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Every word fresh from the dictionary brings with it a certain succulence. Oliver Wendell Holmes, 1858. *The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table*, Ch 11.

## |G|R|I|D|A|T|O|R|I|A|L|

In conjunction with refurbishing the ACC website, we put a considerable effort into establishing a more up-to-date version of DEEF. Unfortunately the enhanced security is not what we had hoped for and considerable time has still to be spent in getting rid of the trolls and porn site operators who insist on trying to register and post their undesirable material on our site. There have been no suggestions made by members about the development of the board or our new website, indicating a fair degree of disinterest. There is a little activity on the DA blog front, but hardly enough to justify the effort that has to be devoted to keeping the bulletin board "safe". Your management team is close to saying "Use it or lose it", so please think about ways in which **you** can contribute to making DEEF a valuable asset to the Club and its members. You can give us your thoughts via the relevant topics on the board.

Our masterly Puzzle Editor, **Ian Williams**, has again selected a fascinating set of excellent puzzles and quiz for you this month. Our perennial favourites include *Virgo*, *Whynot?* and *Zinzan*. *Pentangle* has compiled a challenging puzzle in Slot 4 and we are privileged to publish another puzzle by *Bogeyman* in Slot 5. In Slot 6 *Flowerman* has given us a superb Cryptic called *Surface Reading* and *Valkyrie* is featured in Slot 7 with an excellent cryptic puzzle. We have a marvellous Quiz by *KA* titled *Remove two letters*.

Michael Kennedy has provided the results of the Clue Writing Competition No 3/2017 (see p16) and challenged members to enter the next Clue Writing Competition by devising a clue for the word CORDIAL (7).

Best of Luck with your solving.

—Patrick

## |F|R|O|M| |T|H|E| |A|D|J|U|D|I|C|A|T|O|R|

This is my first year of adjudicating without receiving copious comments from Alan Walter. I really do miss him — a great loss to our club.

ACCOLADE is very popular with members: only 18 snail mailed entries this month.

Just as my personal opinion, I've found that if the entry of a word forces some wild guesses for the intersecting word, it's always worth a second look: something is probably not right somewhere.

**Slot 1:** Quite a few odds and ends of errors here, but the one that caught out several was SMELLY, with most members opting for SMILEY (a much nicer word anyway). Otherwise OCTOGON (OCTAGON), DOCTOR and WORKER for POTTER.

**Slot 2:** Lots of errors here in almost half of the clues, with the main one being NARCOTIC for NARCOSIS. And one blank square! (21dn, snail-mailed). Please check your entries: I get so upset when this happens, especially when it robs you of a dot.

**Slot 3:** Not too many errors here. Main one was PROVIDES or PROMISES for PROVIDED (=IF). Always be aware of the tense.

**Slot 4:** A very well received AJ; hardly any errors this month. YODELED for YODELER, QUARTS for QUARTZ.

**Slot 5:** RABBIT caught a few. I hadn't heard that expression. UNLOADED and UNLEASED for UNLEADED, and INTERRED for UNFEARED. EXPRESSO for ESPRESSO. Most members spotted the clever NINA, which helped considerably with solving the puzzle.

**COTM:** There were 53 nominations for 33 clues, spread over the 5 slots, mostly ones and twos, so quite a difference of opinion. ABOUT in Slot 2 scored 5 votes, but the runaway winner was in Slot 3, LOOM OVER (LOOMOVER) with 10 votes. A sheer delight; congratulations *Isla*.

—Betty Siegman

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	92	83	81	90	76	422
Correct entries	64	58	68	88	61	339
Success rate (%)	69.6	69.9	84	97.8	80.3	80.3
Prizewinners	Alison Martin	Shelia Taylor	Anne Simons	Jan Pearce	Norma Heyes	from 99 members

**Prizewinner: June 2017 Slots 1-5: David Procter, Congratulations!**

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### June 1-2017

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### June 3-2017

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### June 4-2017

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## MEMBERS RESULTS FOR JUNE Slots 1-5 and MAY 2017 Slots 6 & 7

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Allen W.							
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Barnes J.							
Barrett A.							
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Dobele T.							
Ducker R.							
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Freeland J.							
Garner P.							
Glissan B.							
Gooderick R.							
Grainger D.							
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Hagan B.							

