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All words are spiritual. Nothing is more spiritual than words.  
Walt Whitman, quoted in CK Ogden and IA Richards,  
*The Meaning of Meaning* (1923), Ch 2.

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The year 2016 has been another impressive one for the Australian Crossword Club. We have 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 2017.

In this edition of *Crozworld* you will find a number of prize and bonus puzzles compiled by the "Australian Crossword Club family": those people who work at the coalface and also in the backroom. Also, there is a welcome return in slot 4 of *Aeolian* (Max Roddick) after a long absence from the compiler's chair and the *Australiana* puzzle in slot 5 to help members celebrate Australia Day, which falls before the January 2017 closure.

We sincerely thank our marvellous compilers, including our serial Compiler of the Year, who compose the puzzles to the high standards of our Club. Many thanks to the organiser of the Clue of the Month competition, to those involved in our first-rate quizzes, whether in setting, adjudicating or testing them, and to those responsible for the continual development and operation of ACCOLADE. We sincerely thank those who adjudicated all the puzzles and quizzes during 2016. The Club could not function without your valued assistance. We are confident that 2017 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 all 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.

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

**G**ENERAL: At last count, 118 entries of some sort had been counted. A few may still arrive. ACCOLADE has encouraged the solvers to get busy and get 'em submitted. Slots 2 and 5 gave some headaches but the percentages seemed good. How did each puzzle fare? . . .

**Slot 1:** There weren't all that many errors with Slot 1. The postal entries did contain a couple of spaces where the U of NUN should be – right in the centre. The solvers seemed happy enough.

**Slot 2:** This one stepped up the errorometer. The aviation terminology sent a few to their *OEDs* in search of the right word. Most errors were very close but seemed careless ACCOLADE input. Checking one's return email would've highlighted AOUILA, MOLK RUN, THRUSH, LASANGE etc. A few solvers baulked and didn't submit a solution.

**Slot 3:** The month's biggest problem was ATTITUDES. With 'temperature taking precedence', it couldn't be ALTTITUDES. Methinks many were still in flight mode from Slot 2. Various other errors were ARPLIES, UUSKS and ATITUDESS. I'd say the some were from retyping in ACCOLADE without checking where they started.

**Slot 4:** REFERENCE came in as DEFERENCE and REVERENCE many more than once. Plus a few didn't know XENA too well. Solvers found the clues easy enough but harder to place the answers confidently.

**Slot 5:** I tried this (and all) puzzles before I had the solutions and I definitely didn't get the STOCK connection. I was not alone. There were 9 in the group, as well. A couple tried LEVELLED. 'Force' is 'lever' (outside ELL), so no cigar for that.

**COTM:** Well, there was no stand-out clue. The highest tally was 5, then 4 and a couple of 3s. About 30 clues gained a vote. Still, the winner was Slot 2, INSTRUMENT PANEL, combining smooth surface and simple sec-inds. Well done, *Crowsman*. —Andrew Patterson

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	115	102	109	117	99	542
Correct entries	106	87	98	105	82	478
Success rate (%)	92.2	85.3	89.9	89.7	82.8	88.2
Prizewinners	Barb Ibbott	Ken Watt	Kate Williams	Veniece Lobsey	Denis Coates	from 119 members

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### Dec 1-2016

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## MEMBERS RESULTS FOR NOV 6 & 7 & DEC 1-5/2016

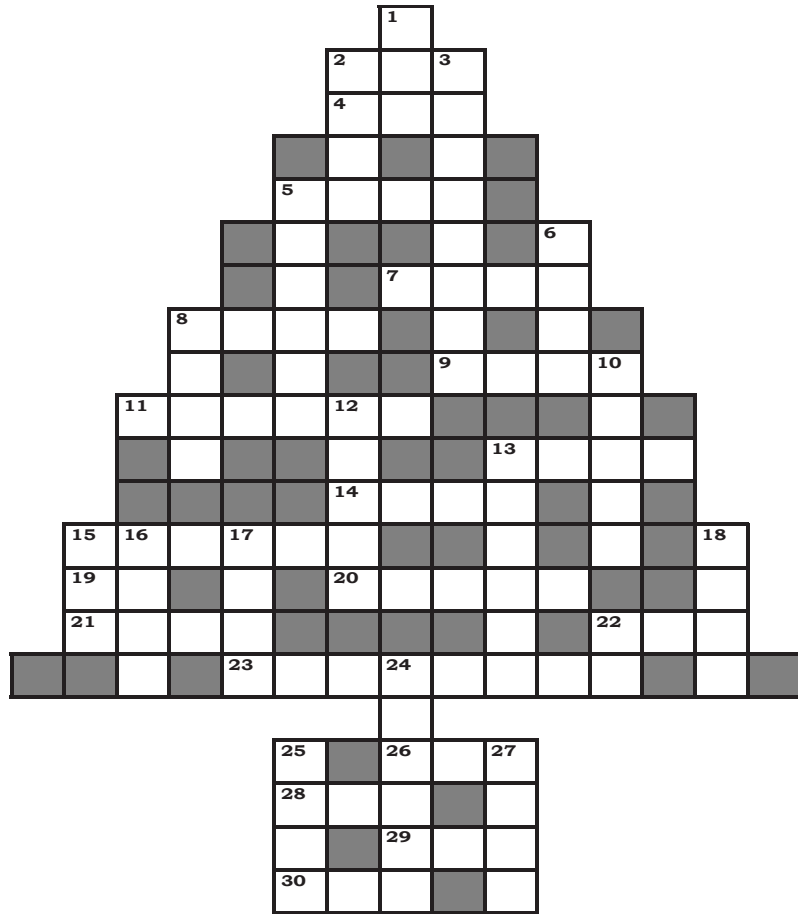
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Anderson C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Audrins K.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Axelsen U.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Barbour J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Barnes J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Barrett A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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Baylis J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bennett D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Blake M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bradbury W.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Caine R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Callan D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Carpenter R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Carroll L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Champion G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Coates D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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Cole G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Colgan L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Collins M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Copland F.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cowan M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cromer H.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Crowe J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Davis M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dearie P.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dennis M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dobele T.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Douglas R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Ducker R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Evans J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fowler J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Freeland J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Garner P.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Glissan B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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Grainger D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

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Hagan R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hambling C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hearn R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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Heyes N.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hocking A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Howard V.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Howat S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Howells S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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Jarman L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Jones D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kennedy L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kennedy M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Knight S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lankshear J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lee C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lee N.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Leeds G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Leigh J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lemon G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lobsey V.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lord P.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mackay-Sim C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Martin A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Martin F.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mason I.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matthews S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McClelland C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKenzie I.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKenzie R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKindlay Y.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McManus D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McPherson T.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Meek D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mercer P.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Miles A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Millard A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Moline R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

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O'Brien E.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Parsons D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Patterson A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Pearce J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Perrow H.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Pinder S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Potts M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Procter D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Procter M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Pyc M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Robertson S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Roddick M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Rolle G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Roulston S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Ryan W.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Schulz J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Shield A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Siegmán B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Simons A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skinner R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Smith J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Storey N.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Symons B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Taylor R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Taylor S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Thompson I.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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<b>Christmas Cheers by Stroz</b>



**Across**

- 2 A Scots form of "who" (3)
- 4 Mischief-maker (3)
- 5 Grog (4)
- 7 Mr Redding (4)
- 8 Dover wine? (4)
- 9 Toss a coin (4)
- 11 Wellness (6)
- 13 Rice beer (4)
- 14 Tasteful (4)
- 15 Swiss dish mainly of potatoes (6)
- 19 Out of bed (2)
- 20 Tea container (5)
- 21 Fermented honey and water (4)
- 22 Coach (3)
- 23 Beverage of bread sops and beer (3-5)
- 26 Char (3)
- 28 Cereal (3)
- 29 Flightless Australian bird (3)
- 30 White wine and cassis (3)

**Down**

- 1 Resistance (3)
- 2 Vino (4)
- 3 Inebriant (8)
- 5 Beef tea (6)
- 6 Sparkling white wine (4)
- 8 Pastries (4)
- 10 Superior black tea (5)
- 12 Quinine water (5)
- 13 Grogginess (6)
- 15 Odd liquor (3)
- 16 Frank (4)
- 17 Carbonated water drink (4)
- 18 Pinkish table wine (4)
- 22 Heartless boy (2)
- 24 Sharp tasting beer (6)
- 25 Very strong lager (4)
- 27 Water (4)

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**Cryptic**  
by  
**InGrid**



**Prize**  
**\$75**

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**Across**

- 1 Pouch for fish slice (8)
- 5 New organisation has American journalist (6)
- 10 Estate has settled in part (5)
- 11 Always enter lost friend (9)
- 12 Parent has laugh in front of muddled Irish faith instructor (9)
- 13 Bird sounds like small hurt... (5)
- 14 ..or one that will talk about us (6)
- 15 Pet tool loses money for good man (7)
- 18 Cocaine destruction of the seas (7)
- 20 Spread is charged (6)
- 22 Speak for a terrifying segment (5)
- 24 Hollow holds southside rebel (9)
- 25 Grit screen impaired vision (4-5)
- 26 Loop for one so changed (5)
- 27 Calm rule of charger (6)
- 28 Treading slippery slope (8)

**Down**

- 1 Spells church supplies (6)
- 2 Cheap lodging for bed cover (9)
- 3 Bury reform before effective equivalent (15)
- 4 Basket for lost secrets (7)
- 6 Condemn omission rectified by type of officer (15)
- 7 Plant as all get out (5)
- 8 Suns are not night bigshots (8)
- 9 Fairy's hot rot (6)
- 16 So free other converts (9)
- 17 Giant depression over suspect regression (8)
- 19 Club helper depart after bounder (6)
- 20 Member rides in melee (7)
- 21 Confirm a tense audition (6)
- 23 Almanac missing a void (5)

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

- I'm delighted to have won, after ten years membership, the 1-5 slots award. It's right up there with the 1969 C Grade cricket premierships and my Over 60s table tennis medals! Thanks for all the fun and brainfood, *Crozworld!*  
*Merv Collins*
- Many thanks for our prize for Slot 6 in October. A very pleasant surprise indeed.  
*Julie Leigh*
- Many thanks for my cheque for Slot 5. Very welcome. Would you believe me if I said the "honour and glory" is reward enough? I wouldn't either!!!  
*Eileen O'Brien*
- What a great gathering it was yesterday at the Annual Get-Together at William Ryan's superb hotel. It was wonderful to meet Patrick & Bev Cockburn and I would like to thank you both for all the organisation that went into the event.  
*Ann Millard*  
*Bev Cockburn*
- Thanks to the club for my November Slot 4 prize. It's a great Christmas present!
- Thanks for my copy of *Riddledom*. A lovely prize that I'll enjoy over the Christmas break and beyond.  
*Jenny Wenham*  
*Yvonne McKindlay*  
*Barbara Ibbott*  
*Valerie Howard*  
*Robyn Wimbush*
- I'm so pleased for someone else to ask what a Nina Is. Now I hope I can spot one!
- Thanks for another good year of puzzles.
- Happy Xmas to all.
- Yet another fascinating month of puzzles. Thank you all.



