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Words, those guardians of meaning, are not immortal, are not invulnerable
... Like men, words suffer... Some can survive, others are incurable.
Arthur Adamov, 1938, *Notebooks*.

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The year 2014 has been another impressive one for the Australian Crossword Club. We have maintained 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 2015.

We sincerely thank those who adjudicated all the puzzles and quizzes during 2014. 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 2015 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! See the generous prize schedule for 2015 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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GENERAL: Noticeable among all the responses was that so many were able to achieve a '5-dotted' this month – about 50%. If it wasn't for the three main errors, it could've been a lot more. Two of those errors were also much nominated as COTM. Many cards were received with Best Wishes To All At The ACC sentiments. Let's see what happened with each Slot . . .

Slot 1: A couple of spaces and some guesses for ISIS, which, at time of writing this, became more topical than ever.

Slot 2: Although OM POM wasn't actually defined anywhere, nor turned up by Google, solvers seemed to like it. A couple arrived as OM TOM but I couldn't see TOM as an Englishman beyond Tommy. Not quite good enough. WRAP turned up as GRAP or GRIP a few times.

Slot 3: This Slot was enjoyed very much. The combination of sensible clues and a simply interesting theme made it a favourite. Errors came for WINE LIST which surprised as WI and LISTEN couldn't be much else.

Slot 4: Two main problems occurred here. XIMENEAN had many variations and AL QAIDA required a lesser used spelling which then bypassed the need for a homophone indicator. Some nominated AL QAIDA as COTM while getting it wrong.

Slot 5: I thought for a long while Slot 5 might go through as 100% but then classics, plasiics and finest created blots on the record. Still, sound clues and gettable answers created a lot of dots for a Slot 5.

COTM: There were four stand-out nominees this month – OM POM TIDDLY POM, SILENT TREATMENT, AL QAIDA and LIFE INSURANCE and that is the order in which they finished. OM POM TIDDLY POM polled 10 votes to win the award. Well done *Penobscot*.

—Andrew Patterson

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	115	107	110	110	105	547
Correct entries	106	84	98	80	102	470
Success rate (%)	92.2	78.5	89.1	72.7	97.1	85.9
Prizewinners	Margaret Pyc	Greg McAdoo	Jill Lankshear	Len Colgan	Gabrielle Leeds	from 115 members

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Dec 1-2014

Grid of crossword clues for Dec 1-2014, including words like PROFISIS, ALES, SAFEICED, OPEN, TGAUDASSUMES, etc.

Dec 2-2014

Grid of crossword clues for Dec 2-2014, including words like OBSDW, MOUNTAINEERING, PNNBAO, etc.

Dec 3-2014

Grid of crossword clues for Dec 3-2014, including words like WGU BGA I, SILENTTREATMENT, NINERIBLE, etc.

Dec 4-2014

Grid of crossword clues for Dec 4-2014, including words like PGJ DQLM, BUREAU EDUCATED, RTSSOMT, etc.

Dec 5-2014

Grid of crossword clues for Dec 5-2014, including words like LIFEINSURANCE, ONDUNFOA, RECOGNISE FACED, etc.

Nov 6-2014

Grid of crossword clues for Nov 6-2014, including words like ASCEND FAIRCOPY, OXIU L A O, RUMPELSTILTSKIN, etc.

MEMBERS RESULTS FOR NOV 6 & DEC 1-5/2014

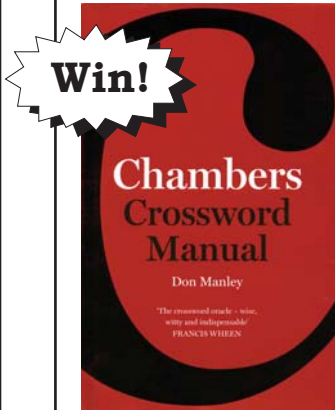
Large table listing member names and their scores (1-7) for the crossword puzzles held between Nov 6 and Dec 5, 2014.



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Half 'n Half
by
InGrid

Prize:



Prize kindly donated
by Ross Fraser of
Hodder & Stoughton

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Across

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- 4 Kiss (8)
- 9 Stale (5)
- 10 Hoarding (9)
- 11 Judge (4)
- 12 Atoll (4)
- 13 Field (5)
- 15 Very cold (7)
- 16 Break (4)
- 19 Hurt (4)
- 20 Wrong (7)
- 23 Crockery (5)
- 24 Team (4)
- 25 Bean curd (4)
- 27 Dark (9)
- 28 Chose (5)
- 29 Pillow, perhaps (8)
- 30 Retailer (6)

Down


- 1 Cap a hazard to plant (8)
- 2 Lab equipment to examine duct (4,4)
- 3 Stone bull circles city (4)
- 5 Clarify second lost love (5)
- 6 Cannot hold beast – excruciating? (10)
- 7 Moderated at a bed collapse (6)
- 8 Charm to extend early part (6)
- 10 Lectured after last made to order (7)
- 14 Room for garden compartment (10)
- 16 Standing order for one to take prophet back to evening parties (7)
- 17 Sceptic gang onto regular skinhead jerk (8)
- 18 Fish run short below (8)
- 21 Put a stop to liquor (6)
- 22 Flower unknown in Northern Ireland area (6)
- 24 Irritable mix (5)
- 26 Gloomy date lost to small tart (4)

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Closing mail date: 13 February 2015.

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<p> J A N U A R Y 2 0 1 5 S L O T 2 </p>
<p>Cryptic by Zythum</p>


Across clues share a method of construction that is not indicated

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Across

- 1 One-room apartment with bidets (6)
- 5 Aid for quencher or his fee (4,4)
- 9 Basic principle for a trim nude (8)
- 10 Sadie's elevated platforms (6)
- 11 Personal sacrifice fills a need (4-6)
- 12 Lyon is unparalleled (4)
- 13 Swish eco entertainments performed by skaters (3,5)
- 16 Too much to drink – all nog! (6)
- 17 Pull or arrive on the scene (4,2)
- 19 I ply club with people looking on (8)
- 21 Indecent weld (4)
- 22 Junior officer – mind his map! (10)
- 25 Madden a green (6)
- 26 Evict Ian for doing nothing (8)
- 27 Saving for later, hits snag (8)
- 28 Old one is a fool (6)

Down

- 2 Slip away from first movement losing spin (5)

- 3 Mum escaped from large dog, quite rigid (5)
- 4 Regarding that matter hidden by brother Etonians (7)
- 5 Overweight people loud at matches (7)
- 6 Warning sign embarrassed Iris (3,4)
- 7 Head count interrupting cries for attention led by hothead rabble (3,6)
- 8 Abrasive material fish wife kept in seat (5,4)
- 14 Cupboard holding half of knives intimately tied together (5-4)
- 15 Declares about a boy starting to drink "Carefree times of youth." (5,4)
- 18 Medici alternately following splendid celebration in ruined city (7)
- 19 Father and two daughters in grand opening, just filling in (7)
- 20 Bash on the head with expression of regret inside island kingdom (7)
- 23 Grass top cut short slow moving primate (5)
- 24 Device for forging hidden in Roman village (5)


GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Many thanks to the ACC for the prize cheque for *Valkyrie's* Quiz. Much appreciated. *Alan Walter*
- I was very excited to win a prize for Slot 4 in November. I was especially delighted as I had found great difficulty with the previous two months' puzzles and was beginning to despair of ever getting entries again. I look forward to *e-Crozworld* each month with keen anticipation. Seasons Greetings to the members of the ACC. *Norma Heyes*
- A very happy Christmas and New Year. Looking forward to more wonderful puzzles in 2015. *Catherine Jones*
- Thank You: what a great thrill just to get five dots, and then to receive a cash prize for same – really made my day. *Charlie Quinn*
- What a great surprise, the double pleasure of not only solving Slot 6 correctly but also winning \$75 – many thanks. *Julie Leigh*
- This was a great selection of puzzles. Some really obscure words. Some really inventive clues. Some really fun constructions. *Frank Martin 8ac!*
- Many thanks again for a great set of puzzles. Wishing everyone in the best club there is, a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2015. *Robyn Wimbush*
- A very happy Christmas to all. Let's hope the 'elves' don't 'get the sack' and everyone finds an 'alpine' or 'loblolly' tree with 'bosker' 'embellishments'. Peace and safety. *Lynn Jarman*
- Many thanks to the club for the book prize for November's slot 5. *Ian Thompson*
- May I wish everyone, especially all our hard-working Executive, a very merry Xmas and great New Year of compiling and solving. *Catherine Hambling*



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Cryptic
by
Blue King



Prize
\$75

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Across

- 1 Rush to execute the venerable churchman without a Westminster politician (8)
- 5 Game for two timing first after an emotional outburst (6)
- 9 Refuse strewn under town, losing methane eventually (4,4)
- 10 Excited toddler in danger at swimming pool? (2,4)
- 11 Fly rarely now as tenant farmer (8)
- 12 Search persistently for sin in show out east (6)
- 14 Irreversible (or not?) a feline drink knocked back in old airport is ... (10)
- 18 ... never odd or even for example (10)
- 22 Incessant talk with teacher at road junction (6)
- 23 Wicked criminal, full-grown, gets no last call (8)
- 24 Unclear or clear over forecast (6)
- 25 Use groundnut oil and so we have brine perhaps (8)
- 26 Cruel sibling with no hesitation about public notice (6)

27 Offensive Europeans in import process (8)

Down

- 1 Sit down and agree (6)
- 2 Short stroll for top criminal gang (6)
- 3 Cry over bishop's puppy problem? (6)
- 4 Drink teachers accept thanks in place for staff (10)
- 6 Wicked spin in Northern University's final over (8)
- 7 German and drag queen involved in off-shore move (8)
- 8 Articles on very French war zones (8)
- 13 In January maybe we can change places below and cool off (6,4)
- 15 Squabbling fliers fight and more fights (8)
- 16 Hit the country with St James area of London? (8)
- 17 Batting and chases outside the ground maybe (2,6)
- 19 Dubious engineers support bridge partners overcome by the bends? (6)
- 20 Words heard not very loudly in place of work (6)
- 21 Revolver found on quiet road with time (6)

Compilers of the Australian Crossword Club

The list below identifies the compilers who have provided puzzles to CrOZworld within the last two years or so.