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Hearn R.							
Heyes N.							
Hocking A.							
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Mason I.							
McAdoo G.							
McClelland C.							
McKenzie I.							
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Mercer P.							
Miles A.							
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Moline R.							
O'Brien E.							
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<b>Half and Half by Virgo</b>


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**Across**

- 1 Pud (7,3)
- 7 Confusion (3)
- 10 Female prophet (5)
- 11 Confused (9)
- 12 Self (3)
- 13 Veteran Australian golfer (5,6)
- 14 Oread (4)
- 15 Thrown overboard (10)
- 18 Fluid mixture (10)
- 21 Squalid neighbourhood (4)
- 24 Tundra, perhaps (6,5)
- 26 Maori blood money (3)
- 27 Myriapod (9)
- 28 Composer (5)
- 29 Lemon (3)
- 30 Perfect (10)

**Down**

- 2 Rob Chip Weaving to find music for the bagpipes (7)
- 3 Didi and Gogo at the junction of the road connections (6)
- 4 Letter to Angostura makes one feel resentment (9)
- 5 Criminalised freedom endlessly put off (5)
- 6 The Inspector's thingamyjigs (7)
- 7 Ecstasy, perhaps, when first person got on a passenger seat (7)
- 8 Colour that is up and down (5)
- 9 Eric on the headland doing nothing (8)
- 16 I heard it was true so it must be a new outfit (9)
- 17 Creator of the world comes from Emu Ridge (8)
- 19 Pulled a face lower in the luge (7)
- 20 The Spaniard for example is against corruption initially – quite poetic really! (7)
- 22 Old suet pudding has the greatest volume (7)
- 23 Mid-seventies pop group heard to study stick (6)
- 24 Ate with hesitation inside and smoked (5)
- 25 Few Scots knew he danced after the King abdicated (5)

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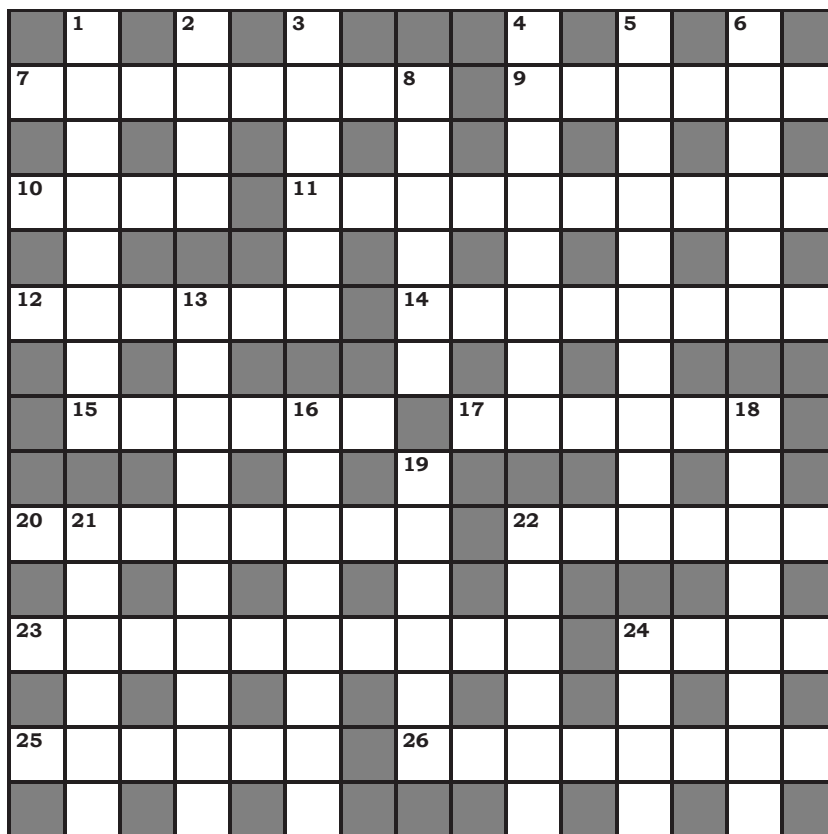
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## Cryptic by Whynot?



