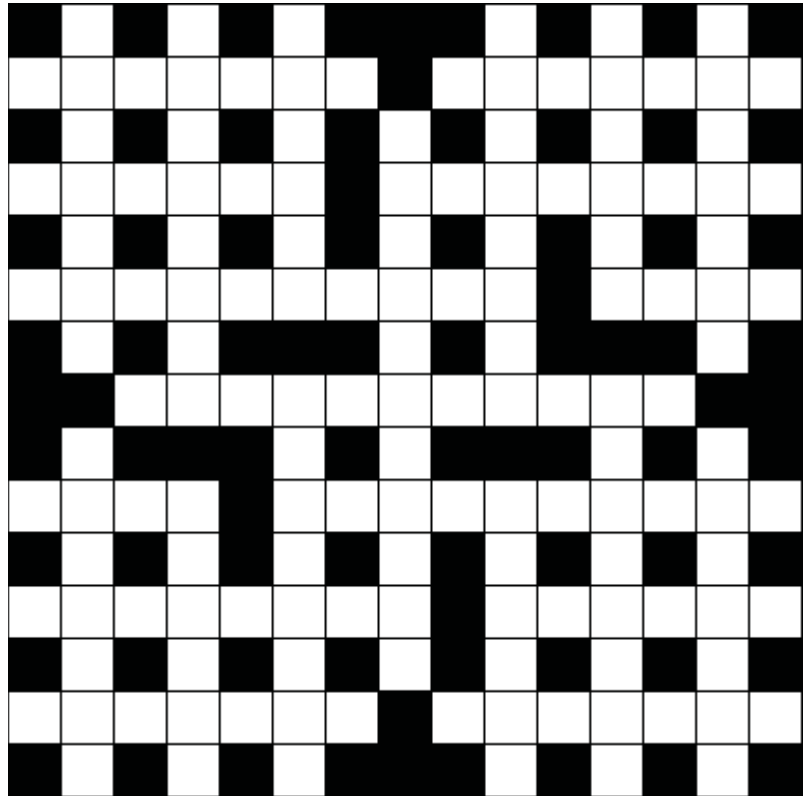
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**Across
and Down
by
Virgo**

Prizes: \$50



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Solve the clues and fit the answers where you can.

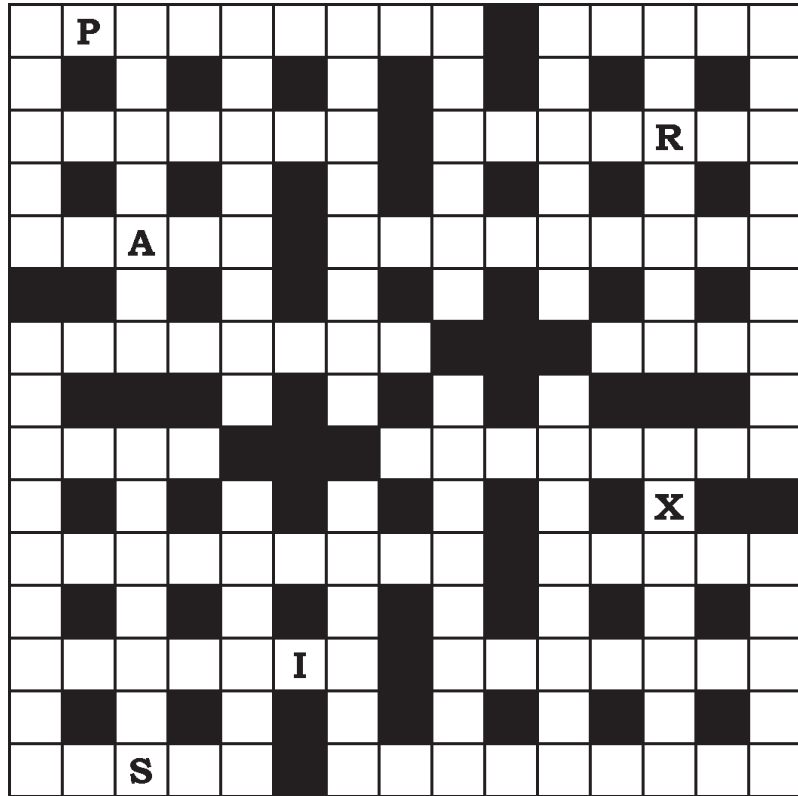
- Author of *The Lion Tamer* and of *The French Rival* (6,5)
- For a common illness, the best idea is to get treated (8)
- Unfertile – assist with a river (4)
- In the main it cannot be (3,4)
- Cole's Arthur holds the last letter with Delta in a stupor (7)
- Fuel used by a rock group? (6)
- N.T. city made to seduce (4,2)
- Two laddies leave Welsh stream for Scottish resident (10)
- One side tripped over a tree log (5,3)
- Any child initially experiencing hesitation and a measure of learning (6)
- Intercellular space has Eric all confused (3-4)
- Estimate the age of a tropical tree (4,4)
- Inside fragile – remove all corrupt cells! (6)
- Baseballer back amid horse and moon (8)
- Flower starts drooping after having left Italian arbour (6)
- Hardly noticed regarding the science of ethics (7)
- Australia-based nonconformist matins (7)
- A paper newly manifest (6)
- A ring bust up with ditto charging (10)
- Study weight and charge (8)
- Wings girl and former partners (7)
- Some are blaming the president (4)
- A pattern for copper vehicles (1,5,5)
- Sloth contests stunt pilots (3,4)
- Face covering is said to be of service! (8)
- Litterers dupe Mrs Turner (7)

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**Acrostic/
Jigsaw
by
Praxis**



Solutions should be fitted into the diagram jigsaw-wise (scattered letters PRAXIS will help). When completed, arrange the **clues** from the first Across to the last Down – their 32 initial letters contain an instruction which, when followed, will give 6 answers which should be nominated.



1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____
4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____

- New sport, embracing model car backing, keeps going (9)
- The CO's pulled up about one untidy plait on the back of head (9)
- Lax Croat peer to produce issue (9)
- Shows Italian the alternative interpreter (9)
- Starter's a quiet favourite and model sire (9)
- Ragged thing has damage, to be used in retirement (9)
- I'm upbeat; operation time's short with one stone (8)
- Mark gets work over the way as director (8)
- Extreme pain overwhelmed spirit when decorating (8)
- Relax after the short distance to the ottoman (8)
- Effort by few can be laborious (8)
- A subversive set course among U-boats crippled by Resistance (8)
- Odd artist embraced new movement (7)
- It aids hearing gold left hidden in grass (7)
- Sucker standing up, has spilled washers (7)
- Powder's scattered after daughter finds moisture (7)
- Accommodation provides special dining (7)
- Manual worker finds vegetables have an insect (7)
- Rough getting home from Canberra ... (7)
- ... now expected to turn up about ten, consumed by perspiration (7)
- Means of containment required to continue transport? (6)
- Information outlets bid farewell following resistance (6)
- Assassin needs Eastern prince in front of the queen ... (6)
- ... near the hill over the state department (6)
- Powerful beam's sure to reflect over South (5)
- Enlist troubled teen starting to rebel (5)
- It's a crime to tamper with sonar (5)
- In a way Sean adopted right approaches (5)
- Fretful over Oriental cease-fire (5)
- We hear the meals tantalize (5)
- Top footballer? (4)
- Inexperienced lad's left in bed (4)

**Post
Solution
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ACC COMPILER OF 2006: We have had plenty of crossword compilers featured in *Crozworld* during 2006. No doubt you have your favourite ACC compiler. If so, then we would like you to vote for him/her as the ACC Compiler of 2006. See p11 for the voting form.