Pseudonym — Real? Name

- Ann Ass — Jenny Wenham
- Aristides — Alan Eason
- Banjo — Chris Bilkey
- Barney — Jeremy Barnes
- Barney Naga — Bob Hagan & Jeremy Barnes
- Betelgeuse — Gillian
- Champion
- Blue King — Roy Low
- Bogeyman — Ian Williams

- Both Sides — Nea Storey & Anne Simons
- Brother Naga — Bob Hagan
- Buzzer — Bhavan Kasivajjula
- Cha-Cha — Catherine Hambling
- Child's Play — Brian Symons
- Colinebrii — Col Archibald
- Crowsman — Len Colgan
- Daintree Lady — Daphne Titus-Rees
- Dazy May — Kath Harper
- dB — Doug Butler
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- Flowerman — Ian Thompson
- Fortuna 48 — Nea Storey
- Hot and Cold — Jenny

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- Kaiela — Anne Simons
- Lady & the Scamp — Bev Cockburn & Len Colgan
- Manveru — Michael Kennedy
- Penobscoot — Maurice Cowan
- Pindar — John Brotherton
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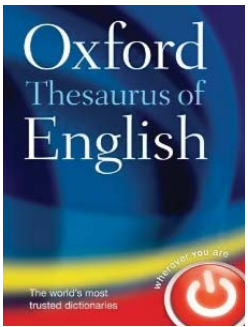
- Stroz — Patrick Street
- The Busybodies — Bev Cockburn & Carole Noble
- The Co-op — Bev & Mal Cockburn
- The Eager Beaver — Bev Cockburn
- The EmCee — Merv Collins
- The Posers — Bev Cockburn & Joan Smith
- Timid Terrier — Joan Smith
- Valkyrie — Ulla Axelsen
- Virgo — Audrey Austin (d)
- Whynot? — Tony Dobebe
- Zinzan — Andrew Patterson
- Zplig — Dover Dubosarsky
- Zythum — Roger Douglas



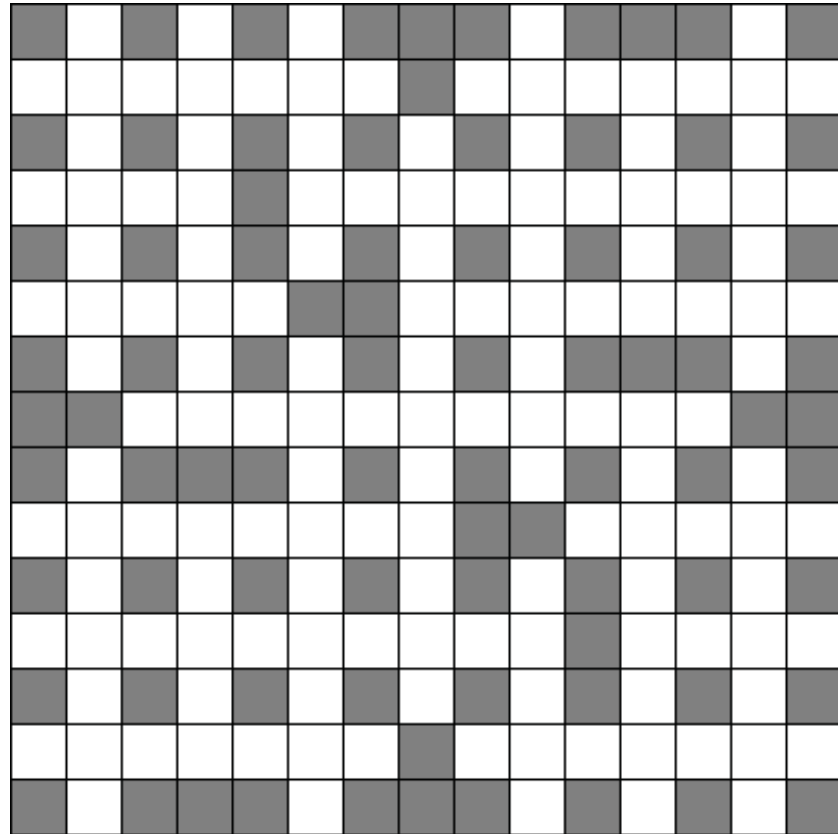
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AJ
by
Valkyrie

Prize:



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

- A** Formula One champion missed turn but held edge over the likes of Nelson (7)
- B** Black bird lacks good cover (5)
- C** Gangster locked up good man for finishing touch (8)
- D** Pandemonium tarnished first impression (4)
- E** Unexpectedly Iran appeared after electronic search relating to knights (10)
- F** Business agents work for outside extreme radicals (7)
- G** Talking about work before second drink, a variety of gin (9)
- H** Eggbeater position had circled about a lot! (7)
- I** Criminal prison team at first endeavoured to take another's place (11)
- J** Crosby is after position doing piecework (7)
- K** Amount gained after vegetable return resulted in severe rebuke (8)
- L** Thin shirt sagged (5)
- M** A thousand and one repeats! Scream with anguish for such parody (7)
- N** Exciting man-lure figure (7)
- O** Ring, small and gold. On the contrary (5)
- P** Opt for an admission uttered by bull-artist (7)
- Q** Table number 80 ordered slick shake container (11)
- R** Looks over returned soldiers' admirers (9)
- S** "Second! Second!" was vocalised (4)
- T** Make-over model hosted show for entertaining royal debutants (8)
- U** Remove from prison and half deny being weird! (7)
- V** Richards and myself, we're heading off to female liquor seller (10)
- W** Romeo flips his middle and goes crazy (5)
- X** Invasive weed was spawned by Mark and Henry involved in opposition to university closure of arboretum (8)
- Y** Two children's questions said to need splitting by additional separator (5)
- Z** Spooner's insect menageries produced grass grazers (5)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- It was great to meet like-minded puzzlers at the HPH recently. Thanks to all for making the ACC such a great club. *Maureen Blake*
- A testing bunch to round off another enjoyable year. *Bob Hagan*
- Thanks to the wonderful organisers of the Christmas gathering. Fantastic food, quizzes and company. *Barbara Hull*
- A really good selection this month although no Xmas themes! Thank you to all the setters and adjudicators and publishers for the hours of pleasure each month. *Yvonne McKindlay*
- I enjoyed all the puzzles this month, mostly difficult but not impossible. I did a double take when writing answers to see **ditto** in Slot 1 and Slot 2 in almost the same position! *Betty Siegman*
- Quite an interesting and challenging mix of puzzles this month. Many thanks to all concerned for another great year of puzzles and quizzes. *Brian Tickle*
- The mischievous imp who makes two compilers choose the same word, has been at it again. You have to hand it to him! Perhaps he did it to see if we'd notice? *Max Roddick*



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Cryptic
by
ACC Compilers

Prize:

Win!

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To celebrate the start of the 25th year of the ACC's existence, many of our active compilers have collaborated to bring you this puzzle. The grid, containing a large number of solutions relevant to a broad theme, was expertly constructed by David Stickley. The main task of coordination and communication with the compilers and some judicious editing was undertaken, very effectively, by Roy Low. Ian Williams contributed some additional editing. The identity of the compilers will be revealed, together with the explanations to the clues in the next issue. We thank all those members who contributed their excellent clues and are sorry that there are not more solutions on which we could have used the "spare" clues.

Across

- 1 Frozen food reveals drug, with ecstasy concealed in cold butter (3-5)
- 6 Yarn spinners mostly think about effective story beginnings (5)
- 9 Chef's starter, beans, are cooked with curry condiment (9,5)
- 11 Cool hangings seen in international clubs right away (7)
- 13 Agitated male caught on one hundred (6)
- 14 "Sanctus" was heard in its entirety (4)
- 15 Little woman takes the French to border of the one-star Eastern destination (9)
- 19 Crooked practitioners in their field? (9)
- 21 Old royal refuge turned back to front to find picnic box (4)
- 24 Shut down church sold off (6)
- 26 The importance of size? (7)
- 28 December dates involve advanced rental (6,8)
- 30 Ring party fanatic (5)
- 31 According to Spooner, Scandinavian rump could come from one (8)

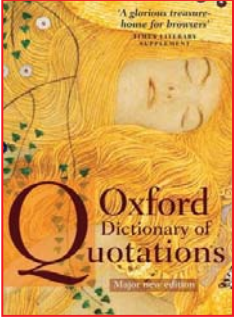
Down

- 2 Warm, gracious and laid back (7)
- 3 Light held for comparison (6)
- 4 First Mate drove vehicle aboard (3)
- 5 Christmas present from my Bishop Henry (5)
- 6 Hair grease may be a development of US claims (8)
- 7 Learner behind the times is hard, ill-mannered and coarse (7)
- 8 Mendelssohn holds back conveyance (4)
- 10 Happens upon alternatives to set the grill up (6)
- 12 Weep concerning overturned grave (5)
- 16 Some Russian youth leaders missed Starsky's assignments (5)
- 17 Stitch can cover malicious damage (6)
- 18 Old cliché about the sun disintegrating over time (8)
- 20 Cheer a man coming up with name for lake (7)
- 22 State treatment for salami perhaps? (7)
- 23 Study picked up after each teacher finally brought in (6)
- 25 Day centre picked up room furnishings (5)
- 27 Jack may be dead below ford! (4)
- 29 Garland relaxation – not sure? (3)

Another Memorable Sydney Get-Together! Our Secretary Bev Cockburn writes:

"The annual Sydney get-together was held on Sunday, 30th November at the Harold Park Hotel in Glebe, attended by thirty-eight members and guests. The venue is ideal for our club as it offers a private, air-conditioned area where members and their partners and guests can chat over a drink before moving to the tables set for lunch. Puzzles and crosswords were provided to challenge those who wished to compete and prizes were won by Bob Hagan and Andrew Patterson along with ten recipients of 'lucky door' prizes. Once again, the friendly buzz of conversation and the quiet of concentration of solving puzzles and eating delicious food filled the room from time to time and all agreed it was a great afternoon. We'll be doing it all again next year especially as it's the celebration of 25 years of *Crozworl*d and our club! I sincerely hope that you can join us for this Special Event."



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Each clue has two parts: a valid definition to the required solution and that, when deciphered, provide an intermediate word. This word is an anagram of the required solution to be entered into the grid. For example, **Dead right for change (5)**. Secondary indicators LATE (*dead*) + R (*right*), provide the intermediate word LATER: its anagram ALTER (defined as *change*) would be entered into the grid.

Across

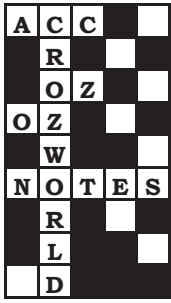
- 1 Authenticates a second saint on the born-again Orient (9)
- 6 Communist returning to control old city is less civil (5)
- 9 Boat is riding small wave, following captain's heading (7)
- 10 Royal Artillery board in Province (7)
- 11 Great toe chopped by Duke, a boxer perhaps! (3,4)
- 12 Father and mother, finally sent out with lures (7)
- 13 One thinking twice after *World* site crashes (9)
- 15 Compose street tune for subcontinental instrument (5)
- 16 Fish absent in valley (5)
- 19 They'll send money to dock compound (9)
- 22 European Nuclear Society lied about source of oil (7)
- 23 Thanks to board member for placing a bet (7)
- 25 Glacial deposit in sea blanketed by roe (7)
- 26 This squalid place needs soap to absorb odour, firstly (7)
- 27 Ship loaded with diesel in storage pits (5)
- 28 Arterial plaques in heart fewer after statin at the outset (9)

Down

- 1 Battery acid spilt over Nissan's bonnet (5)
- 2 Shooting pains after we landed on nettle (7)
- 3 Put coat on, yet again after cheeky topless shower (7)
- 4 Chauffeur gesticulating with stalled Roller (5)
- 5 Double-headed instrument inferior to weapons (5,4)
- 6 Discounts Bill of Exchange fees (7)
- 7 Sleeping with married men – daughter, a social creature (7)
- 8 Repeats declaration as leader of Scotland and Queen come to terms with no end of referendum (9)
- 13 Car lighters phased out following unsatisfactory energy cut (9)
- 14 A state of low energy abides without neutron temperature (9)
- 17 Widespread ecstasy say, on the ascendency following a NRL review (7)
- 18 Laments English side with regular issues (7)
- 20 One raising glass to Queen standing at ease, oddly (7)
- 21 Rag workers' store ransacked on Independence Day (7)
- 23 A male deer taking shelter close-range? (5)
- 24 Energetic people can be a little outgoing or seclusive (5)

**Post
Solution
to:**

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ACC COMPILER OF 2014: We have had plenty of crossword compilers featured in *Crozworld* during 2014. 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 2014. See p11 for the voting form.

CLUE OF THE MONTH: We continued the COTM in 2014 and it has been keenly embraced by the solvers. We will continue it in 2015. During 2014, the results were as follows: *Crowsman* (Len Colgan) 2 COTMs (Congratulations Len) and those with one COTM each were: *Virgo* (Audrey Austin), *Isla* (Rob Moline), *Valkyrie* (Ulla Axelsen), *Blue King* (Roy Low) *Manveru* (Michael Kennedy), *Praxis* (Roy Wilson), *Betelgeuse* (Gillian Champion), *Southern Cross* (Shirl O'Brien), *Illywhacker* (Alex Forbath) and *Penobscot* (Maurice Cowan). Well done!