### Across

- 7 and 9** Belle – a land twice abandoned – the ultimate aim (2,3,3.3.3)
- 9** See 7
- 10 and 2** Dyed-in-the-wool dinkum colour (4,4)
- 11** Canapé lout mistook for fruit (10)
- 12** Gypsy cherished embracing the soul (6)
- 14** Where motorists lose their grip? (8)
- 15** Provided returns since business collapse (6)
- 17** Confiscate wine and send home? (6)
- 20** Bemused, ask "was it a political symbol?" (8)
- 22** Strong Edward we hear has a goatee (6)
- 23** Poor type O? A shot gives treatment (10)
- 24** See 24-down
- 25 and 26** Go straight like a bloodhound (6,4,4)
- 26** See 25


### Down

- 1 and 21** Wise words you may string together (6,2,6)
- 2** See 10
- 3** Clumsy revolutionary follows government gold (6)
- 4** Calming corner, appointment around 4 (8)
- 5** Dope evidence can't be misused (5-5)
- 6 and 18** Reprimand given to smack joint (4,2,3,5)
- 8 and 19** European dads taste flaky confection
- 13** Places of punishment for errant aquatic life, or their protection? (10)
- 16** Whittle softly with rising respect for us original inhabitants (8)
- 18** See 6
- 19** See 8
- 21** See 1
- 22** Go forth, see for yourself (3,3)
- 24 and 24-across** New sign shows where money was made! (4,4)

### GENERAL COMMENTS:

- The puzzles keep getting better. Excellent, especially stunned. Thanks compilers.
- No trouble with the new website!
- Many thanks for the Slot 4 May 2017 prize. Greatly appreciated.
- Sad month with the passing of Alan.
- Another month of challenging but enjoyable puzzles. Thanks to all.
- Thank you all for another splendid month. I'm driving around Australia at the moment so doing the best I can with puzzles!
- Many thanks for my prize for Slot 2 April 2017. Greatly appreciated.
- Lots of hard stuff to chew on this month.
- My thanks to all for cheque received with this month's offerings – a surprise, as I don't get many right these days and not too many finished!

*Brian Symons  
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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">by</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Zinzan</h2>


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**Across**

- 1 Returned several unnamed boxes of doughnuts maybe? (7)
- 5 In a fashion extravaganza, dresses, second to none, by Zinzan! (7)
- 9 Spontaneous note (7)
- 10 Carry on bags finally found in clutches of disorganised priest (7)
- 11 One takes water away from very difficult doctor inside the Casualty department (4,5)
- 12 A friendly greeting made nearly all over Hawaiian archipelago originally (5)
- 13 and 19 Reader's operatic rendition of calculating character set outside (9,9)
- 16 Terrorist pests take action against our sons and daughters (5)
- 17 Contrived situation made fun of missing name (3-2)
- 19 See 13
- 22 Plant seeds in front of church, usually managed in November (5)
- 23 Sudden release of former West Bank agitators is no mix-up (9)
- 26 A little bit old to reverse behind 2CV?! (7)
- 27 Compare punk and jazz fans – take note while heading back (5,2)
- 28 Ready to rumble a long time ago (4,3)
- 29 Some of James Patterson's characters leave blood sprayed around (7)

**Down**

- 1 Am I sane?! Crazy? Recall it's hard to do (7)
- 2 Clods of dirt regularly eaten by troubled twins (7)
- 3 Very bright liquid beginning to flow out, right in the middle (5)
- 4 University's restricted withdrawal of broadcast (5)
- 5 Character who often saves our sphere comically! (9)
- 6 Remain uncertain about fish spread (9)
- 7 Atrocious house in disrepair (7)
- 8 Power of money earned expanded by a significant amount finally (7)
- 14 The team's leader, lacking volunteers, leads the applause humbly (3,2,4)
- 15 Only 50% of people involved in appropriate painting course (5,4)
- 17 Doctor is back by end of May in infirmary (7)
- 18 Cat with snake wrapped around tail's end is fair game (7)
- 20 Gruff rebuke from staff computer department (5,2)
- 21 Organised doctor discovered cure in Punjabi town? (7)
- 24 Submits all but current contributions to the discussion (5)
- 25 Tara – home set up and lived in by the owner (5)

