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I love metaphor. It provides two loaves where there seems to be one.
Sometimes it throws in a load of fish.
Bernard Malamud, 1975, Interview in *Paris Review* (Spring).

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The year 2012 has been another stellar one for the Australian Crossword Club. We have increased our level of membership, continued to host and manage our website and Forum and furnished you with Australia's best crossword puzzles and quizzes. Thanks to the healthy renewal of subscriptions and the generosity of member donations we will ensure that the ACC is the best place for challenging crosswords & quizzes in 2013.

We sincerely thank those who adjudicated all the puzzles and quizzes during 2012. The Club could not function without their valued assistance. A special thank you to the wonderful compilers and quizsetters who strive so hard to meet the high standards set by the Club. We are confident that 2013 will again bring out the best in our compilers and will provide an unending source of delight and challenge for all ACC members. Thank you compilers for a job well done!

A special thank you to our hard-working Secretary/Treasurer **Bev Cockburn** who has made an outstanding contribution to the success of the Club. And our sincere thanks to **Ian Williams** for his sterling work as the Club's masterly Puzzle Editor and to **Patrick Street** for his valued assistance in formatting and publishing *Crozworld* each month.

We hope you will enjoy the puzzles selected by Ian. This month is 'bonus time' with additional puzzles and a quiz! Plus in Slot 8 a puzzle by *stroz* compiled 'many moons ago'! See the generous prize schedule for 2013 on p9. 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!
—Patrick

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An overwhelming and collective sigh of relief for the December puzzles – were the November slots really that hard?

Slot 1: No real problems with Slot 1 except for PRAD which collected five scalps (who tried PROD) and LUSHFULLY (LUSTFULLY), OGIE not OGEE and variants of SADDER, HEBE and DOLLOP (2 solvers each). The balance of the one-offs was perhaps for typos (NATTA not NETTA, SKOLL not SKOAL, LEECHED not LEACHED) or blank spaces. AGONIZED was allowed for AGONISED given that *Chambers* lets them both in.

Slot 2: The most popular of this month's crosswords (see the COTM results), obviously enjoyed by most solvers. Errors were made in variations of BADGER (PESTER, BADDER, BODDER) but most dot losses were one-offs – DUB (not DAB), ENDROPATH (not SOCIOPATH), SALLYBUD (SYLLABUB), EMINIM (EMINEM) and RUBIC (REBEC).

Slot 3: Some very imaginative solving here to cope with the damage inflicted by getting 1ac (BROWNE OFF) and 7ac (MARK) wrong hence BRUSHED and BRASSED OFF, and MOSS, MARC, MOBY and MORA. RANCID claimed a few too, with SYNDIC, NUNCIO and BANDIT being offered, and DIEING (not DYEING) got 4 solvers. My favourite for this slot was ZOMBIE for ZAMBIA. No blanks, but a few other typos.

Slot 4: No real difficulties – YEARS (for YEARN) tripped a few, but otherwise mainly one-offs (DOODLEBUC, KREISLUR, GRAMEE, XERES, LEATHERN). Some were typos? Hard to tell.

Slot 5: A couple of solvers pointed out that PAEON might have fitted the clue but not necessarily the definition (PAEAN being the hymn) but the adjudicator (me!) thought the *Chambers* definition was broad enough to cope with both and therefore no dots were lost here. KAABA was sufficiently obscure to ensure some interesting variations (KAAMA, CAABA, KAILA, KAIFA) – all dot-eating, though. More blanks in this slot than Slots 1-4, and one MOREE EEL (a NSW variation perhaps?) and a sprinkling of typos.

COTM: A very interesting outcome this month – *Virgo's* Slot 2 garnered a huge total of 44 nominations, with a clear preference for 27dn (12 nominations). Slot 3 (*Pindar*) was popular but with a total of 25 nominations (the best of which was 14ac with 6 ticks) it couldn't compete with *Virgo*. So COTM is Slot 2, 27dn (NIXON). Congrats *Virgo*!

Many thanks for the season's greetings, cards, notes, the one case of Glenlivet single malt and general goodwill expressed to this adjudicator. It's a pleasure to see the crossword world from the other side of the fence.
—David Grainger

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	121	120	115	116	105	577
Correct entries	97	112	100	97	87	493
Success rate (%)	80.2	93.3	86.9	83.6	82.9	85.4
Prizewinners	J Leigh J Baylis	A Austin C Archibald	WG Ryan A Patterson	Marie Maunder	Margaret Pyc	from 125 members

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Dec 1-2012

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR NOV 6 & DEC 1-5/2012

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
ALLEN W
ANDERSON C
ARCHIBALD C
AUSTIN A
BARBOUR J
BARNES J
BARRETT A
BAYLIS J
BENNETT B
BENNETT D
BROTHERTON J
BRYANT R
CAINE R
CALLAN A&D
CAMERON H
CHAMPION G
COATES D
COCKBURN B
COLE G
COLGAN L
COLLINS M
COPLAND F
COWAN M
CROMER H
DAVIS M
DEARIE P
DENNIS M
DINHAM V
DOBELE A
DORRELL R
DUBOSARSKY D
DUCKER R
DYER A
EVANS Jean
FOWLER J
FREELAND J
FREEMAN H
GARNER P
GLISSAN B
GRAINGER D
GREENBERGER O

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
HAGAN B
HAMBLING C
HARPER K
HAZELL N
HEMSLEY D
HOCKING A
HOWARD L
HOWARD V
HOWELLS S
IBBOTT B
JARMAN L
JERMY A
JESSOP N
JONES C
JONES D
KENNEDY L
KENNEDY M
KNIGHT S
LEE C
LEEDS G
LEIGH J
LEMON G
LOBSEY V
LORD P
McADOO G
McCLELLAND C
McCULLOCH I
MacDOUGALL I
McGRATH J
McKENZIE I
McMANUS D
McPHERSON T
MACKAY-SIM C
MARTIN A
MARTIN F
MARTIN John
MASON I
MATTHEWS S
MAUNDER M
MEEK D
MERCER P

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
MILES A
NOBLE C
O'BRIEN Eileen
PARSONS D
PATERSON A
PEARCE J
PINDER S
POTS M
PROCTER D
PROCTER M
PYC M
QUINN C
RANDALL J
RODDICK M
ROULSTON S
RYAN WG
SHIELD A
SIEGMAN B
SIMONS A
SKINNER R
SMITH J
SPICER L
STEINBERGER M
STOCKS J
STOREY N
SYMONS B
TAYLOR R
TAYLOR S
THOMPSON I
TICKLE B
TOFONI B
VILLIERS W
WAITES L
WALTER A
WATT K
WENHAM J
WILCOX C
WILLIAMS I&K
WILSON N
WILSON R
WIMBUSH R
WOOD J
WOODFORD J
ZUCAL H



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Half 'n Half
by
Timid Terrier

Prizes: \$75

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Across

- 1 Republic in the Caribbean (4)
- 4 Rage, utter wildly (4)
- 7 Indigenous people of the Yucatan Peninsula (4)
- 10 Yearn, suffer pain (4)
- 11 Insect (6)
- 13 Female horse (4)
- 14 Sins (4)
- 15 Images (5)
- 16 Spoken (4)
- 18 Marine mollusc (6)
- 19 Fool (3)
- 21 Solid angle (9)
- 24 Shell, waste (5)
- 25 Lives, dwells (7)
- 27 Conceited people (7)
- 30 Encourage (3,2)
- 32 Card game (6-3)
- 34 Desire, longing (3)
- 35 Eye-like spots (6)
- 38 Badly behaved child (4)
- 40 Old lover, sweetheart (5)
- 41 Forearm bone (4)
- 42 Actor Kelly (4)
- 43 Stupid, not sharp (6)
- 44 Tool for cutting or drilling (4)
- 45 Lairs (4)
- 46 Lazy Susan (4)
- 47 Poisonous snakes (4)

Down

- 1 Company politician rose awkwardly to meet author (8)
- 2 Noble set falsified lesser UK titles (8)
- 3 Champion river plant (4)
- 4 Lecherous look back at lively dance (4)
- 5 Girl not in charge of city (6)
- 6 Child's play at river on Seychelles (4)
- 7 Some endemic Eastern rodents (4)
- 8 Cooked Arabian sago at markets (6)
- 9 Appraise fools on Sunday (6)
- 12 Wise woman to misrepresent magician (5,6)
- 17 A bar Professor's crew starts off troop desertion (11)
- 20 Sketch second small pocket violin (4)
- 22 Plain setting contains small picture in larger one (5)
- 23 Subtle about Earl's relation (5)
- 26 Fence doesn't start on the side (4)
- 28 Rushes without hesitation for children's' toys (8)
- 29 Peelers sabotaged square supports for rails (8)
- 30 Observe cover on facial feature (6)
- 31 Dwarf not finished on geometric feature (6)
- 33 Troubled Lawrie: a professional mourner (6)
- 36 Scab damaged transport (4)
- 37 Passionate desire for student, you say, on boulevard (4)
- 38 Graduate near infant (4)
- 39 City's silver artist (4)

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Closing mail date: 15 February 2013.

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Cryptic by Bogeyman



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Across

- 9 Sun returned during overcast luau? Remarkable! (7)
- 10 Studying Berkshire town (7)
- 11 Ice removed from Locomotive Cocktail to make another cocktail! (7)
- 12 Quoted view of singer on fish (3,4)
- 13 Smuggler may be expert sprinter or 20 (9)
- 15 Type of prophet, note (5)
- 16 Wandering life for mother with one penny in loose coin (7)
- 19 Forever outside, missing kiss (7)
- 20 Distance man taking pound from Dusty perhaps (5)
- 21 Spooner has brief sleep while wooing (9)
- 25 Encourage to listen to perfect score (7)
- 26 Heard lute piece by itinerant (7)
- 28 Crossing dues found in river on this occasion (7)
- 29 Carry out instructions on manager's transport (7)

Down

- 1 Hit Margaret with head of aromatic kernel (6)
- 2 Name short track for Irish city (6)
- 3 Aunties take Ian reconstituted fat (4)
- 4 Divided affection in endless news channel (6)
- 5 Protect quiet game sanctuary (8)
- 6 Bosses promise – to replace engineer with bishop, say (10)
- 7 Drink to freedom without hesitation (8)
- 8 Tone encourages uproar (8)
- 14 Stand-in is less than 10... (10)
- 16 ... and pens myth about Lolita and Co (8)
- 17 Benefits for reinterpreting evangelicalism, Calvin having left (8)
- 18 Those in East London are heard to tap joints (8)
- 22 Mixed result for Province governed by Stormont (6)
- 23 Smell our old bodily fluid! (6)
- 24 Criticise European article on pimp (6)
- 27 Copy 10 at the top (4)

Short Story Success

Congratulations to our distinguished member — **Kath Harper** — who has just won the inaugural Melbourne Athenaeum Library 'Body in the Library' Award with her story titled *Brought to Book*. Kath is an ex-school teacher, an editor and indexer by day and a writer of plays and short stories whenever she has the time. Kath is well known to ACC members with her crosswords as *Dazy May* and her expertise in solving the toughest crosswords. Well done Kath!

Explanations of December Solutions where provided by the compiler. Thanks to John and Roy

Slot 3: Pindar: ACROSS: 1. BR+OWNED+OFF; 7. DD (Double definition); 9. PLAY+BALL; 10. [S]AILING; 11. EG+O+IS+T; 13. CUM[LATINwith]+ NIECE anag; 14. homophone gag; 17. Cricket gag; 20. U+ENRAGED anag; 21. homophone; 22. anag PANIC around E; 23. ANAG PLEASED around T; 25 DD; 26. YA[RD+ST]CKS.

DOWN: 2. [D](R)ELEGATE; 3. DD; 4. EX+ACT; 5. OL+ILL+WE anag; 6. homophone! 7. anag; 8. Gag; 12. [K]IRK+SOME NESS; 15. HIER + ARCH+Y; 16. anag LE+BANK+AC; 18. EMBEDDED; 19. anag; 21. DO+DOS; SKI[P].

Slot 5: Praxis: ACROSS: 1: back+rest; 11: U+in Ely after gen; 12 13: ka+aba;: Pa(E O)n; 14: I+MP+Al+a; 15: anag; 18: I+co+N & S; 19: Ir+ate+st; 20: O+Ha(s)+RA (Gone with the Wind); 23: ST(r)EW; 24: anag+Ed; 25: em+CE+E; 28: Had<+ail<; 29: animal<; 31: E+Men<+Y; 32: L+Aden; 33: mo+ray and eels; 34: massa<+anag; **DOWN:** 1: Bikini+s; 2: Alamo+RT; 3: C(H)AP; 4: real+m; 5: EN (Enrolled Nurse – nurse)+capsul(At)es; 6: anag (ute silliness); 7: anag; 8: anag; 9: E+loin; 10: homoph; 16: mar+Cher+s; 17: homoph+man; 21: wranger = DEAR< +NESS ; 22: DD; 25: e(Dem)a; 26: anag; 27: Fa+all; 30: DD.