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER! If you sign up a new member for 2015, the cost is only \$30. Unbeatable value! A wonderful present for your friends! We have a number of new members already for 2015! 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 2015 kindly received from: Batum C, Carbines M, Carroll L, Champion G, Clayton J, Copland F, Dearie P, Dobele A, Douglas R, Dyer A, Fauser G, Fry L, Glissan B,

Renewals of Subscriptions: We have been delighted not only with the large number of renewals for 2015 but also the generous donations to the ACC Prize Fund 2015. Accordingly, we have decided to reward the 2015 subscribers with a very useful tool which will help you complete the written solutions. We hope you enjoy this Gift and will get plenty of successful use from it. If you would like to order some of these wonderful objects to give to your cruciverbal friends, kindly contact our Secretary Bev Cockburn. A red spot (right) will indicate that according to our records you have not yet renewed for 2015. We would value your renewal soon.

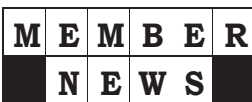
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E-LODGMNT: Would you like to lodge your solutions in an electronic format rather than relying on the post? If so, then e-lodgment is for you: it's quick, reliable and inexpensive. Ian has been skilfully managing e-lodgement entries since July 2005 and we express our sincere thanks to him for the time and energy he has devoted to this worthwhile project. For advice on how to submit your solutions by e-mail, and save our hard-working adjudicators some of the work involved in checking grids manually, kindly contact Ian whose e-mail address is: ianu@webone.com.au

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New Members: Jack Alexander from Maroubra, NSW, **Don & Mel Walker** from Bexley North NSW (A Membership gift from Maureen Blake) and **Lisa Strover** from Auckland NZ. Welcome to the Wonderful

World of *Crozworlding!*

Corrigenda and errata for January edition:

Julie Leigh and Denis Coates received a dot for November's slot 3.

Explanations for December grids:

Slot 1 Fortuna 48. Across: 1 PROOF, 4 heads, 7 anag, 10 F + L + AB, 11 C (U) RATE, 12 DD, 13 anag, 14 DD, 15 G (AU) D, 17 ASS + EMU>, 19 ME AND 'ER + ED, 22 DD, 24 DD, 26 T (PEA)* OTS, 29 S + LING, 31 anag, 33 anag, 36 ID + EM, 38 sEVEN, 39 LE + ER, 40 R + ETE, 41 anag (LOVE + EV), 42 and 43 I + RON + LAD + Y, 44 anag, 45 ST + YE.

Slot 2 Penobscot. Across: 6 anag, 9 anag O+ KERBS, 10 anag, 11 S TRUMPET s, 13 Pun - "Go down Moses", 15 anag, 17 anag, 19 DD, 20 anag, 22 SPUR (IOU) S, 24 anag, 26 anag. **Down:** 1 POM POM TIDDLY POM, 3 STIRUP, 4 cryptic def, 5 homoph, 7 homoph, 8 anag, 12 UP + SET, 14 expansion, 16 LOB + LOLLY, 18 CURS + E + S, 21 CHAR + MS, 23 anag, 25 DD.

Slot 3 Crowsman. Across: 8 si(lent + treat + men)t; 9 anag; 10 anag + E; 11 sKyInG bAlls In; 12 A in anag; 13 s(t)aves; 15 anag; 18 g at centre of anag; 20 need(l)ed; 22 y + anag; 23 re + late; 24 anag. **Down:** 1 WI + anag; 2 hidden word; 3 anag inside US; 4 brother, with L replacing final R; 5 gar + net; 6 ambit + (No. I)rev; 7 anag; 14 v(a + N)illas; 15 Dr inside anag; 16 even(t)ing; 17 C inside anag; 18 sty + led; 19 anag; 21 anag.

Slot 4 Isla. A + L + Q + AIDA, B DD, C + mOZZIE, D DD, E (DEAD CUTE)*, F (IN L FIELD)*, G Whimsical DD, HAPPY K (CAN>) K, I Rev hidden, J Cryptic def, KEPT + PETS>, L DD, M (CRIME = T)*, N (NUN LOPS)*, OUT OF + WHACK, P UR (OO + WE)> L, Q (TORQUE FOR MY MEMO)*, R DD, S DD, THE (OR) Y, U (WE'D HAUNT)*, VETO*, W DD, X DD, Y YET + I, Z homoph "zoo loo".

Slot 5 Manveru. Across: 1 Cryptic, 10 Anag EG COINS after ER (reversed), 11 F+ACE+D, 12 A+HEAD, 13 CO in anag EASTASIA without A, 14 IN + STANCE, 16 DIRE+C+T, 19 Hidden - grASS IS Trimmed, 20 B(LANK)ET(S), 22 Anag CERAMIC around E, 24 clasS WAR Marxism, 25 dd, 26 C+RITE+I+O+N, 27 Anag NHS TIMETABLES. **Down:** 2 IN+CREASE+S, 3 EDGE+D, 4 Anag INSURANCE - R, 5 Hidden, 6 A+F+(in)FECTION, 7 CO+CO+A, 8 ORGAN + Anag ISIS & NATO, 9 &lit anag, 15 AIL+ART going up after A+US (double duty), 17 E+LE(v for g) ATION, 18 P(LAST)ICS, 21 CANCE(R) - L, 23 E+L(i)VE+S, 24 STE(A)M.

PRIZE SCHEDULE for 2015

Subject to the overriding discretion of the Executive Committee, the monthly prizes for Slots 2 & 3 and Slots 5 & 7 every second month and the Quizzes will be: \$75 each. Puzzle No 1: *Chambers Crossword Manual* by Don Manley (2014 edition) or other book as selected. *The Oxford Thesaurus of English* will be awarded for Puzzle No 4 and every 2nd month for puzzle No 5: *The Chambers Dictionary 13th edn.* Slots 1-5 each month: \$125.

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 2015.

A Note about the Prizes for 2015

Thanks to the generosity of members, we have been able to establish an excellent prize schedule for 2015 and will continue with Cumulative Prizes for the best solvers in 2015. We recognise that we should reward the champion solvers with something tangible to mark this achievement.

As in 2014, 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 2015 and the top scorer for the numbered Quizzes Jan-Dec 2015. 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 2015!

Note: In 2015, the acceptability of repeat entries for a particular puzzle or Quiz by an individual is a matter for the discretion of the Adjudicator.

December 1-2014: Half 'n Half by Fortuna 48 (Nea Storey)

- Nice start to the month, thanks Fortuna 48. *Tony Dobele*
- A pretty good Half 'n Half we thought and a good start to the month. *Richard Skinner*
- A few words used in ways I don't normally consider – adds to the challenge. Surprisingly, my spell checker choked on "eft" and "stye"! *Alan Dyer*
- In my *Chambers Crossword Dictionary* 'tomboys' can be either ramps or romps although I haven't heard of either term in relation to tomboys before. *Ulla Axelsen*
- A very fair Slot 1. I liked the clue for teapots. *Robyn Caine*
- A nice half'n'half. Nothing too hard here. *Margaret Davis*
- A good starter to prepare us for the rest. Favourite clue was teapots. *Carole Noble*
- An enjoyable Slot 1 puzzle. 1ac needs a qualifier of 'short' to indicate professor is prof. *Alan Walter*
- Liked meandered. *Max Roddick*

December 2-2014: Cryptic by Penobscot (Maurice Cowan)

- 19ac is a worry – is it OLD TUB, you can bath in it or sail in it. OM POM TIDDLY POM – it's not the usual 'shave and a haircut' but hopefully an embellishment somewhere. Enjoyable puzzle as usual from Penobscot. *Tony Dobele*
- I'd love to be able to give it to Crowsman for his brilliant set of variations on a theme in slot 3, but for a single clue I'm voting for Penobscot's 1dn – it's such a delightful image. *Kath Harper*
- A bit tougher than normal? *Richard Skinner*
- Several enjoyable clues including 15ac, 2dn, 3dn, and 14dn (the latter got my vote for COTM). I regretted that the high ball was not the drinkable type! Ms is a substitute for Miss or Mrs, so is not restricted to an 'unmarried lass'! *Nea Storey*
- Found this quite difficult and the hardest of the first five slots. OM POM TIDDLYPOM was very amusing. I also liked WRAP and DITTO, the latter being my last one in. I should have done slot 1 before slot 2. BOSKER and GODOWN were new to me. *Ian Thompson*

- Didn't know BOSKER: clear from the cryptic but second-last one in and needing post-solve dictionary check. Is 1ac missing the anagram indicator? Is activity doing double-duty? Not a single Google hit on the entire internet for the phrase "OM POM TIDDLY POM!" *Rob Moline*
- A couple that tripped me up here. Hadn't heard of "bosker" before. *Alan Dyer*
- Although I quite like the clueing of om pom tiddly pom, I'm not sure of the word itself. Bosker is a new Aussie slang word for me. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Om pom tiddly pom is my choice for COTM. It's great to get a chuckle from a clue. *Robyn Caine*
- I really enjoyed this one. Loved 1dn and gave my COTM to 6ac. Bosker was a new one for me but easy to work out. *Margaret Davis*
- Isn't loblolly a great word! I'd never heard of the word bosker before. The dictionary said it was obsolete. Well I'm ancient, so I should have come across it in my lifetime. *Carole Noble*
- Where is the anagrind? It can't be 'activity' because it's a noun and it's part of the definition. *George Rolfe*
- Not at all sure old tub is correct. Gave strumpet COTM. *Roy Taylor*

- In 9ac bosker in *Chambers* indicates 'obs Aust informal'. I've never seen or used this word. 1dn om pom tiddly pom is not referenced on my tablet and seems a make-up construction. 5dn clue needs an ! as 'Patsy' has to be taken as 'patsy'. Overall a challenging puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- Why didn't I know that godown was allowed in *Crozworld*?! *Raoul*
- Liked spurious, incite, and of course on tom tiddly pom – a good laugh and a clever clue. *Max Roddick*

December 3-2014: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

- Oh! The silent anagrams. *Tony Dobele*
- Hard to pick a COTM from so many great contenders. Finally decided that SILENT TREATMENT was it, because of the whole theme to the crossword. In fact I got all the derivatives before I got the answer to 8ac! *Frank Martin*
- Slot 3 was the usual Crowsman cleverness but we did think it straightforward once 8ac was teased out (although that took a bit of thought!). *Richard Skinner*
- Another beauty from Crowsman. It had me puzzled until I pencilled in ENLIST and LISTEN, and spotted the anagram. After that it all fell into place. Clever of Crowsman to work in

so many variations on 6 letters. I liked the clue for 7dn – a nice misdirection. *Nea Storey*

- Who would have thought that the word SILENT was so adaptable as it appeared in Slot 3? Very clever. *Robyn Wimbush*
- For COTM, I like Crowsman's clue "Male dignitaries mysteriously vanishing". It's a great anagram for dematerialising. *Ron Carpenter*

• A pleasing, well-worked theme. Liked the hidden GEISHA. *Rob Moline*

• The theming was good. I had difficulties with 18dn (EVENTING) having originally chosen EVENTIDE (Event-ide) but this did not fit with 24ac. And putting an answer in the wrong part of the grid didn't help initially either! *Alan Dyer*

• Enjoyed this crossword, Worked out that 8 referred to the letters e,l,i,s,t,n but didn't actually work out the answer to silent treatment until well down the track. *Ulla Axelsen*

• Crowsman is entitled to a special accolade for Slot 3 – firstly for his critical 9ac clue, secondly for the diligent way he used the six letters to produce so many variations and thirdly for getting them all in the same puzzle. *John Baylis*

• I particularly enjoyed Crowsman's puzzle this month. *Maureen Blake*

• The usual very clever offering from Len, with all the variations of 'silent'. *Robyn Caine*

• If there was a PuzzleOTM it would be Slot 3: one of the cleverest puzzles we've had for a long time. Any of the clues could be COTM but I've opted for needed – it's perfect. *Bev Cockburn*

• Neat connection between 8ac and a number of other clues. I don't usually like it connections but these were okay because the basic solution was not too hard to find. *Margaret Davis*