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**Cryptic**  
by  
**Crowsman**

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Prize  
\$75

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**Across**

- 1 Tough is heard interrupting carol. But it's part of Xmas dinner! (8)
- 6 Weather is interrupting holiday (6)
- 9 Two new additions within cast group is very timely (6-4)
- 10 and 19 Festive quality times matter before one engages in holiday to the west (4,6)
- 11 Excuses because of presents (8)
- 12 Export back, for example, fine animal (6)
- 13 Not even fortune gets small stock of shares (3,3)
- 14 Oxalis brings sharp cries (8)
- 16 Comforts from Xmas fare and drink (6,2)
- 18 Drinks to have with grills? (6)
- 19 See 10
- 21 Meadow animal is ready to be let out (8)
- 22 Check half of Santa's companions (4)
- 23 Delivery just due (10)

**Down**

- 24 Supplements devastated toads around rear of canefield (4,2)
- 25 Single union represented by interwoven initials, but without right year (8)
- 2 Jesus has exactly what is needed – cool pack (3,4,8)
- 3 Present discharges involve vegetables shortly out-of-date (4,6,5)
- 4 Introduces popular star, upset? (9)
- 5 Suspicions during rogues' sessions (7)
- 6 Spinner going both ways (5)
- 7 Present exegesis is composed and calming, it is said (3,5,1-6)
- 8 Father belts home frantically from top of tree (4,2,9)
- 15 Extremely fine hunt trail misused (5-4)
- 17 Palmer's rising effrontery – frightening! (7)
- 20 Ruled out a shoe, back to front (5)

**CHEERFUL CHRISTMAS QUOTES**

- Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace. *Pope Francis*
- Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful. *Norman Vincent Peale*
- He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree. *Roy L. Smith*
- Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection. *Winston Churchill*
- Christmas gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on the important things around us – a time when we can look back on the year that has passed and prepare for the year ahead. *David Cameron*
- Christmas is the day that holds all time together. *Alexander Smith*
- Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. *Calvin Coolidge*
- Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childhood days, recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth, and transport the traveller back to his own fireside and quiet home! *Charles Dickens*
- Every gift which is given, even though it be small, is in reality great, if it is given with affection. *Pindar*
- At Christmas play and make good cheer, for Christmas comes but once a year. *Thomas Tusser*
- Christmas is a tonic for our souls. It moves us to think of others rather than of ourselves. It directs our thoughts to giving. *B. C. Forbes*
- A good conscience is a continual Christmas. *Benjamin Franklin*

Read more at: [https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/topics/topic\\_christmas.html](https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/topics/topic_christmas.html)

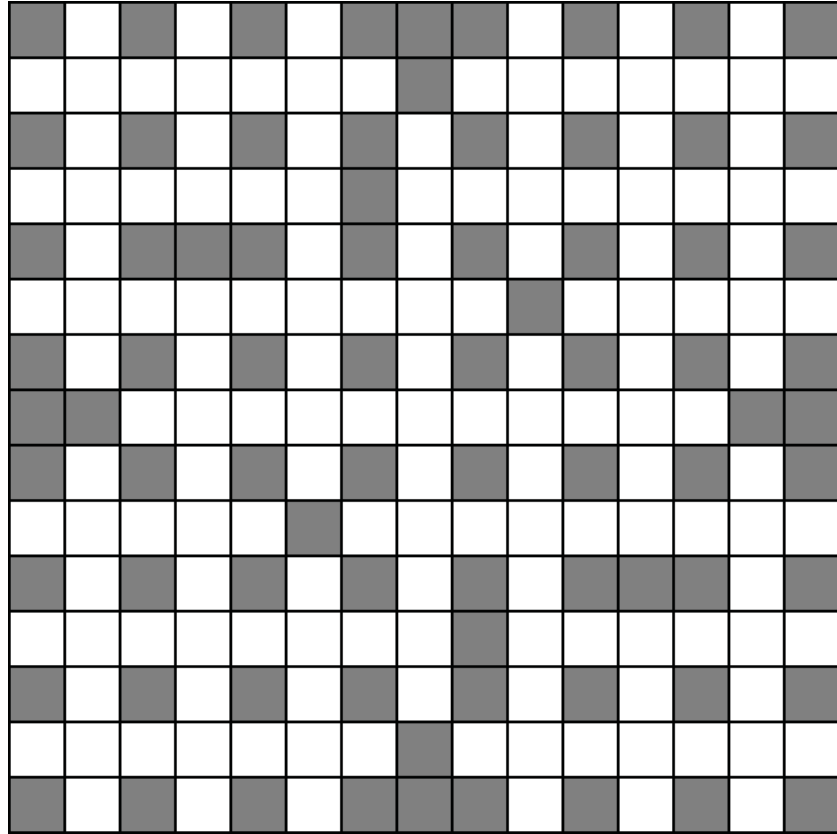


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Solutions begin with the given letter. Place them in the grid, jigsaw-wise, where they fit

- A** Getting the edge on a feller (3,8)
- B** The bard literally spread (7)
- C** Rodent, rabbit or cat - sounds like menthol shave cream (10)
- D** Franglais description of homme of substance lowers dignity! (7)
- E** Original garden set at regression. One is sloth (9)
- F** Quarrelsome mix: setter and four cats, or ... (9)
- G** ... setter struggling with third unknown and- OMG - a thingummy! (5)
- H** Turbulent rat elements returning from the Arctic (6)
- I** Colour the fish, just a tiny bit (7)
- J** One might go there for one (5)
- K** Lucky at cards? There's money in it (4)
- L** Advocates of the old Royal Society follow the rules (7)
- M** Style loses right to one of five - maybe just a dummy (9)
- N** Dastardly retro-fashionable object (7)
- O** Coloured earth not right as a standpoint (4)
- P** Directionless light quantum image (5)
- Q** The leaders, quite upset over the endless dickering, set a price (6)
- R** Ken Ballard could be in the chimney bar with a pot (6-4)
- S** Mulish objections reversed and enlivened (8)
- T** Cartoon boy initially gets a shady job (7)
- U** World body notes colleague not in tune (11)
- V** Farewell Edward, always well groomed (7)
- W** Rampant with Middle East swing (5)
- X** Axemen in free-for-all barred (8)
- Y** Storytelling containing two points for wistful dreams (9)
- Z** Instrument vibrated in hertz (7)

**Explanations to December 2016 Slots 1 to 5**

**Slot 1. St Jude. Across:** 1 COMMON+PLACE, 7 frOWN, 9 dd/cd, 10 anag, 11 hw, 12 dd, 13 ACE+TA+TE, 14 homoph "nay", 16 AuNEVEN+BET, 18 (ARDENTAR)\*, 21 GroTTO, 22 dd, 23 CLOT+H, 24 homoph "sink" + dd, 25 anag, 26 pARSON, 27 noseGAY, 28 (BOLTONEARLY)\*. **Down:** 1 CHICKEN+(THEGORGE)\* & cd, 2 (SCumTOYICLAIMLASH)\* & cd, 3 OAT(H)S, 4 hw, 5 AVER+AGE, 6 dd, 7 anag, 8 anag, 15 (CHOOSERoom)\*, 17 NUNcios, 19 hw, 20 TORN+A+DO, 23 CHA + IN.

**Slot 2. Crowsman. Across:** 7 airlinE + NOVEL< + S, 9 INN in REPS, 10 ON (OFF) ER, 11 OBE + SILK\*, 12 A(PRO)N, 13 FUS (GALE<) E, 15 wind = INSTRUMENT + PLANE\*, 19 ELLE in SCAN<, 22 TUT + IS<, 24 Fuel + UTTER, 25 AIR + LINE, 26 rev hidden, 27 LA (SAG) NE. **Down:** 1 AEROB (AT) IC, 2 RE + BOARDS, 3 B (OFF)

IN, 4 SIDES + LIP, 5 pENDING, 6 homoph, 8 FIRES<, 9 SPONSOR + N, 14 AL (TIME) TER, 16 R (E) ENTERS, 17 MILK + RUN, 18 NO (THIN) GS, 20 A + QUILI + A, 21 S + TALL, 22 T (H) RUST, 23 OFFALy.

**Slot 3. Manveru. Across:** 1 APP+LIES, 5 DE(CID)ED, 9 (IT REVEALS)\*, 10 A + R + RIVAL, 11 proVIDE Orchestra, 12 (US+RELY+ON+V)\*, 13 DISCUS+S, 15 Triple def, 17 SUP+REM+E, 19 A+T+TEST+S, 21 (FILL UP TEN)\*, 23 T (U for a) SKS, 25 dictatOR BITter, 26 (WIDESCREEN)\*, 27 morTAR GET Surgeon, 28 SubwaY+STEMS. **Down:** 1 A+(RIVER+D)\*, 2 P+ LEAD\*, 3 (TUDOR + IN + CE)\*, 4 S(A+VIN+G)S, 5 D+E+SIR+ED, 6 C+ARGO, 7 DI(VISION)S, 8 (DEADLY+E)\*, 14 (TERM+BEES+P)\*, 16 A(T for I) TITUDES, 17 SUP+PORT, 18 E+F(FORT)S, 19 cd, 20 (m)STRESS)\*, 22 TIT+L(ic)E, 24 SENSE/CENTS.

**Slot 4. KA. A** a gree(d), **B** bill+Iona+ire, **C** co

(nun) d+rums, **D** de(dicta)\*ed, **E** eve + n, **F** face + value, **G** gave + l, **H** hidden, **I** GI< + loo, **J** jump+y, **K** uk<+dos, **L** la(r)va, **M** Molly+coddle, **N** n+ether+lands, **O** dd, **P** pans+y, **Q** (squire)\* with AGM inside, **R** re + f (er) ence, **S** screw+driver, **T** t(r)ench, **U** hidden, **V** va(i)n, **W** anag, **X** (annex-n)<, **Y** yoke+l, **Z** Zepp(o) + (lines)\*.

**Slot 5. Bogeyman. Across:** 2 (PU O S)<, 5 CA (PITA) L, 11 I (RIND)\* S, 12 dd (an ode), 13 P (ED) IG + REE, 14 SC + RAMS, 16 RAM + IE, 19 CAR\* + VAT, 21 S (PIN) AL, 23 REP + UTE, 25 CAT + LET\*, 26 V (SIGN) S, 30 GOOD + S, 31 C (RED) IT, 33 NI (COT + I) NE, 34 anag, 35 F (LOW) E + R, 36 DEC + LINE, 37 SN + O + W. **Down:** 1 (SPIL)< [many a slip twixt...], 2 S + NECK, 3 U + (HAIR)\*, 4 (ON GAME POINT - NO NO)\*, 6 ME in ARSE\*, 7 IN + CA + S, 8 TOR + MEN + TED, 9 ADMIRABLE - BE, 10 LEV (ELL) ER, 15 anag, 17 GG in (SACRED)\*, 20 R + EVOLVE, 22 PAT + homoph rolls, 24 EN + SIGN, 27 rev hidden, 28 (L + NOTE)\*, 29 (WEN IS)<, 32 homoph "turn".



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<b>Australiana</b> by <b>Lexi Conner</b>


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**Across**

- 7 Swanky net once discovered outside Victorian town (7)
- 8 What the RBA said it wants AUD to do when expected to absorb backwash (7)
- 10 and 23 Perhaps a federal kind of government head (6,6)
- 11 Australia’s environment from a Martian’s perspective? (3,5)
- 12 Avoid notices describing monotremes (9)
- 14 Rue not starting to identify bird (5)
- 16 Bodgies’ girlfriends reportedly rent in Queensland LGA (6,5)
- 19 Legendary knight now ignored as a fool (5)
- 20 Pronounced contrast to Swedish group in NSW suburb? (9)
- 22 Resort to expire by midterm (8)
- 23 See 10
- 25 Two pounds in coins for Tom – could be a ‘furphy’! (7)
- 26 Wing wrapped around bird found at NT fossil site (7)

**Down**

- 1 NSW village featuring terrible ugly mat (7)
- 2 The Very Model of a Modern Governor-General? (4)
- 3 Driver seen on long narrow strip in WA town (9)
- 4 Finch revealed favourite cherub’s heart (5)
- 5 Rod decapitated macropod for “Mrs Benelong” (10)
- 6 Flora depicts sticky bit of family history? (3,4)
- 9 Ron gets belt made for tennis player (11)
- 13 Lake Livier spills into part of Wollongong (10)
- 15 Ian doesn’t end up meeting Chip’s mate in Victorian town (9)
- 17 Peak staff accompanied familiar SA premier (7)
- 18 He ran from toilet to catch tail ender! (7)
- 21 Polish/Australian movie (5)
- 24 Bright star reflected in NSW dam (4)

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

“Our Sydney Get-Together was held as usual in late November in the comfortable room set aside by William Ryan in his amazing Harold Park Hotel. Once more, members from Sydney and several country areas (including Bob Hagan from Goulburn, NSW) mingled happily, sharing and comparing, and renewing friendships made the year before or earlier. There were puzzles and quizzes and prizes, great food and liquid refreshments and lots of fun and laughter. President Patrick, who came up from Melbourne, and Secretary Bev oversaw the proceedings and William Ryan took care of our comfort. We’ll be doing it all again next November and we’d love to see you there.”