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Cryptic
by
Fortuna 48

Prize
\$75
x2

Seven clues have something in common and are not otherwise defined. All other clues are normal.

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Across

- 1 Fish for confetti, perhaps (4)
- 4 Conservative, lacking capital, quits manufacturing plant - true! (4)
- 7 Desk for paramedic (4)
- 10 Enter note in box (4)
- 11 Arabic Computer Aided Design features corner of shopping mall (6)
- 12 Sailor in cellar (4)
- 13 Blockhead loses penny at Scottish mass (4)
- 14 The last brother bends over backwards for ornamental cup-holder (4)
- 15 That girl would strip (4)
- 17 Tiller taken by alien in safety hat (6)
- 19 Heard melody in Scotland (3)
- 21 See 30 Down
- 24 Steered by unknown in school (5)
- 25 Two pounds in loose change (7)
- 27 Unhappy milker in snowfields (4,3)
- 30 Heat the joint (5)
- 32 Marble Inn renovation exposes a sheep in wolf's clothing! (5,4)
- 34 Composed ode (1,1,1)
- 35 Work out 500 in 2 (6)
- 38 Plant blending helium and rubidium (4)
- 40 She needs two continental articles (4)
- 41 Repeat code (4)
- 42 Hot Bee dancing for Olympic Cup-bearer (4)
- 43 Cocaine-free perfume for Jewish ascetic (6)
- 44 Declare "Be well and happy." Right? (4)
- 45 On or off, it is put on (4)

46 Ruler of arcane arts (4)

47 A sibling stays the same (2,2)

Down

- 1 Alien in universal beauty product (8)
- 2 Nightwatchman's assurance that there's nothing to worry about (4,4)
- 3 Dorothy missing Roy? Does once! (4)
- 4 Agent wears uniform to war (4)
- 5 Compound of calcium, carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and uranium used to sweeten the breath (6)
- 6 A support for birds or shoes (4)
- 7 Now! The final note to cutter (4)
- 8 I object to a levy on US cutter (4-2)
- 9 Bovine crossing (6)
- 16 Wasted when randomly teamed with CIA (9)
- 18 Old NSW Governor ... (9)
- 20 ... devised the old act in old Tokyo (4)
- 22 In ambergris, hidden sage can be found (5)
- 23 Wrong sailor injected vaccine (5)
- 26 Honour surrounding old instrument (4)
- 28 Award in odd jobs (8)
- 29 Makers of home pages? (8)
- 30 and 21 Treasures sought frantically (6,9)
- 31 Confused a designated driver in the van (6)
- 33 Relatives rewrite Scene One (6)
- 36 Relief from stormy Eastern Sea (4)
- 37 Reportedly posted coin (4)
- 38 Frost found in Idaho arboretum (4)
- 39 Blood factor found for each ostrich-like bird (4)

Another Sydney Get-Together Delight!

At William Ryan's modern Harold Park Hotel on 25 November members and significant others enjoyed a day of cruciverbal conversation, conundrum cracking and cogitation. This function was skilfully organised by our hard-working Secretary **Bev Cockburn** and here is her detailed report:

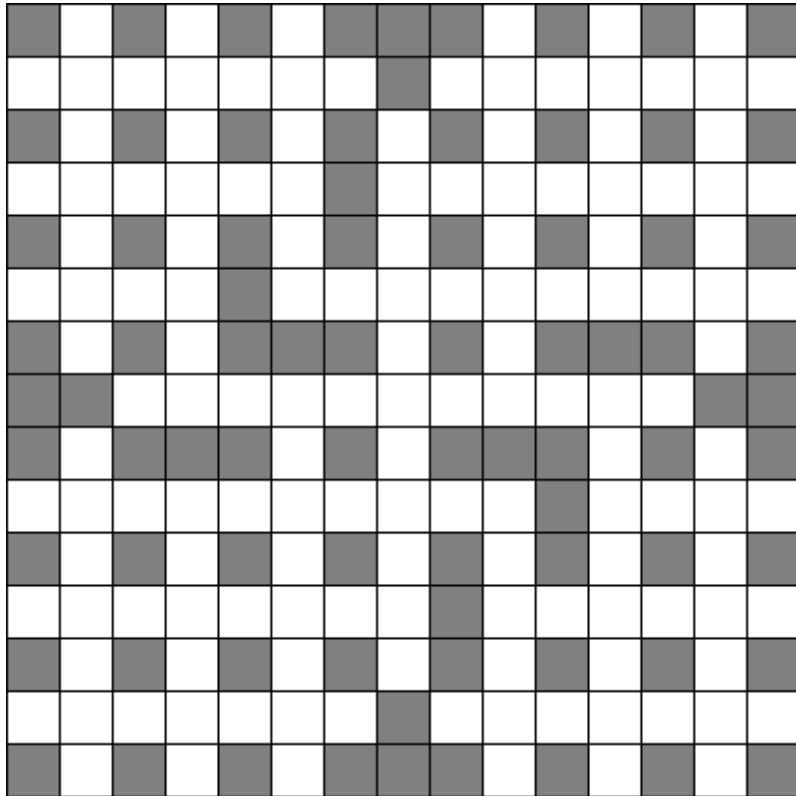
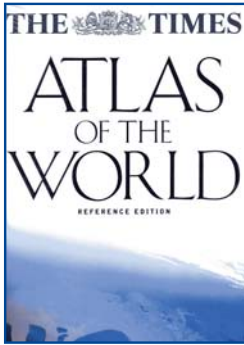
"We were fortunate to have a beautiful day for our Get-Together this year. Our thanks must go to **William Ryan** for once again allowing us to use his delightful hotel as a venue and the air-conditioned area with plenty of seating was ideal for our purpose. Thirty-two guests enjoyed the plentiful food and drinks available plus the bonus of meeting and greeting fellow crossword lovers and their partners. Members came from as far afield as the Gold Coast, Adelaide, Canberra, country NSW and the Central Coast as well as our loyal Sydney-siders. From the buzz of chatter throughout the day, I'm sure a great time was had by all. There were two quizzes, a Clue creating competition and a Q and A session by David Stickley to entertain and educate those present plus six people went home with bottles of wine as Lucky Door prizes. We are now looking forward to next year when we intend to do it all again."



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AJ
by
Manveru

Prize:



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

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| A Badly tainted blood type? Use this! (8) | M US state to extend university surroundings (6) |
| B Past robots rebuilt with pieces of software (10) | N Short story in Neo-Latin by 'anonymous' (7) |
| C At five o'clock there's no shadow when the dial is this? (5-6) | O Went around new footbridge avoiding fog (7) |
| D Titania, perhaps – she's prone to exaggeration (5,5) | P Exhaust – it's found towards the back of vessel (4) |
| E Absolute energy has explosive impact when infused with hydrogen (8) | Q Lined up and struck the ball soundly (6) |
| F A fairground ride where fliers go around (6,5) | R Returns to study and goes on line again? (8) |
| G Ice creams with nougat topping will make for something sticky (7) | S Elvis with 'All Shook Up' will get you to gyrate (6) |
| H Hot spots show top of helmet has tear in need of repair (4,4) | T The shortened career of a winger (6) |
| I Figures out enigmas after subtracting indefinite number (6) | U It is mined out of AUS before enrichment? (7) |
| J Johns' top novel pilot loses head and bounces (7) | V Channel Five helicopter crashes, obliterating port (7) |
| K King Henry arrested returning knight having not initially accepted God (7) | W Dock fee after fight over heroin cigarette and ecstasy (8) |
| L Light-year travelling requires one to depart in a state | X An advertisement plugging minor Vietnamese Capital as a heavenly place? (6) |
| | Y Meditation doesn't have answer to pain – foodstuff is what you're after (7) |
| | Z Freeze roti, maintaining this temperature? (4) |

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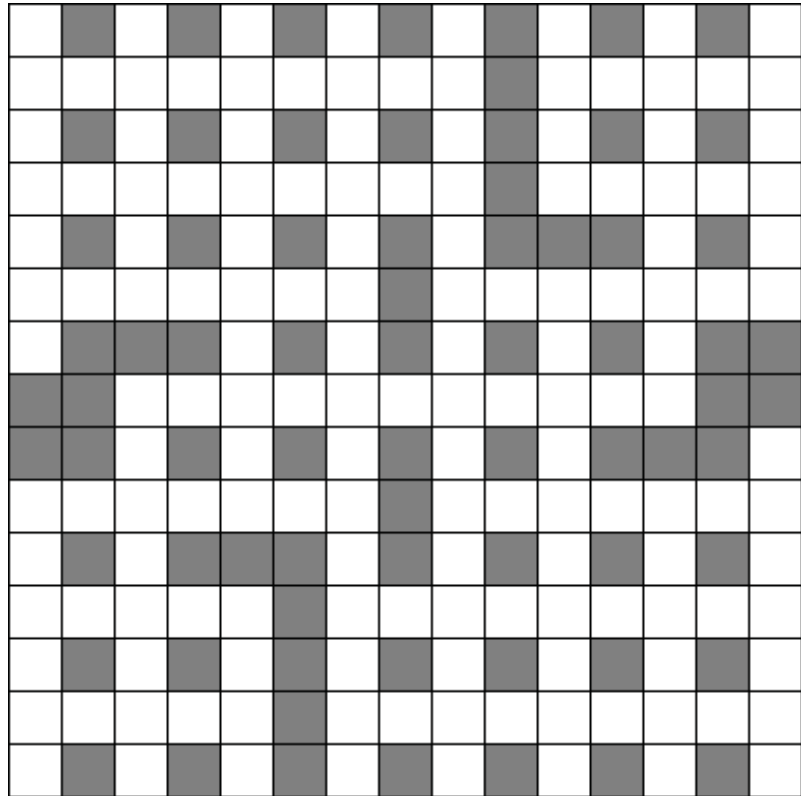
- I'm just home after a weekend in Sydney where my wife and I attended the club's lunch. Not only did we have an extremely enjoyable time there but we were both gobsmacked – to use her term – when we opened today's mail to find the cheque for November slots 1-5 winner. I'd seen via email that I had won but had no idea that the prize was so generous. Many thanks.
Warren Allen
- You cannot imagine how thrilled I was to win the *Chambers Dictionary* for slot 5. The first prize I won in my life was through our club's predecessor in 1989 – it was the 1988 *Chambers*. It's dog-eared, grubby, dust jacket long gone, has a broken spine (& it doesn't list ASBO). But it was my favourite reference book until now. I have been coveting this prize since its introduction. I am a Happy Jan!!!
Jan Wood
- ELOIN is not a common word, so fancy it turning up twice in one month, in Slots 1 and 5.
Nea Storey
- What a lovely day out we had at the Harold Park Hotel for our Christmas Get-Together. Great company, good food and lots to exercise those little grey cells. Thank you Bev and William and all the other organisers for their hard work towards a successful function. I am now the proud owner of a *Chambers Dictionary*, thanks Len, I am very excited and have to admit that it is becoming a well used and loved book, in pride of place on the coffee table. Merry Christmas to every one involved in *CrOZworld* and may 2013 be a wonderful, exciting and joyous year.
Lynne Spicer
- Many thanks to the setters for their interesting work which I have found challenging but very satisfying as a relative newbie to more advanced cryptic crosswords.
Stephen Matthews



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Cryptic
by
Crowsman

Prize:



A common puzzle at last from *Crowsman*!
All answers have something in common and are clued conventionally.
Place them in the grid, jigsaw-wise, where they fit.

