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[Marginal comment about a sentence that clumsily avoided a prepositional ending]
This is the sort of English up with which I will not put.
Winston Churchill, attributed, mid 20th century
in Ernest Gowers, *Plain Words* (1954), 'Troubles with Prepositions'

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It's been a while since we mentioned that the ACC has The Best crossword solvers and compilers in the Land Down Under. The crosswords that we publish in *Crozworld* every month are first-class and compare favourably with any crosswords published anywhere else. Also, the variety of puzzles and quizzes is supereminent, notable and challenging. The fact that we have so many members successfully solving these tough puzzles every month is clear evidence of their undeniable skill. Just one comment from sparkling member Wm Ryan this month sums it up: "Outstanding puzzle. Best I have come across in *CrozWorld* for years." The ACC sincerely thanks all of the members, compilers and Adjudicators for their valued assistance in bringing these intellectual masterpieces to you every month. Life would not be the same without the monthly dose of *Crozworld*. We are proud to be associated with the ACC. And we sincerely thank our brilliant Secretary Bev Cockburn who not only handles all the admin stuff but also provides countless puzzles and quizzes for our ongoing enjoyment. Finally, we owe a debt of gratitude to our Man Who Sets Up the Puzzles and Quizzes Ian Williams who is our essential link: our indispensable and vital Key Man. Thank you for your valued contribution to the cruciverbal art in Australia.

Our masterly Puzzle set-up person, **Ian Williams**, has again selected a challenging set of excellent puzzles and quizzes for you this month. Perennial favourites like *The Eager Beaver*, *Waratah* and *InGrid* are there for your ongoing enjoyment. It's great to see the venerable *Colinebrii* Back In Town with a Slot 1 titled Australian Wildflowers. *St Jude* and *Crowsman* have presented us with more of their skilful offerings in the Slots 5 and 6. *Betelgeuse* has given us another of her brilliant cryptics in the Slot 7 spot and we have two Quizzes which will give you unalloyed pleasure. On p16 we publish the results of the Clue Writing Competition adjudicated by Michael Kennedy who invites you to devise a Clue for the word BRACE (5). Best of Luck with your solving.—*Patrick*

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Ah, Winter. Season of white-caps on the grass and panda food bowing in the wind. I'm sitting here in my mountaintop retreat looking through the double panes at fog reaching up to the Chilean ash cloud and wondering how I had time to do everything before I retired. Well, no, I didn't and still don't. As I write this (Wednesday), only three-quarters of the expected entries have arrived – no doubt partly due to the early-ish cutoff date, plus the influence of that dust-cloud on the *Par Avion* traffic, which is whizzing over Adelaide on its second circumnavigation right now. Its first appearance resulted in a bolus of about 30 envelopes on Monday but this morning only three! More dots lost due to blank cells than I remember from last year; always on DOWN words. A similar number of transcription errors, again on DOWN solutions.

Slot 1: A few had IRENI for ICENI, NOUT for NOWT and TONE for TUNE. Several didn't know of a TWIST BIT, with some inspired guesses. Most got SIEGE in a difficult definition. OTID for OLID and SLOB for PLEB were other brave stabs. One erroneous solution had me chuckling; you'll read about it in the members' comments.

Slot 2: Had little to titillate your jaded adjudicator. GRACIOUS for PRECIOUS, BARIUM and GALIUM for RADIUM and CANTER for FASTER helped a little, KICK GIANT, OPENED and YARDAGEE were outliers in a puzzle with a high solution rate.

Slot 3: TIER and BIER for PIER and SIGH for SIGN were understandable mis-transcriptions. Several had FORE for HOUR with concomitant guesses for 2dn, which was not one of my favourite clues. BENEFICE for PEROXIDE was a wild guess. DECLENTION would have been a momentary aberration. Almost everyone got POPPADUM, which I would have made a mess of.

Slot 4: In an AJ the first letter is a given, so BILLION must have been a typo, DOOM and DROP for DOOR caught many in an unexpected type of clue, one more suitable for the type of puzzle that Kev Layton used to do so well. A few alternatives to CANAKIN were essayed but not worth reporting in a well-received puzzle.

Slot 5: CANTOS for CANTOR and BIRTHS/NOISINESS for BERTHS/NOISELESS and THICKISH for THICKEST were submitted by a few, but the clue that got most attention was 1dn which has been criticised by many experienced setters and solvers. Your adjudicators have decided it was ambiguous so both BROOCH and BROACH have been accepted. Otherwise this slot was well received.

COTM: The redoubtable *Southern Cross* (Shirl O'Brien) garnered just a few short of half the votes spread over seven clues, with HOUR and PEROXIDE leading the pack. *Virgo* (Audrey Austin) did almost as well, her PAWPAW in a tie with Shirl's best, and five others nominated. But the standout favourite was OUT OF BOUNDS from *Pindar* (John Brotherton). The moral for setters: if you want that coveted certificate, only one brilliant clue per puzzle!! Thanks for all your extras: comments, cards and humorous inclusions – they brighten a "pleasant task" which is otherwise alleviated mostly by warming liquids. As ever, your queries, suggestions and criticisms are welcomed. Your snail-mail adjudicator for June, —*Doug "dB" Butler*

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	109	109	110	105	99	532
Correct entries	75	96	90	84	91	436
Success rate (%)	68.8	88.0	81.8	80.0	91.9	82.0
Prizewinners	G Champion G Lemon	C Noble D Parsons	C Heenan J Barbour	John Martin	D Kennedy G Cole	from 112 members

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Prizewinner: June 2011 Slots 1-5: Pat Lord.

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June 1-2011

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR MAY Slots 6 & 7 & JUNE Slots 1-5

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
ALLEN W			
ANDERSON C		
ANNAND H	
ARCHIBALD C		.					
AUSTIN A		
BALNAVES J	
BARBOUR J	
BARNARD M		.	.				
BARNES J		
BARRETT A		
BENNETT B	
BENNETT D	
BROTHERTON J		
BRYANT R		
BUTLER D	
CAINE R		
CALLAN A&D	
CAMPBELL G	
CHAMPION G	
COATES D		
COCKBURN B	
COLE G		
COLGAN L		
COPLAND F	
COWAN M	
CROMER H	
DAVIS M	
DEARIE P		
DE GRYS T		
DENNIS M	
DINHAM V	
DOBELE T	
DORRELL R		
DUCKER R	
DYER A	
EGGLETON B	
FOOTT B		
FOWLER J	
FREELAND J	

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
FRY L		
GARDINER R	
GARNER P	
GILLIS J	
GLISSAN B	
GRAINGER D	
GREENBERGER O	
HAGAN B	
HAMBLING C	
HARPER K	
HAZELL N		
HEENAN C	
HEMSLEY D		
HOCKING A		
HOWARD L	
HOWARD V		
HOWELLS S		
IBBOTT B	
JERMY A	
JONES D	
KENNEDY D	
KNIGHT S		
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LLOYD G	
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McADOO G		
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MacDOUGALL I	
McGRATH J	
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MAY S	
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MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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MILES A	
MITCHELL J	
NOBLE C	
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PATTERSON A		
PEARCE J	
PINDER S	
POTTS M	
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**Australian
Wildflowers
by
Colinebrii**

Prizes: \$50



Win!

[2007 edn]

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Five solutions have the same theme and their clues have no definition

Across

- 1 Points to Anglo-Norman (4)
- 5 "Fits!" said the trendy young Australian male (7)
- 10 Senile lady singer? (4)
- 11 Injun company's reed bunting formerly (5)
- 12 Party unit (4)
- 13 Starts a winter endless wonder (3)
- 14 Free organisation key (5)
- 15 Fish to clean ships bottom (5)
- 17 Congregation with no Sabbath accepts a leper (6)
- 19 Male Gypsy out to gain. (6)
- 21 Relative to ABC? (5)
- 23 Mash a sum of Japanese salmon (4)
- 24 Wooden strip builds Latin hospital (4)
- 26 A1 mum out with religious leader (5)
- 28 e-crime engineered in the desert (6)
- 29 Give urchin creative work (6)
- 34 Offbeat Taree diner (5)
- 36 Corn in spurrey acreage (5)
- 37 In marriage a Right Reverend is required (1,2)
- 38 Iron Arab causes misgivings (4)
- 39 Ethel Wynette has a boy (5)
- 40 Map right blend inclination (4)
- 41 Delightful sweet (7)
- 42 WWII entertainment people have the measure at South Australia (4)

Down

- 2 West backed 36 to make war once (6)
- 3 Generation takes point off the straight Scot (4)
- 4 Two doctors to the new girl (10)
- 5 Chicken using foul language! (4)
- 6 Elia lost small intestines (4)
- 7 Native American Indian last to go to college (4)
- 8 Canoes around seas (6)
- 9 Mental discipline takes over a Gentile (4)
- 14 Having a single room at college with Legislative Assembly (10)
- 16 Hartebeest has spirit with a degree (5)
- 17 Friend East lacks colour (4)
- 18 Turncoat newsman assessed (5)
- 19 "That's where I exercise," little James said (3)
- 20 Eject, mutinous, heartless South (4)
- 22 Frantically having a habitual response (3)
- 25 Adjutant stork at State festival (6)
- 27 Visions of 500 sheets of paper! (6)
- 30 Looked outright strangely reedy! (4)
- 31 Honorary lecturer holds hydrocarbon radical (4)
- 32 Fine linen with grass. (4)
- 33 Raged around with no energy to crawl (4)
- 35 Native of Teos has beverage at noon (4)

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Cryptic by *The Eager Beaver*



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Across

- 1 I'm in favour of complicated duetti calling for endurance (9)
- 6 Beauty's partner is such a brute (5)
- 9 I'm a, um, moslem potentate (5)
- 10 He has ten ingots in the running (9)
- 11 Lush growth is east north east by river in gloomy surroundings (8)
- 12 Will's schoolmaster hoped antonyms were included (6)
- 14 Implore ternate characters to reassemble (7)
- 15 Harbour a conscientious objector at the colonnade (7)
- 17 A parson bird initially thrives under incarceration (3)
- 18 Archaic cut with Irish tea surrounded by opponents Latin and English (7)
- 19 Famous horse substitution was based on this material! (7)
- 20 Incarnation of Gardner and Jack the sailor (6)
- 22 Converse conserve and oil mixture found near California make highly decorated earthenware (8)
- 25 Priest-governor is disoriented Croat heir (9)
- 26 A tie at that English horse-racing town (5)
- 27 Satisfied to be compensated in the end (5)
- 28 Fame or continuity – what comes next? (9)