**ACCOLADE**

Members will note that we have again provided them with bonus puzzles to while away any crossword-free gap between Christmas and the New Year. The bonus puzzles are for your diversion only, are not adjudicated and do not attract prizes. Solutions to bonus puzzles will be published in the February *CrOZworld* and on ACCOLADE on 1 January. We have our usual space problems in the magazine, which limits the number of puzzles that we can provide and maintain legibility, so we are providing this year some additional bonus puzzles that will only be available for solving on ACCOLADE. We hope that you enjoy them.



<p> J A N U A R Y   2 0 1 7   S L O T   6 </p>
<p><b>After me!</b> by <b>Hot and Cold</b></p>

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All across solutions are of a kind and are not defined. A correct solution will attract a "dot" but they also share another characteristic, identification of which is required for award of the prize. Down clues are normal.

**Across**

- 1 Irish in French resort, we hear, succeeded (6)
- 5 Fling out long-suffering drunk ... (8)
- 9 ... slightly wet? That's right (7)
- 10 Section leaders of Yard surround criminal den (6)
- 12 Fellow's noise good before mass (10)
- 13 Sport with two directions (4)
- 14 Top man's not back (8)
- 17 Scots measure ruler (6)
- 18 Often seen before Norman in the stores (6)
- 20 Ouch! A pew splintered (8)
- 22 Firm measure (4)
- 23 Longing for diamonds (10)
- 26 A removal from Sicilian port city (6)
- 27 Ladies' organisation takes Calvin Klein initially as bad actor (7)
- 28 The French greenery one cut (8)
- 29 Male instrument (6)

- 3 Fast compliment goes with personal details (5)
- 4 Woman takes to a fanatic for African fruit (4-3)
- 6 Staff having function. Ready to play? (7)
- 7 Veracity required in this state involved Tehran duo (5,4)
- 8 On arising, strips churchman! Nothing on! Reason for missing early Mass? (9)
- 11 Surprise vegetarian food coming up (4)
- 15 Loving woman in the morning or at the beginning of the afternoon (9)
- 16 One diagram showing relationships in match for Jenny or Ian perhaps (5,4)
- 19 This way-out Biblical writer (7)
- 20 Grouch said, "Plonk!" (4)
- 21 You heard I hesitate to ingest ruddy pustule (7)
- 24 In the beginning faith and knowledge inspired renegade religious ascetic (5)
- 25 Lariat is still lariat, even if the top falls off before it's thrown (5)

**Down**

- 2 Served with ice cream in America but not Delaware. Remember it! (5)

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

**Post Solution to:**

**Jenny Wenham, c/o Post Office, Comet Qld 4702.**  
email: [jenny@wenham.net.au](mailto:jenny@wenham.net.au)  
Closing mail date: 10 February 2017  
[or submit via [www.low.net.au/accolade](http://www.low.net.au/accolade)]





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**ACC COMPILER OF 2016:** We have had plenty of crossword compilers featured in *Crozworld* during 2016. 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 2016. See p11 for the voting form.

**CLUE OF THE MONTH:** We continued the COTM in 2016 and it has been keenly embraced by the solvers. We will continue it in 2017. During 2016, the results were as follows: *Crowsman* (Len Colgan) 5 COTMs

(Congratulations Len); Bev Cockburn with four COTMs, Brian Tickle with three COTMs, Ulla Axelsen with 2 COTMs and those with one COTM were: Michael Kennedy, Gillian Champion, Tony Dobeles and Maurice Cowan. Well done!

**SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER!** If you sign up a new member for 2017, the cost is only \$35. Unbeatable value! A wonderful present for your friends! Let's make a lot of people happy by signing up your cruciverbal friends. It only costs \$35 for the whole year. Great value!

**Subscription renewals/new members for 2017 kindly received from:** Anderson C, Axelsen U, Barnes J, Batum C, Blake M, Callan D&A, Champion G, Clayton J, Cockburn M, Coulton L, Crowe J, Davey J, Davis K, Dobeles A, Dodd M, Dubosarsky D, Fauser G, Freeland J, Glissan B, Gooderick R, Hagan R, Hearn R, Heath P, Hemsley D, Hicks P, Howells S, Kennedy D, Kennedy L, Lobsey V, Lord P, MacDougall I, Martin A, Martin F, Mitchell J, O'Hara H, Perrow H, Potten K, Potts M, Procter D, Procter M, Randall J, Shield A, Sims J and Smith J. **[Kindly note that Citigroup Pty Ltd payment for \$35 on 31 October 2016 is not known as to which ACC member.]**

**Donations to the ACC Prize Fund 2017 are gratefully received from:** Corryn Anderson, Ulla Axelsen, Jeremy Barnes, Maureen Blake, Dave & Alison Callan, Gillian Champion, Lynne Coulton, Julie Crowe, John Davey, Anthony Dobeles, Mary Dodd, Jill Freeland, Barbara Glissan, Ray Gooderick, Robert Hagan, Roger Hearn, Don Hemsley, Susan Howells, Del Kennedy, Laurence Kennedy, Veniece Lobsey, Iain MacDougall, Dale McManus, Alison Martin, Frank Martin, Rob Milton, Judith Mitchell, Heather O'Hara, David Procter, Marian Procter, Alison Shield, Judy Randall and Joan Smith.

**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.

**Renewals of Subscriptions:**

We have been delighted not only with the large number of renewals for 2017 but also the generous donations to the ACC Prize Fund 2017. Accordingly, in 2017, we will choose many ACC members and give them financial rewards for successfully solving the crosswords and quizzes. The amounts of the rewards will ultimately depend on the number of generous donations. A red spot (right) will indicate that according to our records you have not yet renewed for 2017. We would value your renewal soon.

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**Vale Audrey Ryan**

We were saddened to hear of the death of long-term member Audrey Ryan on 27 October 2016. Audrey was an original member of the ACC from May 1900 and was an accomplished crossworder. In 1987, Audrey published a book titled *The Puzzler's Guide* and between 2002 and 2004 was an Adjudicator of the Slots 1-5 puzzles in *Crozworld*. Audrey contributed 18 crosswords for the ACC such as the popular Double Acrostic and won many prizes over the years. In August 2016 Audrey wrote: "It is with much regret that I tender my resignation from the Crossword Club after so many years of enjoyment. I am just no longer able to do the puzzles although I have enjoyed reading the bits and pieces over recent years." Melanie Ryan recently said: "Audrey was a long time member and found much enjoyment in her crosswords." We send our sincere condolences to Audrey's family.

**Errata and Corrigenda**

- In Quiz 12/2016 In hiding by Brian Symons, the word length indicator for 19 is (5).
- Jim Fowler gained a dot for Slot 2 in November.

**ONLINE SUBMISSIONS OF SOLUTIONS**

Members have voted with their feet, to the extent that not one member is using the former system of e-lodgement and assessment of solutions using *AxWord*. ACCOLADE is therefore now the only computer-based system for submitting and adjudicating solutions to our puzzles. We thank Doug Butler sincerely for his work over the years on *AxWord* adjudication.

We have been very pleased that the ACCOLADE system for submitting prize entries has become popular with our members, to the extent that something like 80% of entries are now able to be assessed automatically. However, the remaining 20% still need to be assessed manually. If you don't already do so we encourage you to use ACCOLADE to reduce the work of our loyal and hard-working adjudicators on your behalf. Submission via ACCOLADE also prevents those inadvertent blank spaces and allows you to spell-check your answers before submission.

Do use ACCOLADE to help us and help yourselves.

**PRIZE SCHEDULE for 2017**

Subject to the overriding discretion of the Executive Committee, the monthly prizes for Slots 1 to 7 and the Quizzes will be \$75 each. Books of a relevant nature will be awarded where appropriate. The prize for submitting correctly slots 1-5 inclusive each month will be a handsome prize of \$100. And the bi-monthly prize for the Clue Writing Competition will be \$50.

**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 any other form of e-lodgement, including ACCOLADE, is 00.01 hours on the closing mail date. 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 2017.

**A Note about the Prizes for 2017**

Thanks to the generosity of members, we have been able to establish an excellent prize schedule for 2017 and will continue with Cumulative Prizes for the best solvers in 2017. We recognise that we should reward the champion solvers with something tangible to mark this achievement.

As in 2016, we will honour the ACC's champion solvers with premium prizes. Generous financial payments will be made for Cumulative Slots 1-6 Jan-Dec 2017 and the top scorer(s) for the numbered Quizzes Jan-Dec 2017. Thanks to the generous donations made by the members, we are able to give these special rewards. Commencing from this edition of *CrOZworld*, the clock starts to run. Best of luck with your solving in 2017!

**Note:** In 2017, the acceptability of repeat entries for a particular puzzle or Quiz by an individual is a matter for the discretion of the Adjudicator.

## December 1-2017: Simply Cryptic by St Jude (Drew Meek)

- Enjoyable puzzle thank you. Had never heard of an eelworm but I now know that potatoes don't think highly of its kind!!  
*Wayne Bradbury*
- ACETATE for COTM!  
*Max Roddick*
- Again learning new words – thank you. No wonder I did not know pianola is a good hand at cards – never got them that often!  
*Eileen O'Brien*
- A great start to the month. Thanks.  
*Ann Millard*
- Clever anagrams. Do I miss Half and Half? A little.  
*Richard Skinner*
- I liked the clues for GAY and ABYSMAL.  
*Brian Tickle*
- A toughie for a Slot 1. PIANOLA took me an unreasonably long time to get. I'd never heard this usage but I like it ... a hand so good it plays itself.  
*Jenny Wenham*
- Thank you *St Jude* for the puzzle; very enjoyable. Liked the clues for ARSON and PIANOLA. I must be getting old as it took me quite some time to find the hidden word with ABYSMAL.  
*Joan Smith*
- Very enjoyable – not too hard; just right for me!  
*Stephen Matthews*
- A nice fairly simple puzzle to begin with some lovely answers.  
*Yvonne McKindlay*
- Very enjoyable Slot 1.  
*Ulla Axelsen*
- Some really great clues particularly those for ACETATE and PIANOLA.  
*Beverley Cockburn*
- Nice slot 1 puzzle.  
*Gillian Champion*
- Thanks *St Jude* for an enjoyable set of clues – not too confounding!  
*Lynn Jarman*
- I've found another new word – hackery.  
*Barbara Ibbott*
- 25: Poor surface. What is an 'owl mere'? Found this a harder than normal Slot 1.  
*George Rolfe*
- Liked MASOCHISTICALLY and its &lit feel. Didn't know PIANOLA as a bridge hand; or EASTER EGG as joke coding; both needed checking.  
*Rob Moline*