Clues:

- Sad mistake (4)
- Sword cut off top of tent (4)
- One in army leaves a buck, perhaps, to run off (5)
- Lord Charlemagne's birthplace (5)
- Large key has thread (5)
- Drama – but not at that place! (5)
- Ice at roadsides held up arterial passageways (6)
- Welsh turn up, regenerated somewhat (6)
- Somewhere in Washington, without a discharge (6)
- Case lost in carriage (6)
- Summon envoy avoiding borders – involved in hard drug! (7)
- Port fee taken from Milwaukee Lager Inc. (7)
- With Chinese included, measure greenhouse gas (7)
- Cite sides from Europe to arbiter (7)
- Hide in the Ierapetra region (7)
- Tangible achievement is cutting through roofing material (7)
- Reduce iron? (8)
- On delving into death, denounce as evil (8)
- Dismissed bitter church to access services elsewhere (9)
- Dubious if the tree is exempt from GST, perhaps (5-4)
- Tears knee breaking loose from reptile (4,5)
- Act of retribution affected Genevan church (9)
- Plan to apply again yellow-green colour (10)
- Terrible floe covers remodelled part of ship (10)
- Fail to discourage one with talk (11)
- Boer's home has old chain on the house, say (6,4,5)
- The French, in order to pledge support, formed parliamentary working party (6,9)

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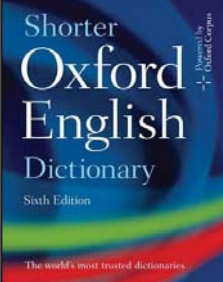
- Many thanks for my \$75 prize in last month's results. What a great time of the year to have a little extra money — especially when we had just returned from our holiday to view the total eclipse of the sun — a fantastic experience!
Catherine Hambling
- My grateful thanks to all who make the Club work so well and thanks, too, for my win in October Slot 6! It's nice just occasionally to have a triumph just when I needed a bit of a boost.
Brian Eggleton
- Foreign words seem to be a highlight this month – French, Latin, German and Spanish.
Brian Symons
- I was pleased that this month the solutions were all real words and not those awful acronyms ... I think ROTC, ICAO and ABSO could all be defined as "preventive asocial measures"! It was interesting that the unusual word ELOIN appeared as the answer in two puzzles.
John Baylis
- Thanks for another wonderful year of puzzles. What a great club!
Brian Tickle
- A very big "thank-you" to both Bev and *Raoul* for making the Sydney Get-Together such a successful and happy occasion, and Season's Greetings to all our members.
Margaret Davis
- Generally I noticed the American medical spellings (EDEMA for OEDEMA and APNEIC for APNOEIC). And two ELOINS in the one month!
Roy Taylor
- Further to the use of acronyms in cryptic crosswords: these ought only to be acceptable if they are NICU. Not familiar with this acronym? Now In Common Usage.
Ian Mason



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Cryptic
by
zinzan

Prize



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Across

- 1 Young rat took nourishment at some stage to mature (6)
- 4 Farmer opts to replough land that's usually unworkable (10)
- 11 Members of the mob find time to settle down (5)
- 12 Not quite the price of romaine (3)
- 13 Train vigorously in extremely undignified attire (7)
- 14 Making light of explosive set of clues left next to university beforehand (11)
- 15 Lawrence goes by the name of a city in Asia (5)
- 17 Gives up cigarettes, possibly by protest (5,2,2)
- 20 Having bomb, rig a derelict housing unit (7)
- 22 Bar full of women drunkenly toe the line then go outside (3,10,4)
- 24 Largely difficult reversing the appearance of a lot of cheiloschisis (7)
- 25 To some extent, relationships of actors thereby . . . (4,5)
- 27 . . . asserted it is any but East ? (5)
- 29 When spring arrived, I came out with a type of infection (11)
- 32 Great Aussie tennis player covers up the middle of the foot (7)
- 33 Active Mum finally getting old, troubled teenager (3)
- 34 Book it in time and leave unpacked (5)
- 35 Sophoclean drama reference is pure rubbish? Wrong (7,3)
- 36 Book accommodation near English town in the north (6)

Down

- 1 Streaks, having removed items from chest and upper lap! (6,7)
- 2 Introduction for first half of Jane Austen novel (5)
- 3 Bosun ate tomatoes to overcome regressive condition (7)
- 5 Note behind border is initially posted in this place, Australia, Asia and others (7,10)
- 6 Those who wish to deceive launch financial services on the internet? (11)
- 7 German painter's finding not quite all the Chinese food's hot (9)
- 8 US city starts to organise magician's act that's funny (5)
- 9 A little promotion for a Ford model (3)
- 10 Does really well in unrestricted events? (4)
- 16 Revenge for transplant undertaken in orbit (2,3,3,2,3)
- 18 Get over cold with the latest in medical attention (5)
- 19 Invaders deliver the Queen, restrained by lock (11)
- 21 Lifeless jazz voice stripped back (5)
- 23 Move from one place to another, as dolphin swims (6-3)
- 26 Small piece of leaf eaten by more developed fawn (7)
- 28 Many days before operation's opening, close down the business (2,3)
- 30 I introduce trailers of litter into the middle of Santa Fe (4)
- 31 Having been satisfied, ordinary leader of Opposition's disingenuously imitative (2-3)
- 32 Seconds from starting, switch body double (3)

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ACC COMPILER OF 2012: We have had plenty of crossword compilers featured in *Crozworld* during 2012. 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 2012. See p11 for the voting form.

CLUE OF THE MONTH: We continued the COTM in 2012 and it has been keenly embraced by the solvers. We will continue it in 2013. During 2012, the results were as follows: *Manveru* (Michael Kennedy) 3 COTMs (Congratulations Michael), *Southern Cross* (the late Shiril O'Brien) and *Virgo* (Audrey Austin) 2 votes each and *Ann Ass* (Jenny Wenham), *Barney Naga* (Jeremy Barnes and Bob Hagan), *Buzzer* (Bhavan Kasivajjula), *Crowsman* (Len Colgan), *Jesso* (the late Noel Jessop), *St Jude* (Drew Meek) and *zinzan* (Andrew Patterson) with 1 COTM each. Well done!

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER! If you sign up a new member for 2013, the cost is only \$30. Unbeatable value! A wonderful present for your friends! We have a number of new members already for 2013! 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/new members for 2013 kindly received from: Allen W, Austin A, Bennett D, Carbines M, Champion G, Davey J, Dearie P, Eggleton B, Fry L, Glissan B, Harper K, Hemsley D, Hocking A, Ibbott B, Lee C, Lobsey V, Martin A, Martin F, May S, McGrath J, Potts M, Randall J, Smith J, Stocks J, Symons B and Taylor S.

Donations to the ACC Prize Fund 2013 are gratefully received from: Warren Allen, Audrey Austin, David Bennett, Gillian Champion, John Davey, Brian Eggleton, Lila Fry, Barbara Glissan, Bob Hagan, Don Hemsley, Alison Hocking, Barb Ibbott, Kath Harper, Veniece Lobsey, Alison Martin, Frank Martin, Sandra May, Judy Randall, Joan Smith, Jack Stocks, Brian Symons and Shelia Taylor. Many thanks for your 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. Ian has been skilfully managing e-lodgment entries since July 2005 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@vebone.com.au

Appeals: If you feel aggrieved about any decision made by an Adjudicator, then contact the Adjudicator and put your case. If your appeal to the Adjudicator is unsuccessful, you may contact the Executive Committee who will then finally determine the appeal.

Solutions to David Astle's Blanagrams:

1. Blanagrams of DIAGRAM are: diorama and madeira.
2. Blanagrams of MEADOW are: avowed, foamed, loamed, meowed, moaned, moated, pomade, roamed, wormed and warmed. Tougher words are: amoved, daemon, oedema and radome.

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New Members: Bronwyn Marchant from Wyoming, NSW, **Ron Carpenter** from Ringwood North, Vic and **Rob Moline** from Cottesloe, WA and a warm welcome back to **Valerie James** of Hornsby, NSW. Welcome

to the Wonderful World of *Crozworlding!*

Puzzle Adjustment for November: Our apologies for the clerical errors that led to the following omissions from the results table. Kath Harper, Nea Storey and Tony Dobebe earned dots for slots 1-5 inclusive. Jack Stocks earned dots for Slots 1, 4 and 5. Brian Symons earned a dot for Slot 4.

Quiz No 9/12 European Union: Tony de Gryns scored 25 pts.

January 2013 Bonus Quiz: Actors by Virgo.

Send your entry to Audrey Austin, 35/55 Carter Road Nambour Queensland 4560. e-mail: audreyaustin@bigpond.com.au
Closing date: 15 February 2013. Book Prize.

Part 1: 9 Men. Solve the anagrams in Questions 1 to 8 inclusive to find the names of 8 male actors. The initials of the 8 solutions form an anagram of the name of a 9th actor.

- 1 Peck vine say (5,6)
- 2 Tribe scorer (4,7)
- 3 If a friend called (6,9)
- 4 Len bent fairy (6,6)
- 5 Die relic (4,4)
- 6 The new Haka (5,5)
- 7 Oz gazing out (3,8)
- 8 In sole name (4,6)
- 9 (6,10)

Part 2: 2 Ladies and 7 Men. Solve the anagrams in Questions 10 to 17 inclusive to find the names of 2 female and 6 male actors The initials of the 8 solutions form an anagram of the name of a 9th actor.

- 10 Stone cold wait ((5, 8)
- 11 Has love in robe (7,6)
- 12 Kid rest area (4,7)
- 13 Or new poetry (6,5)
- 14 Bonded in Rome (6,6)
- 15 Lion Ham (3,4)
- 16 Rich Red's money (4,9)
- 17 Arranged loan (6,6)
- 18 (11,5)

PRIZE SCHEDULE for 2013

Subject to the overriding discretion of the Executive Committee, the monthly prizes for Slots 2 and 3: \$75 x 2 each. Slots 4 - 7 and all quizzes: Book prize. Puzzle No 1: *Puzzles and Words* by David Astle (2012 edition) or other book as selected plus one x \$75. Puzzle No 5: *The Reader's Digest Illustrated Reverse Dictionary*. Slots 1-5 correct selected winner each month: \$125. Cumulative slots 1-6, 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 sent to the Adjudicator by e-mail. The closure of e-lodgements is synchronised with the mail delivery of the Adjudicator. 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 2013.

A Note about the Prizes for 2013

Thanks to the generosity of members, we are able to maintain the prize schedule for 2013 and are continuing with Cumulative Prizes for the best solvers in 2013. We recognise that we should reward the champion solvers with something tangible to mark this achievement. As in 2012, we will award trophies for the Club's champion solvers and each trophy will carry a plaque setting out the details of the winner's name and the particular competition. Trophies will be awarded for Cumulative Slots 1-6 Jan-Dec 2013 and the top scorer for the numbered Quizzes Jan-Dec 2013. These special trophies will look great on 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 2013!

Note: In 2013, only one entry per person per puzzle or Quiz is allowed. In cases where e-lodged submissions of completed grids are corrupted, or are otherwise unable to be read or opened, a repeat submission may be allowed following consultation with Ian Williams.

December 1-2012: Half 'n Half by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

- Nice start to the puzzles and pleased we still have Noel's puzzles. *Joan Smith*
- NIXON and REDBACK were toss-ups for COTM. *Nea Storey*
- A nice start to the month of puzzling. *Alan Dyer*
- Took 5 attempts to find the appropriate synonym for 5ac Accomplished, trying ACHIEVED, ATTAINED, REALISED, TALENTED then finally EFFECTED. *Alan Walter*
- My new word from *Jesso* this time is PRAD. I have never come across it meaning horse. *Margaret Davis*
- Strange to see ELOIN used in both Slots 1 and 5. [And many other solvers, some of whom pointed out the word is in the same position in both grids! - Adj.] *Brian Tickle*
- PRAD for horse was a new word for me as was ELOIN. *Peter Dearie*
- These give learners and even the more experienced solvers a good way of easing from orthodox to cryptics. *Carole Noble*
- Learned two new words, AGIO and ELOIN. *Max Roddick*

December 2-2012: Cryptic by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- Enjoyable cryptic, favourite clues 31, 32ac and 1dn. *Joan Smith*
- 6dn: (Der spider - redback) gave me a merry chortle and gets my COTM. *Jim Fowler*
- I think I am getting better at these! A number of good clues, particularly enjoyed 14ac (CADDY). *Alan Dyer*
- 25ac: carry out + almond = DO + NUT (cake); 22dn: much liked LANTANA hidden in "plant a native"; 25dn: if "gas" = AIR, French iron = FER giving F + AIR + ER. Thanks *Virgo*. *Alan Walter*
- Lots of great clues. I especially liked 27dn: A former president exposed (5) = NIX-ON. *Brian Tickle*
- Lots of great clues. I liked REDBACK and NIXON especially. *Roy Taylor*
- If "Australian country paths" are defined anywhere as BUSHWALKS, I cannot find a reference work containing this definition. 24dn gets my COTM - very ingenious. *Peter Dearie*
- So many good clues but my COTM goes to 27dn, NIXON. Well done, *Virgo*. *Carole Noble*
- Liked REBEC and ASTER. *Max Roddick*

December 3-2012: Cryptic by Pindar (John Brotherton)

- Some imaginative and quality clueing, although 13ac is borderline. Best were 17ac, 26ac, 8dn. *Len Colgan*
- At least 7 deliveries - OVEREXTENDED - very clever! *Nea Storey*
- Re 6dn: Any fart jokes in the comments? [Only yours, *Jim* - Adj] *Jim Fowler*
- *Pindar's* puzzles are always challenging and enjoyable. Especially liked the clues for 7, 9, 14ac 6, 8dn. *Joan Smith*
- Nearly confused "kirk" with "wick" in 12dn (ICKSOMENESS instead of IRKSOMENESS). *Alan Dyer*
- ITAC wordplay is very clever: at least seven deliveries - OVER + EXTENDED. 22ac: APNEIC was a new word with an unexpected spelling. Much liked 14ac "those with an interest in big sticks!" giving STAKEHOLDERS. 5ac: "Windy" - quite humorous = FLAT + U + LENT. 12ac: IRK + SOME + NESS. Thanks *Pindar* for a mind-testing, entertaining puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- 14ac was my favourite here. *Brian Tickle*
- A nice straightforward puzzle from *Pindar*. I liked 7dn especially. *Margaret Davis*
- This slot took longest to solve. APNEIC turned up in my 45 year old *World Book Dictionary*. *Peter Dearie*