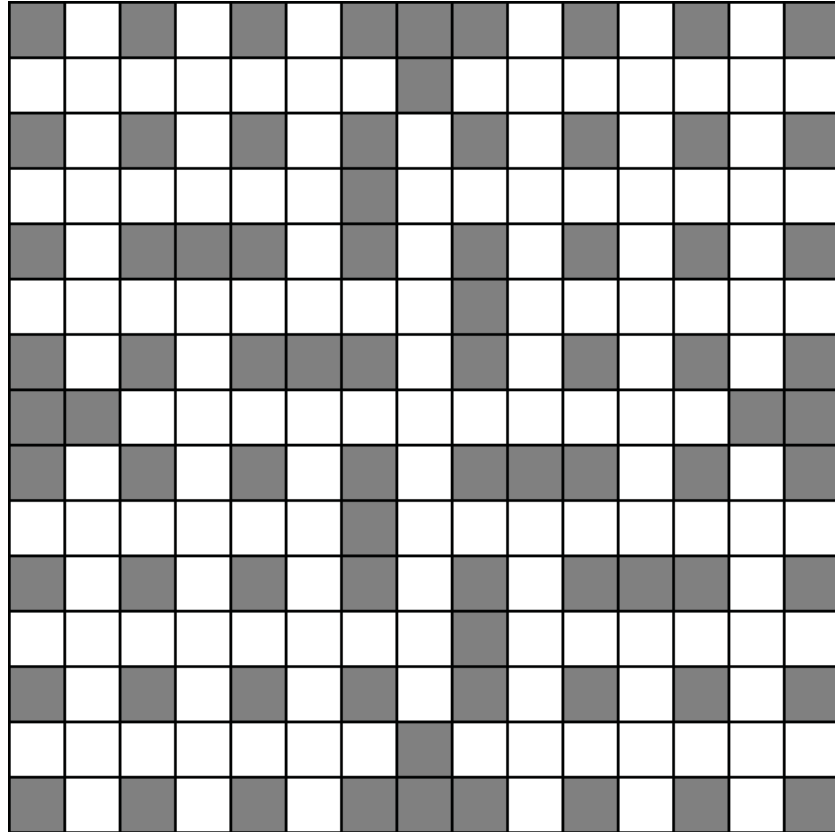
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## AJ by Pentangle



Solutions begin with the given letter.

Place them in the grid, jigsaw-wise, where they fit.



- A** Go-getter cutting first half of vein becomes more painful (6)
- B** Provide evidence to convey intelligence on monster that is missing (4,7)
- C** Roman goddess about to corrupt one with sure things (11)
- D** Running over regularly through brief record on heroic revolution (10)
- E** Denounce pay scale for administrators? (8)
- F** Prediction: 'Manx cat discovered in woodland' (8)
- G** Knowing song about short little person (7)
- H** Modest judge withdraws from confusion and is replaced by head of homicide (6)
- I** I call for help to fix quantum number (7)
- J** Black railway sleepers for piers (7)
- K** Sounds as though young gambler was wiser (4,6)
- L** Not so much to be found in Adele's songs (4)
- M** Cooked rump steak after removing the top of the fruit (4,4)
- N** Information shown on Four Corners project (8)
- O** Does Trump, expelling displaced person, create a frenzy? (7)
- P** Chase up union leader in possession of funds (6)
- Q** Former queen followed by wandering nomad (7)
- R** Break rule about average turnover and check the price again (7)
- S** East German secret police start to suspect a stagnation of blood flow (6)
- T** Abstainer skips 50% of vote to overturn burden on a Liberal (8)
- U** Operates without fine ointments (8)
- V** Brought up to skip and read regularly after five (7)
- W** Increasing hair removal (6)
- X** Sexy make-up? Look inside for wood sugar (6)
- Y** Talks aloud to the animals (4)
- Z** Satisfy Luhrmann in retrospect for tariffs (7)

### Some Noteworthy Clues:

- Old railway pies? (6) PASTRY
- Last gun produced (5) BEGAT
- Cracksmen? (5) CHAPS
- Life among the shell-bursts in a West Indian high spot (9) INCUBATOR
- Climbing plant with flower finally providing fruit (4) PEAR
- Rock single? (9) SOLITAIRE
- Call for another to solve an anagram? (7) REORDER
- What a bloomer making the game last too long (10) SNAPDRAGON
- Not standing for perjury (5) LYING
- Cooked kipper: duck and meat in pastry (4,3) PORK PIE
- Batted maybe – for cover (7) EYELIDS
- Your head stuck in tricky *Times* puzzle? (6) STYMIE
- Dog-track is mine (8) COLLIERY
- Carl's acted in play "The tangled string" (4,6) CAT'S CRADLE
- Bill, a rising player (5) ACTOR
- Unwilling to take a flower, use rake! (8) LOTHARIO
- This disciple had gone off before Matthew, Mark etc (8) ADHERENT
- Deadlines? (7) EPITAPH
- A White Pawn (4) HOCK
- Meaningful direction given to secretary by boss who may not be able to finish off his correspondence (1 1) SIGNIFICANT
- Arkwrights' lack of surprise (4) NOAH
- Heeding Lent will convert Buddhist? (9) ENLIGHTENMENT
- Painter's brown forges ahead of ditch? (7) VANDYKE
- Dessert wine's no great shakes (10) AFTERSHOCK
- Goodbye, Miss Gray, or hello to you (5) DOLLY
- Part of book left behind by theatre-goer? (8) APPENDIX