## December 2-2016: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

- My knowledge of matters aeronautical is too scant to find solutions for slot 2.  
*Lynn Jarman*
- Very clever themed puzzle.  
*Margaret Davis*
- A great effort to fit so many themed words into the grid.  
*Ian Thompson*
- This puzzle flummoxed me for some time. I just couldn't do more than a couple of regular cryptic clues. Then instrument panel caused a big leap forward. Nacelles was my LOI.  
*Trish McPherson*
- Right; ready for my pilot training now.  
*Roy Taylor*
- All those terms! A wonderful flight of fancy; many thanks Len.  
*Betty Siegman*
- SPONSON and ELEVEN were new to me.  
*Nea Storey*
- Especially liked ELEVONS, LASAGNE and SERIF.  
*Max Roddick*
- *Mr Crowsman* is devious enough without taking on a partner in crime! A few guesses on my part.  
*Eileen O'Brien*
- Enjoyed the theme; thank you. What a great way to describe a BOFFIN!  
*Ann Millard*
- Brought back memories of aerospace engineering days. Haven't heard of the terms 'elevons' and 'sponson' for a while. AIRLINE was a favourite.  
*Wayne Bradbury*
- Nice theme. I liked the clues for APRON and INSTRUMENT PANEL.  
*Brian Tickle*
- This topic had me worried but I hope I have come through with flying colours.  
*Doreen Jones*
- This was quite difficult for those of us with our feet firmly on the ground!  
*Maureen Blake*
- Challenging puzzle with a few guesses. Loved the clues for ELEVONS, APRON, BOFFIN and THRUSTS.  
*Joan Smith*
- Having had a little to do with this puzzle I'm not sure I should be submitting a solution. In my defence my contribution pales in regard to the input from Len who as always has provided an interesting and fun puzzle.  
*Richard Skinner*
- Not too sure about 'elerns'. I know eleron is an airline, but plural?  
*Yvonne McKindlay*
- A challenge, as usual, and a couple of new words. INSTRUMENT PANEL was a lucky guess to get me started.  
*Anne Simons*
- Wow! That was a tough Slot 2. Of course I didn't make it any easier for myself by reading "county" as "country" (not for the first time). Favourite clue: 8dn.  
*Jenny Wenham*
- Lots of lovely clues here. Very enjoyable.  
*Julie Crowe*
- Didn't realise I knew so much about planes! SPONSON is a new word though.  
*Ulla Axelsen*
- This one nearly beat me. You are all very clever setters. Thanks again and Seasons Greetings.  
*Norma Heyes*
- Wonderful puzzle. Really hard but so very fair. Every clue could be justified as usual!  
*Beverley Cockburn*
- Thank goodness for W E Johns: without Biggles I would have been lost.  
*Ian Mason*
- Another amazing *Crowsman*. INSTRUMENT PANEL my favourite; brilliant.  
*Rob Moline*
- I learnt a great number of words from this crossword. However, I don't know how I shall be able to bring them into my conservation.  
*Gabrielle Leeds*
- So many superb clues it is hard to pick just one for COTM.  
*Robyn McKenzie*
- Great theme! INSTRUMENT PANEL a good clue; almost COTM!  
*Mike Potts*

- What fun to revisit my exciting flying days. I miss them. Thank you Len.  
*Robyn Wimbush*
- *Crowsman's* usual high quality! Clever theme; intelligent clues.  
*Roger Douglas*

## December 3-2016: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

- I assume 14dn is an &lit clue; while 6dn is almost another. Nice! Len Colgan
- An enjoyable puzzle with nothing to frighten the horses. I especially liked SEPTEMBER and APPLIES.  
*Ian Thompson*
- An enjoyable puzzle. Only 1ac gave me trouble.  
*Nea Storey*
- All good clues; hard to pick the best — maybe TUSKS?  
*Max Roddick*
- Many great clues but especially liked 13ac and 28ac. Thanks *Manveru!*  
*Ann Millard*
- I enjoyed the clues for APPLIES, RELATIVES and PALED.  
*Brian Tickle*
- Great puzzle with very good clues; favourites were RIVAL, DISCUSS, TUSKS CARGO and SISTERS.  
*Joan Smith*
- Classic cryptic for slot 3. Good one *Manveru.*  
*Richard Skinner*
- Some very good clues.  
*Anne Simons*
- Well crafted clues; painting a believable picture in nearly every clue.  
*Ulla Axelsen*
- Very impressive. All answers were common words which is rare. Liked clues for PLENTIFUL, SYSTEMS and CARGO.  
*Beverley Cockburn*
- Some tricky clues. I wasn't sure if I could finish in time.  
*Barbara Ibbott*
- Enjoyable puzzle with very good surfaces.  
*George Rolfe*
- Some great clues – particularly enjoyed 'sisters'.  
*Hilary Cromer*
- Liked CARGO and SEPTEMBER – do bees pollinate in spring? A bit of a left-field definition for SUPREME was fun.  
*Rob Moline*
- I enjoyed this puzzle very much but one or two of my answers are partly guesses. I could not work out the definition for September.  
*Robyn McKenzie*
- 6dn: CARGO was a neat clue!  
*Mike Potts*
- Clue 10ac: I assume 'accepting' should be 'excepting'. [No. It's a type of "additive" clue having wordplay making "appearance" (arrival) when A and R are added the required solution, RIVAL – Puzzle Ed] Also spelling errors in clue 12 (Venezuela) and 18dn (besiege). [Whoops, sorry – Puzzle Ed] However, I enjoyed this puzzle!  
*Catherine Hambling*

## December 4-2016: AJ by KA (Karl Audrins)

- T clue appears to have a glitch: wordplay requires deletion of R (not a direction) from TRENCH. [The direction to be deleted is "r" (recipe or take – Latin) Puzzle Ed]  
*Ian McKenzie*
- The surface reading of Q was strangely compelling. Is T clue a typo? [see above]  
*Rob Moline*
- This was a tricky grid to fill but Karl gave us several gentle but clever clues to give us hope. Very enjoyable.  
*Brian Tickle*
- Enjoyed the AJ as always. Laughed at S. Must be one annoying passenger for the chauffeur to be scoffing a screwdriver.  
*Wayne Bradbury*
- Enjoyable. Easy clues helped with trickier grid.  
*Roy Taylor*
- The clues were very fair, but fitting the answers into the grid was challenging!  
*Nea Storey*
- liked BILLIONAIRE, FACE VALUE, ON THE SPOT. But would an Indian be at home in an IGLOO?  
*Max Roddick*
- Always enjoy this type of puzzle; and this one did not disappoint.  
*Eileen O'Brien*
- The unusual grid presented some challenges.  
*Maureen Blake*
- A different AJ grid. Very enjoyable once I found my way in. Favourite clue is SCREWDRIVER. I'm stumped by CONUNDRUM though.  
*Jenny Wenham*
- Tricky AJ. BILLIONAIRE, CONUNDRUM and PANSY were my favourites.  
*Joan Smith*
- A slightly tougher slot 4 in terms of actually starting the grid this month. Fun puzzle.  
*Richard Skinner*
- Solving the clues was not TOO difficult, but fitting them in was another matter! Loved the clue for BILLIONAIRE.  
*Anne Simons*
- Straightforward definitions made this quite easy.  
*Ulla Axelsen*
- A straightforward, enjoyable AJ, with some nice clues: thank you.  
*Beverley Cockburn*
- Placement of so many answers of five or nine letters tested part of the brain infrequently used. The eraser was used often. An enjoyable exercise thank you.  
*Lynn Jarman*
- A pleasing AJ.  
*Barbara Ibbott*
- To describe an igloo as an 'Indian dwelling' is wrong. 'Inuit' certainly but not Indian in this day and age. P: 'Second-last' = 'y' is a very loose definition to say the least.  
*George Rolfe*
- 'Screwdriver' deserves clue of the month. It was a tossup with 'sisters' from slot 3.  
*Hilary Cromer*
- Fitting in the words was a good challenge this month.  
*Robyn McKenzie*
- An enjoyable Slot 4.  
*Robyn Wimbush*

## December 5-2016: Cryptic by Bogeiman (Ian Williams)

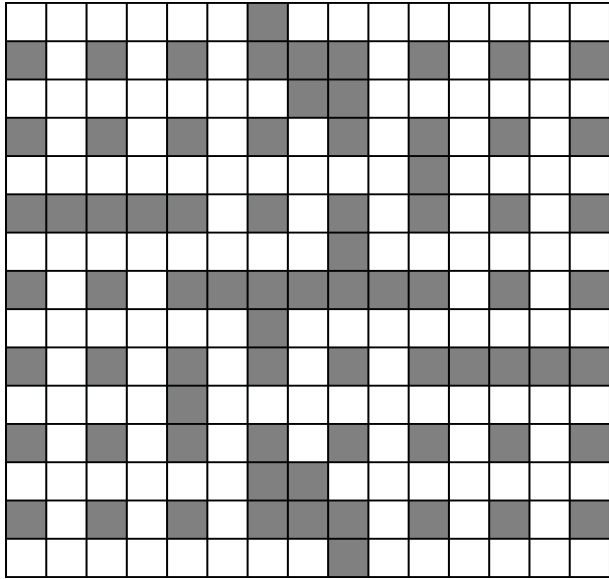
- Very clever fitting in nine Across answers with STOCK as the definition. [my apologies – I tried so hard to disguise the undefined clues that I even fooled myself into a miscount – nine it was: B] A couple of minor issues.  
*Len Colgan*
- The commonality appears to be that each of the eight across clue solutions has two small words contained within the answer.  
*Julie Leigh*
- Amazing how many meanings of stock. I got four before I saw the connection. I am sure there are 9 words, not 8.  
*Roy Taylor*

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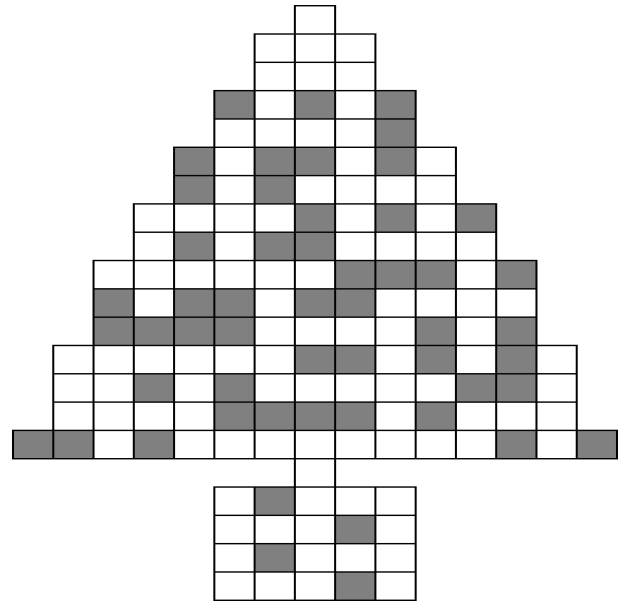
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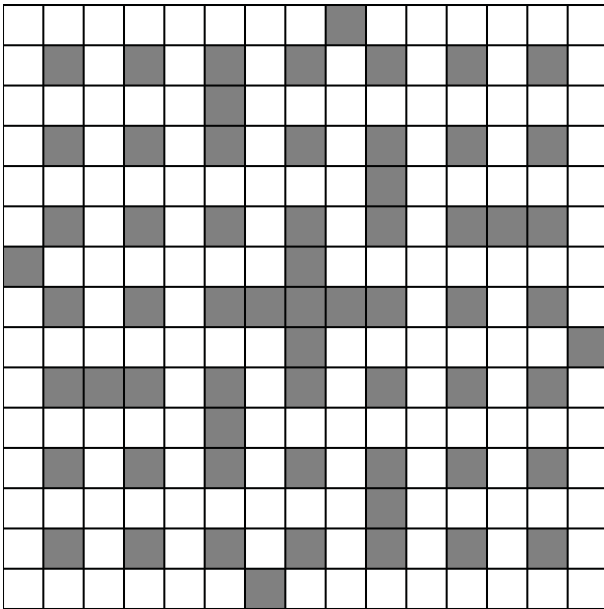