- Plenty of good clues throughout and STAKEHOLDERS almost got my COTM. *Carole Noble*
- OVEREXTENDED was a clever one. *Max Roddick*

December 4-2012: AJ by The Busybodies (Bev Cockburn & Carole Noble)

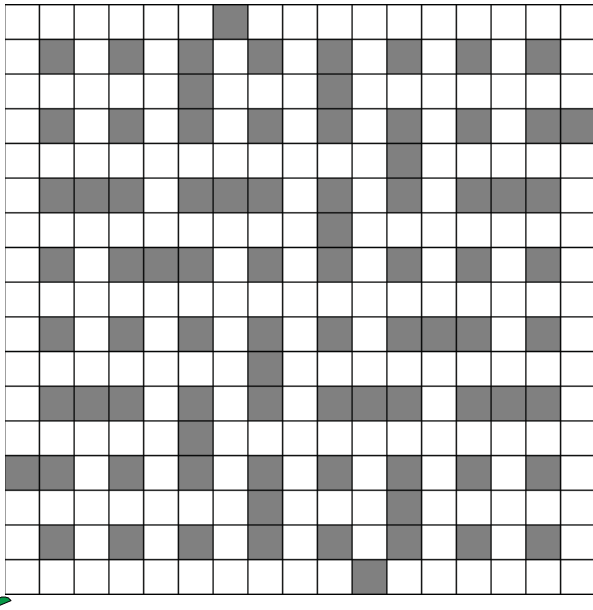
- In the A clue ALMOND SHELL the compilers combine a part-anagram with a synonym, and importantly the synonym is with "hell" and not "shell". My type of clue and COTM!!!! *Len Colgan*
- Love the AJ puzzles and this was no exception. I liked the clue for H (which took this poor old brain a while to work out) also B and F clues. Thank you ladies. *Joan Smith*
- BLOOD DONORS was an excellent clue. I also liked JOURNEY. *Nea Storey*
- I always enjoy the AJ. I guess "HOSTELING" is the hinted Americanisation? *Alan Dyer*
- Thanks *Busybodies* for an enjoyable AJ. Took me quite some time to solve for the two central answers: ALMOND SHELL and BLOOD DONORS. N answer; NO + MINE = candidate. *Alan Walter*
- I cannot find the "American spelling not in normal references". This hint seemed to apply to Slot 3. This was a well clued and enjoyable puzzle. *Peter Dearie*
- BLOOD DONORS worked very smoothly. *Max Roddick*

December 5-2012: Cryptic by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

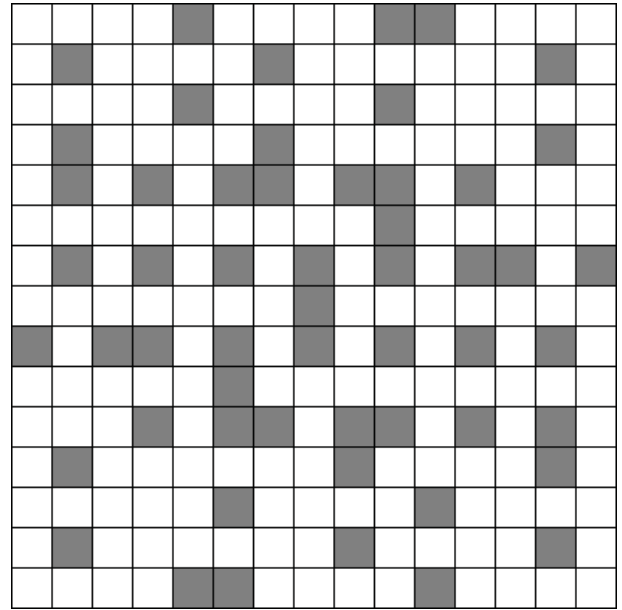
- I liked the clue for 28ac (DAHLIA) because of its succinct elegance. *Len Colgan*
- The spelling PAEON instead of PAEAN for a hymn threw me somewhat, but otherwise I really enjoyed the straightforwardness of the clues this month. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- A very enjoyable puzzle from one of my favourite compilers. Liked the clues for 1, 14ac, 1 and 17dn. *Joan Smith*
- I thought 29ac very clever. *Nea Storey*
- 12ac has to be Kaama, doesn't it? I can only assume that the dreaded gremlins got to this one. [No, KA+ABA was correct - can't blame gremlins this time - Adj] *Jim Fowler*
- 6dn: Hope SUNSET LILIES is correct as the anagram of UTE + SILLINESS. 5dn was quite clever ENCAPSUL(AT)ES = outlines. Thanks for a challenging XIMENEAN puzzle *Roy*. *Alan Walter*
- I always enjoy Roy's barred grid puzzles. They must be so tricky to set. *Brian Tickle*
- The shape of the grid made me wonder if *Praxis* had been intending to make it one of his "Rights and Lefts" and then changed his mind. *Margaret Davis*
- A challenging slot. PAEON is not defined a hymn in any of my reference sources. *Peter Dearie*
- *Praxis* does it again! Fewer odd words than usual yet still quite a challenge. Good one *Roy*. *Carole Noble*
- PROTEST! 13ac: "A hymn English love, is included by piper". Expected answer: PAEON. However, PAEON refers to a single metric foot comprising one long and two short syllables in any order, thus scarcely constituting a hymn. *Praxis* has confused PAEON with PAEAN, the latter being a song of praise i.e. a hymn. *Ian Mason*
- Felt confident of 9dn because I'd just learned ELOIN from Slot 1 - but to make it fit I had to change PAEAN to PAEON - another new word. The ACC certainly improves one's vocabulary! *Max Roddick*

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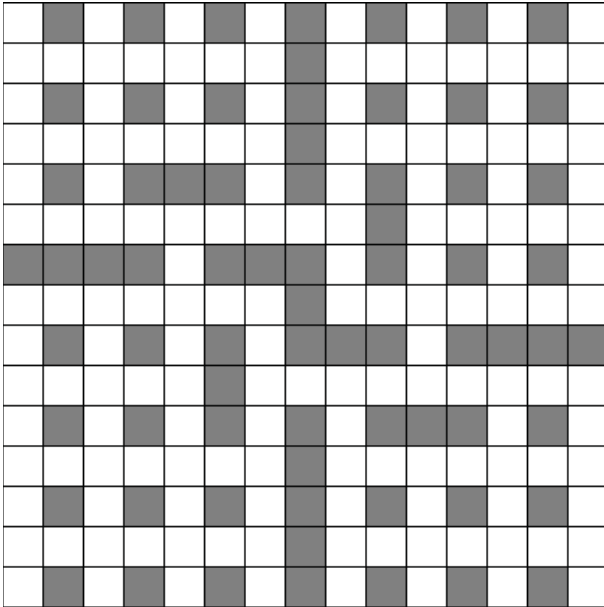
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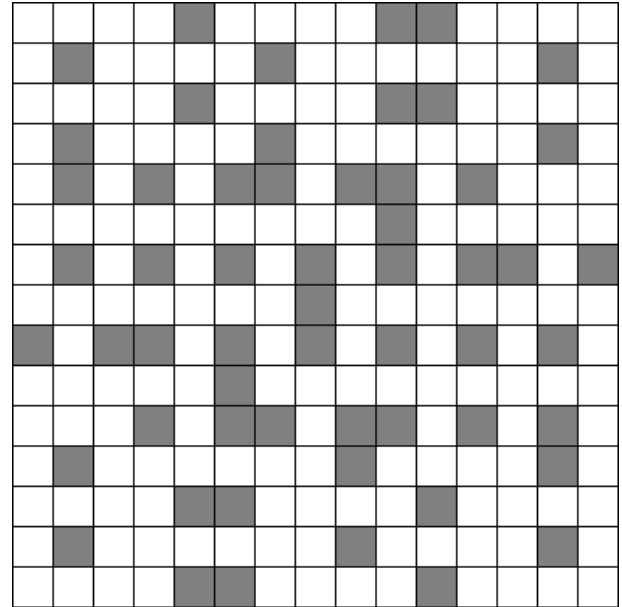
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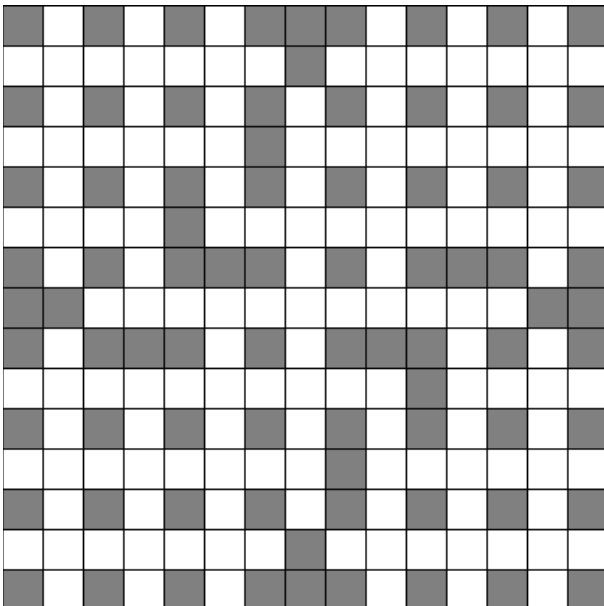
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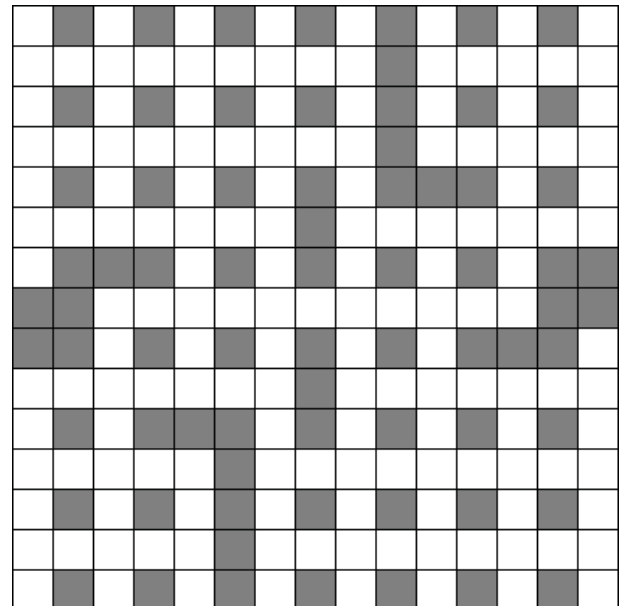
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Clue of the Month

ACC Compiler of the Year



November 1-2012: Wysiwyg by Hot & Cold (Jenny Wenham & Ian Williams)

Results: Entries: 69; Correct: 59. Success Rate: 86%.

Winner: Gillian Champion. Congratulations!

Adjudicators' comments: Thank you all for your entries, comments and Seasons Greetings. And even one puzzle that had been "eaten by the dog". "Wysiwyg", for those who may still be wondering, is an acronym for "What you see is what you get" and refers to the *Hot and Cold* theme of the puzzle. In 7dn 'chilly' which caused a few lost dots: "LICH1" is an alternative spelling of lychee and with "pound" = L and the anagind "vigorously" results in the required CHILLI. 14ac SERAC attracted many comments, most not particularly favourable. In retrospect it might have been better to have made this an ordinary clue rather than a themed one, particularly given the percentage of unchecked letters. A few solvers also thought FLAMBEAU should have been a themed word. We did have quite a bit of discussion about this and decided on balance that as its function is to provide light and any heat is a by-product it didn't qualify.

(I have had to change laptops in the middle of the adjudication, so if you've emailed your entry and appear to be missing a dot, please resend it. Jenny.)