CLUE OF THE MONTH: We continued the COTM in 2006 and it has been keenly embraced by the solvers. We will continue it in 2007. During 2006, the results were as follows. Sincere congratulations (again) to Shirl O'Brien with 3 COTMs, Brian Symons and Michael Kennedy 2 each and one each to Andrew Patterson, Stephen Clarke, Noel Jessop, Doug Butler, Michael Vnuk, John Gillis and Max Roddick. Well done!

COMPENDIUM: *The Crozworld Compendium Vol 7* (only \$5) and the *50 Best ACC Puzzles from the 1990s* (only \$7.50) which have been distributed with this month's copy of *Crozworld* feature a large number of challenging puzzles and quizzes compiled by members of the ACC. There are also generous prizes to be won. In addition, the solutions to all of the puzzles published in volume 6 of the *Compendium* and the names of the prizewinners

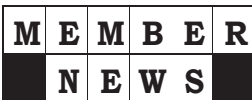
are included. If you would like to order extra copies of these exciting publications please send your cheque to the Treasurer of the ACC.

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER! If you sign up a new member for 2007, the cost is only \$30 including the *Compendium*. Unbeatable value! A wonderful present for your friends! We have a number of new members already for 2007! Let's make a lot of people happy by signing up your cruciverbal friends. It only costs \$30 for the whole year. Great value!

Subscription renewals kindly received from: C Archibald, J Barbour, D Butler, A&D Callan, J Clayton, F Copland, R Christiansen, G Cross, A Davis, K Davis, P Dearie, M Dennis, D Eisentrager, G Fauser, J Fowler, C Gleeson, C Heenan, A Hocking, K Layton, C & K Lee, G Leeds, E McGloin, H O'Hara, T Savannah, A Shield, S Taylor, E Thomas, K Watt and R Whitehead.

Donations to the ACC Prize Fund 2007 are gratefully received from: Jean Barbour, Doug Butler, Richard Christiansen, Fay Copland, Peter Dearie, Dell Eisentrager, Cheryl Gleeson, Christine Heenan, Kev Layton, Gabrielle Leeds, Edna McGloin, Shelia Taylor and Robyn Whitehead. Many thanks for your kindness and generosity.

E-LODGMET: Would you like to lodge your solutions in an electronic format rather than relying on the post? If so, then e-lodgment is for you: it's quick, reliable and inexpensive. For a helpful review of the e-lodgment scheme, see Ian Williams' article on p16. Ian has been skilfully managing e-lodgment entries in 2006 and we express our sincere thanks to him for the time and energy he has devoted to this worthwhile project. Kindly send your e-lodgment entries to Ian whose e-mail address is: ianw@webone.com.au



New Members: Brenda Webber from Beaconsfield, Tas. and Rhonda Belcham of Malanda, Qld. Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworlding!*

Puzzle Adjustments: Doug Butler gained a dot for November 3-2006.

The winner of the Get-Together Quiz on 19 November was **Joan Smith** (not Joan McGrath as reported in our last *Crozworld*).

Acknowledgement: Our thanks to *The Courier-Mail* for kind permission to publish puzzle January 3-2007 by *Southern Cross*.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Kath Harper** in winning the December Slots 1-5 all correct prize. Well done!

Bev Cockburn honoured! On Tuesday Dec 12th our much loved secretary Bev Cockburn was acknowledged by the Multiple Sclerosis Society as guest-of-honour, where she was treated to a chauffeur service and wined and dined at their Christmas cocktail party in Sydney. Bev's father, Ronald Arthur Philips, was founder of the MS Society in Australia in 1956, and she has always been involved in their ongoing good work. Our congratulations to Bev, and remember, if there is anything you would like to know about MS and the society, just drop her a line or an email. She's always happy to talk about their work.

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

rankle *v.* intr. **1** (of envy, disappointment, etc., or their cause) cause persistent annoyance or resentment. **2** *archaic* (of a wound, sore, etc.) fester, continue to be painful. [ORIGIN: Middle English (in sense 2) via Old French *rancler*, from *rancler*, *draoncle* 'festering sore' from medieval Latin *dranculus*, *dracunulus*, diminutive of *draco* 'serpent'.]

The Australian Oxford Dictionary, Second Edition, 2004
Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$99.95 ISBN 0195517962

The Australian National Dictionary Centre was established in 1988 with the twin purposes of conducting research into Australian English and providing Oxford University Press with editorial expertise for its range of Australian dictionaries. It is jointly funded by the Australian National University and Oxford University Press Australia. W.S. Ramson was director of the Centre from 1988 to 1994. Bruce Moore became director in 1994. The Centre takes its name from *The Australian National Dictionary: A Dictionary of Australianisms on Historical Principles*, ed. W.S. Ramson, which was published by Oxford University Press in 1988.

PRIZE SCHEDULE for 2007

Monthly prizes for Slots 2, 3, 4 and 6: \$50 x 2 each. Slot 7: \$50 or book prize. Puzzle No 1: The Macquarie Concise Dictionary (hardback \$49.95rrp) or other book as selected plus one x \$50. Puzzle No 5: The Oxford Crossword Dictionary (2006 edn) or other book as selected plus one x \$50. Slots 1-5 correct winner each month: \$100. Quizzes: \$50 each or a book prize. Cumulative slots 1-5, Jan-Jun, Jul-Dec, trophy. Cumulative slot 6 Jan-Dec, trophy. Numbered Quizzes Jan-Dec, trophy.

NOTES: (1) "Closing mail date" means that entries eligible for a prize must be received by the Adjudicator at or before the time of the postal mail delivery on the date specified each month in *Crozworld*. This includes any entries which may be sent electronically via e-mail. Any entries received after that time and date will not be eligible to gain a 'dot' or to qualify for a prize.

(2) Only current financial members of the Australian Crossword Club are eligible to win prizes in 2007.

A Note about the Prizes for 2007

Thanks to the generosity of members, we are able to increase the prizes for 2007. In addition to the book prizes for Slots 1 and 5, we have added a prize of \$50 for each slot. In relation to the Slots 1-5 prize, we have increased the monthly amount to \$100.