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<b>Cryptic</b> <i>by</i> <b>Bogeyman</b>


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**Across**

- 8 Article by relative is a dissertation (6)
- 9 A place to stay away from where drunken oceanographer falls off perch, or vice versa (2-2,4)
- 11 Describing poem about poem not beginning, with note on old record regarding the science of disease (15)
- 12 Protector to pass lightly by question (3,4)
- 13 Calls circle to drink (5,2)
- 14 Redundancy payment to river commissioner first (5)
- 16 Measurement of room not started (3)
- 17 Foreign gentleman is without musical alternative (5)
- 18 Amis, author, makes a drink (7)
- 19 One cleaning up beauty with thick bushy hair (7)
- 22 Distributing YMCA hard drink to anybody (3,4,3,5)
- 23 Yielded when rule over over over! (8)
- 24 Composer seen at Spooner's grain exchange (6)

**Down**

- 1 Guides cattle (6)
- 2 Disorder in short due to Democrat supporters (8,7)
- 3 Motion pictures roughly takng in mine disaster (6)
- 4 Posh motor takes old crooner, eating up pulse for sport (13)
- 5 General staff, led by head, giving support for building (8)
- 6 Stout fellow on beach reported extra pitch for type of investment (6,3,6)
- 7 Runner follows up code for something big (8)
- 10 Bard's wives' excitement at Indo-European going to Scottish town that is south (6-7)
- 14 Nameless union, quite lacking head, gives final location (8)
- 15 Holes are cosier if fresh (8)
- 20 Place for teaching a lot of fish (6)
- 21 Gym flirt returning with energy is cactus (6)

**Some ACC Clues of the Month**

- G time (8) MIDNIGHT (Brian Symons)
- Wally stuffed up addition and subtraction (5) IDIOT (Michael Kennedy)
- Concentrated, ready to snap (7) FOCUSED (Max Roddick)
- ... possibly made off-peak calls (8) YODELLED (Shirl O'Brien)
- Will outlaw the semicircle! (4) BARD (Brian Symons)
- Could it be said that Istanbul, Iceland and Ireland are surprising places? (3-7) EYE-OPENERS (Michael Kennedy)
- Author of *The Lion Tamer* and of *The French Rival* (6,5) DANIEL DEFOE (Audrey Austin)
- What the piano singer shook (6) PELVIS (Audrey Austin)
- Be sanguine about *The Frog in the Garden?* (5) BLEED (Kath Harper)

- ... is I in this? (5) MORSE (William Ryan)
- Given the position of the eighth at Heath (6) HATTED (Audrey Austin)
- An ideal location for a jogging trip? (6,4) MEMORY LANE (Michael Kennedy)
- (Making a commotion in bed) (9) BRACKETED (Shirl O'Brien)
- Burn the pork pie, laddie? (7) CHARLIE (Kath Harper)
- Doctor takes on deliveries doomed from the start to go wrong - he's poorly rewarded for his labours (6'1,3) DROVER'S DOG (Shirl O'Brien)
- Group of birds with a blue line just below the head (6) FLIGHT (Stephen Clarke)
- A is the result - listen to the lass (4,3,3) HEAR HER OUT (Doug Butler)

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## Surface Reading by *Flowerman*



Ten clues lack a definition.  
Their solutions have something in common.