Down

- 1 Noisy Heather enjoys her brief period of complete freedom (5)
- 2 Genuine demesne representative is occupied with community property (4,6,5)
- 3 Vastly huge empty laboratory (9)
- 4 Conductors are made up of us, her and even the top entertainment stars in the beginning (10)
- 5 Alleviate, please without the plural (4)
- 6 "Fierce" according to Spenser is like a degraded ember (5)
- 7 Creature proclivities brought about by beasts surrounding present month in scan (6,9)
- 8 Dangerous course over taut wire (9)
- 13 Iodine explosion in epic description of an embryo's outer layer (10)
- 14 Protective components reportedly maintain that the author hits out (9)
- 16 To limit beer is the underlying principle (9)
- 21 Skirt around a Black Hole (5)
- 23 Sounds like we should change the sacrificial table (5)
- 24 Rainbow goddess found in pupil's place (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS: [cont'd on pp7 and 8]


- A nice surprise to receive COTM for May 2011 *Crozworld*. Thank you Patrick for the lovely certificate.
- Many thanks to the ACC for the book prize for the April 2011 Slot 6. A lovely surprise, much appreciated.
- Thanks to all compilers.
- Many thanks for another really good bunch of puzzles.
- What a feast this month. One impossible word at a time, and always the easiest one last. Love the AJ every month – thank you.
- No 'gimmies' in this lot.
- Thank you very much for my recent prize – Chambers' *Technology and Science Dictionary* will be a great volume for my reference shelf, and I'm taking it to hospital with me. What a great club ACC is! Thanks to all the adjudicators, compilers, Patrick, Bev and Ian and supportive, generous members.
- Puzzles all hard but honest.
- *Crozworld* never fails to delight.
- I've done my best.
- I hope my entry isn't delayed by the volcano, as no mail is leaving Tassie at present.
- Hopefully in good time for adjudication.

Joan Smith
Ann Jermy
Mike Potts
Jim Fowler
Helen Annand
Col Archibald
Bill Bennett
Bev Cockburn
Sandra May
Verna Dinham
Barb Ibbott
Odette Greenberger

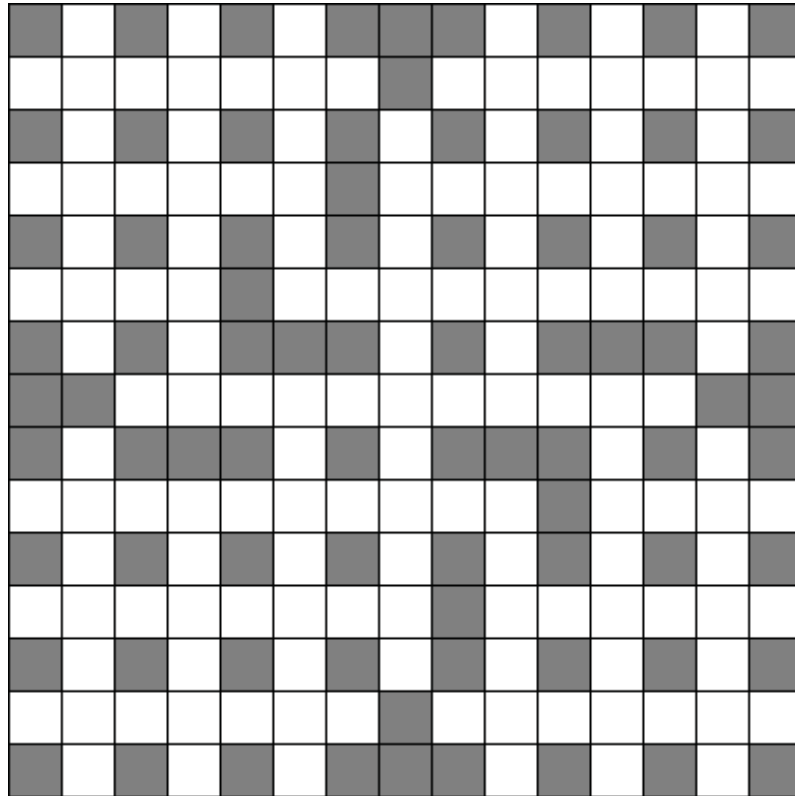
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AJ
by
Waratah

Prize



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Solutions begin with the given letter. Place them in the grid jigsaw-wise, where they fit. One word is not in *Chambers*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Seeking first class vase (6) B The runner opposed the accountant (4,7) C Preserve prison room, Noel. Scrub it! (6) D Promote loved EP medley (7) E Finish wrapping costly drug, lavishly adorned (8) F Chelsea, say, lying in state, with clustered flowers (10) G Biggest and best English targets destroyed (8) H Really frightful, it's upsetting for rich one (8) I Unauthorised sick bird squawked (7) J Aristocrat heard case for nickelodeon (7) K Food youngster returned in Kansas (6) L Short chap? Not so, but an epic poet (10) M Ms Farrow blew away Sam with an unwholesome exhalation (6) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N Enclosed one area, hereabouts (4) O Sturdy plant grown from a corn seed? (3,4) P Making dessert, pots surround the gâteau (8) Q Find fault with a square tile (7) R Perches where joey sits blind! (6) S Sotto speech developed means to amplify organ sounds (11) T Board support could hold things up (5,3) U Peacekeepers listened, yet silence reigned (7) V Traveller to go a very roundabout way (7) W Amphibious vehicle belonging to the stoat family (6) X Plant behaviour in dry habitat suggests there's nothing to wither (8) Y Laments may back up on part of UK river (7) Z Amazon estuary includes a belted area (4) |
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COMMENTS for Bonus Quiz May 2011 continued from p9:

- Thank you, Bev and Co! I was looking for flowers as soon as I read the title and spotted 19 of them in my first run-through. Having some of them plural made it a little bit trickier but you did warn us!
 - It was fun working on this quiz. Thank you for a very enjoyable time.
 - Thank you for your floral contribution. I enjoyed it immensely especially when I got WOLF'S BANE this p.m.
 - Some answers took some research but I hope I've got them correct.
 - Thanks for an interesting quiz.
 - Thoroughly enjoyed unmixing these.
 - Just thinking about all these beautiful blooms really brightened up some grey Melbourne weather. Thanks for a very enjoyable quiz.
- Nea Storey
Sandra May
Ted O'Brien
Tony de Grys
Roy Taylor
Rosemary Dorrell
Kath Harper
Sonia Roulston
Trish McPherson
Jean Barbour
John Martin
Alison Shield
Claire McClelland
Gabrielle Leeds
Jim Fowler
Margaret Steinberger
Max Roddick
Andrew Miles*
- Some jumbled – or hopefully not so jumbled.
 - Another enjoyable quiz with a few tricky ones lurking in there.
 - Thank you for this interesting quiz. I am renowned for my ability to kill anything that I plant so it was fun to deal with plants just on paper.
 - Took some research & assistance from my Green fingered daughter.
 - Being an enthusiastic gardener I thought it would be easy. How wrong I was!
 - Thank you for a blooming marvellous puzzle. I had fun re-arranging the floral mixtures.
 - I really enjoyed this quiz and was pleased with the number I was able to work out by myself without resorting to references. Thank you.
 - An enjoyable quiz that kept the neurons and synapses busy.
 - Thanks for providing some colour to my otherwise rather bare winter garden.
 - I liked best AGANTHUS, found hardest GAILLARDIAS.
 - Thank you *Busybodies* – a most appropriate quiz for Mother's Day! Some new flowers here for me – including Tibouchinas which took some finding. Glad to hear there was a rogue 's' in 21, as I had plumped for Ursinias!

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Cryptic <i>by</i> St Jude
Prizes: \$50
 Win! [2006 edn]

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Across

- 1 Cross person goes to church while in movement between seasonal pastures (12)
- 9 Hidden tomb openings in China (7)
- 10 Revolutionary held in gaol and flogged (7)
- 11 Inspire fashionable whisky (8)
- 12 Hold back some meat for the basket (6)
- 14 I put lacy trimming around diagram first to make it vivid (9)
- 16 Classed as soaked and scolded (5)
- 17 Anything or nothing I hear is without beginning (5)
- 19 Measure saving of making dyke enclosure (9)
- 22 Feels suture will hold back fray (6)
- 23 Melanie is familiar with an old mother's disease (8)
- 26 Put together split disc about vacation (7)
- 27 Identification of specialist department in charge of matching diplomatic actions (7)
- 28 Finished a fool before messy date – too excited! (12)

- 2 Sailor finds unknown ship in the depths (5)
- 3 Caledonian Charlie leaves drunk (7)
- 4 Unsettled, twisted, cliched nun (10)
- 5 Although old, solution has partial whiteness (4)
- 6 Pirate ship (7)
- 7 Man uses appropriate technology to start institute for bread (8)
- 8 Loved being not quite dressed ... (6)
- 13 ... slavering over leg ribbons (10)
- 15 Clown of the king is more majestic (8)
- 17 Anti-tank harness used for the assault (6)
- 18 Most risk disappears as revivalist moves to capital (3,4)
- 20 Most orderly retreat overwhelmed, consumed (7)
- 21 Looked at first girl getting pierced (7)
- 24 Group commanding officer at Vietnamese offensive (5)
- 25 American's bad smell is somewhat god-ordained (4)

Down

- 1 Fastening Tom perhaps sent back to George, for example (7)

Explanations for June Puzzles, where provided by the compilers. Thank you Catherine and John

June Slot 2. Across: 1 AT anag MOBMOB, 5 some L(OSS IF Y) OU, 9 anag VERSACES, 10 anag SEAFRONT-NO, 12 P(quiet) RE(about) CEDING(relinquishing), 13 defn+LAUGHING, 14 Barrier REEF knot, 16 TWIN in ENE, 19 about=RE shower=MODEL, 21 vale (as SAID) = VEIL, 24 anag RICH+O, 25 K=start of kick, 27 dbl defn, 28 FRUIT=lemon ION=particle, 29 electronic card=SIM, REM=unit of radiation(reversed), 30 anag CITYMESS. Down: 1 defn + AC + CEP + T, 2 defn + O(PEN)ER, 3 defn + B RAVE, 4 MA'S TIFF + defn, 6 anag ATHEIST GP , 7 anag I PRINTED 3down=brave, 8 YARD= allotment AGES= very long time, 11 ERGO back, 15 anag CURED ANNE (askew), 17 dbl defn, 18 dbl defn, 20 dbl defn, 21 VIC + YORE back, 22 defn + A DI(a girl) in RUM (spirit) , 23 ELIZAB (ETH + NIC) HOLDS, 26 SAINT George = NRL team.