Solvers' comments:

- Thanks for the **cool** puzzle. Of late the **heat** has not been so welcome. Following, always following had me lost for some time. *Jack Stocks*
- Nice to see a soupçon of science entering into the fray. *Jim Fowler*
- Enjoyable puzzle with good clues. Favourites were 10, 19, 28ac and 4dn. *Joan Smith*
- Thanks for the puzzle. It took a long time to get the last couple – SERAC being the last. I made it harder by including FLAMBEAU among the theme answers, therefore miscounting. *Andrew Patterson*
- Thank you for your puzzle, cunningly compiled on the theme of Hot and Cold, although it took me a while to work out why some of the answers qualified. And I like the title! *Nea Storey*
- I enjoyed your puzzle with its "Hot & Cold" clues. For a long time I wanted to put ICELAND POPPIES for 29ac. That is until I found PENPAL & knew I was wrong! Thanks for a great puzzle. *Bev Cockburn*
- 14ac was a really tough clue: I am still not sure that it is right? *Julie Leigh*
- A tough but gettable puzzle. Aftermost was my favourite clue. *Michael Kennedy*
- Thank you both for this enjoyable puzzle. Loved the title and think I managed to get your Hot and Cold in all its various guises. *Roy Taylor*
- Hahaha — What You See Is What You Get — 13 solutions referring (sort of) to heat, cold or the study of it from Hot and Cold. Clever theme. *Tony Dobe*
- Thank you for your contributions to the Club. 7dn CHILLI (CHILLY?) is a bit of a worry to me so I am going with the cryptic indications [*very wise, Doreen – H&C*] and keeping my fingers crossed. *Doreen Jones*
- The first 3 I solved were weather-related, so when I next came up with EROTIC I couldn't figure what that had to do with precipitation etc. Luckily, the penny did drop eventually. Very apt theme, *Hot and Cold*. *Carole Noble*
- Thanks for your challenging, ingenious puzzle. I blew hot and cold on many clues. The thirteen answers relate to Hot & Cold items. *Alan Walter*
- Tricky! Love "My Red Macintosh! And the hothouse lettuce – I'll never look at one again! *William Ryan*
- Thanks for a wonderful cryptic – appropriately themed nicely clued. *Brian Symons*
- Most enjoyable. *David Grainger*
- A very good puzzle and extremely appropriate for your "setter

- name". *Robyn Caine*
- Much enjoyment from an astute theme. I liked the FLAMBEAU clue for its surface reading, with all words being functional. *Len Colgan*
- As always things got a little easier when we worked out the commonality but overall we found the puzzle a challenge. In particular the lack of a definition really adds to the demands of the process. FYI SERAC was a new word for us as well. Overall? Good stuff. Keep 'em coming. *Richard Skinner*
- Simple to deduce the theme (extremes of hot or cold), but the last few answers were really difficult! *Alan Dyer*
- A clever name for a clever puzzle. I still like to play Hot & Cold with our grandchildren. *Jan Wood*
- Thanks for such a good puzzle. *Valerie Howard*
- Loved the title/theme! I think 8dn FROST took me longer than the rest put together! Sometimes you just can't see it! *Mike Potts*
- An enjoyable puzzle, this one. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- How clever you are to have included so many hot and cold related words! *Susan Howells*
- You are a devious pair, aren't you? Using your pseudonym as the indicator of your undefined clues, indeed! Many and varied aspects of Hot and Cold, too. All very clever and I did enjoy your puzzle. I hope I haven't made any stupid mistakes either. *Margaret Davis*
- This caused me a bit of head scratching. *Ann Jermy*
- Like so many themed puzzles, it really helped when the penny finally dropped. *Brian Tickle*
- It took a while before the theme became apparent – very crafty! An enjoyable, cleverly constructed puzzle. *Peter Dearie*
- I loved your sneaky theme, once I caught on. The clues were challenging but quite fair, I thought. *Kath Harper*
- I am doubtful about the anaginds in 12, 20 & 24 [*All listed in Chambers Crossword Dictionary as common indicators – H&C*]. In 28ac is 'word' a definition for 'verb'? [*Chambers defines it as a word or group of words – H&C*] A great idea for a puzzle, with 13 solutions relating to either HOT or COLD. *Graeme Cole*
- I thought FLAMBEAU was wonderfully clued! *Andrew Miles*
- 14ac was the only clue whose solution eluded me till the very end before hitting on SERAC, which I hope is right. I thought I already had the 13 solutions that had "hot or cold" in common but I wasn't sure because 14 looked like another one of them and this turned out to be so. Going through the 13 solutions for the umpteenth time I finally realized that 17dn "flambeau" though a "hot" answer, was also a defined one, so not eligible. *Tony de Gry*
- Enjoyed this puzzle and very pleased to this month complete slots 6 & 7!! – something I don't often do. *Cheryl Wilcox*

Christmas Quotations

- At Christmas I no more desire a rose
Than wish a snow in May's new-fangled mirth;
But like of each thing that in season grows.
W Shakespeare, *Love's Labour's Lost* (1595) act I, sc I, 1. 105
- 'Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents,' grumbled Jo, lying on the rug.
Louisa May Alcott *Little Women* (1868-9)
- I am a poor man, but I would gladly give ten shillings to find out who sent me the insulting Christmas card I received this morning.
George Grossmith (1847-1912) *The Diary of a Nobody* (1894) ch. 13.
- And oh, how pleased his lordship was, and how he smiled to say,
That's good, my boy. Come, tell me now; and what is Christmas Day?
The ready answer bared a fact no bishop ever knew —
'It's the day before the races out at Tangmalangaloo.'
"John O'Brien" (Very Rev Mgr Joseph Hartigan) (1879-1952) *Tangmalangaloo*



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15 February 2013.

Across

- 5 Heart broken by ultimate devastation in city (6)
- 7 An impromptu musical session received well at English festival (8)
- 9 Prominently display special coffee recipe (8)
- 10 Pilots in cruises keep uniform on for long (6)
- 11 Year after cursed spell I serve the king (5,7)
- 13 Not clear if missing field officer is petitioned (6)
- 15 Educational aids to some extent are a liability (6)
- 18 Working plan for Ossie expert (12)
- 21 Yell from one being eaten by an ogre (6)
- 22 Excitement of riding has man in cavalry cry out (8)
- 23 About 600 took on vociferous Indian chief (3,5)
- 24 Respectful gesture unfortunately rejected by a maiden (6)

Down

- 1 Twist around each ankle essentially causing harm (8)
- 2 Wearing scarf on top and favourite pullover together (2,4)
- 3 Evader of duties relatively pleased with self saving a pound (8)
- 4 Note content of religious sermon (6)
- 6 Train a plant to grow, rise and leap out (8)
- 7 Yank briefly agreed to go up to Channel Island (6)
- 8 Top-less pitcher (4)
- 12 Hand one tabloid a collection of Japanese writing (8)
- 14 It gives one access to a portal (8)
- 16 Road trips up to Darling? (8)
- 17 Teeming with iron, copper and free of lead (6)
- 18 Edward for one makes an impression during speech (6)
- 19 Estrangement from church is accepted by Saint Mark (6)
- 20 Not much advance notice floors you (4)

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Quiz No 1/2013



by *InGrid*

Quiz 1/2013: Four Letter Words by *InGrid*.

The tract below contains at least 23 related four letter words. The intended 23 each begin with a different letter and are in alphabetical order within the passage. None start with V, X or Y.

Send your solution to **Jean Barbour, PO Box 290, Wonthaggi Vic 3995.**
e-mail: william.barbour@bigpond.com

Closing date: 15 February 2013. Book prize.

I ONCE TOOK AN OATH NEVER TO BE ARMED WITH A PEN AGAIN. I SCARPERED AWAY FROM THOSE WHO HAD A CERTAIN TALENT FOR PUZZLES. EVER NERVOUS OF THOSE BLACK AND WHITE SQUARES, OFF I SHOVED WHEN THE CROSSWORD PAGE APPEARED – TOO SCARED TO HAVE A GO AT THEM.

THEN, WITH A REALIZATION THAT FROM THE CRIB I SOUGHT THOSE TRICKY WORDS, I BEGAN TO HIJACK THE PUZZLES FROM MY PARTNER. HE SAID, “LOOK I WISH YOU’D GET YOUR OWN AND STOP FOOLING WITH MY PAPER!”

THAT WAS WHEN, FROM A REFERRAL, I FOUND A NEW TREAT, WITH THE ACC, OR CAN IT BE AN OBSESSION? UPON YET ANOTHER UNIQUE YEAR OF PUZZLING I FOLLOWED CRYPTIC TRAILS AROUND LOST AGENDAS THAT YOUR VACANT SQUARES CREATE. WE TAKE HOURS WITH THIS CRAZE, BUT WHAT A GREAT TIME WE HAVE.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IN MAKING THIS CLUB SUCH A PLEASURE.

Results of Quiz No 11/2012: The ayes have it again! by *Crowsman (Len Colgan)*

Entries: 46. Winner: Ian Thompson. Congratulations!

36: P Abbott, W Allen, R Caine, B Cockburn, G Cole, P Dearie, V Dinham, A Dyer, J Fowler, P Garner, B Glissan, B Hagan, K Harper, L Howard, S Howells, D Jones, C Mackay-Sim, A Martin, F Martin, C McClelland, T McPherson, J Pearce, M Procter, W Ryan, A Simons, J Stocks, N Storey, R Taylor, I Thompson, C Wilcox, N Wilson and R Wimbush. **35:** V Howard, G Leeds, J McGrath, A Miles, C Noble, E O’Brien, S Pinder, S Roulston, R Skinner, J Smith and A Walter. **34:** A Jermy and L Waites. **33:** B Tofoni.

Solutions: BIKINI, INHIBIT, SHIITIC, TBILISI, BRINDISI, DIVINITY, INFINITY, LIMITING, RHINITIS, RIGIDITY, SINICISM, VICINITY, VIRIDITY, VIRILITY, DISLIKING, FINISHING, FIRING PIN, IMPINGING, MISTIMING, VILIFYING, WHIRLIGIG, WITTICISM, DISMISSING, INFIGHTING, PICNICKING, RISIBILITY, SIGNIFYING, SYPHILITIC, DRILLING RIG, HIGH SPIRITS, SKIRMISHING, VICTIMIZING, DRINK-DRIVING, HIGHLIGHTING, INVISIBILITY, SKINNY-DIPPING.

Setter’s Comments: Some members, unaware that there was an earlier similar quiz “The ayes have it!”, submitted answers that were actually part of the previous one. For 18, almost all entries gave the expected answer IMPINGING, but INSPIRING was also accepted, as was MISFILING for 19. For 27, the very first entry under “mean” in the *Chambers Thesaurus* is “signify”, and hence “meaning” is synonymous with SIGNIFYING. Other answers were submitted, but were not close enough.

Other Solvers’ Comments:

- Thanks for another interesting and challenging quiz. Hope I got them all right this time. *Claire McClelland*
- Thanks for an entertaining quiz. Some of them took a lot of thought! *Roy Taylor*
- A clever idea giving plenty of scope for clues. *Bob Hagan*
- There are some delightful words in this list – “whirligig” is one of my favourites. I loved the combination of “vicinity”, “viridity” and “virility”; perhaps “vidivity” could have been added to turn it into a real tongue twister. *Susan Howells*
- Quite a brain teaser! Loved this puzzle. Keep them coming. *Cheryl Wilcox*

Results of Bonus Quiz: Payback by *Both Sides (Nea Storey and Anne Simons)*

Entries: 34. Correct: 20. Success Rate: 59%.

Winner: Alison Martin. Congratulations!

24: R Caine, B Cockburn, M Cowan, P Dearie, J Fowler, B Hagan, K Harper, D Jones, A Martin, F Martin, C McClelland, A Miles, C Noble, M Potts, M Procter, J Smith, B Symons, I Thompson, B Tofoni and A Walter. **23:** W Allen, R Dorrell, S Howells, G Leeds, E O’Brien, S Roulston and J Stocks. **22:** G Cole, L Howard, V Howard

and C Mackay-Sim. **21:** B Bennett and L Waites. **20:** T McPherson.
Solutions: 1 Payola 2 Sub 3 Franc 4 Stipend 5 Income 6 Pelf 7 Nest Egg 8 Wealth 9 Bukshi 10 Bank 11 Payroll 12 Ransom 13 Pension 14 Compo 15 Scrip 16 Gilder 17 Bonus 18 Pistolet 19 Ecu 20 Lev 21 Screw 22 Moneybox 23 Alimony 24 Zuz.