• I loved this very clever cryptic. My twisted mind made it relate to Raoul's last effort with Yeltsin asking a geisha for a wine list in a brothel. Best crossword I've done in ages. *Carole Noble*

• I enjoyed this clever theme. Even got Boris in there! *Roy Taylor*

• Thanks Crowsman for a creative original puzzle. *Alan Walter*

• No mean feat – 13 variations on a SILENT theme! The best, I thought, was singlet. *Max Roddick*

December 4-2014: AJ by Isla (Rob Moline)

• Does the P clue need a containment indicator? Q surface seems a bit clunky. *Tony Dobele*

• I appreciated the innovative grid into which the J and Q answers filled the 15-letter positions. My favourite clues were A,D,N,O, although the &lit in P must surely be COTM from a compiler's viewpoint. Congratulations Rob! *Len Colgan*

• Caused some angst and we still don't fully understand "P". *Richard Skinner*

• Always enjoy a good AJ! *Alan Dyer*

• Was able to do this AJ while camping and having just one small dictionary. COTM to waxing. *Ulla Axelsen*

• Loved the play on words in the get the sack clue. *Robyn Caine*

• Another new grid for the AJ which is always good. Quite a few phrases among the answers. I liked pure wool. *Margaret Davis*

• Enjoyable AJ. Is cozzie okay? *Carole Noble*

• An AJ is always good fun. I particularly enjoyed N. *George Rolfe*

• Some very good clues but the biggest laugh in Slot 4 for get the sack. I hope it never comes for that poor elf. *Betty Siegman*

• Al Qaeda needed a homophone indicator for Aida. *Roy Taylor*

• The A clue has an unusual spelling of Al Qaida defined as 'fanatics'. The P clue took time to realise PUR+EW+OO+L where 'pur'=knit, balls=OO. The D clue for despot was humourously clever. Thanks Isla for a pleasant AJ. *Alan Walter*

• Outstanding slot from the Prof! *Raoul*

• Many smart and amusing clues. Liked al qaida, despot, nonplus, and theory. *Max Roddick*

December 5-2014: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

• This puzzle exemplifies how to interweave totally common words, and how to produce immaculate surface readings. Special mentions for the 7dn and 24dn clues. *Len Colgan*

• A good old fashioned cryptic and most enjoyable. *Richard Skinner*

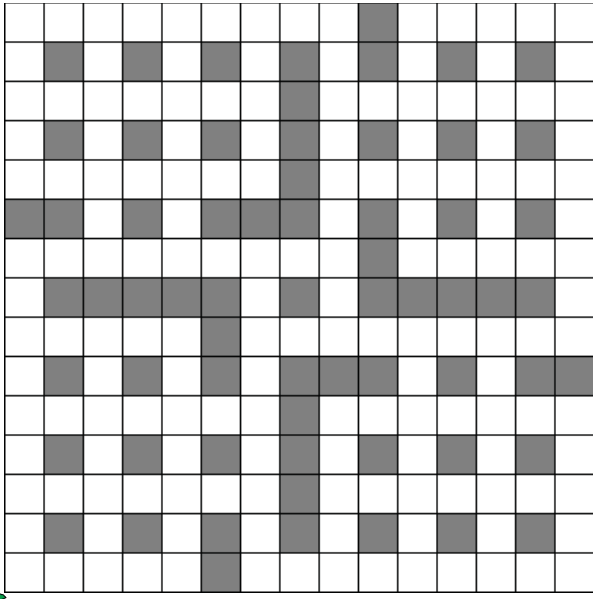
• I don't understand the clues for 7dn and 17dn. *Nea Storey*

• I thought Slot 5 stood out as having a number of excellent clues – well constructed and with good surface readings. It was hard to pick the best, but my nomination for COTM is 10ac – RECOGNISE. *Roger Douglas*

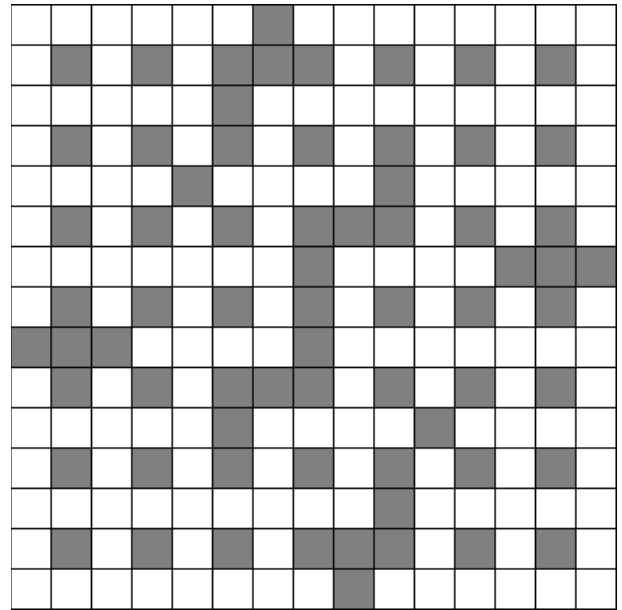
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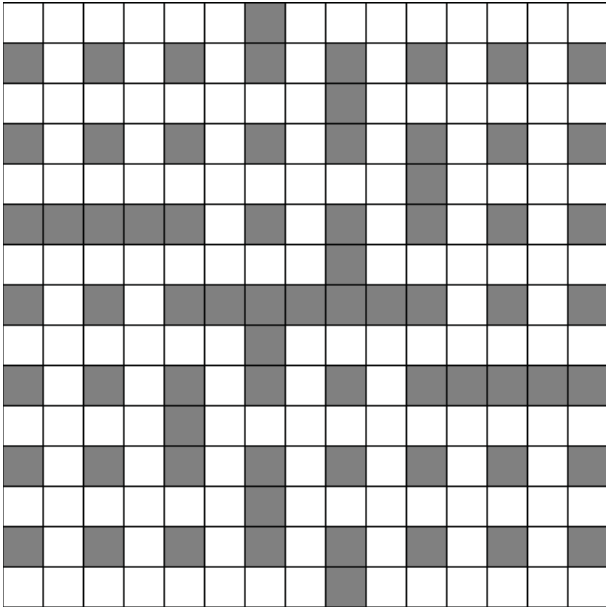
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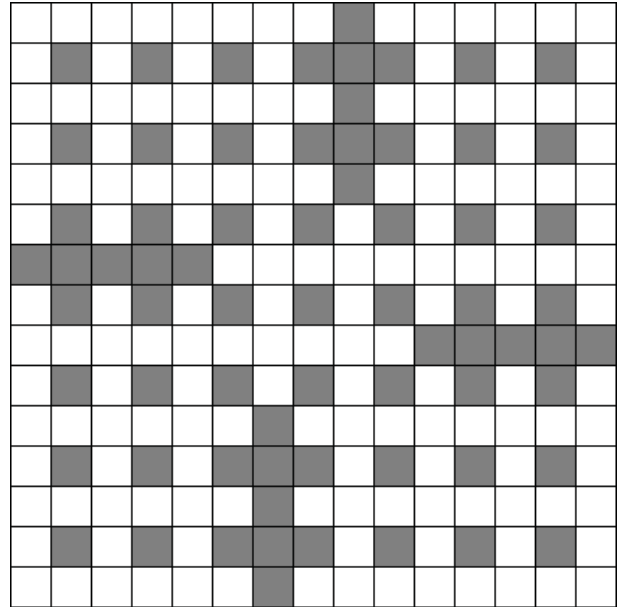
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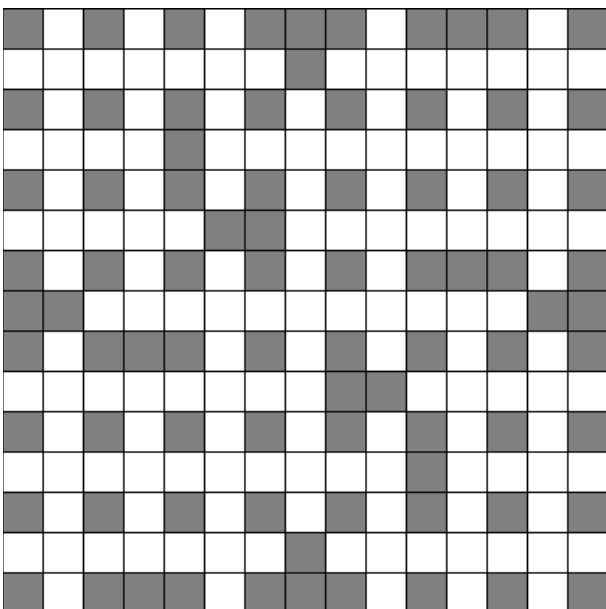
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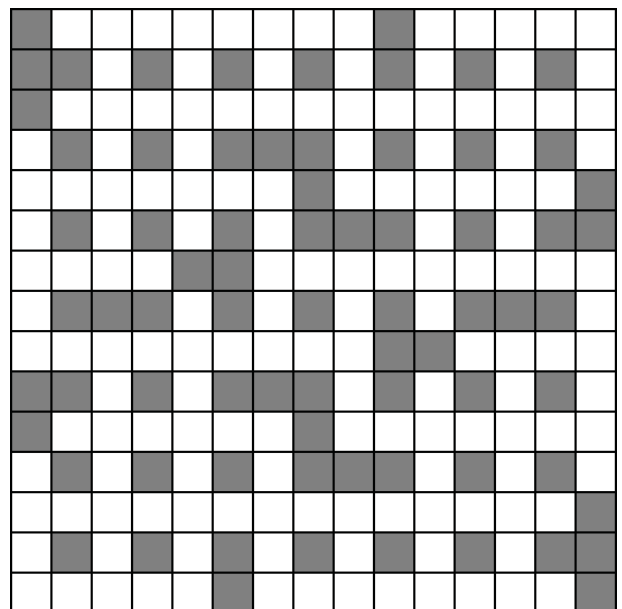
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Clue of the Month

ACC Compiler of the Year



November 6-2014: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

Entries 83. Correct 81. Success rate 97.6%.

Prizewinner: David Grainger. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments:

A few members queried the inclusion of Dali in the 13ac clue. Dali was famous for a number of paintings featuring melting clocks. The surface reading would not make much sense unless Dali was specifically mentioned. Conversely, one member expressly commended the clue.