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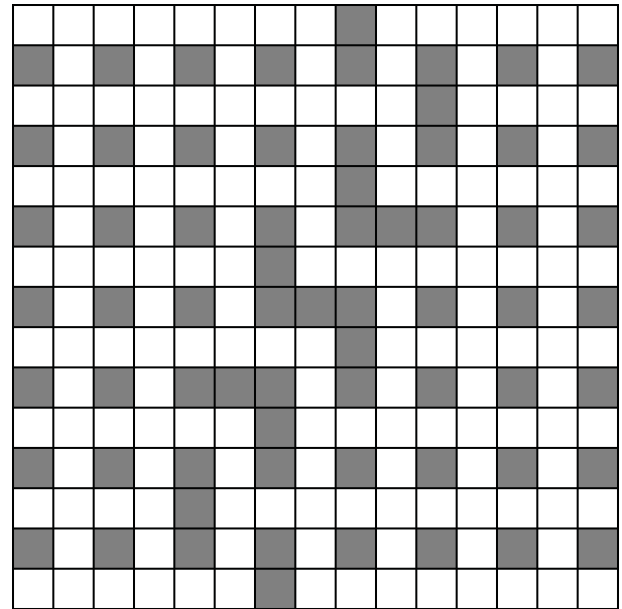


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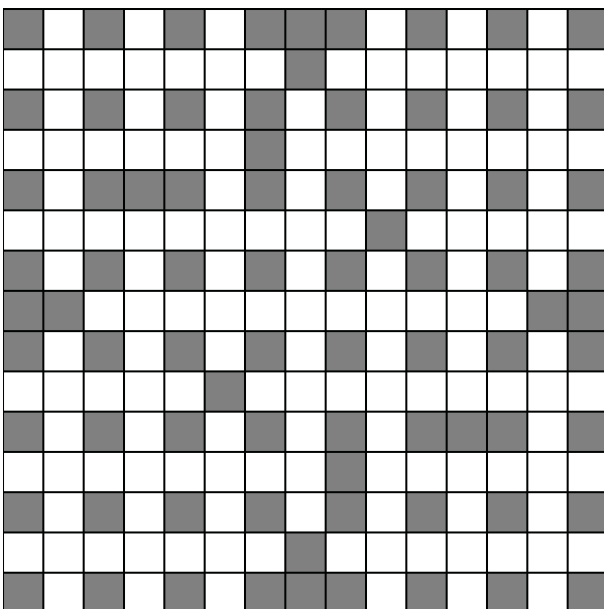
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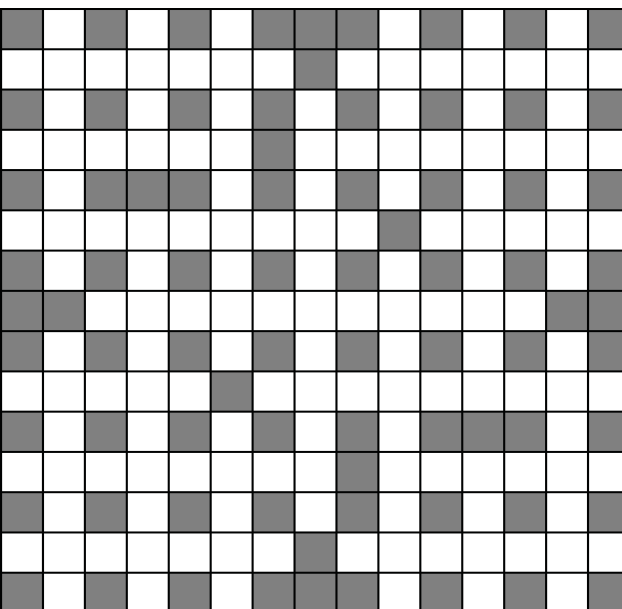
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Clue of the Month .....

ACC Compiler of the Year .....



**November 6-2016: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)**

**Entries 77. Correct 63. Success rate 81.8%.**

**Prizewinner: Don Hemsley. Congratulations!**

**Adjudicator's Comments:**

The grid's NW to SE diagonal contains COUNTRY CAPITAL which is the **definition** for sixteen of the clues, and is referred to in another two clues.

**Explanations:**

**Across:** 1 CRIME + A; 5 HE + L(SINK)I; 9 A + S + UNCTION; 10 (A PAIR)\*; 11 BAR< + AT; 12 PIZZ(rIch)A + TO; 14 SAVVY, with O replacing V; 16 H + ARBOUR; 19 B + KISHKE\*; 20 hidden reverse; 22 KATH + MAN + DUal; 25 dd; 28 A + L + BUM; 29 KINGS + NOT<; 30 DE(A + DEN)ER; 31 rightS + TROLL; **Down:** 2 ROSE + AU; 3 ANNAM<; 4 A(PI)A; 5 HAN + IO<; 6 (ZAP + A + L)<; 7 (BASIL + RICE)\*; 8 "CAR TOMB" homoph; 13 "ROAM" homoph; 15 ASH + KHAn + BAD; 17 A(IS<)A; 18 VIC(A + RAG) E; 21 O in FINAL\*; 23 AM + MAN; 24 AWKWARD\* minus W,W; 26 dd; 27 tallINN + S.

**Comments on the pair of puzzles, other than identifying the pair of diagonal Ninas:**

- Very challenging Slots 6 & 7. Some very unusual places from each diagonal. *Bob Hagan*
- Thank you for two very interesting puzzles which certainly kept me on my toes. We travel fairly extensively but you included some places I had never heard of before e.g. Bishkek and Ashkhabad! Sound mysterious! (I actually passed through both when journeying along the Silk Road in Central Asia. LC) *Jean Evans*

- Whew! Slots 6 & 7 were so difficult: even when I gained an inkling of the "diagonal" my lack of geography knocked me slantwise! *Nea Storey*

- Loved doing this one; and slot 7. But why 'diagonal'? I don't understand this reference. (See above. LC) Great puzzles though. Len. *Julie Crowe*

- I enjoyed 6 and 7 – so many COUNTRY CAPITALS and NATIONAL CAPITALs! *Christina Lee*
- As to be expected; with Slot 7, a very clever pair of puzzles from *Crowsman*. *Susan Howells*

**Members' other comments on the Slot 6 puzzle:**

- Brilliant grid-filling; but awful grid. A real geography lesson; had to look up a few eg PRAIA. Liked ALBUM and IN FOAL. *Rob Moline*

- Okay, Mr C; can you honestly, hand on heart, say you have even a nodding acquaintance with some of these places? I mean, really, Bishkek!!! Reckon the people who live there, if there are any, probably haven't heard of it either! But you are good; I must in all fairness admit. Kept me up at night because I was so engrossed. (Actually, I enjoyed my time in Bishkek. LC) *Eileen O'Brien*

- A very clever puzzle; helped by the clue given in the NW/SE diagonal. *Betty Siegman*

- Absolutely amazing. Country Capital on the diagonal! I hate to admit it, I only found it when I entered my solution into ACCOLADE! Thank you Len. *Julie Leigh*

- Loved it; once the penny dropped! Great clues; thank you. *Ann Millard*

- APIA got me started on 'country capitals'. Marvellous to get so many included. I must admit I had to look up a couple e.g. Ashkhabad. *Ulla Axelsen*

- Thought I was looking for countries at first; until the lower part of the diagonal appeared. Good theme. *Roy Taylor*

- A very different puzzle but such fun to do! *Maureen Blake*

- We actually worked out diagonal meant capital before getting the complete diagonal Nina "Country Capital". What impressed me the most here was the wordplay for what must have been quite a difficult puzzle to compile. *Richard Skinner*

- Len, no doubt everyone is saying a "capital" puzzle. Did extend my knowledge of geography. Fun. *Cheryl Wilcox*

- That was a serious workout. Thank you Len. *Trish McPherson*

- A real sense of achievement to finish this even if my fingers are still crossed that it is correct. Lots would be my choice for COTM especially Kathmandu. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Great puzzle and a geography lesson as well! Thanks Len. *Bev Cockburn*

- Very ingenious; and with excellent clues too. Fantastic effort linking this and Slot 7 with the same theme. *Roger Douglas*

- Oh *Crowsman*! What a puzzle! Last three in were SAVOY, ROME and BISHKEK. *Max Roddick*

- An interesting idea spoilt by having too many thematic answers leading I suspect to a 'closed' grid; ie the halves are not connected leading to two separate sets of answers, something I have not seen in a reputable cryptic for a long, long time. 14ac grammatical problem here. 'Five cabbage'? (But they are linked "logically" via the diagonal, and cannot exist separately. With vegetables, that is surely acceptable; e.g. "two lettuce" or "two lettuces". LC) *George Rolfe*

- Not good at geography – this was in the 'Too Hard' basket for weeks; but with the help of Google and your impeccable clueing, I managed to fill all the blanks. Favourite clue was IN FOAL. *Jan Wood*

- Country Capital? Four I'd never heard of. Made me work! *Mike Potts*

- I was at sixes and sevens until it clicked. (Clever pun! LC) Even then some spelling differences necessitated a bit of research. My husband approves of his fishing rights being recognised in the constitution in 31. (And rightly so! LC) *Jenny Wenham*

- As you see Len, I now have internet. Thank you for your puzzles. *Gabrielle Leeds*

**December 5-2016 Comments continued from p10:**

- Interesting puzzle especially in terms of figuring out the theme. I found this a fair bit tougher than the slot 6. The common feature is STOCK. Took me a while to think of it as I was looking for two word phrases originally. *Ian Thompson*

- Challenging! *Nea Storey*

- Liked PATROLS, SINEW and ADMIRAL. *Max Roddick*

- Some nice clues here but I am embarrassed to admit I cannot see the something in common. Actually I found the hardest bit was typing the words into the grid! *Eileen O'Brien*

- Eight undefined across clues are synonyms of the word STOCK. *Michael Kennedy*

- Always some new words. Thank you. *Ann Millard*

- Very challenging; feeling smug now I have finished but unsure of a few answers fingers crossed. Favourite clues TORMENTED and TERN. *Joan Smith*

- I think I have solved this puzzle, but what have the 8 across clues in common? *Yvonne McKindlay*

- Finally got it done. Fail to find common link in undefined answers! *Anne Simons*

- Finished crossword; found the eight undefined clues; then spent the next half hour trying to find the common element STOCK. *Ulla Axelsen*

- I stood stock-still when I discovered the common element! What a clever concept. *Beverly Cockburn*

- Have the 8 clues but still not sure what they have in common. *Hilary Cromer*

- Can't see the connection; can't even count 8 undefined words – I got 9! Help! *Rob Moline*

- It took me a long time to see the connection; but I took stock of my answers and solved the mystery. *Jenny Wenham*

- I did my best but could not work out the common thread. *Robyn McKenzie*

- Took ages to work out the theme, even after I had all the solutions! *Mike Potts*

- 35: Why the exclamation mark? 9 [As *literal punctuation - E*] As 'begone' is meant to be read as 'be gone', a question mark would be in order. [Perhaps, but one can have too many, as pointed out by other members in the past - B] *George Rolfe*

- LEVELLER is a new one. Took me a while. I have Attenborough to thank for INDRIS. *Robyn Wimbush*

- STOCK is the common element. *Andrew Miles*



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A series of three letters, adjoining in the alphabet, in the solutions of nine clues is not accounted for by the wordplay. For example: A clue may read "Awning about ready, finally". The solution is CANOPY, with the wordplay yielding CA and Y; i.e., there is no wordplay for NOP. Not all series are the same; however, one series is involved in six of the nine clues. One answer is not in *Chambers*.