Adjudicator’s Comments:

The first eight entries received were correct. After that, the success rate plummeted! There was UZZ for ZUZ, INTEREST for PISTOLET, APAYS for BONUS. Two members missed ALIMONY (the other meaning of payback!), while four missed COMPO. My thanks to my sister Anne, who found some of the more unusual words, and thanks for several nice cards. **MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!**

Members’ Comments:

- Quite an appropriate title with the back letter of each answer indicating the alphabetical order. Buckshi being an Indian paymaster, was not easy to solve, & Compo being an informal term was one of the last to be solved. Much liked your legless guzzle clue giving the palindrome zuz. Clue 7 was tricky changing the letter r to l in wreath to end up with wealth. Thanks for your mind stretching bonus quiz. *Alan Walter*
- Thanks for a very enjoyable and challenging quiz. *Brian Symons*
- Well done. PELF and ZUZ were new to me. J and Q would have been interesting, not surprising they were missing. *Carole Noble*
- Thank you for your clever quiz. It is good to learn new words. *Claire McClelland*
- I usually avoid thinking about money, but this quiz made it fun. Thank you! I had to verify a few familiar currencies, and ‘bukshi’, but most of the enjoyment was in solving your very clever clues. *Kath Harper*
- Thanks for a great little Quiz. I particularly liked #22 – Moneybox. *Jim Fowler*
- Most enjoyable quiz. *Bev Cockburn*
- It certainly stretched the grey matter a bit. Took me a while to get ALIMONY – I thought that was a very clever clue. *Sonia Roulston*
- No. 18 was the last solved – my wife solved it without ever having heard of the word. This was a challenging and enjoyable quiz. *Peter Dearie*
- Having the answers in alphabetic order of the last letter added an extra degree of challenge. An interesting quiz. *Michael Potts*
- Thanks for the challenge. Your quiz was right on the money. *Jack Stocks*
- What a clever use of “payback”! I always enjoy these types of quizzes as they require brain work rather than “Googling”. *Susan Howells*
- Enjoyed yet another of your quizzes. *Bill Bennett*
- That was fun. *Trish McPherson*
- A clever quiz with lots of new words and a twisted logic to get them! *Frank Martin*
- Alphabetical order by the last letter was a nice twist. *Alison Martin*
- What a clever quiz. There are some wonderful words, some of which I’ve never heard before. I’ve always loved ‘pelf’ as a word, but ‘lev’, ‘zuz’, ‘bukshi’! You must have had fun creating this quiz. *Gabrielle Leeds*



November 7-2012: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)
Entries 59. Correct 51. Success rate 86%.
Prizewinner: Caroline Mackay-Sim. Congratulations!

Correct: W Allen, C Anderson, J Baylis, R Caine, G Champion, B Cockburn, M Cowan, M Davis, V Dinham, T Dobele, J Fowler, B Glissan, D Grainger, B Hagan, K Harper, L Howard, S Howells, A Jermy, D Jones, M Kennedy, G Leeds, J Leigh, C Mackay-Sim, A Martin, I Mason, C McClelland, J McGrath, I McKenzie, A Miles, C Noble, E O'Brien, D Parsons, S Pinder, M Potts, M Procter, M Pyc, S Roulston, W Ryan, A Simons, R Skinner, J Stocks, N Storey, B Symons, R Taylor, B Tofoni, A Walter, C Wilcox, N Wilson, R Wilson, R Wimbush and J Wood.

Adjudicator's Comments: The only common mistakes were variations instead of the correct POLE STAR in 10ac.

Explanations:

Across: 1 zoo/typic(ally); 6 double def; 9 disc/oncer/tingly; 10 poles/tar; 11 out(p)lay; 12 por(trait/pain)ter; 14 infinite(Islam(anag))ly; 17 s/prang; 18 hear(ten)s; 20 g/astronomically; 21 dale/k; 22 tang/ling. **Down:** 2 tORINO COuntryside; 3 communiTY CHEst; 4 rating inside (top on keel)anag; 5 C((halts there)anag)roat; 6 n/(r)ationalization; 7 constant/a; 8 sa(l)lvage; 13 anag; 15 nap/hand; 16 1/(nil on a)rev; 19 (l/wart)rev.

Solvers' Comments:

- Outstanding workout, as usual. Cannot believe I never knew G before ASTRONOMIC. *William Ryan*
- Many thanks for a super cryptic puzzle containing 7 x 15-letter answers. Outstanding clue was 5dn; who would have thought "Balkan hawks" were "Croat: CLEARS THE THROAT"? Brilliant! *Alan Walter*
- Thanks again for much pleasure. You are the master at clueing 15-letter slots! *Brian Symons*
- Thanks again for another fine example of the cryptic crossword. Probably, CLEARS THE THROAT, was my favourite but all the clues were solid. *Michael Kennedy*
- Oh! Those 15-letter answers ... *Nea Storey*
- As always, your clues are very fair but testing. *Bob Hagan*
- Challenging, fair puzzle with great clues. Favourites were 18ac and 3dn. *Joan Smith*
- Thank you for this little gem: I thoroughly enjoyed it. *Roy Wilson*
- 7 x 15-letter answers!!!! Well done. Hope I have negotiated the traps safely. Cuts nails > NICKS. Very clever. *Jack Stocks*
- Another difficult puzzle from *Crowsman* – where does he find all those 15-letter words? *Anne Simons*
- Thanks, Len, for another excellent puzzle. They were all good clues but particularly liked 12ac and 4dn. *Gillian Champion*
- A very absorbing puzzle with lots of long words and misleading clues – "sailor" held me up for some time until I realised that "rating" also had six letters. *John Baylis*
- Here's hoping. Loved the clues for 5dn and 12ac – oh, and all the others. *Joan McGrath*
- It was a lovely one with nice long words; very enjoyable. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- I think it's amazing how you clue those 15 letter words. Favourite clue was 11ac. *Jan Wood*
- Good clear clues but still quite a challenge. I liked 5dn. *Jill Freeland*
- I always enjoy your puzzles; they are not easy, but the word play is always rational (in a cryptic crossword sort of way). I have a sense of satisfaction when I have completed

them because I am never left wondering how **you** arrived at the answer. *Susan Howells*

• Did enjoy your puzzle – found it a challenge and was delighted to complete it. *Cheryl Wilcox*

Solution to Cryptic by Crowsman

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Clue Writing Competition [continued from p16]

Take a walk! Leave the stresses behind, I say! Circulate! **½
 'Stroll' without 's' (leave stresse(s) behind). 'behind' is meant to indicate the last letter of 'stresses'. 'I say' seems superfluous (a pleonasm even!). 'Circulate' is in *Chambers* but it's an archaic word and it's fairer to tell the solver this. The surface reading is a bit too stop-start for my liking, and probably needs a little less punctuation to be easier on the eye.

The rudeness on line largely leads to some controversy *½**
 This is a valiant attempt at an &lit, but at best it's a semi-&lit as 'to some controversy' doesn't feature in the parsing, which is the criterion for a true &lit. However, the entire clue is the definition.

Ugly dwarf and shameless woman without work ****
 This uses TROLL(op) as well. It's simple, smooth to read and the parsing is perfect. The surface reading makes me think of a mismatched pair from 18th century England, losing their jobs in a travelling 'freak' show. Excellent clue!

	Poor	Satisfactory	Excellent
Definition	0	1	2
Secondaries	0	1	2
Fairness	0	1	2
Surface Reading	0	1	2
x-factor	0	1	2

Star Rating: No star; 1-2 *; 3-4 **; 5-7 ***; 8-9 ****; 10 *****

Clue Writing Competition No. 1/2013.

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.
 Write a clue for the word **MISTLETOE (9)**
 Note: only one clue per person. Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Michael Kennedy, 27 Hennessy Lane, Figtree NSW 2525 or by email to: manveru@bigpond.com
 Closing mail date: Friday 15 February 2013. Book prize.



Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 6/2012

Write a clue for TROLL (5)

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy

Definition of **TROLL** from *Chambers* (12th Edition)

1. (*Norse myth*) **n** an evil-tempered ugly dwarf (or earlier, giant) [ON]

2. vt to fish for, or in, with a spinning or otherwise moving bait; to roll (*obs*); to trundle (*archaic*); (*Milton troule*) to move nimbly, wag (the tongue); to utter fluently, set rolling of the tongue (*obs*); to sing the parts of (eg a catch or round) in succession (*archaic*); to allure (*obs*); vi to fish with revolving or trailing bait (see also trawl); to roll (*obs*); to move or run about (*obs*); to sing a catch; to stroll, ramble (*obs*). **n** a lure for trolling; an instance of moving round, repetition; a round song; trolling. [Cf OFr *troller* (Fr *trôler*) to quest, Ger *trollen* to roll]

3. (*comput sl*) vi to make a conscious attempt to provoke controversy or disagreement on the Internet. **n** an instance of this; a person who trolls.

I am adjudicating this month's competition some 30,000ft in the air and travelling across a number of timezones, so you will have to excuse any blunders and/or inconsistencies. It proved trickier to clue than even I had anticipated. Many people fell into the trap of using obscure, archaic and even obsolete definitions, without disclosing this to the solver. Also, any Tolkien fan out there would know that a Middle-earth dwarf would be highly offended to be called a troll, but I've stuck with *Chambers* rather than *The Lord of the Rings*. The surface readings were generally very good, but watch out for pleonasm (my new word – read below). Coincidentally, this word was clued in *The Times* Cryptic on the 15th November. I thought it would make for an interesting comparison and have included it below with the other 17 entries.

As for the winning clue, it was very close, but **Bob Crossman** has done it again with a gem of a clue.

Harlot trims procedure to work the moving line (5) ****

The clues are listed in alphabetical order and the definitions, where appropriate, are *italicised*.

Empty (voided) takes from car spirit **

The direction is to literally empty 'empty' to leave EY. Remove this from TROLLEY (car) and one is left with TROLL as defined by 'spirit'. The indications are okay, but I find it tenuous at best to associate a spirit with a troll. At best a troll can be associated with a jinn but this is more related to a jinn's troll-like appearance. The surface reading does make some effort to be deceptive, but overall is lacking sense. However, I have to thank this compiler for introducing me to the beautiful word 'pleonasm' which means a redundancy of words.

Father, no model, abandons guard – monstrous creature! ***½

Like all the clues, I routinely try and solve the clue without reading the explanation, but this one defeated me. The explanation is PATER (for father) minus T (for model) leaving PATROLLER (for guard), to get to TROLL. Very tough because one has to follow a subtraction with another subtraction. 'Patroller' is also a rare synonym for a guard. The definition is accurate and the surface reading is satisfactory.

Fish for brill or turbot. Return content! ***½

This is a nice containment clue where troll is reversed in brill or turbot. Perfectly accurate and gettable. It's not always easy to write a clue without a break, but I think it is preferable. I'd probably opt for a hyphen rather than a full stop. The actual containment fodder is fantastic and I reckon there's a top-notch containment indicator out there that would turn this good clue into a great one.

Fish under the bridge ***½

This is a double definition of sorts, where 'under the bridge' is a reference to the fact that many trolls are found under the bridge. The clue needs to provide further information to the solver. Something like 'He's found under the bridge, sometimes with a fish'. Rough, I know. The surface reading is obviously very good.

Go fish! Catch an ugly Norse dwarf (or giant) ***

A simple double or perhaps triple definition. The indicators are accurate and the compiler has combined both the verbal and nounal sense of troll. 'Catch' is bordering on superfluous and perhaps '...to catch an...' would have worked better.

Harlot trims procedure to work the moving line ****

This compiler can at least feel chuffed that he chose the same method (i.e. TROLL(op)) as *The Times* compiler. The indicators are precise (procedure = OP) and the surface reading piques one's interest (well, at least mine). The definition 'to work the moving line' (i.e. to fish or troll) is clever. I'd almost say 'sublime' but I think 'moving' could easily be omitted to leave close to the perfect clue.

I'd sing but start to realize others loathe lyrics ***½

Take the initial letters after the word 'start' and you get troll. 'Start' by itself does not accurately indicate the initial letters of the five words that follow. 'Start to' is better, but 'to' is already serving a role. Troll can mean 'to sing' (although it is archaic) but *Chambers* does not define a troll as 'someone who is singing'. The surface sense is good.

Little monster sitting in a stroller ***½

A lovely (or not) image of an out of control kid in a pram. Perfect surface sense that still managed to keep faith with a simple but accurate indication. This compiler also wrote a clue that he ultimately discarded but I repeat it here because I kind of like it. *'Opeless Trollope, an 'orrible creature*

Monstrous being abused the neon killer who spilt Heineken ***

Mr. Gremlin refuses to leave the alehouse. This month he has used a monster subtraction-anagram with 'Heineken' coming from (spilt) 'the neon killer' to get TROLL. The subtraction fodder is bigger than the end result. I have no idea what or who a neon killer looks like but given everyone's drunk it probably doesn't matter. Credit goes to the effort to maintain the 'ale-ish' theme, but ultimately it has detracted from producing a classic Mr. G clue.

One direction and Queen relinquish carriage to little devil ***½

Take S(one direction) and ER(Queen) from 'carriage' (STROLLER) and you have your little devil. I have assumed that 'One Direction' is the popular UK boy band. If so, it would need to be capitalised, which is perfectly fine. A clever idea though! I can't picture the band and the Queen sharing a carriage and then giving it up for Robbie Williams perhaps, but stranger things have happened.

Pike grabs tail of feather lure ***

Pike (TOLL) literally grabs (grabbing would work better) R (tail of feather) to get TROLL, here defined as lure. I did not know the pike/toll relationship but it comes from 'turnpike'. This is a lovely clue as it combines accuracy and fair play with perfect surface sense.