June Slot 5. ACROSS: 1. BAR+MOOR (4D reversed); 5. hw; 10. A 'GAG'; 12. NICE = French!; 13. hw; 14: MATE (anag.)+ WORK; 16. [R] EVOLUTION+IS+TS; 19. CO+N(FRONT)ATION; 23. A+DUMB+RA+L; 25. Homophone; 27. PAR[IS]; 28. SA(L)VAGE+ABLE; 31. DOLL+OPS; 32. A 'GAG'. DOWN: 1. Homophone; 2. anag. OF I+ENTER+U; 3. OFF + COLOUR; 4. DDef; 5. CONGENI(T)AL; 6. = E(N)D; 7. I+MA+GOES; 8. THICKE(S)T; 11. Homophone; 15. DDef; 17. NO(I)SE+LESS; 18. DDef; 20. anag. OF U+LEARNT; 21. NO+TABLE; 22. AS+SE[A]TS; 24. B[R]I[T]S; 26. A+LAG rev; 29. A+MP (amplifier).

General Comments cont'd:

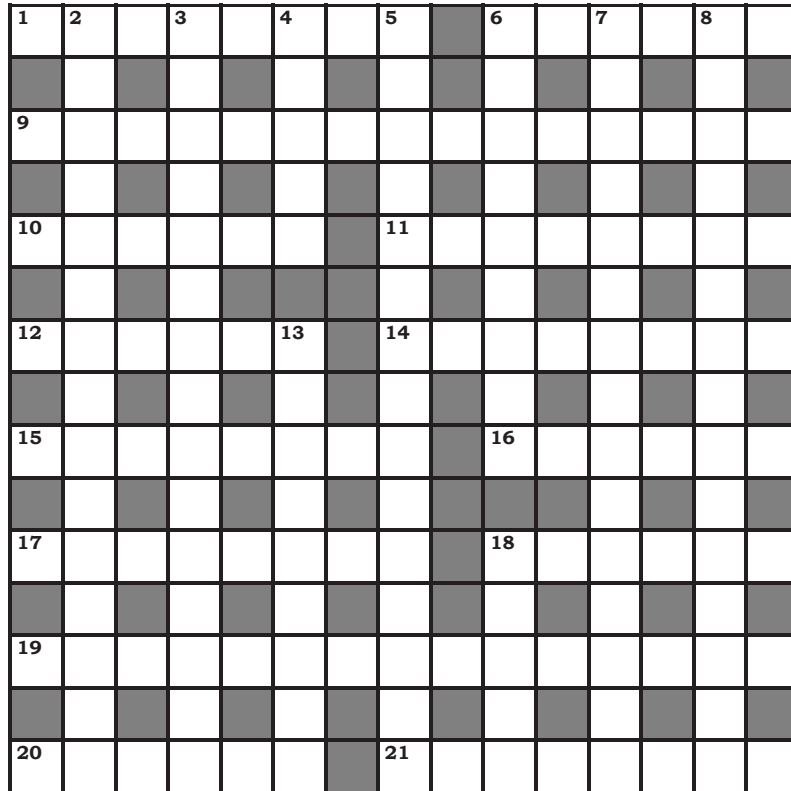
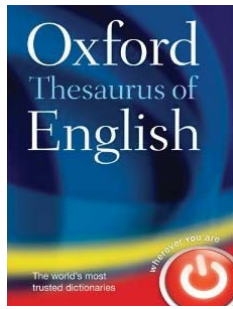
- Many thanks for my prize – the *Chambers Thesaurus*, a wonderful, much-needed addition to my library. Sally Knight
- My only trouble is having to fill out the “good grids”. I go cross-eyed copying from the worksheet to the G.G. However, it’s only once a month and I’m not sure it had nothing to do with the astronomical heights my blood pressure reached early in the month. Maybe it’s because the doctor has restricted me to one glass of wine per day! (My doctor recommended I try smaller glasses – dB) Ted O'Brien
- There were some challenging clues this month; many that needed to “stew” before popping out. Thanks you to all who keep this club going. Now I wait to see if my efforts translate into dots this month. Judy Mitchell

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Cryptic by Crowsman

Prize:

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Across

- 1 Celebrity hungers, missing a range of carbohydrates (8)
- 6 Type of security at party? (6)
- 9 Bad writer's fired around start of year – it has legitimacy! (6,9)
- 10 Over-exercises with weights (6)
- 11 Conceited people abuse his badge (8)
- 12 Confines receivers (6)
- 14 Main conductor, perhaps, has smooth musical instrument (4,4)
- 15 Partner in syndicate is recovering (8)
- 16 Put on guide for stupid person (6)
- 17 Bloomer type of error – one should ring it (8)
- 18 Call a halt around end of December, and fold (6)
- 19 Centre-Left cries out in part of Middle East (7,8)
- 20 One glaring provoked arrest (6)
- 21 A large number surrounded South Eastern movie director (8)

Down

- 2 On-line disruption has shopkeeper ringing in with complaint (5,10)
- 3 Deny a "Pass" by reader for Lonnie Donegan's dad (6,9)
- 4 Lobbies Annie and Ben, for example (5)
- 5 Bars acrobatics inside small areas (9-6)
- 6 Small dwarf inhales hard, like a pulse (9)
- 7 E-mails relations (15)
- 8 Energizers provide an alternating current to iron-workers (15)
- 13 One whining when French wine is held up by vendor (9)
- 18 Belief in Sacred Orders (5)

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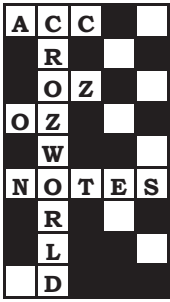
General Comments cont'd from p4:

- A few mindbenders but all up an enjoyable exercise.
- Not so easy this month.
- Fingers crossed as usual.
- I remember a dreadful month when you were marking last year and I got them ALL WRONG. Please be kind!!! (no complaints this year – dB)
- That photo Paulina took makes me look either pensive, or dozing off. It couldn't have been the latter at such a delightful gathering.
- Thank you for my May Slot 2 prize. Also, Patrick, for the calligraphy.
- Thanks, Doug, for taking on the adjudication this month. Lots of work, but really quite fun.
- Apologies for messy page – I'm away from home without Whiteout, jetlagged and feeling the chill after lovely warm France. (messy? looked splendid to me – dB).
- A tricky but very enjoyable selection of puzzles. Quite a few unfamiliar words (CANAKIN, OERLIKON, IMAGOES) and familiar words with unexpected meanings (EMBOLISM, SIEGE).

*Bob Hagan
Carole Noble
Valerie Howard
Del Kennedy
Joan McGrath
Bev Solomon
Betty Siegman
Cheryl Wilcox
Brian Symons*

Not Happy, Jan:

I must lodge an objection to the ruling in May's Slot 2, VERSES vs VERSUS. If 43 members opted for VERSUS then there is no way that the answer was clearly poetry VERSES. It depends how members read the clue and where the emphasis lies. *Barb Ibbott*



CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2011: Our Annual Victorian Get-together this year will be **Christmas in July** and will be held at noon on Sunday 31 July at the Royal Oak Hotel, 442 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy. We already have quite a few attending but we need quite a few more. Help! Please. It's only \$35 per head. Pay on the day. Bookings and enquiries to Patrick Street, ph (03) 9347 1216 or email: pstreet@bigpond.net.au anytime now please. There will be an exciting Crossword, a Quiz and plenty of prizes! Not to mention a lovely warming open fire. Come along and join in the merriment! We look forward to renewing acquaintances!

Results of the May Bonus Quiz: A Mixed Bunch by The Busybodies (Carole Noble and Bev Cockburn)

Prize Winner: Jan Pearce. Congratulations to all those with perfect scores.

Answers: 1 Agapanthus 2 Begonias 3 Calendulas 4 Dahlias 5 Easter Daisy 6 Fuchsia 8 Gaillardias 9 Iceland Poppy 10 Japonicas 11 Kingcup 12 Lavender 13 Mignonette 14 Nasturtiums 15 Oleander 16 Petunia 17 Quince Blossoms 18 Red Hot Pokers 19 Strelitzias 20 Tibouchinas 21 Ursinias 22 Veronica 23 Wolf's Bane 24 Xanthiums 25 Yuccas 26 Zinnias.

Scores: 26: D and A Callan, G Cole, R Dorrell, P Dearie, A Dyer, J Evans, J Fowler, H Freeman, R Gardiner, P Garner, B Glissan, T de Grys, K Harper, N Hazell, P Heath, L Howard, S Howells, B Hull, C Jones, J McGrath, T McPherson, J Martin, A Miles, J Pearce, M Roddick, S Roulston, A Shield, A Simons, M Steinberger, R Taylor, A Walter, N Wilson and R. Wimbush. **25½:** M Barnard, V Dinham, V Howard, D Jones, S May, J Mitchell, M Potts, B

Siegmán, J Smith and N Storey. **25:** A Austin, J Barbour, A Jermy, C McClelland, J McGrath and D Procter. **24½:** R Caine, G Leeds and T O'Brien. **23:** L Waites.

Adjudicators' Comments:

Several ½ points were lost by members leaving off an S or in one case adding an S. There were one or two spelling mistakes (Lavendar) and one or two missing answers, one deliberate, and we suspect, one accidental. **NB.** Solvers, please remember to read the items in each *Crozworld*, usually on page 9, headed **Member News**, in the section **Puzzle Adjustments** where any mistakes or problems are notified. We received several entries after the June *Crozworld* was issued still commenting on Anagram 21 even though all was explained in that section to members.