**Across**

- 9 Dud cook welcomed soldiers returning, say (7)
- 10 Cancel amateur player's final round (7)
- 11 Royal family's got no use for massive block of land (5)
- 12 Hard American syndicate taking me in for a beating (9)
- 13 An overdue babe, finally born (3)
- 14 A man flees Australian college after ordering illegal act (11)
- 15 Leads on disobedient ice-skating bears (7)
- 17 Insects briefly frightening sailors (7)
- 19 Tranquilliser initially helped youngster ride on after tumble (11)
- 22 Green crop cropped (3)
- 24 Lousy counsel holding up releases (9)
- 25 With wolves finally gone, badger's safe (5)
- 26 Time to connect with his desires (7)
- 27 Select a piano score (7)

**Down**

- 1 Throw up in car occasionally after acceleration (6)
- 2 Indecent of troubled punter to bag religious instruction (8)
- 3 Inclined to talk fast (4)
- 4 Almost healthy after brief build-up of fungal growth (6)
- 5 Pet scratching back of ear still (8)
- 6 Route popular with those on vacation at start of Easter (10)
- 7 Oil ban punished Britain once (6)
- 8 Expecting president to hug extremely good-looking royal (8)
- 14 Bug contracted by unionist producing severe wind (10)
- 15 Wears out engine parts (8)
- 16 Rover largely set up girl's optical instrument (8)
- 18 Land here potentially with excellent rent (8)
- 20 Daughter to join church after being upset by trickery (6)
- 21 Insect at some stage demolished rations, missing nothing (6)
- 23 Wimp not finishing sausages (6)
- 25 A 1's young, just turned 21 (4)

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## Quiz No 1/2017

## Quiz No 1/2017. Mystery Quiz by *The Eager Beaver*.



by *The Eager Beaver*

All answers have something in common and are in alphabetical order.

Send your entries to Bev Cockburn 12 Norman Street, Merrylands West NSW 2160. e-mail to [bevco4@bigpond.com](mailto:bevco4@bigpond.com).

Closing date: 10 February 2017. \$75 prize.

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|----|----------------------------------|----|--------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| 1  | opposed to nothing (8)           | 11 | thug (8)                       | 21 | direct into a different channel (7) |
| 2  | revelation (10)                  | 12 | feats of agility (10)          | 22 | utter articulately (8)              |
| 3  | natalitial event (8)             | 13 | wholesome (7)                  | 23 | fancies (8)                         |
| 4  | reaction between two persons (9) | 14 | gas (8)                        | 24 | an octave and a fifth (7)           |
| 5  | nation (7)                       | 15 | electrically charged flash (9) | 25 | useless (9)                         |
| 6  | wind-storm (7)                   | 16 | sweet (11)                     |    |                                     |
| 7  | skip (8)                         | 17 | secret doctrine (7)            |    |                                     |
| 8  | disruptive event (10)            | 18 | badly behaved (7)              |    |                                     |
| 9  | unoccupied (5)                   | 19 | horrifying experience (9)      |    |                                     |
| 10 | mutual esteem (10)               | 20 | bodily (8)                     |    |                                     |

### Results of Quiz No 11/2016:

### Back to Front by KA (Karl Audrins)

No of entries: 33. Winner: Graeme Cole. Congrats!

**Results:** 26: Axelsen U, Blake M, Cole G, Evans J, Garner P, Hagan B, Jones D, Leeds G, Leeds G, Leigh J, McClelland C, Miles A, O'Brien E, Wenham J. 25: Fowler J, Howells S, Lemon P, Lord P, McKenzie R, Symons B, Thompson I, Wimbush R. 24: Anderson R, Caine R, Pinder S, Procter M, Wilcox C, Williams K. 23: McPherson T, Martin F, Siegman B. 22: Meek D, Perrow H. 21: Taylor R.

**Answers:** 1 Aircraft 2 Baseball 3 Crossover 4 Daybook 5 Extraordinary 6 Fireflies 7 Grandmother 8 Handbook 9 Inside 10 Jackpot 11 Kingwood 12 Limelight 13 Maypole 14 Newsworthy 15 Offspring 16 Passport 17 Quadrat 18 Raincheck 19 Snowfall 20 Tabletop 21 Undercover 22 Viewpoint 23 Windpipe 24 Xerotic 25 Yippie 26 Zither.

**Adjudicator's Comments:** Thank you all for your entries and comments. Not much controversy overall, apart from "grandfather" and "grandparent". In my opinion, "father" and "parent" do not fit the definition of "look after". There was some leniency given in a few answers – those involved will know. Apologies for my senior moment with No 24, but nobody had any problems with the correct answer in the end. To err is human – to forgive, divine. Anyway, I enjoyed devising and adjudicating the quiz. I hope you enjoyed doing it, and had time to smell the roses along the way. —**Karl Audrins**

### Solvers' Comments:

- After finally getting the hang of back to front and which length belonged to what, I reached 24. Luckily "kiss" was obvious. You made it easier for us by having exactly one word for each letter. Very enjoyable, thanks. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Thanks for this interesting quiz. Am not sure about "daybook" as it seems to be treated as two different words in my dictionary. *Maureen Blake*
- Another type of Quiz! It amazes me how our clever compilers can come up with so many varied quizzes and crosswords. *Graeme Cole*
- Thank you for your fun puzzle. *Jean Evans*

- Herewith my offering. There are some with more than one suitable answer. (See comments.Adj) *Bob Hagan*
- A very challenging Quiz. Thank you. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- Thank you for your devious quiz. It was very enjoyable. *Julie Leigh*

• Thanks for another puzzle. We are so lucky to get such a variety of puzzles which are fun and challenging. *Claire McClelland*

- Thanks for your enjoyable quiz, which had an inventive structure. *Andrew Miles*
- Thanks for the quiz – good to use the old grey instead of Google! Not happy with my answer to 25, though. Couldn't find any bird "pee" (Come to my back verandah. Adj) nor a word "yippie", but prefer "pie" for the bird – so "yippie". *Eileen O'Brien*

• Thanks for a fun quiz that did not need a lot of research. I'm assuming (hoping) that one of the clues has the numerical indicators around the wrong way. (I yield. Adj) I really enjoyed this one. *Jenny Wenham*

• Without any definitions for the answers, this quiz was not as easy as it seemed at first sight. I had difficulty with #8, as I could not find a word that meant *fine* to go with either *hand* or *help*, which I decided were possibilities for *worke*. *Susan Howells*

- Really enjoyed this quiz – thank you. *Pat Lord*
- Thanks for another clever quiz. Word lengths for 24? (Yep. Adj) *Brian Symons*
- Thanks for the quiz. A nice range of difficulty in the clues, I thought. *Ian Thompson*

• Another testing quiz. I was kept on my toes: which word comes first, which one second, but enjoyed the challenge. I chose parent for 7, although mother or father "fitted the bill" (See above. Adj) *Cheryl Wilcox*

- Thanks for a thoroughly enjoyable quiz. How many times did I have to review the instructions to see which order words and clues were in? Over and over! And then along came the X clue. I imagine there may be a number of acceptable answers to some of these. (See above. Adj) *Frank Martin*
- Thanks Karl for your *Back to Front* Quiz: very enjoyable, and quite a challenge to keep my old brain turned round the right way. I admire the way you managed to cover every letter of the alphabet. *Betty Siegman*

• Interesting and different. I think the word lengths given for 24 are the wrong way about (AMEN. Adj). *Roy Taylor*



**November 7-2016: Now, the other direction by Crowsman (Len Colgan)**

**Entries 76. Correct 57. Success rate 75%.**

**Prizewinner: Jan Wood. Congratulations!**

**Adjudicator's Comments:** The other NE to SW diagonal now reads NATIONAL CAPITAL, which is the **definition** for fifteen of the clues, and is **referred to** in another two clues. In one of those two, "where Manzanares River flows through national capital" yields SPAIN, matching the secondary indicator. The answer causing most problems was 28ac where the definition becomes "inhabitant from national capital" yielding LUANDAN, someone from the Angola capital LUANDA. Elsewhere, ASTANA, the capital city of Kazakhstan, created issues. Unfortunately, ASMARA, the capital city of Eritrea, also fitted into the grid, but did not match the clue.

**Explanations:**

**Across:** 1 BIBLIST\* + I; 5 TALL + INN; 9 U inside ONE-DAY\*; 10 TYPIST\* + C; 12 CO + LOMBOK; 13 MOoS + COW; 14 JA + "CARTER" homoph; 15 SPA(I)N; 18 AM + MAN; 20 CO(RANK\*)Y; 23 GRAS(P)S; 25 IMP + LORE; 26 RE-TREAT; 27 I inside CASINO\*; 28 L + U + AND + AN; 29 ST JOHN + S; **Down:** 2 Battle + RANCH; 3 J inside BULL\* + JANA; 4 (I STEAMED)\*; 6 reverse hidden; 7 LAP + IS; 8 AIR inside (N + OBI); 11 PORT + L + OUIS; 16 POR(TO)NO + Vow; 17 WARP + AINT; 19 MOR(C)EAU; 21 A + kazhakSTAN + A; 22 L + NOISE<; 24 IRE inside SamsoN.

**Members' other comments on the Slot 7 puzzle:**

• Deja vu all over again. The unknowns and unspellables more generously clued; so a little easier? Liked LUANDAN and ASTANA. *Rob Moline*

• Right, that's it; end of a beautiful friendship! Honestly - Ljubljana! As if slot 6 wasn't enough, along came 7. I have bags under the bags under my eyes! Loved them both - the puzzles I mean, not the bags. Not too confident about 21 and 22. "Normal" clues were good. *Eileen O'Brien*

• What a surprise! Having done Slot 6, to find that Slot 7 makes up a matched pair. This time the clue is on the other diagonal; NE/SW. Lots of unusual places; it's a big world out there. Thanks Len; keep them coming. Loved 13ac and 17dn. *Betty Siegman*

• Another wonderful puzzle. Enjoyed every minute!! Thank you. *Ann Millard*

• More national capitals! What a collection. Where else would you find words that begin with TB or LJ? Very enjoyable pair of puzzles. *Ulla Axelsen*

• Well, by the time we reached Slot 7 we were looking for the diagonal. "National Capital". I am a tad worried about Spain at 15 and wonder if I'm missing something obvious (See above. LC). *Julie Leigh*

• Tricky 15ac clue. Not a capital. *Roy Taylor*

• Len's two CAPITAL puzzles are so well constructed as well as being enjoyable and educational. Favourite clues were AUTUMN, MORCEAU, ASTANA and LESION. *Brian Tickle*

• Same comments. Great puzzle, but don't understand the diagonal reference. Can't find a geographical connection! *Julie Crowe*

• Over the two crosswords we have learned a number of new capitals as well as how to spell others! The "National Capitals" Nina was not too hard to predict of course and knowing Len I suspect there may be more hidden away in both grids but we can't find anything; so...

*Richard Skinner*

• I can see *Crowsman* had so much fun creating #6 he couldn't help repeating the exercise. Great fun! *Maureen Blake*

• Thanks Len. I had such fun with these. *Robyn Wimbush*

• Well done again Len. I particularly like 23ac! *Cheryl Wilcox*

• Many thanks once again for *The Times Atlas* the club sent me last year. It was invaluable in identifying the obscure places that *Crowsman* referenced in the slot 6 & 7 puzzles this month. *Ron Carpenter*

• Another challenge; but after Slot 6, it seemed a little easier to complete. *Trish McPherson*

• What a lot of geography I have learned in this very clever puzzle! *Robyn McKenzie*

• I wish I could say I'll remember these nations and their respective capitals; but I know I won't! Thanks anyway! *Bev Cockburn*

• MORCEAU was new to me. *Max Roddick*

• Thanks to Len for the very interesting geography lesson in Slots 6 and 7. *Laurence Kennedy*

• This number of theme words is often associated with the barred 14x14 grid seen in *The Spectator*. Even there, though, the number of theme words rarely exceeds 10 to 12. (Here, also having to fit in the diagonal caused additional severe compilation restrictions. LC)

• What a great geographical workout. *George Rolfe*

• Capital effort! *Jenny Wenham*

• I thought that my knowledge of geography was not bad but the capitals of some of those former Soviet republics did require Google! *Mike Potts*  
*Susan Howells*

**Solution to Slot 7 Now the Other Direction by Crowsman**

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**Some Christmas Cracker Jokes**

[http://www.whychristmas.com/fun/cracker\\_jokes.shtml](http://www.whychristmas.com/fun/cracker_jokes.shtml)

- Why does Santa have three gardens?  
So he can 'ho ho ho'!
- Why did Santa's helper see the doctor?  
Because he had a low "elf" esteem!
- What kind of motorbike does Santa ride?  
A Holly Davidson!
- What do you call a cat in the desert?  
Sandy Claws!
- Who delivers presents to cats?  
Santa Paws!
- What do you call a dog who works for Santa?  
Santa Paws!
- What do you call Father Christmas in the beach?  
Sandy Clause!
- What do you get if you cross Santa with a detective?  
Santa Clues!
- What did the sea say to Santa?  
Nothing! It just waved!
- What does Santa do with fat elves?  
He sends them to an Elf Farm!
- What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?  
A Christmas Quacker!
- Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas?  
Santa Jaws
- What says Oh Oh Oh?  
Santa walking backwards!



**Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 6/2016**

**Write a clue for DESPICABLE (10)**

**Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.**

Definition from *Chambers* (12<sup>th</sup> edition):

**adj** deserving to be despised; contemptible; worthless.

I can't recall exactly why I chose this particular word, but I suspect I was looking for a generous word that lends itself to either an assembly of anagrams or a crowd of charades (collective nouns welcome). At this time of the year, having options can only be a good thing. Not surprisingly, anagrams featured prominently with the majority being of a high standard. However, it's worth spending a little more time on words that contain many anagrams, as you are almost certain to find several choice ones to work with. Once you have, marry it with an appropriate indicator and you're on your way. I could find no better example of this than the winning entry from the accomplished **Jenny Wenham**. Well done to all the compilers this month as I found zero superfluous words. Happy Christmas to everyone too! I'll be looking forward to a new year of fun compiling.

**Vile British spiced ale concoction (10)**

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

**Contemptible (BLEEP) cad is corrupt \*\*\*\***

This first clue uses a neat anagram of BLEEPCADIS as indicated by the word *corrupt*. As you know, most publications will not allow swearwords, but this compiler has found a clever way around it with the *bleep*. The alliterative surface sense is excellent.

**Contemptible Greek character cuts into some French rope \*\*\***

This neat clue is succinctly parsed with PI (a very handy Greek character to know) inside DES (French for some) and then CABLE. The definition works well with the secondaries and the clue creates a plausible scenario.

**Decipher by replacing study with craving to make it worthless \*\*\*½**

The theme of deciphering is fitting, as one would need to be at the top of their solving game to arrive at the solution here. The parsing is as follows. Take *descramble* (synonym for decipher) and replace CRAM *study* with PICA *craving*. The indications are seamless, but both synonyms are at the far end of the difficulty scale.

**Despite being shortened, strong rope is worthless \*\*\*½**

The parsing here literally shortens *despite* to DESPI and joins it to the word *cable* or *strong rope*. Shortening a word usually indicates the removal of one letter as otherwise it's difficult to know *how* short the word needs to be ('How short is a piece of rope?'). It's probably coincidental, but *despite* and *despicable* are etymologically related, with the former term now an obsolete word for violent malice or hatred. Of course, in this clue, *despite* is being used in its prepositional form. While I can't think of a scenario where a short rope would be preferable to a long one, the surface sense of the clue is taut.

**Disgusting of the French! A Greek letter by taxi! The French!\*\*\***

This is the only charade-like clue this month with no less than four separate units - DES, PI, CAB and LE. The three sections and their corresponding exclamation marks do make the clue busy on the eye, but the parsing is spot on. I'm not sure what would be disgusting about the French sending a Greek letter by taxi. If it was the other way around then the surface sense of the clue would have read perfectly.

**Engineered bees - placid and worthless \*\*\***

This is a neat anagram of *bees* and *placid* as indicated by *engineered*. I like the way the compiler has used the hyphen to separate the anagram fodder. The clue also portrays a feasible story of animal engineering gone wrong.

**'I be scalped!' - awful and disgusting \*\*\***

This vivid anagram of IBESCALPED is indicated by the word *awful*. It's parsed simply enough and there are no superfluous words. However, I can't help but think this idea could have been fleshed out more as the anagram has plenty of potential.

**It can be worthless to put a bandage on a bad bleed \*\*\*½**

This clue uses an anagram of BLEED with the word *spica*, which is a type of bandage. *Spica* occurs inside *despicable*, yet the clue suggests otherwise with the bandage (*spica*) *on* the bleed, rather than inside it as it must.

**Loathsome editor turns sour without our constant communication \*\*\*\***

This charade like clue paints a plausible portrayal of a disgruntled editor. The parsing works by turning ED with S (*sour without our*) and adding PI and CABLE. Admittedly, it is unusual, even unorthodox, to see all but one letter of a word subtracted. However, it's technically fine and also not too difficult to work out in this case. The surface sense of the clue is excellent.

**Loathsome pervert spied on guy \*\*\***

While the imagery is not pretty, the clue itself is nicely parsed with a simple anagram of *spied on cable* (guy).

**Magpie crashes in, bleeds all over the place, disgusting! \*\*\*½**

Thank you to this compiler for teaching me that Pica is the magpie genus. Knowing this, the remaining letters come from the fodder of *bleeds*. As the astute amongst you would have noticed, *pica* needs to be inside *bleeds*. This is done by the directive *crashes in*. The clue's imagery is effectively painted, although I wonder if the definition could have been added to the front to give the clue a better flow.

**Some in France have photo on can - disgusting \*\*\*\***

While this clue conjures less than pleasant imagery, it is put together extremely well. It uses three consecutive elements (DES, PIC, & ABLE) that are coherent and correct. I particularly like the misleading use of the word CAN.

**Special bed ruffled by outspoken duck \*\*\***

This is another anagram, but this time it's using the fodder *special bed* as indicated by *ruffled*. The definition is a reference to the animated Daffy Duck known for his 'You're *Despicable!*' exclamation. It's very humorous and clever...well almost. The definition really needs to be adjectival in form, but here it's a noun, even allowing for the insertion of *outspoken*.

**Spiced ale poured over beans is disgusting \*\*\*½**

Here's the first of two spiced ale clues. The anagram requires the letter B but here the word beans is used with no indication to take the initial letter. Perhaps 'a *starter of beans*' could have been added. I have little doubt that such a combination would be disgusting!

**Spied faulty wire low down \*\*\***

This is an anagram of *spied* joined to *cable* (wire). No problem at all with the parsing, and it's an admirable attempt at a well disguised definition. However, *low down* should either be hyphenated or one word.

**Splice bead, in a roundabout way, to find base \*\*\***

This anagram of *splice bead* has an interesting novel indicator that adds, as it always should, to the clue as a whole. I was surprised more people didn't opt for *base* as the definition, given its great potential for misdirection. While I'm not completely sure of the compiler's intent, I'm thinking it may relate to the chemical compound definition.

**Vile British spiced ale concoction \*\*\*\***

This is a neat seasonal clue (our larder is currently loaded with spiced ginger beer for Xmas, but I've discovered it's not to everyone's liking!). Anagrams that read true will always have a greater impact and this one is no exception. Note that the compiler has used an abbreviation (B for British). These are really useful if you are stuck with a single letter as part of your anagram fodder. If you want to stay on your solver's Xmas card list then the trick is to make sure a well-known abbreviation is used. A fine clue!

**Clue Writing Competition No 1/2017**

For the next competition, please write a clue for the word **RESOLUTION (10)** 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](mailto:manveru@bigpond.com)

Closing mail date: Friday 10 February 2017. Book prize.





**Bonus Puzzle 1: Double Acrostic by Penobscot**

<b>A</b>	75	22	95	133	170	103	122												
<b>B</b>	159	5	87	156	66	27	101	36	175										
<b>C</b>	98	59	31	177	129	37	152												
<b>D</b>	4	124	142	69	74	154	72												
<b>E</b>	134	21	180	62	146	91	11	84	109										
<b>F</b>	100	126	79	117	88	40	9												
<b>G</b>	174	127	68	80	106	73	18												
<b>H</b>	8	178	64	14	35	93	24	141	162										
<b>J</b>	55	169	17	110	164	45	151												
<b>K</b>	56	19	113	167	1	71	48	60	42										
<b>L</b>	44	172	6	78	145	107	57	47											
<b>M</b>	143	99	114	139	158	130													
<b>N</b>	26	119	32	39	136	176	123												
<b>P</b>	15	160	96	171	34	157	140												
<b>Q</b>	3	115	85	54	137	82	67	121											
<b>R</b>	2	147	90	86	16	38	173												
<b>S</b>	83	61	13	50	166	125	94	10	138	153									
<b>T</b>	29	144	33	120	108	76													
<b>V</b>	41	128	58	111	168	46	97	89											
<b>W</b>	131	7	65	20	118	150													
<b>X</b>	161	30	63	49	77	148	132												
<b>Y</b>	105	70	163	28	179	23	43	135	165										
<b>Z</b>	104	116	12	155	25	92	102												

There are four apostrophes in the text (between numbered squares) which is in verse and which will not be found electronically. The first letters of the answers when read downwards will spell out the words that are missing from the text between 50 and 54.

We regret that the format of this puzzle is not compatible with solving via ACCOLADE.

**The clues:**

- A** Passing wild hog hurt (7)
- B** Hid a sieve from celestial layer (9)
- C** Surround Vonnie with right mixture (7)
- D** Bird makes slip-up in front of king (7)
- E** The majority, say, comes first but may be last (9)
- F** Disgrace. Backward lads take can (7)
- G** Sheep. Sheep returned surrounded by swine (7)
- H** Total rage at egg being addled (9)
- J** How Rene translated non-existence? (7)
- K** Hide cooky from... from... what's-its-name? (9)
- L** Chat time round about a collection of sets (8)
- M** Trouble with Sarah's weaving (6)
- N** The Spanish and French capturing chaps for gold say (7)
- P** Troubled when spirit returns with good illumination (7)
- Q** Enlisting for example gang in trouble (8)
- R** Though not vile, could be unrestrained in action (7)
- S** Happening all about many memorable things (10)
- T** Condiment in barrel is hot (6)
- V** Numbers of mules ran amok (8)
- W** That's it! No huge fuss (6)
- X** Change around knotted tie for versatility (7)
- Y** Hard water can result as rain falls (9)
- Z** Stream can supply rutile and vanadium initially (7)

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161	X	162	H	163	Y	164	J	165	Y	166	S	167	K	168	V	169	J	170	A	171	P	172	L	173	R	174	G	175	B	176	N	177	C	178	H	179	Y	180	E

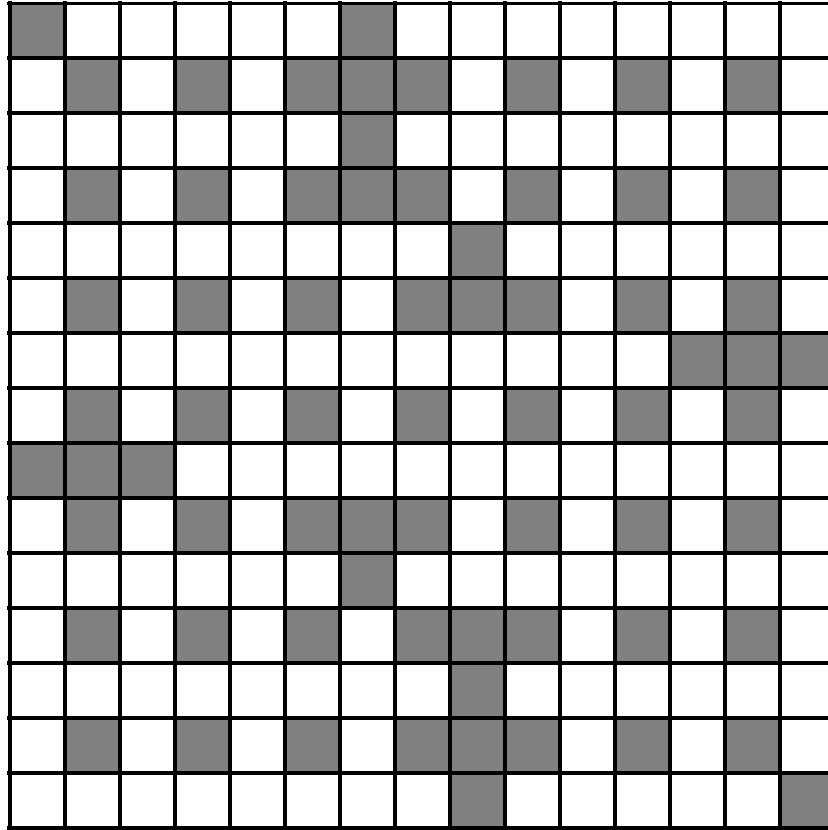


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## AJ2 by Valkyrie

Solutions have the given letter as their **second** letter. Place them in the grid jigsaw-wise, where they fit.