Explanations:

Across: 1 as + c + end; 5 fair(cop)y; 9 rump + el + stilts + kin; 10 age(d) + just; 11 rash + anag; 12 see(dines)s; 13 Dali is s(OFTEN)ed; 15 ho(l)st; 17 E + X is ten + CE; 20 ad(M)onis + h; 21 ha(USA)s; 22 in + t + ravenous + drip; 23 (t)est range; 24 hur(d)ler. **Down:** 2 sound(record)ings; 3 ex-pound; 4 di(Latin)g; 5 future sex change; 6 anag of Sue; 7 cast + off; 8 po(anag)lice; 14 (h)as though(t); 16 dd.; 18 ado inside anag of cure; 19 anag

Solvers' Comments:


- Another quality puzzle. I particularly liked 20ac, 5dn & 8dn. *Ian McKenzie*
- Congratulations, what a stunning Slot 6 puzzle! I initially wrongly spelt 9ac as RUMPLESTILTSKIN which threw me off for 4dn. FUTURES EXCHANGE was a brilliant answer to a clever clue. My favourite answer was 22ac, IN + T + RAVENOUS + DRIP. The clue for this was a gem. The clues for SOUND RECORDINGS & POISONED CHALICE were also a good challenge. You managed to include five 15-letter answers woven into the grid – an amazing compilation. *Alan Walter*
- What a magic puzzle again from you....were you eligible for COTM, EXPOUND would be my vote. *Dale McManus*
- Classic! ESTRANGE was last in: excellent clue! *William Ryan*
- Love the longish charade elements: rump/dines/adonis/ravenous/test-range/latin/sex-change/police; and the low number of anagrams. A few unknowns: fair copy, the obscure but gettable Hausas, and silvan both with an i and being a noun, not an adjective. Overall a great crossword. *Rob Moline*
- Enjoyable as always. FUTURE SEX CHANGE was priceless. *Andrew Miles*
- I loved your brilliant clues for the five 15-letter words, especially the one for INTRAVENOUS DRIP. Keep them coming. *Carole Noble*
- Loved EXPOUND & FUTURES EXCHANGE. *Roy Taylor*
- This was a most enjoyable puzzle which kept me guessing for quite a while – for ages I had just HOIST and ILL-USE pencilled in and nothing else. There were however some ingenious longer clues and I particularly liked FUTURES EXCHANGE and POISONED CHALICE. *John Baylis*
- As usual, clever clueing and excellent surfaces. Stand-out for me is the explanation of X as 'X IS TEN' and the one-word def 'being' in 17ac. *Tony Dobeles*
- So did enjoy your puzzle – gave my heart to 9, 17, 22ac and 6, 8dn. *Eileen O'Brien*
- Thanks for another masterpiece. It sure had the brain doing somersaults, a lot of excellent clues but particularly liked 5dn FUTURES EXCHANGE. *Col Archibald*
- I particularly liked your clues for EXISTENCE, EXPOUND and FUTURES EXCHANGE. (Hmm! They all contain EX. Coincidence? LC) *Kath Harper*
- Thanks for another entertaining and thought-provoking crossword. I thought your "interpretation of X = X is ten" very clever. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Not too stressful this time. However, you're a whiz at using words with two meanings, e.g. "fitting = just" and "spots = sees". I had pennies dropping all over the place! *Bev Cockburn*
- I particularly enjoyed 17ac, 24ac, 3dn, 5dn. *Margaret Davis*
- With the usual caveat "IF I have solved it correctly", this is a very nice puzzle. My favourite clue (and the last solved to my satisfaction) is 23ac. The first breakthrough was to associate 'range' with 'Woomera'. Then the answer 'estrange' with the definition 'part'. Initially EST was sufficiently associated with 'time' – but what did 'missing time' mean? At last the truth dawned: 'test range' without the first 't'! *Denis Coates*

- Another fine exemplar of cruciverbalism. Not being familiar with the works of Kurosawa or Nigerian tribes, I did have to confirm the answers (which were pleasingly clear from the parsing) online. *Michael Kennedy*
- My favourite clues were POISONED CHALICE and INTRAVENOUS DRIP. Thanks for an enjoyable puzzle. As always, the wordplays are perfectly devised. *Ian Thompson*
- 9ac (RUMPELSTILTSKIN) is my COTM! Oops, out of bounds or, like 14dn "without bounds". *Tony de Gry*
- 13ac – unfair clue. No indication is given that "time-piece" has to be split to make the clue parse correctly. (It is accepted practice to split a clue at a hyphen. However, it is rarely possible to achieve such a ploy, as in this case. LC) *George Rolfe*
- Thanks for another interesting puzzle – I always seem to start your puzzles slowly but then perseverance pays off – which is a sign that I am enjoying the challenge and that I have faith in the setter. I particularly liked EXPOUND, OFTEN and ESTRANGE. *Jeremy Barnes*
- I sometimes think that the best part of your puzzles is your imaginative use of synonyms and this was no exception. *Richard Skinner*
- Enjoyed this puzzle immensely – and particularly loved 9ac – all 15 letters! *Cheryl Wilcox*
- I thoroughly enjoyed your offering as usual. Especially impressed by POISONED CHALICE and RUMPELSTILTSKIN constructions. Favourite was AS THOUGH. *Roy Low*
- Great clues, esp. liked 9, 17 and 22ac. Thank you for an enjoyable puzzle with fair clues. *Joan Smith*
- Thank you, Len, for another excellent puzzle. Particularly liked 17ac EXISTENCE, 22ac INTRAVENOUS DRIP and 5dn FUTURES EXCHANGE. *Gillian Champion*
- Great clues – I loved the one for RUMPELSTILTSKIN and FUTURE SEX CHANGE was great! *Peter Dearie*
- I really enjoyed it. By far my favourite clues were for EXISTENCE and ESTRANGE, closely followed by FUTURES EXCHANGE. *Jenny Wenham*
- Five fifteen-letter groups was a bit daunting. I started with 9ac. Think of a dwarf with a long name. Rump-el-stilts-kin. *That's it!* I was elated at this lucky start, but it didn't last. Had to work hard for all the rest, long and short. Liked SEEDINESS, OFTEN, EXISTENCE and ADMONISH. And, for a laugh, FUTURES EXCHANGE. As always, a pleasure to solve. *Max Roddick*
- Lots of great 15-letter words as usual, with FUTURE SEX CHANGE causing a chuckle. I also loved the Dali reference – a lovely distraction. *Robyn Caine*

Solution to Slot 7 La Dolce Vita by Raoul

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Cryptic
by
Bogeyman


Dedicated to *Praxis*, whose notion this was. A theme and five associated solutions are clued, but not defined. Other than some proper nouns, one solution is not to be found in the normal references but is richly checked and clearly clued.

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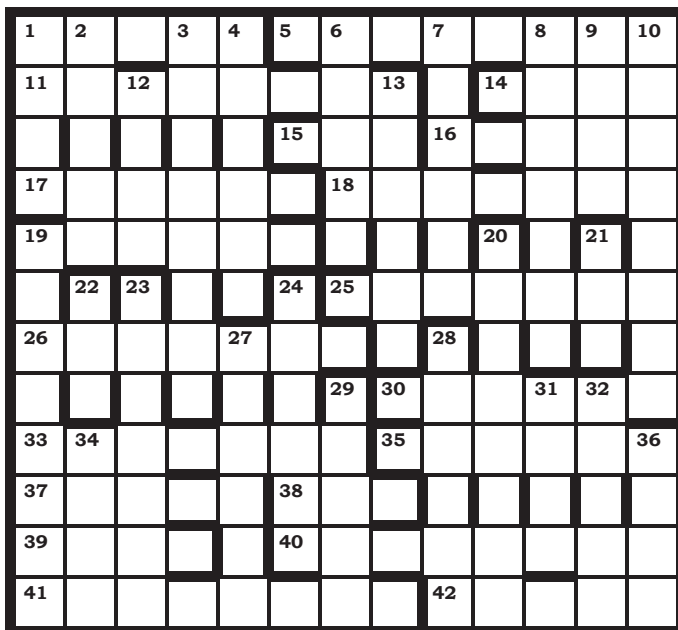
Across

- 1 Rhyming element of Cockney's language? (5)
- 5 Malaysian State losing its head to a number of indigenous people of the West Indies (8)
- 11 Bullfighter to study or... (8)
- 14 ... go up to Spain after returning title (4)
- 15 Continental way to produce shrub (3)
- 16 Hotel it may be! What do you think? (5)
- 17 Gentlewoman missing opening of Armagnac but imbibing litre calmly (6)
- 18 Crowd pacifier to move quickly on meaningless talk (4,3)
- 19 Protection when variable half of the back ... (6)
- 25 ... support against trouble becomes threatening (7)
- 26 Ways out of the westward-facing house unevaluated (7)
- 30 Have half organ – very streaky (6)
- 33 Cold sheet used to treat little Florence allegedly (3,4)
- 35 Tailless fly taken by tailless bird with spirit (6)
- 37 Sayings from record by Iowa (5)
- 38 See 6 Down
- 39 Hang around and look at a female (4)
- 40 Edible nest – clue soup (8)
- 41 **and 36** Fine note to chant at one soccer club (8,4)
- 42 See 6 Down

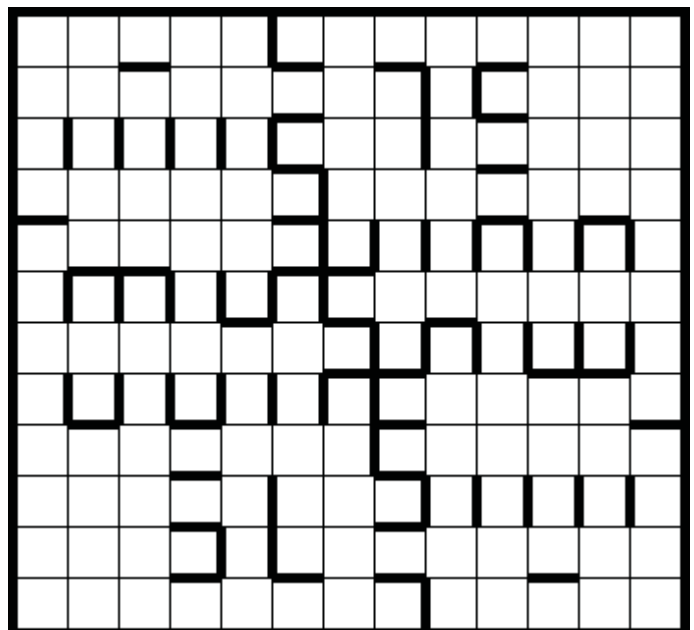
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- 1 Support found in feudalist empire (4)
- 2 See 32
- 3 Require Heather for sewing (8)
- 4 Move fast – declare poll (6)
- 6 **42 and 38** Rakes around Troy when stormy Styx beset by Roman eight (5,5,3)
- 7 Maori song leaders were always intoning a tuneful antiphony (6)
- 8 Top job to male (7)
- 9 Continent is backward in articles (4)
- 10 Catch to keep in reserve for on-line shopping facility (8)
- 12 Trust Capone to leave, actually (4)
- 13 Another gain for labour? Back having contained energy at noon (6)
- 19 Morning comes with a set of bells lacking highest and lowest (8)
- 20 Controller sneakily gains lev (8)
- 21 Trouble for commercial ring (3)
- 22 First lady is eaten by false vegetarian (3)
- 23 Country may evangelise ecstatically after I've gone (7)
- 24 Rest? Sit again! (6)
- 27 Loose combustion products found following odd bits of funnel going missing (6)
- 28 Poseidon's son was a rotten louse ... (6)
- 29 ...although belief in God was from French doctrine (5)
- 31 At a former time Ontario led English establishment ... (4)
- 32 **and 2** ... and canonised French king! ... (5,5)
- 34 ... Captain King of the kitchen? (4)
- 36 See 41

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Quiz No 1/2015

Quiz No 1/2015: Hit the Road! by Fortuna 48.



by Fortuna 48

All answers have a common definition and are in alphabetical order.

Send your solutions to Nea Storey, 10 Whiteman Street, Wanniasa, ACT 2903.
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| 1 Audrey <i>aka</i> Virgo (6) | 12 Powerful feline (6) | 23 Electricity or Gas (7) |
| 2 Crooked General Broadcast (7) | 13 Kill – Ice – Assassinate! Just for starters (3) | 24 Iced biscuit with hint of lime centre (5) |
| 3 Fool caught by Bill, coming or going (8) | 14 Law, American Style (5) | 25 Cardinal guarding the Spanish (or French) (8) |
| 4 Ten's naval officer (9) | 15 English Country Dance (6) | 26 No man, retrospectively (4) |
| 5 Lorna Dee messed around (2,6) | 16 A compound with N ₂ S ₂ I (6) | 27 Eight's breeze (6) |
| 6 One for the landed gentry! (6,3) | 17 One for the Seniors! (10) | |
| 7 Eight's bird (6) | 18 Anti-Cop, perhaps (7) | |
| 8 X-ing (4) | 19 Tina doesn't start final (7) | |
| 9 She was sweet in 1953 movie (9) | 20 Lace mixer with Potassium (5) | |
| 10 Golden shifts up first gear (6) | 21 Ten's Senator (9) | |
| 11 My crude threat to bring legal action against menagerie (5) | 22 One of the Simpsons returned ahead of worker (7) | |

Results of Quiz No 11/2014: It Takes Two to Tango by Brian Symons

Entries 38. Winner: Sue Pinder. Congratulations!