We are reintroducing the Cumulative Prizes for the best solvers in 2007. We recognise that like most Clubs, we should reward the champion solvers with something tangible to mark this achievement. However, the award will be different from previous years. Thanks to a good suggestion by Brian Symons, we will award trophies for the Club's champion solvers. These trophies will be specially designed with the Club's logo and each will carry a plaque to set out the details of the winner's name and the particular competition. Trophies will be awarded for Cumulative Slots 1-5 Jan-Jun 2007, Cumulative Slots 1-5 Jul-Dec 2007, Slot 6 Jan-Dec 2007 and the top scorer for the numbered Quizzes Jan-Dec 2007. These special trophies will look great any anybody's mantelpiece so go to it! Commencing from this edition of *Crozworld*, the clock starts to run. Best of luck with your solving in 2007!

December 1-2006: Half & Half by Noel Jessop

- Noel's fifty/fifty exercises are a great way to warm up. Always a pleasure to do.
- I liked 30dn.
- Good one. Thanks, Noel.
- I am amused by all the U words in the bottom right corner of the grid – USER, EUROS, USURERS, UPON, UPSET.

*Jim Colles
Ted O'Brien
Alan Walter
Irene Watts*

December 2-2006: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- Shirl is a star. I agree entirely with all the good things Azed has to say about her crosswords. And I haven't seen his book yet.
- I put BARRIE for 8dn as he is the only Scottish playwright that I know but couldn't decipher it from the clue! (BARRIER-r. AP)
- 13ac almost my COTM with its Sid's=SIDS.
- Thanks, Shirl. Lots of great clues – RED NOSE was my pick.
- An enjoyable cryptic, thanks Shirl. In 6dn, if 'fun' = KICK & 'question reportedly' = DOUT, how is the E referred to in the answer KICK+E+DOUT? [*Southern Cross* responds: KICK DOUBT and KICKED OUT are said the same way – just two syllables. KICK (fun) DOUBT (question) sounds like "dismissed" with no need to justify the "e".] In 7dn, if 'not having dined' = NOT+ATE would think this wordplay deserves an exclamation mark. 8dn, handicap = BARRIER – R (run off) giving Scottish playwright BARRIE. 14dn, loved this clue for DOBBIN+GIN. 19dn, a clever clue for OK TEDI mine in New Guinea.

*Jim Colles
Yvonne McKindlay
Ted O'Brien
Brian Symons
Alan Walter*

December 3-2006: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

- A very enjoyable puzzle littered with well thought out clues, e.g 11ac & 1dn, which was the last answer I got, and only then by using the word-finder. A clever bit of trickery.
- I couldn't manage to complete Slot 3 – at least 4 clues that really puzzled me!
- 4dn had to be my COTM – so simple yet clever.
- A clever cryptic – especially clever were CHUTE and UNWED.
- A tough challenge to complete. Much liked 11ac for EYE-OPENERS and 27ac giving MO+NOT+RE+ME where ME = myalgic encephalomyelitis. 20ac, much liked 'stunt flyer' for LARK. 2dn, flock, almost = HERD-D = HER+YEW-BARK+VIRUS gives anagram of HAWKESBURY RIVER! 9ac for UNWED, a clever clue.

*Jim Colles
Yvonne McKindlay
Ted O'Brien
Brian Symons
Alan Walter*

December 4-2006: AJ by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- Some more *Virgo* skullduggery, with a different AJ grid that could be completed in two different ways, just to add to the confusion.
- I'm a bit upset about the reduction of St Francis Xavier to Sir, especially as he is one of Australia's patron saints.
- For JANITOR, JA = Yes in German, IT = sex appeal, OR = 'on the other hand', however, the 'N' isn't accounted for.
- STERNAL does not refer to the 'rear' but to the breastbone. 'To the rear' is 'sternward'. Please explain 'NEBULOUS'. ('Ben' reversed+U+'soul' anag. Adj.)
- 2 possible grids for this puzzle by interchanging the 11-letter words etc. Clue D would give DA+MOSEL only if the words 'we hear' were omitted. As they are included, 'mozel' has to sound like 'mosel', (a correct spelling of a white wine) so DA+MOZEL has to be the only correct answer here.
- *Virgo* often seems to have something special about her puzzles. This time it was the fact that the position of the 11-letter clues could be reversed yet the solution could still be correct. Very clever.

*Jim Colles
Ted O'Brien
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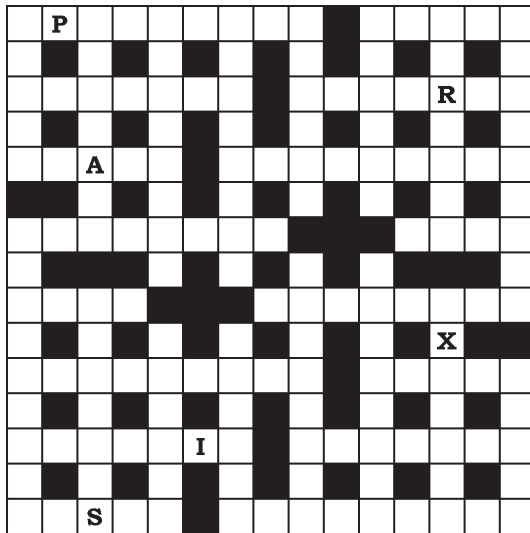
December 5-2006: Cryptic by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

- I find the way to really appreciate a *Praxis* composition is to re-read the clues and answers after it's finished. An absolute pleasure throughout.
- What on earth is a car-bra? [According to the *Shorter Oxford English Dictionary*, 5th ed, 2002 a car bra (or auto bra) is a carbon-based cover that fits over the front bumper of a car, absorbing the microwaves used in police radar equipment to minimize the risk of detection for the speeding motorist. N American, late 20C. Ed.]
- CAR-BRAS was a wild guess. (A good one, too. AP)
- It was the internet for CAR-BRAS – never heard of it. I had CUP for a long time which made 24dn impossible.
- Wonderful as usual. Loved TARMAC. CAR-BRAS threw me.
- An enjoyable lot of puzzles, especially Slot 5. BENAUD took me a lot of thinking time! My COTM.
- Thanks for your testing cryptic, Roy. In 31ac learnt 'blackeye' = MOUSE! 1dn . . . with many facets (12) the (12) very neatly indicated (12) facets & (12) letters in DO+DEC+AHED+RON. 16dn, 'end over end', very clever for D(REAR)IE.