Provocative poster displaying prostitute, perhaps, wanting work [The Times (Nov 15th)]

This is TROLL(OP). This is a fine clue as you would expect from *The Times*. Nothing superfluous, and just by a subtle use and placement of directions, evokes a perfectly plausible story.

Ring a bell inside to attract attention ***½

'Ring a bell' or TOLL is simple enough but where does one find the necessary 'R'? It comes from 'inside' (i.e. in side[r]). The definition of 'lure' is obsolete and it needs to be indicated as such (eg. once, a long time ago). 'Inside' is very unconventional for 'put right(r) inside' and almost impossible to decipher without working backwards from the answer. Again, surface reading is very good, but at the expense of preferable indicators.

Scandinavian cave-dweller to fish a round ***

This is a triple definition. They have been melded together quite well to make a coherent clue.

Stir online RT? LOL. Idiot! ***½

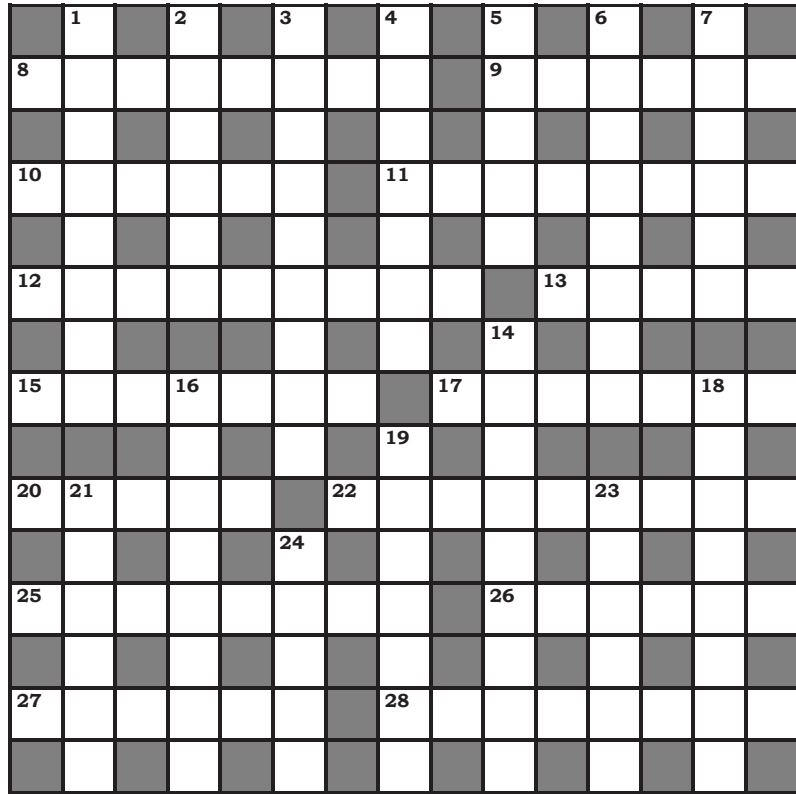
Understandably, the anagram didn't make an appearance except here. Cleverly utilising cyber-lingo, the fodder works quite well, especially if you know who RT may represent. 'Idiot' needs to be read as an adjective, leaving the very modern definition of causing cyber-controversy. [Cont'd on p15]



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Just Desserts by Betelgeuse

Across clues have the same definition. They are in alphabetical order of their solutions and should be placed in the grid wherever they will fit. Down clues are normal cryptic clues.



Across

- Working girl wearing cute turn-out (9)
- A fellow, boorish about heroin withdrawal, is after cocaine (9)
- Prince adopted by tribe (5)
- One into good time on water in Paris (6)
- Drug colour (3,5)
- Best or worst? (6)
- A small nude model (6)
- Sound of monster baby (8)
- Games committee invited in to snack (7)
- One occupying public transport is starting uphill (8)
- Sound ship in good condition (5)
- One following on with wrongdoing (7)
- Meddle with pewter (6)
- One who suffers when getting stuck into wine (8)

Down

- 1 Salad plant caught in river after a bit of a fish (8)
- 2 Commentary on cricket ground is one full of chat (6)
- 3 New currency of herb in small import business (4,5)
- 4 Limited attraction can satisfy and thrill (7)
- 5 Took the last after lots spoilt (5)
- 6 Holding back one. Not a girl for pasta (8)
- 7 Show off extremely festal relation (6)
- 14 Rather loud one in hurry – dead clumsy (9)
- 16 Best way to conceal laugh with cover-up? (3,5)
- 18 Cold latitude inversion around capital is characteristic of region's weather (8)
- 19 Banana, but not a family type (7)
- 21 Ropes a stare? Nonsense! (6)
- 23 Rule out sodium content of bone (6)
- 24 Gratified at indication of growth of flesh (5)

January 2013 Bonus Quiz 1: Reel Men II by Virgo

Name the movies in which the named actors portrayed real men. Answers are **not** in alphabetical order. Where the original form of the movie's name contains a number, the number is shown as a word, eg 7 *Below* would be shown as (5,5).

- 1 Ben Cross as Harold Abrahams (8,2,4)
- 2 Rod Taylor as Sir Francis Drake (5,4,2,6)
- 3 Joaquin Phoenix as Johnny Cash (4,3,4)
- 4 Richard Attenborough as John Christie (3,10,5)
- 5 Tom Cruise as Ron Kovic (4,2,3,6,2,4)
- 6 Cornel Wilde as Frederic Chopin (1,4,2,8)
- 7 Robert Redford as Bob Woodward (3,3,9'1,3)
- 8 Paul Schofield as Thomas More (1,3,3,3,7)
- 9 Tom Hanks as Jim Lovell (6,8)
- 10 Jose Ferrer as Toulouse Lautrec (6,5)

- 11 John Lone as Pu Yi (3,4,7)
- 12 Gael Garcia Bernal as Che Guevara (3,10,7)
- 13 David Strathairn as Ed Murrow (4,5,3,4,4)
- 14 Jeremy Irons as Count Von Bulow (8,2,7)
- 15 Graham Greene as Ishi (3,4,2,3,5)
- 16 Richard Harris as King Arthur (7)
- 17 Fred Astaire as Bert Kalmar (5,6,5)
- 18 Joshua Mostel as King Herod (5,6,9)
- 19 Richard Chamberlain as Tchaikovsky (3,5,6)
- 20 Russell Crowe as Jim Braddock (10,3)
- 21 Adrien Brody as Wladyslaw Szpilman (3,7)
- 22 Colin Firth as Johannes Vermeer (4,4,1,5,7)
- 23 Ralph Fiennes as Charles Van Doren (4,4)



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Across

- 8 Say a lot about pop-star in bundesländer (6,2,7)
- 10 Spent elsewhere before about-face (7)
- 11 Central courts support American nation (7)
- 12 To fairly share, for example, separate each 20%, holding back one container (5,10)
- 13 Breaks down with bad back – long-legged flyer has it – is eventually sorry! (5,2,6,2)
- 17 One engaged in passage of goods creates conflict in crossing a fellow (10,5)
- 20 Western thinker dumped on destructive person (7)
- 21 Reprimand follows time weeping (7)
- 22 Main points coming from traffickers’ petty crimes (7,8)

- 2 Supports, with only one restriction, expert retained in opposition to boards (10,5)
- 3 Basic accommodation housing an occupant (6)
- 4 Lime material spread around end of yard (6)
- 5 Brief support is louder and more bold (8)
- 6 Support substantially, about to accomplish fully (5,4,6)
- 7 Heartless chap on charge has turn (6)
- 9 Jar holds nickel rock (7)
- 14 Café fire spread around new court (5,3)
- 15 Disciplined hospital worker (7)
- 16 Calculate overall result – small portion is netted in beer (8)
- 17 Least number of animals inhabit forest edges (6)
- 18 Report why fit one only partly rises (6)
- 19 Stagger while going around jungle (6)

Down

- 1 Support for displaced Poles embracing America (8)

January 2013 Bonus Quiz 2.
An assembly of Nations by Neir B’Odet

The words given contain letters which, when put in the correct order, spell out the names of different peoples. For example, CHANGELING would give CHILEAN. Answers are in alphabetical order of the nationality.

- 1 Franciscan
- 2 Cinematographer
- 3 Naturalisation
- 4 Saturnalia
- 5 Enabling
- 6 Verbalisation
- 7 Winchester
- 8 Vanished
- 9 Clutched
- 10 Shingled
- 11 Jollification
- 12 Fiendishness
- 13 Franchise
- 14 Moneychanger
- 15 Shirring
- 16 Nationality
- 17 Alternative
- 18 Exclamation
- 19 Vituperation
- 20 Teleshopping
- 21 Corselettes
- 22 Snowiness
- 23 Thatching
- 24 Negotiation



**Bonus
Puzzle
No 5**

**Cryptic
by
Kaiela**

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Across

- 1 Tames turbulent streams (7)
- 5 Funny man of sitcom – iconic! (5)
- 8 Deserter is back with instrument (5)
- 9 Escorts take quantity of paper aboard ship (7)
- 10 Charles gains weight in educational institution (9)
- 13 It's a legend! Dig it? (3)
- 15 One thousand note currency (5)
- 17 Feel compassion for shrubby plant (3)
- 18 Scattering is result when laser dips erratically (9)
- 22 Cup winner played harp on circuit (4,3)
- 24 Heave the scoundrel without! (5)
- 25 Bible class, by heaven, is dangerous (5)
- 26 Hot dry one irritated gland (7)

- 2 Become alert to exercise (3,2)

- 3 Deserving to learn in grange interior (7)
- 4 Bird has no relation or sibling (3)
- 5 Woo the judges (5)
- 6 Sailor finds rainstorm in French sea (7)
- 7 Stu comes round in bathers (8)
- 11 Stretch neck, Derrick Bird (5)
- 12 Groom street singer (8)
- 14 Makes beloved bend ears inwardly (7)
- 16 Ruin of the French city (7)
- 19 Stupid Willy changed direction (5)
- 20 Fire in toilet, Godfrey! (3,2)
- 21 Country displays first of cows, horses, angoras and dogs (4)
- 23 Gentle stroke for cash? (3)

Down

- 1 Shame! Almost beaten to a pulp (4)

The writing is on the wall

Meaning

Imminent danger has become apparent.

Origin

'The writing is on the wall' is also sometimes expressed as 'the handwriting is on the wall' or as 'mene mene'. The first of those variations is an obvious synonym but what does 'mene mene' mean? This is a shortening of 'mene mene tekellah upharsin', which is of Aramaic origin. If your Aramaic isn't that strong you can get some guidance from the Bible, Daniel 5, in the story of Belshazzar's feast. To cut a long Old Testament story short, Belshazzar was indulging in a drunken revelry and debasing sacred temple vessels by using them as wine goblets when a disembodied hand wrote 'mene mene tekellah upharsin' on the palace wall.

On the face of it, and using a literal translation, this appeared meaningless. The expression seemed to mean 'two minas, a shekel and two parts' or alternatively

'numbered, weighed, divided'. None of this meant much to Belshazzar, who decided that he needed further interpretation and sent for the Jewish exile Daniel. It then became clear that the phrase was an elaborate wordplay, relying on the fact that each word can denote a different coin, and the third word can be interpreted as 'Persia'. Daniel's interpretation, as recorded in the first easily understood English version of the Bible, the *King James Version*, 1611, was:

And this the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. This the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

The point of the moral tale was that Belshazzar couldn't see the warning that was apparent to others because he was engrossed with his sinning ways.

The subtlety of the biblical wordplay is now somewhat lost on those of us that don't speak ancient Aramaic. Perhaps a flavour

of the style can be conveyed by comparing it to the lyrics of the popular World War II novelty song *Mairzy Doats*:

Mairzy doats and dozy doats and liddle lamzy divveya A kiddley divvey too, wooden shoe?

Literally, that's meaningless but a wartime Daniel could have translated it into its actual meaning:

Mares eat oats and does eat oats and little lambs eat ivy, A kid'll eat ivy too, wouldn't you?

'Writing on the wall' began to be used figuratively, that is providing warnings where no actual writing or walls are involved, from the early 18th century; for example, Jonathan Swift's *Miscellaneous works*, 1720:

A baited Banker thus desponds, From his own Hand foresees his Fall; They have his Soul who have his Bonds; 'Tis like the Writing on the Wall.