Many thanks to all those who congratulated me for winning the "Can We Help" Crossword competition. Your comments have given me a great deal of pleasure.

—Bev Cockburn

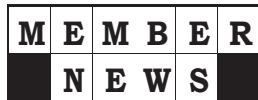
Members' Comments:

- As a teenager I worked in the artificial flower department of a big city store. One day I was given the task of listing all the flowers in an arrangement that was to go into the main street display window. This I did and my boss signed it. I took it to the ticket writer who copied the list and her boss signed it. The window dresser placed it beside the floral arrangement for all to see. About three weeks later an elderly chap came to me at the counter and asked "Who's the galah who spelt 'gaillardias' like that?" I'm glad I wasn't the only one to think 'galahdias' was okay! Carole Noble

- I'm quite pleased that 22 of the anagrams I managed to solve without the aid of software or anagram books. Mike Potts

- I love anagrams and had fun with these while watching TV. Joan Smith

- I loved some of the anagrams especially 2, 4, 10, 15 and 16. Betty Siegman



New Members: James Groves from Cook ACT (a Gift Membership from Kay and Ian Williams), **Graeme Smith** of Port Fairy, Vic (a Gift Membership from Mary Thomas) and **Julie Winfield** from Lathlain, WA. Welcome to the Wonderful World of *Crozworlding!*

May Puzzles adjustments: Correct: Barbour J: Slots 2,3,5; Barnes J: Slots 3-5; Callan A&D: Slots 1-5; Chester C: Slot 5; Colgan L: 1, 3-5; Ducker R: Slots 1-4; Dyer A: Slots 3-4; Harper K: Slots 2-5; Lloyd G: Slots 3-5; Morris B: Slots 2, 4; Parsons D: Slots 1-5; Potts M: Slots 1-5; Trollope S: Slots 2-5; Veress M: Slot 2; Wenham J: Slots 2-4. [Our sincere apologies for these omissions from the last *Crozworld*]

A Plea from our Set-up Person Ian Williams: For a while the *Macquarie Concise Dictionary* given by the ACC as prizes contained a CD ROM version. After my computer crash I lost the version installed on the computer and (after our house clearance for decorating) I've managed to lose the disk. The computer version is very, very useful and saves me a lot of time in checking definitions when I'm assessing crosswords for the magazine. For some unknown reason *Macquarie* does not produce a version that one can buy! If any former prizewinner has one of the CD ROMs that they don't use (maybe still in the pocket in the back of the dictionary?) I'd be very grateful. I'll be more than happy to pay for postage and packing. Looking forward to hearing from you. *Ian Williams* (contact details on p1)

The Australian Oxford Dictionary WORD OF THE MONTH

boodie *n.* (also **boodie rat**) the burrowing rat-kangaroo *Bettongia lesueur*, formerly widespread on mainland Australia but now rare or extinct except on islands off the Western Australian coast. [ORIGIN: Nyungar *burdi*.]

The Australian Oxford Dictionary, Second Edition, 2004.
Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$115.00 ISBN 9780195517965

July 2011 Bonus Quiz by dB

Our Mobile Society

ACCess Communications® reserves button-coded phone numbers for customers who happen to have 6-letter surnames. Whose are the following (all currently active members of ACC, first four digits suppressed to protect their privacy)? For instance xxxx-288 537=BUTLER. No extra points, but please add a given name if you know it. Below is a graphic of a mobile phone.

1	ABC	DEF
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PQRS	TUV	WXYZ
7	8	9

Send your entries to Doug Butler, PO Box 303 Oaklands SA 5046. e-mail to d.butler@internode.on.net

Closing date 12 August 2011. Book prize. Doug is awarding a brand new Franklin Pocket Electronic Dictionary (*Chambers* version) as a bonus prize for this quiz. Only to members who don't have a computer, and will be drawn from all entries not just those who get

it 100% correct. Kindly indicate on your entry if you would like to be in the draw.

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June 1-2011: Half 'n Half by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

- No real hassles apart from 15ac (Thanks Graeme – it's not often I laugh out loud at a wrong guess but equating ROMEO and "macho warrior" tickled my funnybone – dB) and 35dn OFFERS – I don't understand how "bitter vetch" fits in. (OFF + ERS=bitter vetch – dB) *Graeme Cole*
- Can't find TWIST BIT in any of my dictionaries (In Chambers' *Dictionary of Science and Technology*, but a good cryptic clue should, and obviously did, deliver the solution to unfamiliar terms – dB). *Peter Dearie*
- The only part of 7dn I understand is "ambience" (yes, not a good surface reading – dB) *Tony de Gryz*
- I enjoyed 23dn, noting that there was a "bit" of a red herring in the clue! *Alan Dyer*
- I really feel a bit ancient when pence are described as old coins – groats and farthings maybe, but pence! Re 26ac: Nowt is a delightful word and I was strongly reminded of a sort of folk song from, I think, the seventies by *Fivepenny Piece* – from Lancashire "Without a doubt, They'll tell you owt/ They must think that we know nowt/ Prices rising, not surprising/ Just watch out they'll tell you owt". *Jim Fowler*
- Rather difficult for an opener, which has been the case in the last few *CrozworlDs*. I'm not happy with 39ac, as SIEGE doesn't really mean "investment". *Barb Ibbott*
- None of my sources intimated "investment" as either SIEGE or SIEVE, but my best friend (Wonderwoman Wimbush) located SIEGE ... so thank you Robyn! *Dale McManus*
- Jesso's finesse lives on, in 8 & 23dn particularly. *Max Roddick*
- A fair start to the month. PEDICAB was last (needed help). *Anne Simons*
- Nice start for the month. *Joan Smith*
- Slot one took me ages and the final clue to complete the puzzle, after many dictionaries and I hope correctly, was 'siepe'. [sorry, Lynne – SIEGE –adj] *Lynne Spicer*
- Thanks to Noel for a more than "Half" challenging puzzle. *Alan Walter*

June 2-2011: Cryptic by Cha-Cha (Catherine Hambling)

- My COTM goes to Slot 2 ENDURANCE but also particularly liked *Cha-Cha's* REEF. *Bev Cockburn*
- I don't understand 18dn (EMBOLISM). *Graeme Cole*
- I found this one challenging, although not the most challenging of this month's issue. 23dn is my pick for COTM, reading really smooth. *Alan Dyer*
- 2dn kept me guessing for a while. *Barb Ibbott*
- KICKSTART deserved its exclamation! 18 dn EMBOLISM – a new meaning for this word for me. *Mike Potts*
- INTREPID fits for 7dn but I don't see the definition. *Max Roddick*
- Found this one rather difficult. Not too sure about 25ac or 7dn. *Anne Simons*
- 25ac 'Gee up K!' very clever, one of those lovely clues that I need the other letters to point me in the right direction. *Lynne Spicer*
- Challenging cryptic: liked 2dn OPENER. Would appreciate an explanation for 27ac if Orient is correct [just a double definition in the sense of to place or fit correctly – Adj]. *Joan Smith*
- I liked 29ac, but am doubtful about some of my other answers! *Nea Storey*
- A testing puzzle. 25ac: (Gee up K! = KICK START) was a clever clue. *Alan Walter*

June 3-2011: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- 10ac is a classic. Canberra is in the CT, but is not "the ACT". *Alan Dyer*
- 5dn was a bit of a poser. *Barb Ibbott*
- Loved all of Shirl's clues as per usual. *Del Kennedy*
- Loved STOOPS: so often my mistakes with Croz! Also loved PEROXIDE – the last solve of Slot 3 for me. *Dale McManus*
- Liked MARSHY, DIVERS and best of all DECLENSION. *Max Roddick*
- I liked the clues for PEROXIDE, ETCHER and HOUR. *Bev Solomon*
- This one took a while, but some great clues, especially BANGLE, SPARSE and PEROXIDE. *Anne Simons*
- Enjoyable puzzle though I do not like this type of grid for a normal cryptic. *Joan Smith*

- *Southern Cross* is always such a delight! I gave 1dn my vote for COTM. Other favourites were 15ac, 17ac, 16dn and 19dn. *Nea Storey*
- Thanks Shirl, for another good cryptic. 2dn (Arch support = PIER) looks non-cryptic to me so why the "??". ESCAPOLOGY was brilliant! *Alan Walter*
- 1dn arrived just a few minutes ago as I was dealing with the toast – just in time to catch the mail! *Judy Mitchell*

June 4-2011: AJ by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- Enjoyed all the puzzles. Finding a COTM was hard, but PAWPAW was a beauty. *Bill Bennett*
- ITERANCE – I assume "echo" = E? MENU – "dishes" would be a better synonym. *Graeme Cole*
- I found this very challenging this time: still not confident about "D". I thought "C" was a good clue. "S" required some local knowledge. *Alan Dyer*
- A little dubious about the S clue being Stuart Diver. It did not spring to mind at all and needed a bit of serious Googling. With the U clue – Uneven is a hidden word both backwards and forwards in "opportune venue". How unusual. *Jim Fowler*
- A well-constructed AJ; enjoyable to complete. *Barb Ibbott*
- Always my favourite, and as usual a 4-letter word (DOOR) held me up to the bitter end. ATTESTATION took almost forever too! Loved NOEL, when I realised the exclamation mark was NOT an "L". *Dale McManus*
- D: DOOR was neat. *Mike Potts*
- I always enjoy an AJ and this one was a beauty! But I do hope I've chosen the right D word. *Max Roddick*
- Again, an enjoyable AJ. Took a long time to twig STUART DIVER. DOOR and CANAKIN (not in my references) came last. Loved clue for PAWPAW. *Anne Simons*
- D clue – a real puzzler to me, the only word that vaguely fits is 'door' which I am not happy with but the only thing I could come up with. So either I am right and missing the connection or very wrong, and of course when the correct answer is revealed it is always so very easy! *Lynne Spicer*
- It took me a while to get REARVISION – very clever. It took even longer to justify DOOR – until I remembered *Virgo* compiles those tricky link quizzes that I can never get out! *Nea Storey*
- Thanks, Audrey for a testing AJ. ITERANCE: "pops in" seems inadequate for a scramble of E+CURTAIN. *Alan Walter*