*Jim Colles
Margaret Galbreath
Valerie Howard
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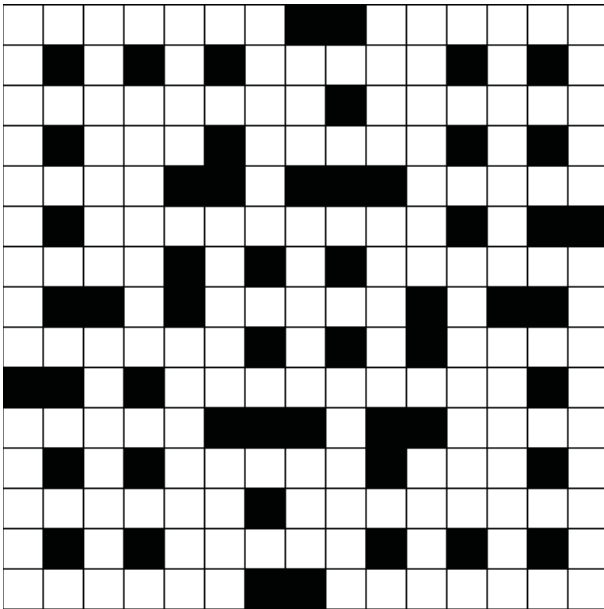
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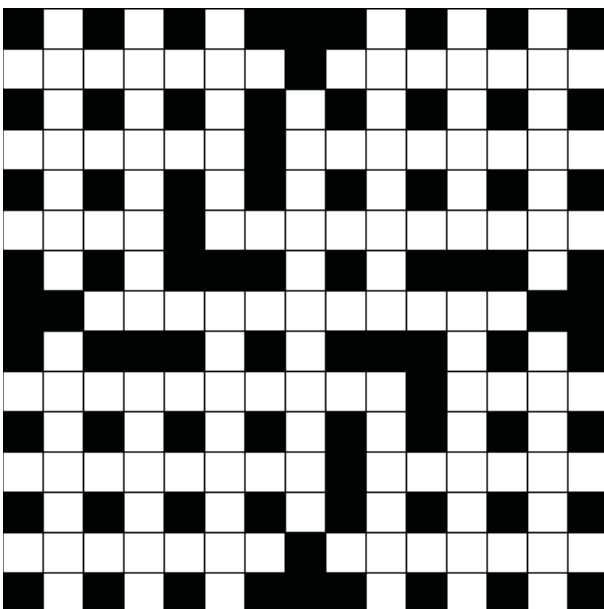
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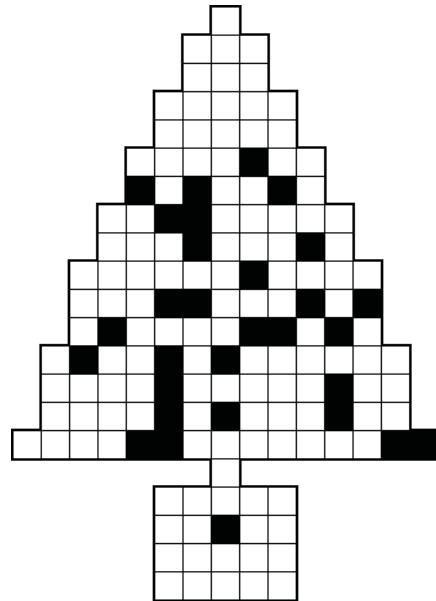
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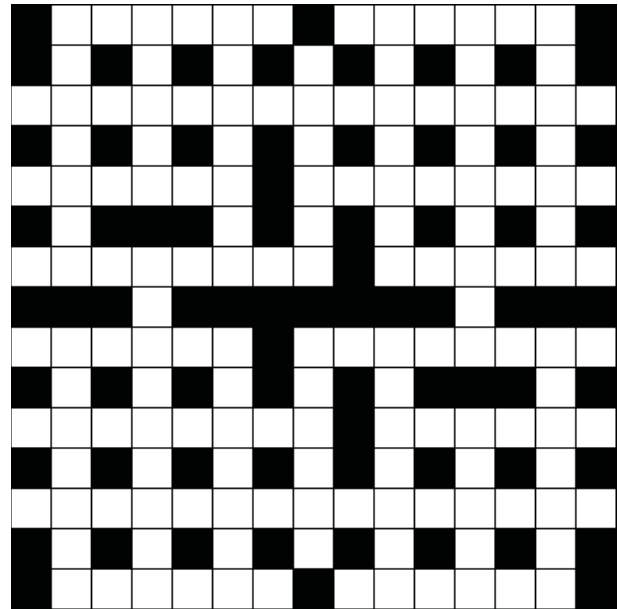
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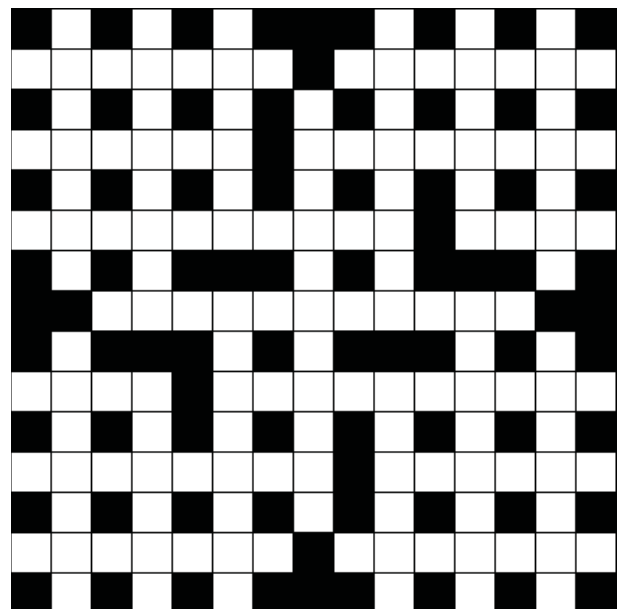
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Clue of the Month

ACC Compiler of the Year

November 6–2006: Famous Last Words by Red One (Doreen Jones)

Entries: 91. Correct: 55. Success Rate: 60.4%.

Prizewinners: Pat Garner and Max Roddick. Congratulations!

Solvers' Comments:

- I do enjoy your puzzles; they're always so satisfying. 2dn: OUTLAW would be a COTM. Lots of great clues go unacknowledged in these extra puzzles. I suggest that every now and again these clues run alongside the COTM or replace it for that month. *Yvonne Ainsworth*
- I found the theme easy to get but some unusual words made the puzzle quite hard to finish. I loved 17ac and 2dn. *Jean Barbour*
- You beauty! More colouring in! I really look forward to your puzzles when there is more to do than solving the clues. *Graeme Cole*
- Took a while to catch on to the Kelly gang theme – I'd take my hat off to you, if I had one, for being able to construct such orderly theme puzzles. *Jim Colles*
- Great clues, fun to work on and fair dinkum. *Catherine Foster*
- RIVO was a new word to me as was FERN-OWL. *Margaret Galbreath*
- As a Pom by birth, it tested my knowledge of Australian history (helped along by Google of course!) *Pat Garner*
- It took me quite a while to cotton on to the theme but once I solved the Spoonerism at 28dn, things became a bit clearer and I really enjoyed myself. *Catherine Hambling*
- I've no idea about some answers. I'd be very surprised if SWEARD, LOORD, FERN-OWL are all correct (*they are*). Such is life, I suppose. *Don Hemsley*
- If I could have, I would have chosen 17ac as the COTM. I didn't mind 31ac either. *Michael Kennedy*
- Impressive to have fitted in so many Kelly references. *Iain MacDougall*
- This was such fun. Once the penny dropped I was very happy. *Trish McPherson*
- This was lots of fun – thanks! *Alison Martin*
- Nice to see a bit of colour again. Some new words for me to remember. *Carole Noble*
- Many thanks for all the pleasure you have given me with your puzzles. I think you do a marvellous job maintaining symmetry in the grid in that type of puzzle and your themes are always different and interesting. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Of course I knew the main character's last words before I put pen to paper but that did not detract from the enjoyment I had in finding out how you would fit them in the puzzle. *Ted O'Brien*
- Nice work! I'd go nuts before I could put all that together. It was all good fun. Thanks. *Andrew Patterson*
- 2dn OUTLAW should be COTM. *Margaret Raw*
- Good clues aplenty – I liked OUTLAW best. *Max Roddick*
- Thank you for another of your specialty puzzles. I was anxious to start on it as they are always most enjoyable. *Ron O'Rourke*
- Love your work! *William Ryan*
- Great puzzle. Like your clues especially 27ac, 34ac, 39ac, 28dn and 41dn. *Joan Smith*
- My first solution since becoming a member last month – that set the mind working. *Margaret Steinberger*
- Even though I guessed the quotation from reading the instructions, it took me ages to work it out! Very clever compiling! *Nea Storey*
- Thank you for another beauty. SOPS – this is my favourite clue. *Brian Symons*
- Thank you again for yet another gem Aussie puzzle. I always look forward to your thematic compilations. Especially liked 27dn "Possibly half jump puddles (4) = SOPS and in 4dn it was interesting to learn that "an inhabitant of Barbados" is a BIM, giving the clue's answer B+R+IM. In 14ac I kept looking for the town THIS in Hungary till I realised H = Hungary and "it is" = TIS giving the answer T+H+IS. THIS is a lovely clue in a superb puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- Thank you for all the pleasure and enjoyment you have given throughout the year. *Irene Watts*
- It took me a while to get all the theme words as I'd never heard of Joe Byrne or Steve Hart. Loved the clue for OUTLAW but not sure that everyone will like it though. I also particularly enjoyed the clues for ISLE and SEETHE. Could you please explain COSTS at 34dn? (*coloured = C + big = OS (outside) + rats tails = TS*). *Jenny Wenham*
- I thoroughly enjoyed it. You were able to include a goodly number of the relevant words to leave no doubt as to whose last words we should include and disguise them nicely in the puzzle. *Roy Wilson*

Adjudicator's Comments:

Very many members made positive comments and sent Xmas greetings and cards, the acknowledgement of which cannot all be included in the Solvers' Comments section above. Thank you all. Ten solvers who were otherwise correct forgot to highlight the famous last words "such is life" within the grid and one highlighted "this is life". As I am such a nice person and as it is Xmas time I very much felt like marking them correct anyway. It breaks my heart but rules is rules and they shall have to remain dotless. Six members had ETA instead of ETH at 3dn and eight had JOHANNAS for JOHANNES for 1dn. Other mistakes were LOORY for LOORD, RIGO for RIVO, OWLAND and SWOARD for SWEARD, OROGENITAL for UROGENITAL, BRUM for BRIM, TEASE for LEASE, OUTROPE for OUTRACE, CALLAS for CANNAS and fern-owl was entered in various ways by 3 people. Strangely enough, there were no blank squares. Happy Christmas everyone.

—Red One (Doreen Jones)

No. 1

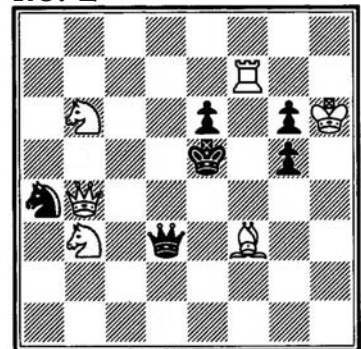


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**Chess Game Problems
Nos 1 and 2/2007**


White to play
and mate in two moves.
Name White's first move
in each problem.
Send solution(s) to:
pstreet@bigpond.net.au

No. 2



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Missing 15s
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InGrid



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Asterisked clues are unrelated pure anagrams with no definition.

Across

- 8 Defeat five in agony when queen takes German (8)
- 9 Laze around river plant (6)
- 10 Paddle made from board (3)
- 11 Pet show has a river fall (8)
- 12 Reader quiet on the edge of hesitation (6)
- 13 *The vile pedantry (15)
- 15 Permissive line ten crossed (7)
- 18 Frederick Forsyth read should include yarns (7)
- 21 *Permit anchorage (15)
- 24 Wolfish look up first tree (6)
- 25 Pest is in the shade (8)
- 26 A victory it seemed (3)
- 27 Take a turn after opening cake (6)
- 28 Invention is an attempt to follow craft (8)

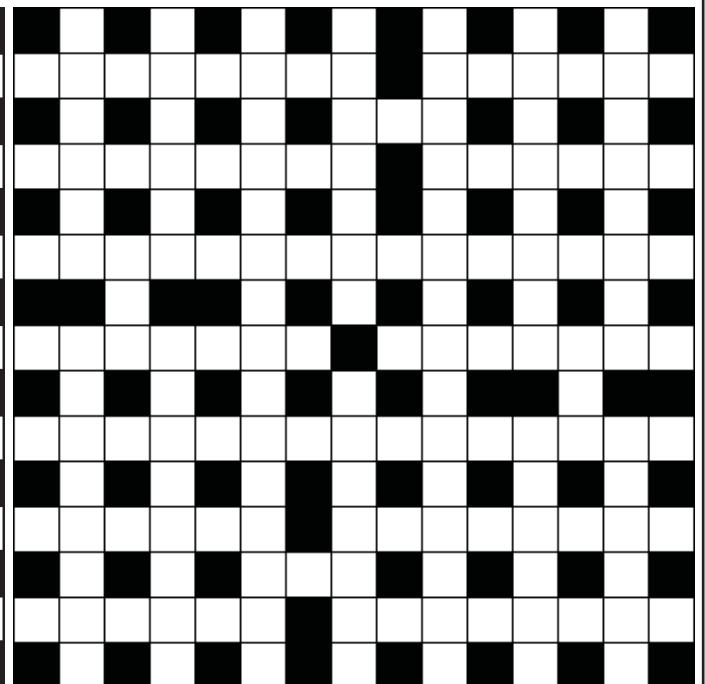
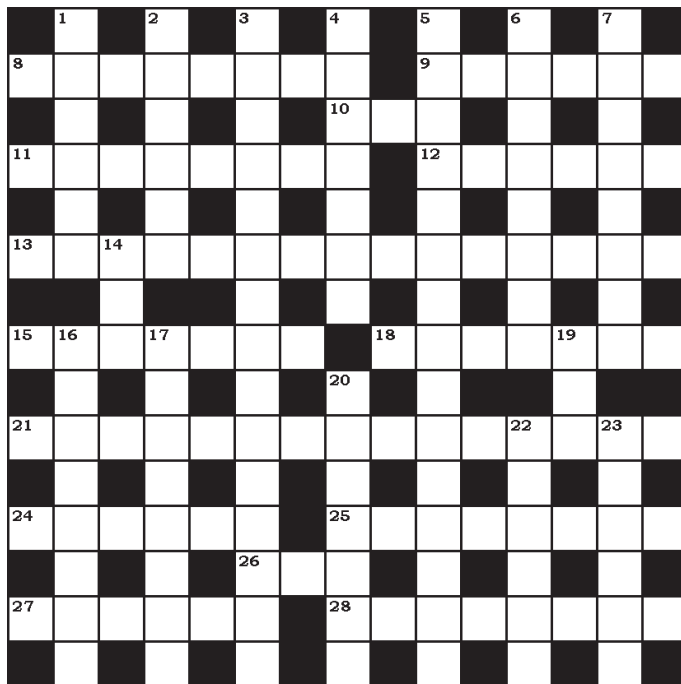
Down