Results: 25: W Allen, R Caine, B Cockburn, G Cole, L Colgan, H Cromer, P Dearie, T DeGrys, P Garner, B Glissan, B Hagan, B Ibbott, D Jones, J Leigh, P Lord, C McClelland, A Miles, S Pinder, A Simons, N Storey, I Thompson, J Wenham, C Wilcox and R Wimbush. 24: U Axelsen, J Crowe, G Leeds, R McKenzie, T McPherson, C Noble, E O'Brien, H Perrow and A Walter. 23: K Audrins, R Gooderick, M Potts and R Taylor. 22: C Jones.

Answers: 1 bulbul, buln buln, apus apus, bou bou, cara cara. 2 cancan, cha cha. 3 chop-chop. 4 couscous, cuscus. 5 dik-dik. 6 dodo. 7 froufrou. 8 gaga. 9 Gigi. 10 hotshots. 11 isis. 12 lava lava, laplap. 13 lulu. 14 murmur. 15 never-never. 16 pawpaw. 17 pipi, pipipipi. 18 poo poo, pooh pooh. 19 sing sing. 20 so so. 21 testes. 22 titi, tutu. 23 tsetse, tsetze. 24 anything goes though Woy Woy best. 25 yo-yo.

Adjudicator's Comments:

This quiz seemed to be enjoyed but my apologies for my carelessness saying all answers were in *Chambers*. GIGI seemed to worry no one but some members spent (?wasted) time looking for a town in *Chambers*. Consequently all answers for number 24 were accepted including woop woop. In fact even my answer, Wagga Wagga was wrong as it is a city! So many traps to compiling! HOTSHOTS and TESTES caused a few errors but the only significant problem was the hard to resist but wrong POW WOW. Many correct alternatives were found, especially for a bird. Because of extreme variability no notice was taken of hyphenation. Cheers and Merry Christmas.

Brian Symons

Members' Comments:

- Good entertainment with interesting double constructions. Alan Walter
- So many double-up words that we take for granted. Bev Cockburn
- This quiz provided some mental gymnastics and was a lot of fun. Robyn McKenzie
- Hotshots is really clever. I wondered how the plural would work. Robyn Wimbush
- Your quiz was harder than first thought and I have been

wandering round the house making all sorts of strange noises in solving attempts.

Barb Ibbott

• An interesting and fun quiz.

Gabrielle Leeds

• HOTSHOTS is my quiz equivalent of COTM.

Cheryl Wilcox

• I loved the title of your quiz.

Carole Noble

Slot 5 Members' Comments cont'd from p10:

• An enjoyable challenge and quite tricky in parts. My favourite clues were RECOGNISE, ASSIST, BLANKETS, ADVERTISEMENT, AFFECTION and ELEVATION.

Ian Thompson

• Great crossword. Not a fan of cryptic definitions, but liked LIFE INSURANCE; also liked RECOGNISE and ESTABLISHMENT – and ADVERTISEMENT is brilliant. Can't see how AUSTRALIA works – &lit wordplay is OK but not definition [the *compiler made US do double duty – it's in the correct position for wordplay and formed an &lit due to its position at the end of the clue – in any &lit clue one can rarely avoid some double duty for one or more components – Adj].*

Rob Moline

• Not sure of 17dn "ELEVATION" – will have to see how it was clued.

Alan Dyer

• Whenever I do a *Manveru* puzzle I am always reminded just how many one letter abbreviations there are used in cryptic crosswords.

Ulla Axelsen

• I am giving my COTM to *Manveru* for his clever use of carbon monoxide to lead us to cocoa.

John Baylis

• 1ac is my favourite clue in this puzzle. It was a consideration for COTM.

Robyn Caine

• I think I must be on *Manveru's* wavelength at last! This is the second time I have completed one of his without losing too much sleep.

Margaret Davis

• My favourite clue was for blankets.

Carole Noble

• A most enjoyable puzzle with two very good anagrams, 9 and 27.

George Rolfe

• Took some time to rationalise ele(g/v)ation. Thanks *Manveru* for a very challenging cryptic.

Alan Walter

• Life insurance gets COTM. An okay effort but I prefer Zinzan's puzzles.

Raoul

• I chose instance for COTM, but most of this slot was an exercise in obfuscation. Behind the obfog, every light was clear – some brilliant! – but one or two such clues is enough.

Max Roddick



November 7-2014: La Dolce Vita by Raoul (William Ryan)

Entries 72. Correct 72. Success rate 100%.

Prizewinners: Ian Mason wins \$75 prize; Sue Pinder wins the bottle of Chateau Rene Pogel 1962 which will come disguised as a Prince Albert Pinot Noir Geelong 1991 [rrp >\$99.99] Congratulations!

Setter's Comments: Thank you all for the well-wishing, beautiful Christmas cards, threats and dead things.

Members' Comments (expurgated due to space, profanity and libel laws):

• Thank you for a happy meander through another of your intemperate offerings. I find it very interesting that an uncommon word such as MARC, which has not appeared in an ACC crossword for months, if not years, will then appear in *Crozworld* for three months in a row.
Susan Howells

• Your puzzles always make me laugh, particularly WHEE and DUNK. I had put this in the too-hard basket, until Hubby told me that Midway was a battle, and bohemian meant arty-farty. CAKE was my last one in. Look forward to explanation for CITRON (what's R&T?) Loved your clue for MUESLI.
Jan Wood

• Thanks for another cheeky puzzle – much easier to solve with a glass in my hand! Re DODOES, did you know that scientists have more specimens of Archaeopteryx than they have of Dodoes? Nobody cared much about dodoes until they became extinct, and then it was too late to study them. Most people know only the character in *Alice in Wonderland*, and no one is sure exactly what the real birds looked like.
Mike Potts

• I've been on the cruciverbal wagon for about a year but have fallen off this month and indulged once again. I always enjoy yours, with a touch of humour and some different clues. I was stuck for ages on 3dn, thinking it was HALF BLUE. R&T was almost an indirect anagram in 5dn, but I'll let it slide. It wasn't quite an IA and it is, after all, a Slot 7. My favourite was 9dn. Very clever.
Jenny Wenham

• With *Raoul's* clues, it's always – What's gonna happen next? Loved HEARTY, TASTE-BUD, CITRON, BONG, and EMBERS. Keep 'em coming!
Max Roddick

• I thoroughly enjoyed your offering this month. I felt a bit woozy by the end with the drunken theme – so what is a publican to do anyway? I liked 2551 very much!
Roy Lewis

• Thanks William, nice one, I really enjoyed it!
Nick Duggan

• Congratulations on another fine puzzle. Not fully convinced about CAKE, MUESLI or DODOES. My favourite clue was NAVY BLUE.
Jeremy Barnes

• I see that you are still as quirky as ever and for goodness sake, where did you get bibulousness from? I can't believe that despite its relevance it's an everyday word in the pub business? Some stuff that I haven't come across for a while as well. One over the eight happened to be a favourite expression of my father. It does help to be a Pom sometimes. It took my clever wife to beat 5dn and 25dn as I was off with all sorts of theories. If memory serves she also got 14dn!
Richard Skinner

• 15ac: I believe the term "half cut" means a person is not fully drunk but half drunk and cannot understand the connection with the answer "one over the eight"? 24ac: do not understand the clue in this one. 1dn: what is the definition?
Tony de Gryz

• Thanks for an intriguing puzzle. My favourite clue was the LOI – hearty (hope it's right) – a nice cryptic definition. *Ian Thompson*

• I enjoyed the puzzle greatly (especially 18ac!) but admit to having made a guess for 14dn.
David Grainger

• Lots of scratching of the head with this one. *Barbara Glissan*

• *Raoul's* crosswords always leave me feeling slightly tipsy! What is the origin of "one over the eight"? The expression is new to me.
Nea Storey

• Another challenging puzzle from *Raoul*: a few answers I'm unable to verify, like 10ac, 24ac (can you castrate a female deer?), 1dn, 4dn. Had to Google EDEN before the postcode penny dropped. Liked CITRON and WHEE: brought a smile.
Tony Dobebe

• Thanks for your aptly named puzzle. The title brought back great memories of our recent 'barge & bike' tour of northern Italy, which had slipped out of my mind. Half an hour after getting home I fell off a stool (no bibulousness involved, I swear) and ended up in Casualty having my leg stitched up. I've been legless ever since! I really liked your clues for 15ac and 3dn, but struggled for days with the solutions to 10ac and 23dn.
Kath Harper

• Some lovely words in this! Lots of fun doing it. *Pat Garner*

• Fun topic. I'd never heard of One Over the Eight – delighted to have a new boozy expression. Not sure about 1dn but couldn't get my brain to think of anything else.
Trish McPherson

• Phew! that was hard, in particular the top left hand corner – 10ac in particular. 14dn also caused us an issue, but I think that is a language thing: Australians obviously use Whee/Hooray: I haven't heard it used in this way in the UK. Many thanks for the hours of puzzling...just hope we haven't failed after all that!
Julie Leigh

• A typical, free-wheeling, alcohol-fuelled, inspired *Raoul* crossword – very enjoyable. Liked your R&T, and squeezing in your near-namesake – as a bit of a chess-player in earlier years I knew his full name. Does (sic) 24ac work – does not being castrateable? Liked 26, very clever; also 7, 10, 15, 22, 3 and B-less 9. A bit bemused by 6, can only guess HOTEL which seems to be a straight definition repeated, nothing cryptic.
Rob Moline

• A grid full of 'quippish' (I would have said quippy but no such word exists apparently) clues – short, punchy and clever.
Michael Kennedy

• My very first thought was "one over eight", but I didn't like including the word "the", and it had little to do with booze. Now I see that the others are BONG and WHEE. I should have spotted that all three queries overlapped, most likely implying that the 15-letter one was wrong. Then the others become obvious! Silly me! I'm getting (have gotten?) too old!
Len Colgan

• I feel somewhat light headed after completing your puzzle. Must be the bottle of red I consumed while doing it!
Peter Dearie

• Thankyou for your puzzle. How many more can you produce with an alcoholic theme, I wonder? I love BIBULOUSNESS – what a wonderful word! It really is onomatopoeic, is it not? Certainly I would not like to say it if in my cups!
Margaret Davis

• I enjoyed this puzzle (except for 1dn, the dreaded four letter word) I just can't work out the clue, now look forward to an explanation.
Robyn Caine

• The NE corner "stump me blump" as my father would say when nonplussed. Cake sounds reasonable and Real George is/was an expression in the USA meaning straight up, conventional *et al*. As usual, a good puzzle from yourself.
Maurice Cowan

• Enjoyed this puzzle til my last two clues.
Cheryl Wilcox

• The top left corner was a problem, especially 1dn. I like 3dn though.
Warren Allen

• Thanks for another inebriating puzzle – I guess it comes with the territory!
Bev Cockburn

• Another challenging crossword from *Raoul*, well done! I must admit I "intelligently" guessed 10ac. I liked 11ac, 2dn and 5dn!
Graeme Cole

• Thanks William for another challenging puzzle. *David Procter*

• *La Dolce Vita* was again a fun puzzle and I enjoyed the theme. I thought that the citron clue was very clever.
Jean Evans

• Good one *Raoul!* It must have taken considerable observation of your clientele to come up with so many intoxicating clues.
Betty Siegman

• I put wine for 14dn, but I'm not whining about the clues – a lot of great ones! I liked BLESS for the subtraction of B. *Roy Taylor*

• Enjoyed your clever puzzle.
Marian Procter

• Many thanks for your *La Dolce Vita* puzzle. It was quite intoxicating and enjoyable to solve. Much liked 15ac! *Alan Walter*

• Good puzzle, with some imaginative clue structures. The "alcohol" flavour seems far from exhausted.
Ian McKenzie

• Thanks for a great crossword – Very Funny!
Sue Pinder

• Talk about the good life! Our puzzles are always full of drugs and grog or related words. I did note you tried to balance the scales with a hearty breakfast of muesli!
Carole Noble

• Thankyou *Raoul*, your puzzles are always worth a dip – so funny!
Andrew Miles

• This was a terrific puzzle with some very clever clues, but it was another deadly four letter word that held me up at the end, namely 1dn. Did you know there are something like 160 four letter words that fit the "-a-e" formula? I hope my version takes the cake.
John Baylis

• Loved your bless = - b. I know some purists won't like it but I think its very inventive.
Ulla Axelsen

• I felt like saying "Wheel!" when I finished!
Bob Hagan

[See solution on p12]



Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 6/2014

Write a clue for PLANETARIUM (11)

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.