June 5-2011: Cryptic by Pindar (John Brotherton)

- 1dn: use of old spelling made confirmation of this answer interesting. *Alan Dyer*
- 1dn has me a bit worried. It has to be either Broach or Brooch. Is the rumour about Bring up or Pin? I opted for Broach but I think that either would be a correct solution to the clue. Clearly 29 is a current clue but met a bit of resistance in getting on the page. Do you have an insurance policy to cover this sort of snafu? – with AMP of course! *Jim Fowler*
- Once again a puzzle which could have two acceptable answers BROOCH/BROACH. *Barb Ibbott*
- With "sounds like" in the middle, either could be right. *Ann Jermy*
- I'm undecided whether to go for BROOCH or BROACH. Ian never allowed me to place the "sounds like" indicator in the middle of the clue, and I'll bet it traps quite a few of us. He must have overlooked it this time. *Carole Noble*
- I think 1dn is poor cluing. *Doreen Jones* (similar comments from Roy Taylor, Alan Walter and others)
- Loved the tired kangaroo (OUT OF BOUNDS)! Almost gave BERTHS my COTM but as usual a 4-letter word scored. SALVAGEABLE appealed tremendously too. *Dale McManus*
- I particularly enjoyed *Pindar's* "speechless artist" and "not the brightest child" clues. *Sandra May*
- I thought the clue for 29dn was, at first, a missing part. (!) *Mike Potts*
- Hard! Unsure of 24dn. EVOLUTIONISTS and BERTHS gave me some trouble, and it was ages before I twigged DOLLOPS! THICKEST was a good clue. *Anne Simons*
- BROACH or Brooch for 1dn gave me a headache: finally settled on Broach. What happened to 29dn? [Just a small gremlin - IMW]. Challenging puzzle with good clues. Especially liked 14 and 25ac. *Joan Smith*
- Clever clue for 22dn. *Nea Storey*

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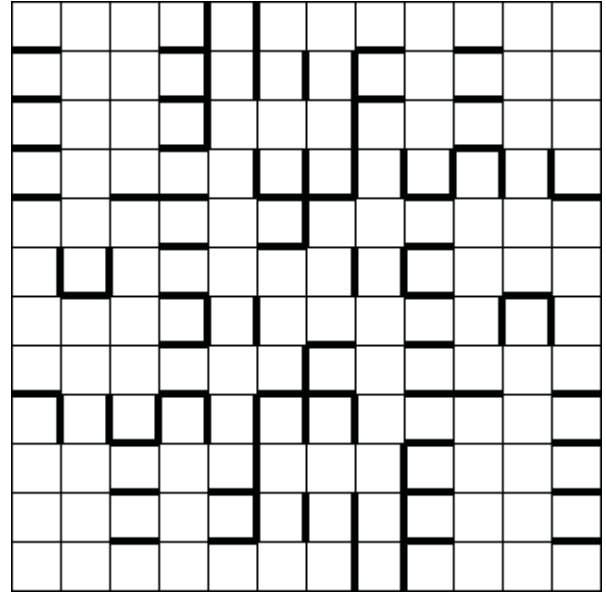
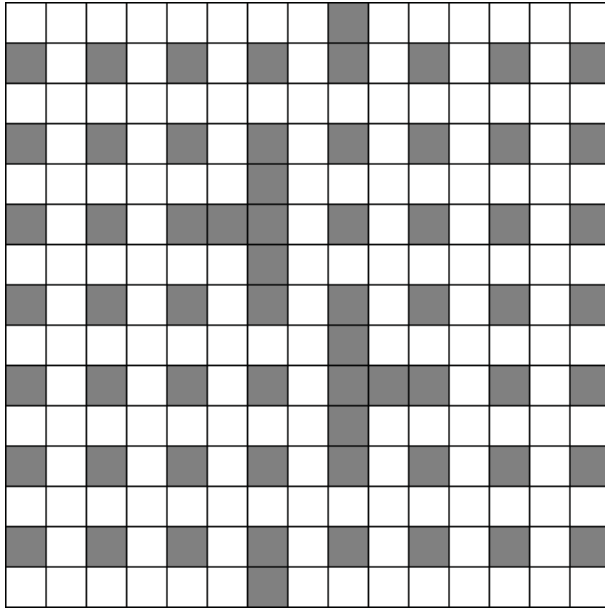
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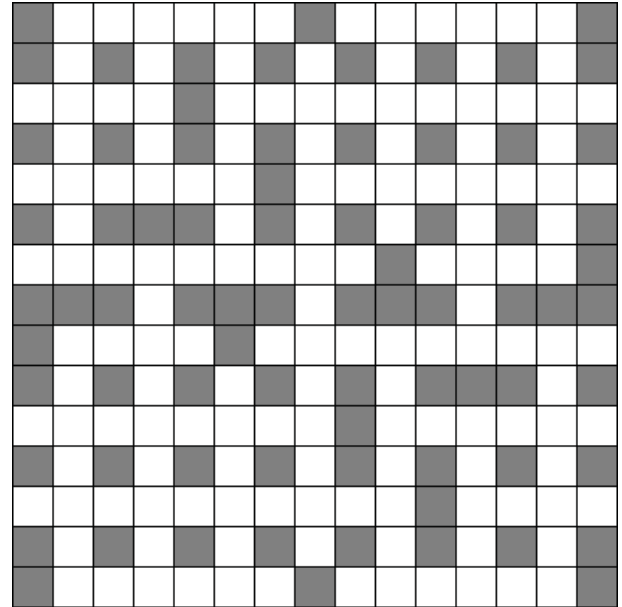
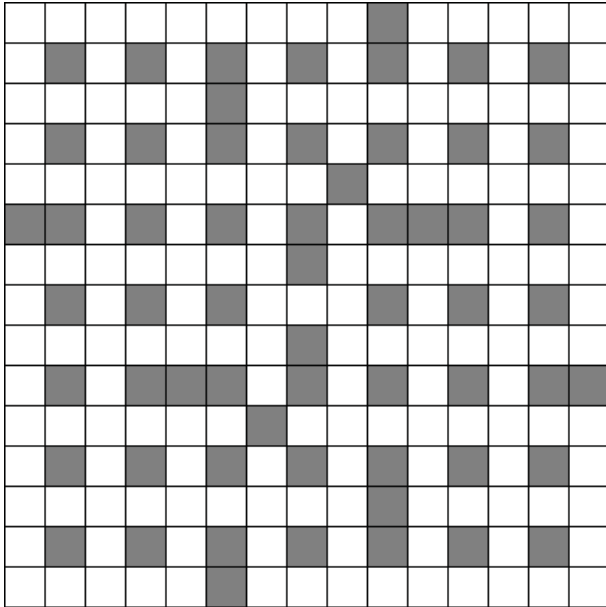
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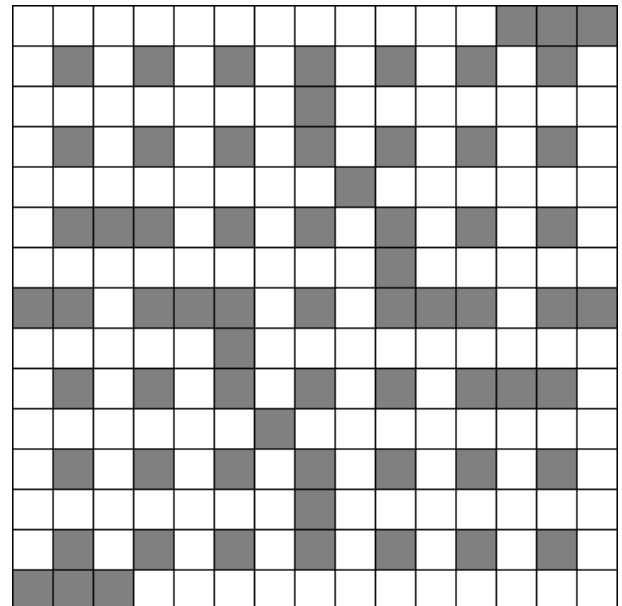
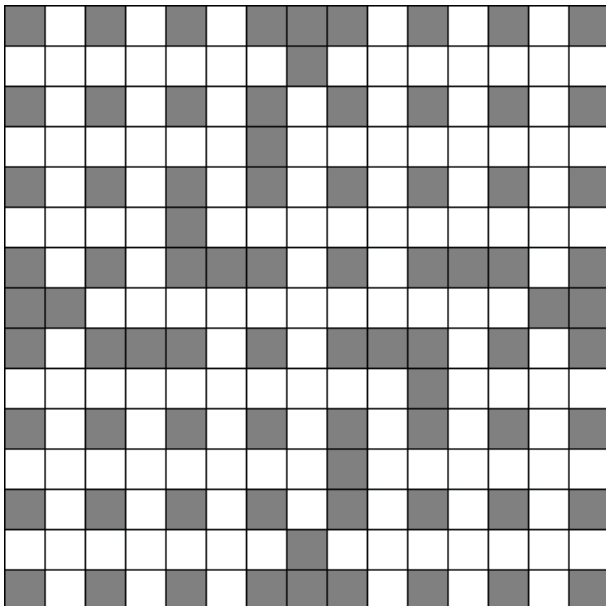
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Clue of the Month

May 6-2011: "Well since my baby left me"

by Raoul (William Ryan)

Entries: 61. Correct: 61. Success Rate: 100.0%. Abuse Rate: 92.7%.

Prizes: I typed, and cut out, all the correct entry names, put them in a wine bucket (semi-empty), drawing two out, and sticking them to my forehead, before heading out on the tiles. Upon looking in the mirror the next morn, I read the following:

notsluoR ainoS – Wins *The Oxford Thesaurus of English*.

sllewoH nasuS. One Member correctly pointed out that Raoul is, in fact, the '62 Rene Pogel referred to, and, as such, is not mailable. I have replaced him with an excellent bottle of Heathcote Shiraz which will be en route anon.