- 1 Woman follows mother with illness (6)
- 2 Satisfying but dull (6)
- 3 *Saved said nougat (15)
- 4 Light particles snap to opposite directions (7)
- 5 *Horrid ship's cats (15)
- 6 Horse found in a dead pickle (8)
- 7 Worship state minister (8)
- 14 Pipes play a nice introduction (3)
- 16 Back number is short record of identity range (8)
- 17 Time side lost is listed (8)
- 19 Tree, or its remains (3)
- 20 Cover for heavyweight gold (7)
- 22 Acclaim power lift (6)
- 23 Measure hub and repeat (6)

Post solution to: Jean Barbour, PO Box 290, Wonthaggi Vic 3995.
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Quiz No 1/2007

CHRISTMAS QUIZ by *Tobi*



by *Tobi*

Can you solve the clues to these commonly sung Christmas carols and songs?

Send your answers to:

Barbara Ibbott, 29 Boiton Hill Road, Norwood Tas 7250.

Closing mail date: 9 February 2007. Prize: \$50.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Seraphim we aurally detected in the stratosphere 2 Righteous darkness 3 Arrival time 2400 hours – weather cloudless 4 Far off in a feeding trough 5 Minute male percussionist 6 Nocturnal noiselessness 7 Father Christmas is en route to the metropolis 8 The primary Christmas 9 Query regarding identity of infant 10 Give attention to the melodious celestial beings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 I'm fantasizing concerning a bleached yuletide 12 Singular Yuletide yearning for twin anterior incisors 13 Approach all who are steadfast 14 Embellish the corridors 15 During the time ovine caretakers supervised their charges in the dark 16 O coniferous nativity 17 I envisioned a trio of nautical vessels 18 "Valentino" the roseate proboscis wapiti 19 Exuberation toward the orb 20 The dozen festive 24 hour intervals |
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Results of Quiz No 11/2006. The Bridge of Asses by *æolian* (Max Roddick)

Answers: 1. Nicholas Nye 2. R.L.Stevenson 3. Bahrâm 4. Burro 5. Dapple 6. Oscar Wilde 7. Rudolf Friml 8. Sumpter 9. John Wilmot, Earl of Rochester 10. Hemionus 11. G. K. Chesterton 12 Onager 13 Henry I 14 Onocentaur 15. Kiang 16. Jean Buridan 17. John Gay 18 Dziggetai 19. Euclid 20. Quagga 21. Job 22. Timon of Athens 23. Hinny 24. Balaam 25. Walter de la Mare.

Results: 25: M. Steinberger **24.5:** C. Foster and J. Smith **24:** J. Barbour, M. Kennedy, B. Symons, R. Watson **23.5:** K. Audrins, P. Garner, B. Glissan, D. Procter, B. Siegman **22.5:** B. Cockburn **22** J. Colles, S. Howells, G. Leeds **21.5** J. Stocks **17:** C. Jones

Outright Winner: One of our newest members, **Margaret Steinberger. Congratulations!**

Various Answers: 1. NICHOLAS NYE. In *Google* the right poem appears with the wrong donkey's name, Mickey Bol (it kills the rhyme!) but the source is acknowledged. This caught 3, and 1 named the poet, not the donk. 7. RUDOLF FRIML wrote serious stuff too! The *music* which later became the D. Serenade was a small piece (for a few strings, I think). Subsequent arrangers and librettists *per se* don't score, but you get a mark if you had Friml's name first. 8. SUMPTER 'Jackass' was a nice try! (4 people) 9. EARL OF ROCHESTER. One member said, "Sounds like G. K. Chesterton." Yes it does, but no it wasn't. 13. HENRY I (of England) 7 people said Louis IV of France. He was indeed closer to the source in time & place, but Henry was the best-known user. (Ref. *The O.D.Q.*) 17. JOHN GAY: 4 different wrong 'uns and 1 blank. 20 QUAGGA The Quagga, extinct 1878 but once plentiful, was the only natural equine striped afore and plain aft as in the question. Hybrids like ZONKEY, ZEBKEY and ZEDONK vary in their colouring, and without a visual check, they got half a mark (4) 24 BALAAM. One member named the Book; a slip I think & a pity.

Setter's Comments: Only 19 entries! is how I feel. It wasn't meant to be hard. Perhaps I should go and commune with old Nicholas Nye, chew on a few thistles, and thereby gain wisdom for next time! Thank you for your appreciative remarks and little snippets of extra info. A wide variety of titles and name-spellings was allowed, but I fear the rather finicky instructions may have caused a few errors.

Results of Seeking "me" by Hazel Freeman

Solutions: A. Adventurousome B. Blaspheme C. Christmas-time D. Dame E. Extreme F. Frolicsome G. Grime H. Handsome I. Income J. Jokesome K. Kilogramme L. Lifetime M. Mime N. Nursery-rhyme O. Outcome P. Picture Frame Q. Quicklime R. Regime S. Sesame T. Thyme U. Unwholesome V. Venturesome W. Winsome X. X-chromosome Y. Y-same Z. Zoochrome.

Note: The results and the name of the prizewinner will be published later.

Bonus Quiz: Philosophers Quiz by Renée Bennett

Send your answers to Renée Bennett, 30 Emerald Place, Mt Richon. WA 6112

or by email to dorjones@iinet.net.au Closing mail date: 9 February 2007. Book prize.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 A weapon one mail order, say – strike gold 2 He's haughty, high-born, one can tell 3 Autumn in Europe 4 Save it for breakfast 5 Crooked actor 6 If we flout the law we might get caught 7 Princess had nothing on the DNA 8 Upon what the doctor does 9 Boy meets girl 10 G'day Aussie, teutonically | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 Horse boxes, in church or at the races 12 Incapable of – pious platitudes 13 Could this flower garland be verminous? 14 A rich mans boast, but can it buy everything? 15 Flat and rounded off 16 Soft sound, we hear 17 Pianist keeps time 18 Therefore containers sound odd 19 Wilde vs Gertrude 20 Finally, the alphabet, or not |
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November 7-2006 "Use your loaf [of bread]" by midships (Ian Williams). Entries 57. Correct 49: Success rate 86%.