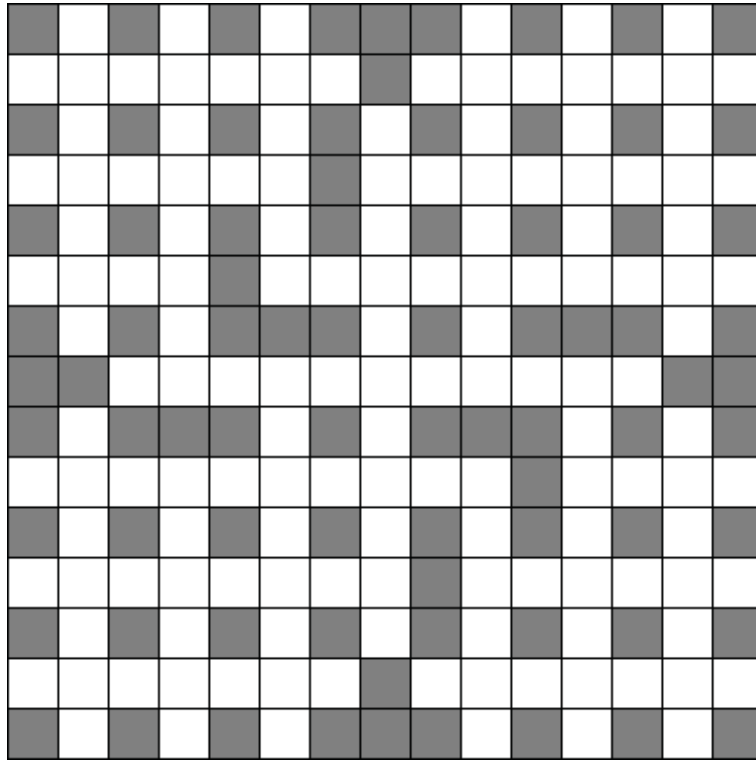
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**Bonus
Puzzle
No 6**

**AJ
by
Virgo**

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

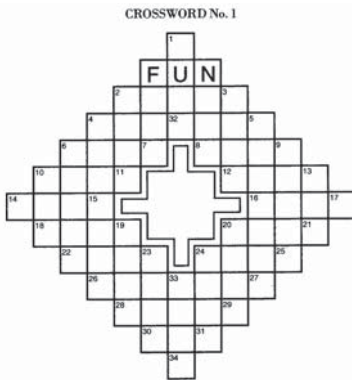


- A** Drawing region involved in giant explosion (10)
- B** Mix-up obliterates purgative drug (6,5)
- C** The singer from Wycherly (4)
- D** Code rum — very rum! — appropriate (7)
- E** Queen follows direction to festival (6)
- F** Student leaves rifle site angry and far more irritable (8)
- G** Japanese dancer disguised his age (6)
- H** Holding a party with rough shot gin perhaps (7)
- I** Sin - got it in one! Leave yard! (8)
- J** Woolly marsupials? (7)
- K** Kipling character has on outsize robes (7)
- L** Student, in trouble with police law, crafts aid (4,6)
- M** Appropriate primary colour is measured (7)
- N** Hazelnut entree may make little sound! (8)
- O** Cocoa's in fashion — it's a special time (8)
- P** Piercing said to be Holy (11)
- Q** The fruits of one in five Commonwealth Employment Services (7)
- R** Income for topless men in cabaret (7)
- S** They fly off from some originally green belts (6)
- T** On the level — right? (4)
- U** Move a French decorative border so to speak (8)
- V** Six-fifty in massive alert (8)
- W** Comparatively fatter and greasier (6)
- X** Bone scraper is Mr. Rhymer (6)
- Y** For dairy food go back inside a Mongolian house (6)
- Z** Sixpence said to support crook poet - he ran! (7)

Arthur Wynne

Arthur Wynne was born on 22 June 1871 in Liverpool, England. He emigrated to the United States at the age of nineteen and first lived in Pittsburgh.

Word-Cross to Cross-Word to Crossword



Arthur Wynne's first crossword puzzle was initially called word-cross and was diamond-shaped. The name later switched to cross-word, and then as a result of an accidental typo the hyphen was dropped and the name became crossword.

Wynne based his crossword puzzle on a similar but much older

game played in ancient Pompeii that, translated from Latin to English, was called Magic Squares. In Magic Squares, the player is given a group of words and has to arrange them

on a grid so that the words read the same way across and down. A crossword puzzle is very similar, except instead of being given the words the player is given clues.

Arthur Wynne added other innovations to the crossword puzzle. While the first puzzle was diamond-shaped, he later invented horizontal and vertical shaped puzzles; and Wynne invented the use of adding blank black squares to a crossword puzzle. The crossword puzzle in a British publication was published in *Pearson's Magazine* in February 1922. The first *New York Times* crossword was published on 1 February 1930.

First Book of Crossword Puzzles

According to the *Guinness Book of Records*, the first collection of crossword puzzles was published in the USA in 1924. Called *The Cross Word Puzzle Book* it was the first publication by a new partnership formed by Dick Simon and Lincoln Schuster. The book, a compilation of crossword puzzles from the newspaper *New York World*, was an instant success and helped to establish publishing giant Simon & Schuster, who continue to produce crossword books to this day.

—from Audrey Austin



**Bonus
Puzzle
No 7**

**Cryptic
by
Penobscot**

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Across

- 1 Birds cancel stage flops (5,7)
- 8 A carrier for a bowman's needs is shaky (7)
- 9 Monitors girl in sago pudding (7)
- 11 Has thoughts about hosts (10)
- 12 One can be done either way (4)
- 14 Loudspeakers for the birds? (8)
- 16 Uplifts and knocks down reportedly (6)
- 17 Backward lad is a lout (3)
- 19 Whose marbles? Nigel's perhaps! (6)
- 21 Toffee is difficult to cook (8)
- 24 I'm bardic for a start. Bardic measure when written out in full (4)
- 25 Chaps with it in communion (10)
- 27 Listens in and hears the Beatles perhaps (7)
- 28 Military formation docked for discipline (7)
- 29 US expression of frustration when old, bold genie let loose (3,2,7)

Down

- 1 Sink the coal carrier (7)
- 2 Waterworn pebble in Murray's shade (5,5)
- 3 It's a crime. Go after Scottish island (8)
- 4 Pressing old city gent (6)
- 5 Line up for the burl (4)
- 6 Youthful blokes once in New York area (7)
- 7 Brace forebear (male) against quantity of beer, say (12)
- 10 Avoiding left or right dancing (12)
- 13 Carrier – not an Irish jaunting car (5,5)
- 15 Note: nothing to be quiet about (3)
- 18 Intimidate with boast about friend (8)
- 20 Gambler tossed a crooked stick (7)
- 22 Has made mess and is this? (7)
- 23 Needled and combed (6)
- 26 Member of a Satanic body perhaps (4)

This is the first crossword puzzle published in England in the *Sunday Express* on 2 November 1924 and was compiled by Arthur Wynne and CW Shepherd.

Across

- 1. A coin (sl.)
- 4. A tree
- 7. Period
- 8. Through
- 9. Counters of votes
- 11. Cosy little room
- 12. Drainages
- 16. Meaning three (prefix)
- 17. Snake-like fish
- 18. An Oriental coin
- 19. Parched

Down

- 1. Wager
- 2. Mineral substance
- 3. Eminent political figure
- 4. Inflicted retribution
- 5. A title
- 6. Possesses
- 10. Grassland
- 12. Home of a certain animal
- 13. Before (poetic form)
- 14. Always (poetic form)
- 15. Cunning

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**Blue-Collar
Worker?**
by
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**Book
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Post solution to:

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395 Canning St,
North Carlton Vic
3054.**

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Each answer is to be entered in the diagram in one of four ways:

- (a) normally,
- (b) reversed,
- (c) first letter last, or (d) last letter first.

Thus STROZ would be entered as STROZ, ZORTS, TROZS or ZSTRO.

Two diagonals spell out the title of a poem by "the people's Poet" of Australia which solvers should insert in the space provided below the diagram.

Across

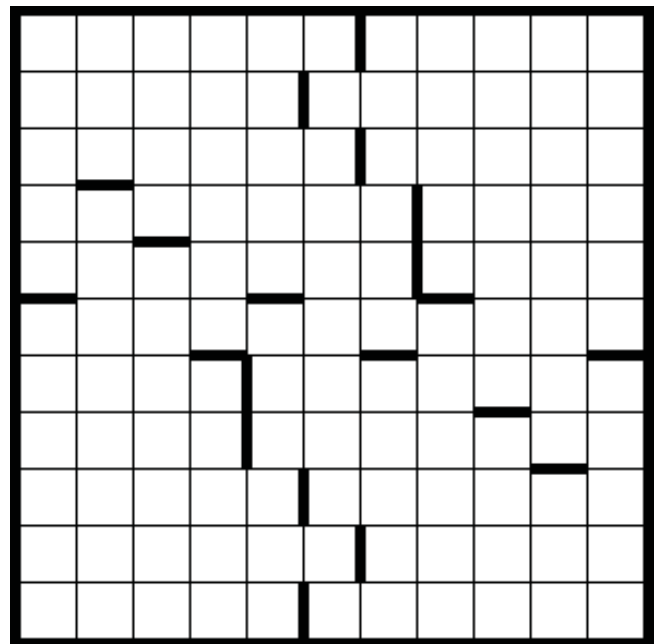
- 1 Fanfare when entering Speaker's House (6)
- 7 Rough-'n-ready. "Steady"! (5)
- 12 No time to lose to make this (5)
- 13 Runs mid-week meeting; becomes beneficial (6)
- 14 To dry up being with *The Listener* (6)
- 15 Does Alphonsus generate loudness in units? (5)
- 16 Grievances from "the days that are no more" (7)
- 18 Capsized English vessel on Victoria Lake (4)
- 19 Macassar, for example, has a variety of Proteas (7)
- 21 Points out where French have common sense (4)
- 22 It's practically valueless (if you get the drift) (11)
- 25 French Doctor of Sciences makes a pile (4)
- 27 In short, each mourn over this nerve tissue tumour (7)
- 30 Serially speaking, Vita Sackville-West was one (4)
- 31 This songbird thrice circles a horse (7)
- 33 Goldsmith speaking: "Must leave town methodically" (5)
- 34 Creeps forward with parts of the feet (6)
- 36 Italian Count, great in quantity without US (6)
- 37 Tropical American tree active in two Counties (5)
- 38 Break ice with Sally (5)
- 39 Empty exclamation following this ravine (6)

Down

- 1 Corded English nets tangled (5)
- 2 Novel woman who must be obeyed? (3)
- 3 Was Lamb discovered by Mary Eanes? (4)
- 4 South America has a fight for its monkey (7)
- 5 In the end receives a rocket! (5)
- 6 Posted about 10 promissory notes after using Maxims (11)
- 7 Jock takes snuff, pot, joints and points (6)
- 8 Savitar not applicable to the Islamic Book of Rules (5)
- 9 Raced for cover after no love lost (7)
- 10 Head off past study releasing carbon for formation of matter (8)
- 11 Hinted very softly about being hollowed (6)
- 17 Drain pub out near Dum Dum airport (8)
- 20 Short soldier with Evander's daughter seen in a Greek peridrome (7)
- 22 Old style pavilion for the Bard's appearance (6)
- 23 He catches throw, earns runs (6)
- 24 News before local time: "Unhorse Shakespeare" (6)
- 26 Becomes sleepy after taking some tablets (5)
- 28 Hock archaic article with some cleverness (5)
- 29 Cosmic ray constituent in hands likewise (5)
- 32 Heads, not feet of the Australian Chiropody Association (1,2,1)
- 35 Centre-board he takes, and it's Jock's to have (3)

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GOOD COPY: Name

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"Station in Life"



**Bonus Puzzle
No 8**

**Cryptic
by
Aristides**

"A Trip down
Memory
Lane".

This is a
Reprint of
the first
crossword
compiled
and
published
by
**Alan Eason
(Aristides)**
in his first
edition of
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in
**September
1988.**

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Across

- 1 The number I had when King (5)
- 4 Briefly in one of these (2,1,4)
- 8 Continuously indicative of the changing fashions? (4,2,4,3)
- 9 Gets back to points about batsmen (4)
- 10 Trod less awkwardly, but then they do have plenty of experience (8)
- 12 One left holding the tree (5)
- 13 Spread without a head, say (5)
- 18 Chemical version of some medieval transformation (8)
- 20 Charioteer right to follow the hot mix (4)
- 22 Thought to be pretty rare (4-5,4)
- 23 Her Majesty after the wrong share in clipper (7)
- 24 Get to stretch (5)

Down

- 1 Crime could extend to the border (6)
- 2 Lacklustre investment in fabric (7)
- 3 Work on the ball catches up (4)
- 4 A lay-in is out for this beast (6)
- 5 Smoke is the first one to get a place (8)
- 6 Our piece of land is just one exhilarating influence (5)
- 7 Can't tolerate first signs of depression before the game (6)
- 11 When might the deceased have the last bit alive? (8)
- 14 Creature chained on the move (7)
- 15 One absorbed by subject for artist (6)
- 16 It's in the basket! (6)
- 17 Ring for the raw materials (6)
- 19 California extremely negative during settlement in Wiltshire (5)
- 21 Love the German to feature on the Continent (4)



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