Adjudicator's Comments:

I joined the Club in 1992, and was informed that Slots 1 through 5 fit a certain standard of difficulty, convention and style. Slots 6 & 7 were deemed to be the home of the less orthodox. I read that as a licence for 'anything goes'. Needless to say, despite appearing in *CrOZworld* numerous times, I have never been published in the front section of the magazine. Thank you for the dog droppings in a box. And the voodoo doll with pins inserted in the most intimate of places. The crayon-drawn 'Hangman' picture with 'This is Raoul' subscribed, hangs upon my wall. There were also some very nice cards: I am having them tested for Ricin. I received one beach-featured postcard making fun of our token winter: 'Weather is here, wish you were beautiful'. Which reminds me of the great postcard: 'Having a wonderful time; wish you were her'. I was going to deduct points for swearing but then the success rate would have dropped to <18%. I could not justify Siecles for Sheilas, but after copping so much flak, the one entry that had the former put up a good enough argument, so no points lost for SHEILAS. Roy Roy the Butchers Boy sent me photos of his buck's party, c.1912.—**Raoul (William Ryan)**

Explanations: Across: 9. trotter(horse)/pig's trotter, 10. Stroke & bow positions in a rowing crew 11. Fr+(rowing)eight 12. (Bearded food)clam+our 13.14lb=stone+chat(potato) 15. Sight for sore eyes (hom) 16. (T)all (N)egro 19. Three (3 down) = Stag [party] whence said sheilas jump out of a cake. Sorry. It seemed humorous at the time. 20. Act in Ci (unit Curie) 21. DDef 25. Dude rancher 26. earl+ier 28. here in tin 29. Stet+ son = tit-for-tat (hat) **Down:** 1. Corpse and do not leave a gratuity 2. Ddef 3. Stag party 4. "Amazing Grace..." 5. English cricket opener Geoffrey Boycott and son 6. Broads+he+et = newspaper (Age) 7. Im+mortal 8. ENT = rusts (Alan Walter tells me ENT is the specialist. I think both?). 14. "mad dogs and Englishmen..." 16. A+C+ curate 17. Publican could be the licensee of an hotel less re(about) 18. Buttons on keyboard 22. Hidden 23. diplomats* less PLO 24. Boob=err + = and. 27. Two Es (hom) in Road.

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

- Why 'Well, since my baby left me'? I guess the reference to 'Heartbreak Hotel'...Is that your pen name for the HPH? Back to the puzzle it was difficult but fair, thanks. But I don't get SHEILAS. Please explain. *Bev Cockburn*
- Good one, Bill! *Bill Bennett*
- I'm sending this in even though I'm not sure about SHEILAS. All I can think of is Three refers to 3D birds but what then does cake jumpers mean? *Marian Procter*
- Not too sure about the title! I trust it doesn't mean you have split with your girl or that the hotel is proving to be a heartache would rather put it down to clever sense of humour! *Nea Storey*
- Thank you for another of your unique crosswords. Your clues are very different which is so refreshing. No one in the Club would ever clue 19ac like you! *Doreen Jones*
- Wow! This crossword was so much fun! *Sonia Roulston*
- I'm lovin' it, Raoul! Sorry, someone at the door... O. Bin Laden. What on earth does 19ac [SHEILAS] mean? *Betty Siegman*
- Do not let this fellow contribute again. Anon (Figtree Gully! I know where you live!)
- I wonder if SHEILAS describe themselves as 'cake jumpers' on their resumes? *Peter Dearie*
- What a challenge! Took me ages but great fun. *Fay Copland*
- A very tricky crossword. Not sure if SHEILAS is correct but cannot think of anything else that fits in. *Ann Jermy*
- BROADSHEET is a worthy COTM candidate. *Ian McKenzie*
- I want Raoul to father my love child. *Lady GaGa*
- Thanks for an 'uneasy', unusual and fun cryptic. *Brian Symons*
- Well done. Fun to do. You should definitely do more! *zinzan*
- Your brain is on a different plane to mine. *Carole Noble*
- Thanks for a great puzzle. I really enjoyed it once I got on

your wavelength, although I have no idea what 19ac [SHEILAS] means?

- Brian Tickle*
- Ro Ducker*
- I've got the flutes ready!
- So, your baby left you & you own a pub. Way to go! *Tony Dobebe*
- You have a most twisted and different brain. Really loved it and great satisfaction in solving it. Of course, there are some who would say I need to get a life! *InGrid*
- Thank you for the plethora of deviously different and quite difficult clues. I tried to fit in 'horsemeat' but clearly such culinary delights are not to be found at HPH. *Jim Fowler*
- Thanks for an entertaining puzzle. Overall, this was both clever and a Humorous Puzzle Hit (HPH). You deserve a magnum of congratulations. *Alan Walter*
- Quirky & enjoyable. I needed Google to confirm 'wretch'. Favourite clues were ACCURATE and ERRAND especially. *Len Colgan*
- As usual enjoyed your special brand of clueing. Never confident of my answers until everything ties together and even then have a sense of impending doom. *Jack Stocks*
- Found this quite challenging but finally saved by Grace. Favourite clues were 13 and 16ac and 16 and 27dn. *Joan Smith*
- 19ac: incomprehensible but I hope SHEILAS is right! *Tony de Gry*
- Herewith your very testing Slot 6. Not sure about a couple. At least the brain got a workout! *Bob Hagan*
- Thanks for a great puzzle. Particularly liked EARLIER, AMIDST and, of course, ERRAND. Unfortunately 19ac has stumped me. I can't get to first base with any aspect of it. I hope that the answer is SHEILAS and if so I look forward to seeing why. *Jeremy Barnes*
- Is the use of 'three' and 'fourteen' rather than '3' and '14' a bit unorthodox? *Denis Coates*
- Thanks, William. This was excellent! *David Grainger*
- Most enjoyable. REED and ERRAND brought a big smile! *Andrew Miles*
- Couldn't get started for a long time. Some great clues: STETSON, TROTTER and LICENSEE. *Anne Simons*
- Have been hanging onto this for a while mainly because of 19ac not at all sure about SHEILAS but it seems to be the only word which will fit in so here goes. Not sure whether 3dn (stags) is meant to be part of the clue although it does seem to fit in with the "cake jumpers" idea: have a picture in my mind of an office party with Miss Frobisher from the Planning Dept leaping out of a giant cake wearing only her glasses. I wonder if anyone eats the cake later? Still mystified as to why the answer is "sheilas" though, so it may be quite wrong. Hope 27dn REED is right. Heard him interviewed once on ABCFM. He'd had a few boosters beforehand, and then halfway through he said he had to go, and ten minutes later they went off looking for him, but he never came back everyone guessed the pub probably. Found this puzzle most enjoyable, and especially liked ALLEGRO, STETSON, STIFFS and ACCURATE. *Gillian Champion*
- Thanks for tricky effort; ground to a halt several times, but eventually made it, I think. Looking forward to seeing you at the end of the year if my ban on touring is lifted, that is. Cheers! *Roy Wilson*
- Thank you for your puzzle. Sheilas had me stumped for a while. I hope your present hostelry is not 'Heartbreak Hotel' – that would be awful. *Margaret Davis*
- G'day, Raoul, attached is my attempt at your most interesting puzzle. Took a while and answers gradually came, usually after a dose of draught!!!! I am of sure of 15ac ... please explain. *Drover's Dog*
- Thank for an interesting puzzle, but I must admit I am bamboozled by 'these cake jumpers'? I suspect that Mrs Peignor, from *Faulty Towers*, would say, 'You naughty man', when learning of the 'Rene Pogel'. *Robyn Caine*
- This one's got the lot – food, music, sport, religion, noted watering hole, Noel Coward – and a healthy dose of testosterone to boot! Mucho machismo. *Kath Harper*
- A toughie and a few guesses for me. Thanks! *Veniece Lobsey*
- There are so many clever and delightful clues in this puzzle that I am sorry that I have not been able to feel sure of some of my answers. *Ted O'Brien*
- Some clever clues, some curly ones, some guesswork answers. *Maurice Cowan*
- I enjoyed this, but SHEILAS is a guess. *Jill Freeland*
- If you really have TROTTERS on the menu, I might make a trip to Sydney to try them out! *Susan Howells*
- Thanks for this puzzle – your clues are just a bit different, and that makes solving that much more interesting and satisfying. My favourite here was EARLIER. Thanks again. *Mike Potts*

Quiz No 7/2011



by *Virgo*

Quiz 7/2011: 'Reel' Women Quiz by *Virgo*

Name the movies in which the named actress portrayed the real woman. Answers are not in alphabetical order.

Send your entry to:

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Closing date 12 August 2011. Book Prize.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Natasha Richardson as Mary Shelley (6) 2 Judi Dench as Queen Elizabeth I (11,2,4) 3 Esther Williams as Annette Kellerman (7'1,8) 4 Sally Field as Betty Mahmoody (3,7,2,8) 5 Julie Andrews as Gertrude Lawrence (4) 6 Greta Garbo as Marie Walewska (8) 7 Mitzi Gaynor as Lotte Crabtree (6,4) 8 Merle Oberon as George Sand (1,4,2,8) 9 Glynis Johns as Mary Tudor (3,5,3,3,4) 10 Greta Scacchi as Diana Delves Broughton (5,8) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11 Jane Fonda as Lillian Hellman (5) 12 Genevieve Bujold as Anne Boleyn (4,2,3,8,4) 13 Meryl Streep as Isabel Allende ((5,2,3,7) 14 Kerry Fox as Janet Frame (2,5,2,2,5) 15 Margaret Leighton as Flora McDonald (6,6,7) 16 Diana Dors as Phyllis Hochen (3,6,4) 17 Bridget Fonda as Mandy Rice Davies (5) 18 Sigourney Weaver as Queen Isabella (date: 8,2,8) 19 Bette Midler as Janis Joplin (3,4) 20 Virginia McKenna as Violette Szabo (5,3,4,4,5) |
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Results of Quiz No 5/2011.