Definition from *Chambers* (12th edition)

n a machine showing the motions and orbits of the planets, often by the projecting of their images onto a (domed) ceiling; a hall or building containing such a machine.

I came across this word in a recent *Times* Crossword (the relevant clue* is below) and thought it offered plenty of potential for both defining and parsing. I wasn't disappointed. The definitions were varied and clever, although it's a salient reminder to check the precise definition. There were some, dare I say, stellar entries, with a couple of others that may have travelled via the 4th dimension. After consulting the 19 stars, the planets have aligned for **Ulla Axelsen's** following clue. Well done Ulla! **Sadly Tina Arena lacked an entry into prize showplace of the stars (11)**

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

Alien tram upsetting heavenly vision **

This first clue is designed around an anagram of ALIEN/TRAM/UP. The tricky part of this clue is that part of the fodder (UP) and the anagram indicator *setting* make up the one word. The definition is lacking something that indicates that a planetarium is the *machine* or place of the *heavenly vision*, not the vision itself.

An alien's air supply preserved in perfect parallel universe ****

Put AN, ET and an anagram of AIR into PLUM (perfect) and you will arrive at the *parallel universe* – a lovely definition. The whole clue is artfully done, particularly the deceptive anagram indicator. The surface reading is intriguing and sensible, even if it's more fiction than science.

An angry revolutionary infiltrates excellent place to observe the stars ***

This has a similar schematic to the clue above with AN and IRATE (reversed) inside PLUM. *Revolutionary* is not the correct tense to literally direct the solver to *revolve* the fodder, but otherwise this is a terrific clue. The surface reading works well and one could interpret stars as celebrities rather than the twinkling things in the sky.

Architect's drawing for Eastern atriumre-drafted for mechanical representation of celestial motions ***½

Place *plan* and E next to an anagram of *atrium* and you will arrive at the answer. It's a wonderfully formed clue with perfect surface sense. My only quibble is the superfluous word *for* (the first one).

Best without a retina damaged by orbital tracking machine ****

This is another clue that inserts an anagram (this time of A RETINA) into PLUM. There is also a clever synchronization of the definition with the rest of the clue. The definition itself is a cracker although the procedure sounds nasty.

Building model aircraft with inside room having the opening to the front ***½

This clue works by joining PLANE with *atrium* (room), and then moving the letter T to the front to get TARIUM. Cleverly done, particularly the disguised definition, although a little more information with the definition wouldn't have gone astray.

Celestial globe of choice protects a damaged retina ***

This is another clue that has incorporated anagram fodder (i.e. A and RETINA) into the word *plum*. I love the definition but I'm not sure how that would relate to a damaged retina.

I am swimming in a Bundaberg spirit after drug found in plant, heavens' seen here ***

This clue inserts the letter I into A(RUM) after PLAN(E)T. The addition of *swimming* seems to be superfluous and at first reading actually looks like an anagram. I can see the deliberate misdirection at work with the clever definition, but the surface sense is a little strained, even if I was (or on) a banana-bender.

In choice surroundings a retina is designed for seeing the solar system ****

While the parsing (Anagram of A RETINA inside PLUM) is very similar to other entries, the surface reading, with its logical and fitting sense, is vastly superior. The entire clue almost serves as an &lit, and indeed it would need to, in order for it to satisfy the noun definition.

Led by Venus, perhaps, one lurks in a strange place to view heavenly gyrations ****

This is a finely parsed clue with an alluring surface sense. It works by

placing *planet* next to A and RU(I)M. Generally speaking, using fodder that relates closely to the answer (in this case *Venus* the planet) is to be avoided, but in this instance, Venus could also refer to the God. In fact it could be a scene straight out of a Greek myth.

Manipulate, right? Manipulated to produce an orrery ***

This is an anagram of MANIPULATE and R as indicated by *manipulated*. It's an accurately parsed clue and while the deliberate double use of *manipulate* is nifty, the clue's stop/start feel makes it a little clunky.

Neat air circulates in top skylights! ***

This is an anagram of NEAT AIR as indicated by *circulates* in PLUM (top). *Skylights* is indeed a creative definition, but more describes what happens inside a planetarium, rather than a planetarium itself. Given the cryptical definition, a question mark or a *perhaps*, would have served well.

* New arena: it's in purple, star-studded venue

This clue is taken from *The Times* (no. 25889). Many of you can at least be pleased that you used the same idea (i.e. an anagram inside PLUM). The definition is a gem. Note the importance of referring to a planetarium as a venue or place.

Orbital engine design alien to me, subject to floral surrounds ***

This is a tough one. *Design* for PLAN and *alien* for ET are simple enough, but you would probably need to come up with the answer from that and the superb definition, as the remaining indicators (I – the *subject of me*, inside ARUM – *floral surrounds*) are difficult, particularly coming up with the relatively obscure arum plant. I would have liked to see a clue developed more around the engine idea (*Line up a tram refitted with an orbital engine(11)*)

Perhaps lasers at night exhibit the astronomical relativity in ultimate model, chiefly here ****½

This clue is actually a second one that the compiler for the Bundaberg clue was contemplating, I decided to print it as it was the only entry to attempt using the initial letters, which isn't surprising given we're talking about 11 letters. However, while relatively easy to solve, it is a sterling effort.

New pun material needed for the stars here ***

Very clever anagram of PUN MATERIAL. The clue then cleverly misdirects with the allusion to celebrity comedians perhaps. However, I just don't think *stars here*, is sufficient to define a planetarium.

Sadly Tina Arena lacked an entry into prize showplace of the stars ****½

Put a messed up TINA ARENA (minus AN) into PLUM and there you have it. The definition is cleverly disguised to fit with the clue's theme. While traditionalists (particularly fans of *The Times*) would refrain from using an existing person, as long as the clue isn't designed to humiliate or degrade, then I'm okay with that.

Somehow let airman up in star dome ****

While it's an obvious anagram as indicated by *somehow*, the solver would see need to actually work it out. The definition is fanciful and it does make one wonder what sort of craft a star dome might actually be. This is a fine clue and was a parsec away from the prize.

To design alien a strange surrounding I makes a heavenly model

This charade clue uses PLAN, ET, A, and R(I)UM. This is nicely put together but the linking word *makes* is awkward and gives the reading a strained feeling.

True, napalm I sprayed causing bodies to be seen running round and round

This is an anagram of TRUE, NAPALM and I, as indicated by *sprayed*. The definition is deceptive, but seems to narrowly miss the definition of either a machine or place *in which* the bodies are actually running around.

Uproar in Parliament became an unearthly display **½

I think this clue might have traversed the space/time continuum. It's meant to be a simple anagram of PARLIAMENT around U, as indicated by *uproar*. Unfortunately, the U is not indicated well and needs to be separated from the anagram indicator. The definition had some serious potential, but a planetarium is the *machine* or *place* for such a display, not the display itself.

Clue Writing Competition No 1/2015

For the next competition, please write a clue for the word **SHANGRI-LA (7,2)** complete with explanation. 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 13 February 2015. Book prize.



Bonus Puzzle 1: AMJ by Crowsman

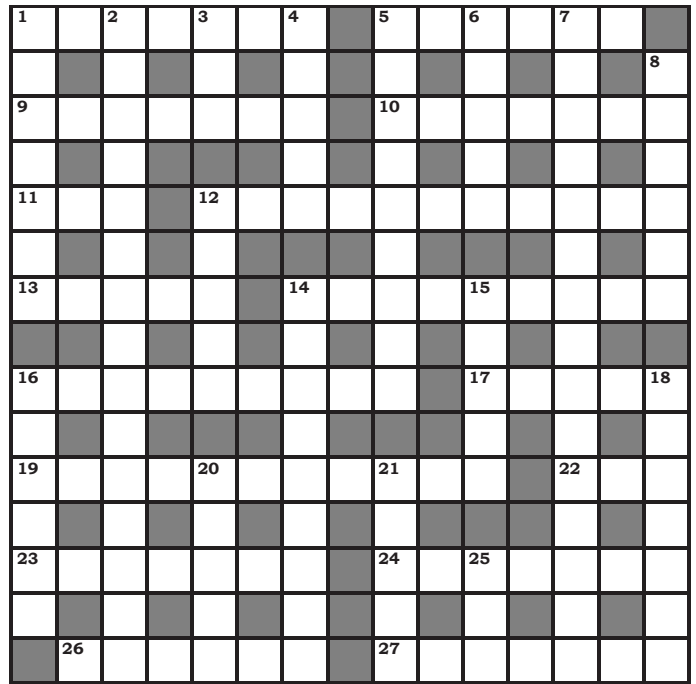
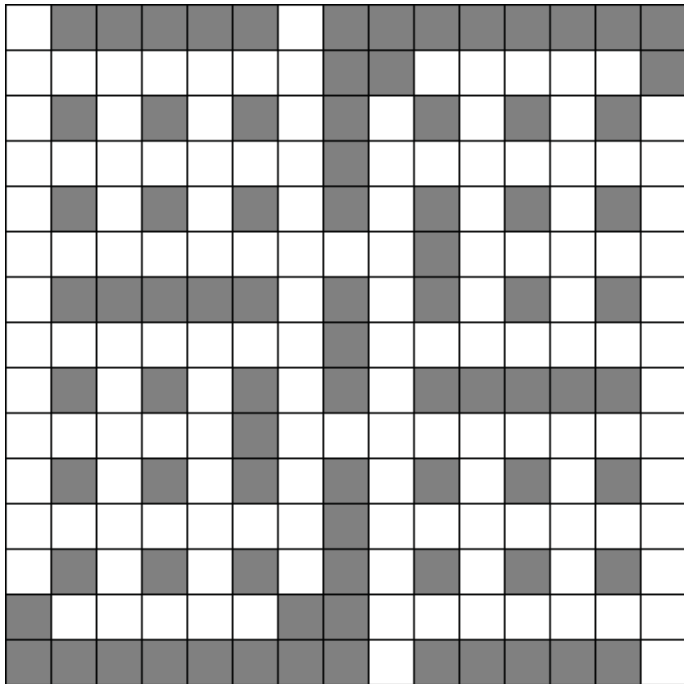
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The given letter indicates the **middle** letter of the solution. Place them in the grid jigsaw-wise, where they fit.
One answer is not in *Chambers*, but is in the *SOED* and online dictionaries.