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- A** Mass of small trees mark path in Paris (6)
- B** Put an end to Australian night flyer on Eastern front (5)
- C** Special jargon associated with the French slate gauges (8)
- D** Keats, a trifle misunderstood, is traditional (5)
- E** Dripping, foremost lard, is said to lengthen the end of obesity (5)
- F** Sick American spoiled business traditions after drug withdrawal (3-5)
- G** Permits to get older? Round about the start of seventy (6)
- H** Theatrical production seductions hum of perversity (3,5,2,5)
- I** Supporter of former Yugoslavian bird got over love first (7)
- I** Appreciate losing advantage? A problematic situation (4)
- J** Smaller and smaller skip around flower (6)
- K** Special craft drug, really top drawer (8)
- L** Fix up A or B or C or D or E perhaps..... (4)
- M** Authorises cannabis to be pruned by non-married cutters (8)
- N** Ask for short course administrative trainee (7)
- N** Start of working television? (5)
- O** Nelson Mandela, for example, said at first: "Our faith can recover." (5,7)
- P** Fits redrafted maps in ship (6)
- Q** Squeeze fruit (6)
- R** Kneeler poked topless substitute (4-4)
- S** Loose coats with small ties (6)
- T** Cord beach dress with interchangeable sides goes together well (7,5)
- U** Burning passion of old president? (8)
- V** Past officer with one last letter made exaggerated non-specific statements (15)
- W** Lily show arranged in solemn manner (8)
- X** Died without modified diet (6)
- Y** Inspect large aircraft make up (8)
- Z** Fern, a French writer, embraced Latin (6)

### Bonus Quiz 1.

#### Spooner's Menagerie by Valkyrie.

The answers are all of a kind and are in alphabetical order. They are all Spoonerisms. Each clue consists of two parts which on having their initial sounds interchanged together with homophonic manipulation give the final answer. Solutions will be published in the February edition of *Crozworld*.

- 1** Lolly kick (9)
- 2** Small bet at hand (9)
- 3** Support cleaner (7)
- 4** Shake bus (9)
- 5** Cloud food (7)
- 6** Wine container on the wagon (9)
- 7** Brown bomb (7)
- 8** Top man from Greece (8)
- 9** Loafing around group of cattle (11)
- 10** Knock old horse (8)
- 11** Pull pants off yak (7)
- 12** Baby's buggy is on the meadow (7)
- 13** Throw dice on rug (4, 3)
- 14** Tart males (7)
- 15** Bushranger pot (7)
- 16** Fuel tap (7)
- 17** Heel stool (7)
- 18** Garden plot framework (3-4)
- 19** Condescend to bring up children (8)
- 20** Male Tabasco (3, 5)
- 21** Blessing leak (9)
- 22** Legume base for soup (8)
- 23** Masterstroke spank (6)
- 24** Closely follow keening cry (7)
- 25** Live collection of animals (4)



J	A	N	U	A	R	Y
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**Cryptic  
Subtraction**  
  
**by  
KA**

Ten across clues are non-cryptic, but have the same format for solution. For example: Net (7) – fit (3) = smoke (4) solves as CAPTURE – APT = CURE. Solutions will be available on ACCOLADE on 1 January.

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**Across**

- 1 Shop(8) - damage(4) = fast (4)
- 3 I made an offer in the same place (4)
- 6 Obviation(10) - race(5) = petrel (5)
- 10 Customise, enclosing Syrian cloth in gypsum (9)
- 11 Rodent trapped in the church needs a box (5)
- 12 The mute becomes agitated indoors (7)
- 13 A pizza from the California region (7)
- 14 Company(8) - ratio(4) = kiss (4)
- 16 Practitioner(9) - hit(3) = believer (6)
- 18 Audio component found in Camperdown (3)
- 21 Waste(6) - oscillate(3) = understand (3)
- 22 Throb(9) - hole(3) = taste (6)
- 23 Transit(7) - fool(3) = call (4)
- 25 Proceed with money to find lizards (7)
- 27 Smuggled dope to Asian city (7)
- 29 Boy with the French spoon (5)
- 30 Entertainment(12) - transport(3) = ornateness (9)
- 31 Tight(9) - call(4) = splint (5)
- 32 Listen, massage is a requirement (4)
- 33 Permit(7) - measures(3) = vermin (4)

**Down**

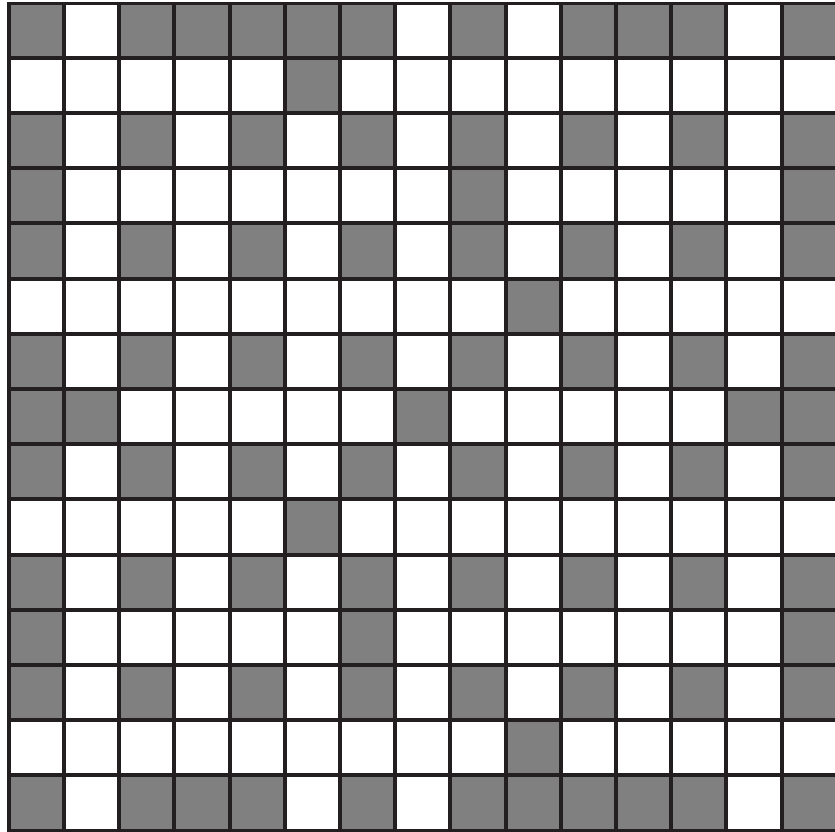
- 1 Fibres found in religious garments covering Shakespeare's Bottom? (9)
- 2 Sedan with a hundred locks (5)
- 4 In the middle of the Francophobe altercation, there is promise of an engagement (9)
- 5 Money for retreating terrorists in a U.S. federal district (5)
- 6 Pilfer a coin placed in the salver (8)
- 7 Shattered, anti, having sent back perfume to beloved (9)
- 8 Relative is pleasant when consuming stimulant (5)
- 9 Sorcery by soldier in a raincoat (5)
- 15 A fly in a cut of meat could make you run away (9)
- 17 Mediate to bury body after losing son (9)
- 19 People on a steamer concealed this mineral (9)
- 20 This preacher can put a slant on a sermon (8)
- 24 The flat housing lecturer is dark (5)
- 25 Deceives the seabirds (5)
- 26 Zoo expands, as I now include antelope (5)
- 28 Ancient signs used by former student and High Priest (5)



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## MLAJ by The Lady and the Scamp

Solutions have the given letter in the middle. Place them in the grid jigsaw-wise, where they fit. This puzzle is not compatible with solution via ACCOLADE.



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| <b>A</b> Good stock provides taste (5)  | <b>N</b> Inactive state has Reagan, perhaps, going after a buck (9)      |
| <b>B</b> Saudi adds a Brazilian cash crop (7)   | <b>O</b> Scoot low inside vessel (7)                                     |
| <b>C</b> Unfashionable produce from exposed rocky ground (7)                                  | <b>P</b> Payment is adjusted, having overlooked an exhaust (5)           |
| <b>D</b> Down this in Australia? (5)  | <b>Q</b> Sly look expressed irritation (5)                               |
| <b>E</b> With enthusiasm, for example, turned in ahead of time (7)                            | <b>R</b> Admission about work briefly generating unproductive energy (7) |
| <b>F</b> Using expertise, but silky ensemble keeps bursting at the seams! (9)                 | <b>S</b> Presumptuous cast has turned up before (5)                      |
| <b>G</b> Half-suppress a laugh, but spirits raised with hordes being removed from Germany (7) | <b>T</b> Resembling a spear at penetrating speed (7)                     |
| <b>H</b> <i>Catocala</i> moth circling steer is failing to make an impression (13)            | <b>U</b> Copper interrupts stray small pests (7)                         |
| <b>I</b> Rubbish reveals hallucination drug (5)   | <b>V</b> Document containing fine produces anger (7)                     |
| <b>J</b> Spaniards perhaps, girl embraces boy in grass (9)                                    | <b>W</b> Pledges pieces of eight on board (5)                            |
| <b>K</b> Hold tight wrapping cut of pork, a roast favourite (9)                               | <b>X</b> Refreshments carried cross-state! (5)                           |
| <b>L</b> Without leave, searches internet for eyes with passion (5)                           | <b>Y</b> After show of pain, point to cavity (5)                         |
| <b>M</b> Accompanying chaps during closing (13)   | <b>Z</b> Show displeasure with life, drinking! (7)                       |

### Bonus Quiz 2

#### Mountains by *The Eager Beaver*

Identify the mountain in each country. Solutions, for which word lengths are given, are in alphabetical order and will be published in the February edition of *CrOZworld*.

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A</b> Peru (9)         | <b>K</b> Australia (9)    | <b>U</b> Bulgaria (5)         |
| <b>B</b> Switzerland (11) | <b>L</b> Greece (7)       | <b>V</b> Italy (8)            |
| <b>C</b> Venezuela (7)    | <b>M</b> South Africa (6) | <b>W</b> Papua New Guinea (7) |
| <b>D</b> France (4)       | <b>N</b> Afghanistan (6)  | <b>X</b> Mexico (5)           |
| <b>E</b> Germany (9)      | <b>O</b> Romania (3)      | <b>Y</b> Taiwan (6)           |
| <b>F</b> Norway (9)       | <b>P</b> Canada (7)       | <b>Z</b> Spain (9)            |
| <b>G</b> Austria (7)      | <b>Q</b> Turkey (8)       |                               |
| <b>H</b> USA (5)          | <b>R</b> Nepal (7)        |                               |
| <b>I</b> Ethiopia (6)     | <b>S</b> Iran (6)         |                               |
| <b>J</b> China (9)        | <b>T</b> India (6)        |                               |



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