Thirty three from Oz by *Searchlight* (Margaret Steinberger)

Truth (2010, Peter Temple) to tell, we were **The battlers** (1941, Kylie Tennant)—living in **The big smoke** (1959, Darcy Niland), we must have seemed like **A bunch of ratbags** (1965, William Dick). **Outlaw and lawmaker** (1893, Rosa Praed) were gathered together **In strange company** (1894, Guy Boothby) in the area **Down by the dockside** (1963, Criena Rohan). But in **Summer** (1964, Peter Cowan) we went **To the islands** (1958, Randolph Stow), where **The scent of eucalyptus** (1973, Barbara Hanrahan) was strong and the way past **The silent sea** (1892, Catherine Martin) brought us to **The well** (1986, Elizabeth Jolley). **The days of disillusion** (1926, Chester Cobb) were over, for time passed **And the day came** (1908, A Dorrington) when **My brilliant career** (1901, Miles Franklin) was sacrificed for **An outback marriage** (1906, AB Paterson). For I met my **Dreamboat** (1962, Geoff Taylor), a **Man of letters** (1981 Glen Tomasetti) whose visit to **My place** (1987, Sally Morgan) convinced me that **Intimate strangers** (1937, KS Prichard) could live **For love alone** (1944, Christina Stead), **Not counting the cost** (1895, 'Tasma'). I was **The shantykeeper's daughter** (1920, Vance Palmer), past **The age of consent** (1938, Norman Lindsay), so Father arranged **The permit** (1965, Donald Horne). For the ceremony—would you believe, at **Daybreak** (1932, Vance Palmer)—he gave me a horse of an odd **Dusty** (1946, Frank Dalby Davison) colour to **Ride on stranger** (1943, Kylie Tennant) still, **The golden dress** (1998 Marian Halligan) I was married in was enhanced by **A fringe of leaves** (1976, Patrick White). At the wedding feast we ate chicken (without a **Wishbone!** (1994, Marian Halligan) and drank **Rum and coca-cola** (1956, Ralph de Boissiere). **'Here's luck'** (1930, Lennie Lower) was the toast.

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The well (1986, Elizabeth Jolley)
My place (1987, Sally Morgan)
Wishbone! (1994, Marion Halligan)
The golden dress (1998, Marion Halligan)
Truth (2009, Peter Temple).

Winner: Carole Noble. Congratulations!

Results: 31: Carole Noble and Sonia Roulston. **30:** Bev Cockburn, Pat Garner, Andrew Miles and Alan Walter. **29:** Alan Dyer, Barbara Glissan, Trish McPherson and Joan Smith. **24:** Robyn Wimbush.

Adjudicator's Comments:

Congratulations and thank you to those who persisted with this in spite of the obstacles placed in your way, both planned and unplanned. You were looking for 33 Australian novels, so books of poetry and books by authors from the UK and US, Germany etc. were disallowed—while some leniency was given for some other titles that otherwise met the criteria. Your scores reflect the correct number of titles, regardless of chronological order. The winner was the person with the greatest number of correct titles in the correct order. —*Searchlight* (Margaret Steinberger)

Members' Comments:

- Many thanks for a super brain-racking puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- What a merry chase you sent us on. *Carole Noble*
- What a diabolical quiz! I've discovered there's been a book written on just about every word in the English language!
Robyn Wimbush
- What a quiz! I have spent hours researching all the titles in this ... then trying to get the chronological challenge was another matter altogether!
Pat Garner
- I would hardly call it a quiz but it certainly kept me occupied for many happy hours.
Bev Cockburn
- What an epic quiz! Far from being 'silly', I thought the passage read rather well!
Andrew Miles
- A seriously imaginative and difficult quiz. *Trish McPherson*
- This shook out a few cobwebs!
Sonia Roulston
- Many thanks ... though I have spent quite a lot of time on it, I have enjoyed the research.
Joan Smith

May 7-2011. Cryptic by *Betelgeuse* (Gillian Champion)

Entries: 40. Correct 18. Success rate: 55.0%.

Winner: Graeme Cole. Congratulations! [Solution see below]

Adjudicator's comments: Thank you for all your cards, letters and comments, which are always welcome. Unfortunately, nearly half of the entries had everything right except for one letter, arising from 12ac. KARABINER spelt with a C. Although the word was the right one, the spelling didn't really fit the clue [Race (-ARAB-) relations surround (K-IN-) + midterm (-ER)]. *Chambers* gives it with a K and says "also carabiner". It gives the origin as German, as does the *Oxford Dictionary of English* which describes it as a mountaineering term originating in the 1930s, short for "karabiner haken" or "spring hook". There were also a few SIGHTLESS instead of LIGHTLESS for 15dn. [Characteristic of ostrich (FLIGHTLESS) missing fine (F) = description of dark cave without the use of headlamp.] Strictly speaking you wouldn't be "sightless" in a cave although what you did see would be mainly black. Also, it's debatable whether "sightless" could be described as a characteristic of ostriches, although certainly they would be sightless when they shove their heads into the sand (if they really do?)

—*Betelgeuse* (Gillian Champion)

Solutions: ACROSS: 8. CAVE=Short way(-AVE short for avenue) behind introduction to climbing(C-)=ware! (CAVE! is slang for "ware!" or "take cover!") 9. SHAFT TOMBS=anagram of female (F), MOTHS and BATS. 10. WIND UP (double meaning) 11. BOWLINES=oddly easy(-ES)after short delivery(BOWLIN(g)) 12. KARABINER(as above) 13. CHASM=Cold(C-)meat(-HAM)including small(-S-) 16. RIPPLES=shafts lacks oxygen(-POLES minusO)after slash(RIP-)=marks on rocks. 17. FISSURE=following(F-)go out(ISSU-E)+right into(-R-)=opening 20.KNOTS (double meaning) 22. POTHOLING=hot work(-OTH-)in pushing(PO-LING) 24.TRANQUIL=recalled new art(rev)(TRA+N-)to cover(-QUIL(t)) timeless(minus T)quiet. 26. LICHEN=for example taps(H&C)into legal process(LI-EN)=growth. 27. SPELUNKERS=anagram of Nelssen and Prusik minus sin. 28. ROCK(double meaning).

DOWN: 1. NAVIGATION=one to nearly give (up) (-VIG+A-)in race(NATION)=course orientation. 2. HEADLAMP=pot(HE-MP) captivates a wayward lad (A+DLA-) 3. PSEPHITES=Clairvoyance on the rise(PSE-) soundly conflicts(-PHITES)type of rock. 4. MARBLED(streaked)=out in front(-LED)after first managing (M-) to get back support(-ARB-) 5. STEWS(hot baths) =anxieties arise (ST(A)EWS sweats rev.) but not about(A). *Chambers* gives A as an abbreviation for "about". 6. EOLITH= making HOLE+one-time(IT) 7. ABLE(can) =ABSEIL minus IS+right(anagind) 14. STRINGENCY(tightness)=(-ENC-)small enclosure in (STRING-Y)tough surroundings. 15. LIGHTLESS (see above) 18. SPLICERS=workers(-PLI-ERS)+caught inside(-C-) beyond the bend(S-) 19. BOULDER=turn(-U-)into(BO-LDER)more daring. 21. TANGLE=anag of ELEGANTminusE. 23. GUANO=Note number(G+NO)around middle of quad(-UA-). 25. ROPE=or back(RO-) +exercise(-PE).

Solvers' Comments:

- Another humdinger from Gillian. Theme-based and nicely crafted, it sent the brain into overdrive. *Len Colgan*
- Thanks for another superb cryptic. *Brian Symons*
- Your slot 7 cryptic was an absolute brain-stormer! In 8ac ware! = CAVE which is school slang for BEWARE! 12ac had to be spelt K+(ARAB)+IN +ER (not starting with a C). 16ac: POLES lack O to imply PLES after 'slash marks' on some rocks taken to imply carvings on tombstones such as RIP (Rest in Peace). This gives RIP+PLES; 26ac taps=CH(cold and hot) in LIEN= legal process giving LICHEN. 5dn STEWS are anxieties (ref. *Chambers*) but SWETS are not (taking STEWS about) STEWS are also old hot baths (ref. *Chambers*). 14dn: STRING+(ENC)+Y where STRINGY=tough and ENC=small enclosure. 18dn: S+PLI+(C)+ERS PLIERS=workers, C=caught inside, beyond=after the S bend. What a wonderful work-out of climbing and caving terms. The prolific cross-references to your puzzling numerical references made this puzzle super difficult. *Alan Walter*
- Your crosswords are always difficult but seriously enjoyable. Liked the mini caving theme. My last answer was MARBLED which was extremely obvious once I'd solved it, but I made very hard work of it. *Trish McPherson*
- I think this was a very well constructed and clued puzzle, with the theme very atmospheric. *Roy Taylor*
- Great puzzle. Just as well I have spelunkers in the family! *Pat Lord*
- I didn't have a rope but this puzzle sent me to the depths of despair. I admit I got the wind-up, but after some spelunkers gave me a headlamp I was able, with navigation, to rise from the chasm and rock myself into a tranquil sleep. I'm glad I didn't cave in. *Carole Noble*
- Just sat down to knock this off whilst sons of *Raoul* were watching "Master Chef": close to two hours later have finished. Brilliant. Got 'spelunker' early so thought I had the theme, rock, rope came soon

after, then hit the (cave) wall! Outstanding puzzle. Best I have come across in *CrozWorld* for years: (I think your best?) Last in 'eolith! Thank you for a great work-out. *Raoul*