Clues:

- A** Left after crop yields progress at a very slow rate (5)
- B** Depriving black lead of principal character brings complaint (7)
- C** Shoot possibly makes flower in Devon attractive (7)
- D** Poem disseminated around, gripping Head of English (7)
- E** Substantial increase in the anti-abortion issue (13)
- F** Sea air carries miles up (7)
- G** Expired ticket rejected in front of Eastern exit (7)
- H** Violently he rapes model again ... (7)
- I** ... caught dressing in rocky outcrop (5)
- J** Pancakes from buffet put in front of sailors (9)
- K** After tea, they say, comes fine wine (5)
- L** Swimming's governing body tips the last eight (9)

- M** Herb is heard arrivin' (5)
- N** Contract for the future, for example (5)
- O** With tail removed, tortoise is cooked for a dish (7)
- P** Exceed means to progress through G? (7)
- Q** Flops – cancels drinks (5,8)
- R** Hackney University is involved in old D, for example (7)
- S** Hook one running around erratically? (8,5)
- T** Projects cover Eastern Germanic invaders (5)
- U** Struck with fever and agitated without right (5)
- V** With a riot brewing inside, protect school of music (13)
- W** Quickly reveal and get the better of Henry (3,4)
- X** On reflection, amended gender of animals (5)
- Y** In secrecy, cleverly process again (7)
- Z** No mineral zinc is raised up – result could be positive or negative (3-4)



Bonus Puzzle 2 — Cryptic by Penobscot

Across

- 1** Expedient at sea but most improper in court (4-3)
- 5** Nightmares for youngster in one enclosure (6)
- 9** Jock's clutch causes expression of amusement in court (7)
- 10** Reward for old yes men in exercise (7)
- 11** Clay once in nominal interchange (3)
- 12** Fanciful sort of land for obscure bird (5,6)
- 13** Heroic tales of Eastern commander taking on saints (5)
- 14** Looks after the cloth (9)
- 16** Young enthusiast with broken leg once described excessive attachment to modernity (9)
- 17** Unlimited derision of this oaf? (5)
- 19** Board after meal needs to be set before meal (6,5)
- 22** Stroke Irishman (3)
- 23** Protective cover for article surrounding fractured limb (7)
- 24** Take in too much – for tea? (7)
- 26** French wit taking 25 to the centre of Jeritza (6)
- 27** Was once a sitter but gave it all away? (7)

Down

- 1** Tired when summer begins for kookaburra (7)
- 2** Turbulent times but only half as much as Southern turbulence (7,8)
- 3** Wig – one to cut? (3)
- 4** Dictum in English: "Don't use ---- unless you've ----" (3,2)
- 5** Lip takes right away from rashness (9)
- 6** Up, up after bashful rodent (5)
- 7** Keeper sends back punishing, hazardous rates of deliveries (9,6)
- 8** Took on board the haycocks (6)
- 12** Short fall for Shakespearean character (5)
- 14** Maybe ties in a knot as 11 claimed to have been (9)
- 15** Affirmed. With oaths? (5)
- 16** One can hardly be untidy in this state! (6)
- 18** It goes round and round, up and down (7)
- 20** Still aglow at the end of three months (5)
- 21** Sober, drunk after Athole brew? (5)
- 25** For prediction of the odds by the end of race? (3)



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Something Fishy? by St Jude

Eight solutions follow a theme and their clues contain no definition. One conventionally clued answer defines these eight. One solution has not yet made it to the standard references, but is fully-checked.

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48							49				

Across

- 1 Scotsman after girl for fish (6)
- 7 Noble shelter accommodates little me (5)
- 11 Student held in grounds creates an article (6)
- 12 Indian court staff chant to the French leading hero (5)
- 14 Colour-r (4)
- 15 Widowed backward Jewish man's title lost forthwith at one time (3)
- 17 Say you start to love to have performed backwards for army? (5)
- 18 Large area replaced by base old garment (4)
- 19 The Spanish revolutionary-y ambassador (6)
- 21 Potato disease developed by carnation? Rubbish! (4,3)
- 23 About to murmur (4)
- 25 See 33
- 26 Quiet! Push the pusher (4)
- 27 At home, inside the man cave, is polished (6)
- 29 Exit monster, discarding the ring and taking the earl (6)
- 32 Ratio of number to Boltzmann's constant (4)
- 33 and 25 See home as joint? (4)
- 35 Divided a periodic payment (4)
- 37 Almost healthy ring of short chap has gas (7)
- 40 No guess without goddess of the antelope (6)
- 41 Drive away backwards to cries of pleasure (4)
- 43 Fruit of girl the death of everyone? (5)
- 44 Remove measure of sound intensity from tower (3)
- 45 Sounds like a Scot (4)
- 46 A fetish ring left empty (5)
- 47 Travelling entertainer's vehicle's direction outside Italy (6)
- 48 Neuter Desmond, my old boyfriend (5)
- 49 Delighted by education about the dead (6)

Down

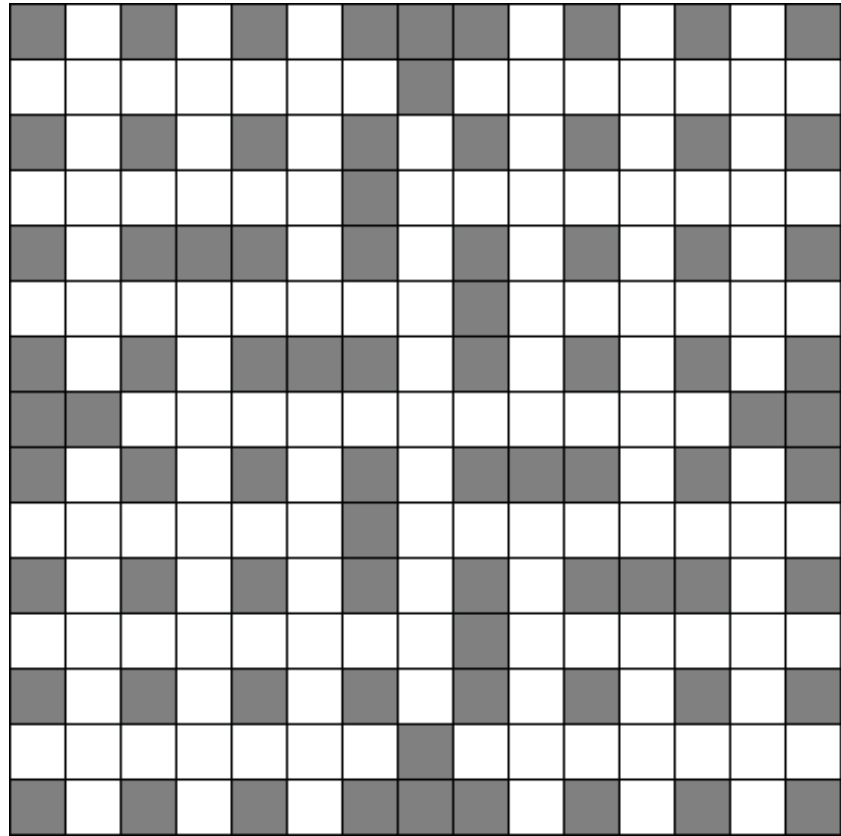
- 1 Sheep disease's fragment that is formed (7)
- 2 Two alcoholic drinks (6)
- 3 Encumbered boy's measurement (5)
- 4 Back of form guides regularly described wet ground conditions (4)
- 5 Orates clumsily on caviar (6)
- 6 Whore upset and set about making anthems (6)
- 8 To take charge of a piece of virile eye candy (7)
- 9 Those Scots that endlessly come to Spain (4)
- 10 Bungled restriction of deferred-payments (5)
- 13 Apprentice (23) mixed soil conditioner (5)
- 16 Counter to mixed form (4)
- 20 Stoically take it here with no clothing (5)
- 22 Knight royal of England gathered whale carcass (5)
- 24 Measure up? I object (2)
- 26 Prefaces simpler disturbance (7)
- 28 Fellow begins acting on spread given ... (7)
- 30 ... weight by state direction (6)
- 31 Glance is bashful about top of ugly foot (6)
- 32 Even right (4)
- 33 The French invent girl/boy identification (6)
- 34 Turn over duvets and remove a hairnet (5)
- 36 Quota eluted holds account of weight (4)
- 38 Steadfast Queen beheaded and replaced by leading leftie (5)
- 39 Belgian town where female is grabbed by heartless man ... (5)
- 42 ... and right god gets lady's finger (4)



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Virgo

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



Clues:

- A** Naughty aunt with alum is withered (8)
- B** Crude American woman, lady with no heart, generally speaking (7)
- C** Excavates pit without former design for charms (10)
- D** Bad boner – mad dog! (8)
- E** Teething problems? At this time? (5,3)
- F** The end of Lucy holding small measure of mysterious power (7)
- G** Small Spanish horse held back in rotten neglect (6)
- H** The lady's ring is an icon (4)
- I** Turn round in green (6)
- J** Project just missing son in error (3,3)
- K** A vessel for hillbilly Ma & Pa? (6)
- L** Heard they're missing something – coats perhaps? (8)
- M** Sea, also known as first to spawn fish (7)
- N** An apprentice with no bad habit! (6)
- O** The first grain oil manufactured (8)
- P** Harassing nuts, e.g? Nut prices disgraceful! (11)
- Q** A city nearly caught in the act! (10)
- R** Acute recall imperfect – add up again (11)
- S** Clear us out; we are earthly! (7)
- T** Follows Peg in a state of panic (8)
- U** Residue recycled to obtain organic compounds (7)
- V** E.g.i.o.u. (6)
- W** Almost colourless morsel (4)
- X** Eros starting kisses; Rose, falling apart, copies (7)
- Y** Having eyelid in a mess, Delta gave up (7)
- Z** New Testament bloke – the last to lay down in ease, it's said (7)

January 2015 Bonus Quiz: Animal Crackers 2 by Virgo

Name the movies in which the following animals appear. The animal(s) may or may not appear in the title. Dates are given to provide a little help. Solutions next month.

- 1** 1998 Grasshopper (1,3'1 4)
- 2** 1992 St Bernard (9)
- 3** 1972 Rat (3)
- 4** 1966 Lion (4,4)
- 5** 2007 Crocodile (5,5)
- 6** 2008 Reincarnated dog (4,7)
- 7** 2010 Raccoon (5,9)
- 8** 1988 Anthropoid apes (8,2,3,4)
- 9** 1993 Woodchuck (9,3)
- 10** 2009 Husky (5,1,3'1,4)
- 11** 1992 Irish horse (4,3,4)
- 12** 1975 Shark (4)
- 13** 1962 Elephant (5)
- 14** 1993 T-Rex (8,4)
- 15** 2010 Great Dane (9)
- 16** 1978 Kangaroo (7)
- 17** 1956 Whale (4,4)
- 18** 1943 Pet horse (2,6,6)
- 19** 1977 Whale (4)
- 20** 1983 Australian racehorse (4,3)
- 21** 2003 American racehorse (10)
- 22** 1999 Mouse (6,6)
- 23** 1990 Komodo dragon (3,8)
- 24** 1975 Sheep (6,3,3,4)
- 25** 1998 Rabbit (9,4)



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Across

- 1 Entered into dispute about editor's intellectual challenges (7,6)
- 9 Periwinkle wine about (5)
- 10 Nonsense by a fly leads to loud laughing (9)
- 13 River noted by the return of sloth in the republic (7)
- 14 Run profligate young man in (7)
- 15 Money in civic enterprise (4)
- 16 With respect, naval officer long gone into treatment (10)
- 19 A number inside, in military gear, were in a position of having received no facts (10)
- 21 A doctor round old reading-desk (4)
- 24 A little is found in iridium and sulphur substances (7)
- 26 Utter devastation around church in the city (7)
- 27 Rubbish family backing a dissident (9)
- 29 Astound in a place of perplexity (5)
- 30 Philosophically be with English nuclear front to agree about independence (13)

Down

- 2 Torn out information for physicist (7)
- 3 They go up and down with one in big radiators (6)
- 4 Briton, note, no good receiving heavy blow (9)
- 5 Better protected from untoward fears (5)
- 6 Prophetic gold a copper left on arrival (8)
- 7 Is up by noon – shame! (3)
- 8 Girl not disheartened by suitor taking time out to be a herald (5,7)
- 11 One-time terrorists question the writer and Middle East citizen (5)
- 12 Lucilia Seritaca – hanging on the wall? (12)
- 17 Formality to oppose film on champagne container? (3-6)
- 18 Infractions of American law by one composer (but not another) at two points (8)
- 20 Author with no very strong billiards shot (2-3)
- 22 Fellow gets lime cocktail without tea (7)
- 23 Be inaccurate at a list of mistakes (6)
- 25 Soprano seen struggling to give interpretation (5)
- 28 Previously part of referendum (3)



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