Winner: John Standard. Congratulations! Compiler's Comments

Congratulations to solvers on such a high success rate for an "indirect-entry" crossword on a pretty abstruse subject. Thanks for your perceptive and amusing comments and your early Christmas greetings. Thank you in particular for the helpful comments on 11ac (jewellery/jewelry/tomfoolery), below, which were not as numerous as I deserve. In response to requests for the origin of rhyming slang, it is really not that sort of animal. Rhyming slang, as she is spoke, seems to be a very contemporary thing: on one website I found no less than 13 different rhyming terms for "pies"! Although I think that my "chalfonts" probably represent one of the originals, "farmers" (Farmer Giles) must run it close. As time goes on we see "Michael Miles" – a UK quiz programme host of the 1950s, "Nobby Stiles" – a footballer of the 60s and "Belinda Carlisles" – a pop singer of the eighties, so it appears that when selecting a rhyme you pay your bees and take your James (Bees and honey – money and James Joyce – choice). Many versions of the origins can be found by putting "rhyming slang" and "origins" into your browser. Usage of slang also has some peculiarities that I tried to express in the preamble without giving the game away. "Mince pies" can be used in the full form or as "minces" as in "keep your minces open" which caused some comment but, happily, no wrong answers. Similarly in 15ac gloves can be "turtle doves" or just "turtles" – or a "turtle", referring to one glove. Five solvers failed to crack the Da Williams code in that clue and plumped for "thrill" where the definition "challenge" was intended to lead through gauntlet or gage to "glove". On reflection perhaps too terse a clue when combined with the rhyming theme. Some solvers, although providing correct entries, asked for some explanation. In 1dn the last two characters of the walk (constitutional) are "upset" or reversed and combined with "with" (w) to make the "law" part of "constitution law". In 4dn the blue is "sad" as is half the saddle ("seat"). The "side of cured pork" or flitch in 27dn is carved to leave flit. In 22dn the *vice-versa* causes the street (ST) to leave the fish and result in encourage, or "urge on". In a departure from the normal ACC standard I allowed one misprint/literal in each entry where the solver had found the required slang solution and there was no doubt in my mind as to their understanding of the answer to be inserted in the grid.

Solvers' Comments

• Thanks for another innovative puzzle – very enjoyable. Two queries: 16dn: would "upwards" be better? [Yes, I wish I had thought of it – m]; 11ac: I can't make the clue quite fit "jewellery" or "jewelry" [my apologies, neither can I now – it equates to the incorrectly-spelt "jewelry": please put it down to my fondness for the surface at the expense of close checking of the clue! m]

*Brian Symons
Pat Garner*

• This was fun – thank you.
• Well done on again constructing something different. I found this quite hard and really could only do it with assistance from a particular website.

Andrew Patterson

• One almost had to "lose your oaf" to solve this puzzle. What an incredible potpourri of Cockney rhyming slang! The one that took the cake was the reference to piles via "Chalfont St Giles", quite an unforgettable revelation! As for "suit" in 31ac, I have always used "bag o' fruit" [recent TV ads have used "bowl of fruit", so it's a bit of a moving target] so "whistle and flute" was a new phrase for me. Similarly for "soap" in 9ac, I have heard of Cape of Good Hope, so Band of Hope was again a new phrase [Kay's father (ex-RN) used to call it "Joe Rope" m]. In 11ac the clue does not quite work properly – is something amiss? [yes indeed! See comment above – m] After this puzzle you certainly deserve a "Christmas cheer (bottle of beer) or a "gold watch" (a scotch). Solving your clues was "all blood and thunder" ie all thud and blunder.

Alan Walter

• Thank you for a top puzzle. I was picking away at it for quite a while until I realised the gist of it. Some very clever clues – 21ac was one of the last ones I got and a great clue.

Ron O'Rourke

• Great puzzle.
• Brilliant.

*Bill Bennett
William Ryan*

• I had some Barney Rubble to begin with but after some bird lime it became a little clearer. :-) My favourite clue was the simple yet effective homophone clue in 20dn. I also liked 'glove' to 'turtle' too.

Michael Kennedy

• Very fair clues and a fun puzzle. I was pleased to find that it wasn't yet another Melbourne Cup offering!

Jill Freeland

• A very entertaining and challenging puzzle. It would be interesting to know the source of some of the rhyming slang, since some sound highly improbable [see my comment above m]. Chalfont St Giles (if I guessed right – [spot on – m] for piles sound like some Eng Lit don having a little joke.

Iain MacDougall

• Challenging puzzle – Liked the clues for "currant bun" and "boulder".

Joan Smith

• This was fun. Not easy, especially some of the rhyming slang which seemingly didn't rhyme until one looked further.

Gabrielle Leeds

• 21ac still has me puzzling (so that's what it's all about, you say?). Although I have filled in the squares [correctly – m] I still don't like the word very much. I see the cryptic clue to "eyes" as a terrific one but the associated rhyming words are "mince pies" so I'll just have to accept "minces" as the correct answer although "minces pies" sounds silly [see above – m].

Catherine Foster

• The contents of my loaf were certainly tested by the rhyming slang. I'm surprised to have completed the puzzle, because I looked at it for a long time with a blank mind. However, the Internet finally came to the rescue. Haven't heard some of these rhymers. 'Farmer Giles' and 'Bag of Fruit' are about my standard, but it seems there are plenty of other options. Thanks for another enjoyable and original exercise, Ian, which must have taken a lot of work to put together.

Jim Colles

• I got sidetracked reading all the rhyming slang! And people think that Aussies are strange. It's like saying "Why use one word when four or five will do", isn't it?

Del Kennedy

• It took me quite a while to catch onto the theme of your entertaining puzzle and a fair bit of research to find some of the answers. I'd never heard of some of these rhymes. My favourite clue was 22dn. Thanks for the mental torture.

Jenny Wenham

• It's getting to the stage where only those with access to the Internet will be able to have any hope of completing puzzles such as this. Without IT I would have had no hope in the world of getting "Chalfont St Giles". I'm still not sure of "minces" having followed the rhyming slang as far as "mince pies". [see compiler's comments – m] Then it could also have been "pieces – orbits"!

Ted O'Brien

• The puzzle was brilliant, but even with a rhyming slang dictionary I had to get a lot of help from friends. For some of the answers I had and knew were correct I had to ask others how I got them!