- Many thanks for an excellently difficult puzzle. It took a lot of getting into but all clues were eminently fair and unambiguous in solution. I did muse that perhaps a Spelunker could be another word for word puzzlers. *Jim Fowler*
- Well done to have so many themed words, even if it wasn't named a theme crossword. I know how hard that is!! *Ann Jermy*
- Your puzzle was a real challenge. All the cross-references made me wonder if I would ever get a toe-hold into the seemingly unclimbable cliff face confronting me. Fortunately, more by luck than skill, a pathway was opened by solving 27ac. Rope, carabiner and headlamp aided my quest. I was interested to note that *Chambers*, *Collins* and *Macquarie* dictionaries (or at least my edition) all give virtually the same definition of guano as sea bird manure, ignoring its application to micro-bats which roost in caves. This is mentioned in my 40-year-old *World Book Dictionary*. *Peter Dearie*
- What can I say???? PHEWWWWWWW!!! Lovely accurate clues but so hard to get a real go on. My favourite was KARABINER (although the purists will probably dispute midterm). Took ages to get the alternative spelling and so justify the answer. Well done. *Jack Stocks*
- Quite challenging, but I got there in the end. Thanks for your efforts. *Dave Parsons*
- Truly a Slot 7, Gillian. thank you! *David Grainger*
- You set difficult crosswords! This one was very tightly constructed, with so many cross-referenced clues, I was really foundering in a dark, deep pit – am certainly not about to take up caving! I liked the clue for 8ac – when it finally dawned on me! *Nea Storey*
- Well done: what a great puzzle! So many clues relating to the theme, how on earth did you manage it? I don't think I could go there if I was offered a small fortune to do so. I gave up on the puzzle many times in disgust, but I just couldn't leave it alone, it was beside me at breakfast every morning, and I HAD to keep plugging away. Not at all sure about 12ac ... probably wrong, but I am so pleased to at least have all the squares filled in. Please keep them coming, this one was s-o-o-o good. *Betty Siegman*
- Thanks, Gillian, for your puzzle. Tough but fair. *Doreen Jones*
- Got tied in knots with this one! Nearly gave up, as couldn't get started at all. Cannot confirm SHAFT TOMBS so have fingers crossed. *Anne Simons*
- Attached is my entry to your clever May slot 7 crossword, in which such a large number of clues were knotted together. I knew SHAFT TOMBS because I actually saw some very ancient ones last year in Ecuador. The "inhabitants" were buried sitting in a foetal position. *Susan Howells*
- A very enjoyable puzzle. "I finished her puzzle today, (The lady from down Metung way), Her cravin' for cavin' Aint misbehavin' But she spells carabiner with "K"". *Maurice Cowan*
- Thank you Gillian for this puzzle. *David Procter*
- This proved an excellent challenge, though I am not totally convinced about all my answers! *Pat Garner*
- I'm submitting this without real confidence in 5 & 14dn – I don't know how to justify them so I'm best guessing. It was good to have an interestingly different theme. *Andrew Patterson*
- Another challenging puzzle from *Betelgeuse*, and I'm not entirely confident about a couple of my answers. *Kath Harper*
- This was difficult – things improved when I found SPELUNKERS! Very well clued but 17ac has worried me for days, please explain. *Jill Freeland*
- Thank you for another challenging puzzle. *Robyn Caine*
- Thank you for a very challenging but perfectly fair puzzle. I studied geology for a while at Uni, but a couple of these had me stumped! *Mike Potts*
- I never thought I would finish this, let alone get started. *Marian Procter*
- 12ac was the hardest clue. I hope the answer is KARABINER but alternate spelling is CARABINER and I find it impossible to verify one or the other because of the obscurity of the description; assuming "link between 27 (spelunker) and 25 (rope) is the definition, the first part of the clue makes no sense to me. *Tony de Gry*

**Solution to Cryptic by *Betelgeuse*
May 2011 Slot 7**

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C	A	V	E	S	H	A
V	A	E	R	E	L	L
W	I	N	D	U	P	B
G	L	H	L	S	T	I
K	A	R	A	B	I	N
T	M	T	D	L	T	
R	I	P	P	L	E	S
O	S	B	G	P	I	
K	N	O	T	S	P	O
	A	G	U	T	I	G
T	R	A	N	Q	U	I
O	G	A	D	E	E	N
S	P	E	L	U	N	K
E	E	O	R	S	S	Y

Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 3/2011

Write a clue for TRIANGLE (8)

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy

Definition of TRIANGLE from Chambers (11th Edition)

n a plane figure with three angles and three sides (*maths*); part of the surface of a sphere bounded by three arcs of great circles (*spherical triangle*); any mark or thing of that shape; a musical instrument of percussion, formed of a steel rod bent in triangle-form, open at one angle; a tripod, *esp* for a pulley for raising weights, or formerly (*usu in pl*) for binding soldiers for flogging. [*L triangulum, from angulus an angle*]

Thank you for all entries. A gentle reminder to attach an explanation for your clue even if you think it's obvious! At first glance this word is a doddle to clue with no less than six different one-word anagrams. However, the challenge with this word lies in nailing the definition and indeed this is what separated the equilaterals from the scalenes! All up there was a total of nineteen clues. The winner is **Anne Simons** with a simple, yet elegant clue: **Instrument altering pitch (8)**

The clues are listed in alphabetical order and the definitions are italicised.

A cross, short religious instruction and a confused angel – the trinity? **

t(cross) + RI (short religious instruction) + an anagram of ANGEL. I think the secondary indicators work well, even if initially I would be thinking of an X, rather than a t for a cross. The religious theme of the clue is obvious, but I am not convinced by the definition. As admitted by the compiler 'the link between 'triangle' and 'trinity' is fairly loose'. Indeed it is and while a trinity exhibits threefoldness, it is not a triangle per se.

A similar shape to the original large version *

I could be wrong but I think this clue may have been miswritten. 'Version' is the anagram indicator, but the fodder is 'to + t (the original) + large'. I suspect the 'to' should actually be 'in'. If not I cannot see how this clue works and I do apologise if I am missing something. Otherwise, the surface reading is great!

Altering, altering....could be eternal ****

This is an anagram of 'altering' as indicated by 'altering'. Take your pick at which one's which! The definition is clever and is based on an eternal triangle. The use of the ellipses adds to the idea that maybe the clue just goes on and on. I like it.

Altering integral elements constructs a three-sided polygon ***

This is meant to be a double-barrelled anagram (altering/integral) as indicated by 'elements'. However, I would prefer to read it as an anagram of 'integral' which produces the elements required to reach the definition. Despite the obvious definition, the clue's mathematical theme would make Pythagoras smile.

Altering integral tripod ***

Another 'altering' anagram with an accurate definition, although I'm not sure what an integral tripod would be! It's difficult to avoid with a challenging word like TRIANGLE, but it's also preferable if none of the elements of the answer (i.e. TRI) appear in the definition.

An attempt by an old Englishman to make a shapely percussion instrument ***

TRY + ANGLE (old Englishman). For a first attempt this is an excellent effort that is missing just one crucial element. TRY is a homophone of TRI and requires an indicator such as 'sounds like an attempt....' Otherwise, this clue has all the elements, and I particularly like the use of 'shapely' in the definition.

An instrument for alerting at sea ****

This is an anagram of 'alerting' as indicated by 'at sea'. The surface reading is seamless and makes perfect sense. The word 'for' is being used only as a link word. It came very close to winning!

Characters in large tin can make a novel plot **

This is an anagram of 'large tin'. I can't imagine what characters in a large tin are doing to entertain the reader but it does sound intriguing. 'Novel' could be interpreted as an adjective or noun, but either way I think the definition is too vague. The secondaries do make the answer easily gettable.

Crooked, relating to an instrument****

Anagram of RELATING. Crooked could also be taken as a description of a type of instrument with a detachable section of tube (i.e. crook) e.g. a horn or trumpet. You would have to have some knowledge of brass instruments to appreciate this clue, but the clue does work quite well.

Group of stars reportedly shot at the corner ****

A homophone of SHOT (sounds like try) + ANGLE. This definition took

me by surprise as I wasn't aware of a constellation called 'Triangle'. However, there is and it lies between Andromeda and Aries. The clue's surface reading is misleading enough to make one think of a group of famous people instead. The secondary indicators are also accurate.

Instrument altering pitch ****

Another simple anagram of 'altering' with a wonderfully apt indicator. The clue makes sense and there are no superfluous words.

Instrument is half square ***

A double definition. A half square can be a triangle, but it could also be a rectangle. However, given the answer length and the instrument definition, it wouldn't take a monumental leap of deduction to come up with the answer.

Instrument of confusion about bible studies ***

Tangle (confusion) about RI. The secondaries all work well and the surface reading is satisfactory. However, I do think this clue could have read better with a different definition...something to do with three points maybe.

It is integral to engineering ***

I haven't italicised the definition here as the whole clue is the definition. This is an attempt at an &lit with an anagram of 'integral' indicated in such a way as to define a triangle. I think this is a fine attempt, but just falls short with the instructions to the solver. 'Engineering' here is used as a noun and does not specifically tell the solver 'to engineer' the word 'integral'. It needs to 'undergo' engineering.

Map of Tassie? Definitely not Brazil! ***

I really don't know where to begin with this one, except to bury my head in a very large atlas. As you would know, Tasmania resembles an upside-down triangle. Fair enough. So where does Brazil fit into all of this? Let's just say that you won't need an atlas, unless it directs you down under to your local beautician. An extra star for the laugh.

"relating badly to this eternal situation" ****

Anagram of relating, with a reference to an eternal triangle. This clue is designed to appear as a quote lifted from a novel perhaps. What I like about this clue is that the overall surface reading is indicative of how an eternal triangle would inevitably play out – badly.

Revolving symbol of eternal lover's knot ***

This is basically a double definition, but that's pretty much where the 'basic' ends. As the compiler points out: "...with a bit of lateral thinking", one may arrive at the solution. The first definition (revolving symbol) is a reference to the recycling symbol (triangle with arrows) that appears on various items that can be recycled. For the solver to have any chance they would at least need the word 'recycling' in there. However, I do like the second definition. I guess lover's could also be lovers', given there are three of them.

River current cuts through mass resulting in a form of delta ***

R (river) + I (current) cuts TANGLE (mass). Well done to the compiler here for coming up with a fair clue that doesn't involve an anagram. It is accurately indicated and the surface reading is terrific. The definition is very clever as while it suggests a river delta, it actually refers to the shape of delta. However, despite much effort, I can't quite equate 'mass' with 'tangle'. A tangle is a 'confused interwoven mass' (*Chambers*), but not a mass (i.e. a lump of matter) by itself.

Sound attempt by leading director misses one point but makes three others figuratively ***

A homophone of TRY + ANG L(E)E. This is an ambitious clue. I do admire the way the definition is welded to the rest of the clue. The definition itself is an absolute gem as its not only accurate, but cleverly misleading. The 'leading director' is Ang Lee of *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* fame. However, I do think this would be difficult for most punters to come up with a name of a 'leading director' as well as removing a N,E,W or S.

Strangely altering shape ****

A most elegant clue! At heart its simple – an anagram of ALTERING. However, the compiler has cleverly worded the clue so that all three words could serve as an anagram indicator. This has not come at the expense of the surface reading which is also excellent. Another clue that could easily have won.

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