Joan McGrath

• A good, challenging puzzle. "Lucy Locket" gave it away. It took me ages to find "turtle"; would I be correct in thinking that the "challenge" relates to "glove"? [see comments above – m] Or do you think that "love" is a challenge? Well, sometimes! [I can only echo Francis Urquhart (Michael Dobbs' *House of Cards* etc) and reply "You may very well say that, but I could not possibly comment!" – m]

Margaret Galbreath

• Loved this clever puzzle even though I'm not a Cockney.

Barb Ibbott

• Thank you for another excellent puzzle with a Cockney theme.

David Procter

• Thank you for an interesting puzzle. I confess that I had to seek my husband's help with some of the rhyming slang. Neither of us knew "turtle dove" for "glove", so I hope it is correct [sure is – m] Isn't there an extra "e" in the solution so 11ac in its original form? [see above – m].

Margaret Davis

• A tricky one, but it was fun, too!

Hilary Cromer

• What fun it was! Chalfont St Giles was the most difficult – hard to stop thinking "Farmer..." Couldn't verify 15ac. But if I'm right would "titter and turtles" be a Cockney's Sunday best? Thank you for a most enjoyable puzzle.

Max Roddick

Solution to Nov 2006 Slot 7

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Results of the Clue Writing Competition: Nov. No 7/2006.

Write a clue for CATHEDRAL (9).

Adjudicated by Steve Trollope.

First of all a very Merry Christmas to all ACC members, especially those of you who regularly compete by writing clues.

13 clues were submitted this month, an unlucky number for Doug Butler who didn't get his hat trick, although he was in the top three and that top three took a lot of separating. (I would like to point out that I do not identify the clue writer until I have decided which is the best clue.) The winning clue for CATHEDRAL is **The Cardinal's unfortunately not in the basilica** by **Michael Kennedy**, maybe this is Michael's just reward for his hard work in the last competition. Who would have thought that CATHEDRAL could have been defined in so many ways! You certainly are an inventive group.

All the submissions meet the basic requirement of "Fairplay" as intended by *Ximenes* and his followers, except where I have indicated, and maintained the high standard set in recent competitions. Once again the winning clue is likely to come from those clues that form a meaningful sentence and "tell a story". For the guidelines which I have used to determine the winner, see the April 2006 *CroZworld*.

I have written each clue to identify the **definition (in bold)** and the *indication (in italics)*, and then underneath I have made some comments.

• **Heard talc ruined the bishop's chair**

An anagram of HEARDTALC with Cathedral defined as a 'bishop's chair'. A clever clue which makes sense, if I can only decide why talc is on the Bishop's chair in the first place.

• **Murder was enacted here** *using a hard cleat!*

A reference to TS Eliot's famous play, although Thomas à Becket was killed by swords. 'Using' is the anagind and the letters of the anagram are HARDCLEAT. Another very clever clue.

• **Church hater clad sinfully**

About as simple as it gets: a one word definition, an anagram and an anagind. A very good clue!

• **Novice followed charted course to church**

I take it that 'course' is meant to be the anagind, which might be stretching definitions a bit. Also the anagram only contains 8 letters, but could have easily read 'A novice followed...'. Another

example of check your work carefully before submission.

• **The Cardinal's unfortunately not in the basilica**

An excellent clue. It uses the over-anagram THECARDINAL less IN with 'unfortunately' being the anagind. It is fair, concise and tells a story, with every word being used in either the indication or the definition.

• **See all round this service centre**

An "&lit" type of clue, meaning that there is a definition (service centre) and that the whole clue becomes the indicator, with 'see' being used as a meaning of diocese.

• **Stunted Empress, harried earl and daughter share seat of authority**

CATH (for Catherine) plus an anagram (harried) of EARL & D. A very good clue.

• **Rogue embraced the sun god; left the main church**

A charade type of clue with CATHEDRAL formed from CAD (rogue) with 'THE' inserted plus RA plus L. An interesting clue with the semi-colon used to distract the solver. As some crosswords say "Punctuation may mislead".

• **Building a pet, with both wings surrounding a crest**

CAT (a pet) plus L & R (both wings) surrounding HEAD (a crest). It reads like a crazy animal version of Frankenstein's monster. However the anagind (surrounding) cannot really operate on both LR and HEAD, so the clue stretches Fairplay somewhat.

• **Heard talc is blended in Rheims, for example**

Another anagram of HEARDTALC with blended as the anagind and a reference to Rheims Cathedral as the definition.

• **Adjust the latch dear! This is St Paul's I think**

An anagram (adjust) of LATCHDEAR.

• **Maybe St Paul's man precedes scatty herald**

CAT (slang for man - Chambers) followed by an anagram (scatty) of HERALD.

• **Book from Dorothea Black about a great Church building**

An extremely inventive over-anagram of DOROTHEABLACK less BOOK. As the compiler points out, she was a real person, an Adelaide girl, but an artist rather than a writer. But where would you start to look for such an over-anagram?

E-lodgement can be fun! Ian Williams

Well, if not fun at least it can save you postage and avoid delays in the mail. The process for lodging solutions to the ACC prize crosswords is quite simple although a little time may be needed to set it up. Basic guidance is given on the ACC website – just click on "e-lodgement" at the bottom of the ACC home page. More detailed guidance and some Frequently-Asked Questions are provided with the blank grids that I send out for each of the month's crosswords. If you want to be included on the mailing list just e-mail me at ianw@webone.com.au. Specialised guidance is available on request for basic problems. Although this may appear a little daunting, once your system is set up the whole process is no more difficult than filling in the "Good Grids", although in this case you fill in the grids using AxWord, and clicking a few more times to save each file and save the set in a form suitable for attaching to an e-mail. I normally try to acknowledge receipt of the e-mail and the satisfactory processing of the files, although I leave reporting on the success or otherwise of submissions until the publication of the table of dots in *CrOZworld*.

I use AxWord to process the files: following some mods by Doug Butler the assessment process is automated and I provide a table of results to the adjudicator for the month, together with any comments and your vote for Clue of the Month. A simple, free version of AxWord can be downloaded from the

e-lodgement page of the ACC website and this will provide all the technology necessary to prepare the files for submission of your grids by e-mail. The full version still costs only \$50 and, according to David Stickle, has so many features, that he couldn't list them all without blowing his allowed Website space allocation: he says that it has the best wordlist he's seen. This wordlist can be used to help solve any retractable clues, or crossing pairs of clues: perhaps the most useful feature for competitors is that the full version provides a proofreading option. All adjudicators report that literals or missing letters are one of the most consistent causes of lack of dots. Regrettably, despite the proof-reading option, grids submitted via e-mail are no exception.

E-lodgements, on average, make up about 15% of the total entries in a given month. They have been as high as 20% but fell to 10% last month, perhaps due to my request to provide entries in a batched format to make the assessment more reliable and simpler. However, normal entries were also down in November. Interestingly, an analysis over the last year or so shows that success rates for solutions submitted by mail and by e-mail are not significantly different.

If you have basic computer skills, lodgement of solutions by e-mail is not difficult. If you haven't tried it why not give it a go?