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### Across

- 9 Narrow, slight, almost a rake initially (7)
- 10 For a time iodine turned orange (4,3)
- 11 No seconds in forest fruit for pigs (3)
- 12 Meat consumed cold (5)
- 13 A great deal done with new cast (2,3)
- 14 One needs tap modified to get predictable water flows (4,5)
- 16 Fibre from the east left unaltered (5)
- 18 Excited about relic (6)
- 20 Stop in Nevada at Vegas bar say (6)
- 23 Information about dons (5)
- 24 One might encourage team to take shower after crushing fruit (9)
- 26 A clump of spectacular umbellifers set back on a wall (5)
- 28 Rely on rector replacing note (5)
- 30 Hawks missing shots at both ends (3)
- 31 Sort of glad I visited county (7)
- 32 Copper finding trouble in the middle of mysterious country (7)

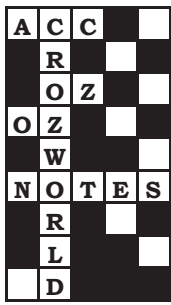
### Down

- 1 Servant about to nod off (7)
- 2 One test captain ignoring cheers cast as cocky, maybe (10)
- 3 Key crop failure (4)
- 4 Conservative judge had brief packed in case (6)
- 5 Simple to keep hip moving with a couple of steps (8)
- 6 Notice about canoeing's incorrect (10)
- 7 Maybe fighter's lacking power (4)
- 8 A duke beginning to invest in bank willingly (7)
- 15 Old company blighted with lengthy industrial methods (10)
- 17 Special lid covers over soft molluscs (10)
- 19 Prescription drugs in each list repackaged (8)
- 21 A greenie initially helps to protect millions of lizards (7)
- 22 Parvenu put off entertaining celebrity (7)
- 25 Demolished fourth course? (6)
- 27 Medical specialist wanting silence (4)
- 29 Right time to plant (4)

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**Explanations for June 2017 clues**  
 Note: cd = cryptic definition; dd = double definition; rev or < = reversal; homophones are noted as "homoph" and words from which they are derived may be shown in quotes; anagrams as anag. if straightforward, or (NNNN)\*. "Heads" or "Tails" are first or last letters of part of a clue; letters forming solutions are normally written as capitals and removals as lower case; hw or hidden = hidden word. Explanations provided by individual compilers may vary from this format.

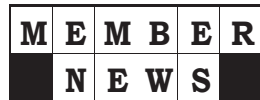
**Slot 1 InGrid. Cryptic clues. Down:** 2 anag, 3 t+cigar backwards, 4 re(b)el, 5 tonS OF Available, 6 dm, 7 anag, 8 s+m+ell+y, 9 dm, 13 alma+can backwards, 14 un+a+like, 15 anag headhunter-the, 20 en (of [upwards] +l) d, 21 sounds like fee nicks, 23 (granulation-into)\*, 24 dm, 25 t+anag aired, 26 don+a+te(rn), 29 DUE For, 30 a+cid.

**Slot 2 Nigrum Cattus. Across:** 8 Anag RUTHLESS + AND - S, 9 CO + MO, 10 Hidden, 11 IRO + OK<, 12 TREFOIL, 13 iCARUS + O, 15 ARCO in SIN<, 18 Anag, 19 A + BOUT, 22 Hidden<, 23 fORCe, 26 ALL+U+VIA+L, 27 A(WA)RDS, 29 Initial letters, 31 DD, 32 LI(N)E, 33 PROMPT - pt, 34 (BE + THE + LEAST)\*. **Down:** 1 DUE + ANN<, 2 anag, 3 anag, 4 MAD ON + NA, 5 JOUR in AND\*, 6 anag ACTS, 7 IMPERI(A)L, 14 cULT + GgURUs, 16 DD, 17 OPERATED - TED, 20 BALL + A + DRY, 21 DD, 23 OIL + BATH, 24 (ONLY + OnCE)\*, 25 M + (A + CHEER)\*, 28 DEN + REV<, 30 M...I + M...I, 32 FLUTE - F.

**Slot 3 Isla. Across:** 1 P + IMPLY, 4 L + O + C (A + L) ITY, 10 ON + THE TORT<, 11 HIP + PO, 12 IN + DO (CHIN) E + SE, 14 E + GO, 15 cd E + SPOUSE, 17 L (WEE)< AY, 19 AN + THE + M, 21 HIMSELF\*, 23 pACT, 24 (TO + IRK + EmployerS + U + NOT)\*, 26 (A SLAB)\*, 27 hidden, 29 LOO + MOVER, 30 INST + EP. **Down:** 1 P (ROV (ID) E) D, 2 (DE T EM)<, 3 dd, 5 O + AT + MEAL (pun), 6 A + CH + IE + VEheMENT, 7 I (MP) RE + SARI, 8 homoph "you who", 9 homoph "you who", 13 COUCH + POT + ATO, 16 (UNPOLITIC)\*, 18 CHEER + SUP, 20 MAT (IN + E) E, 21 (FLUE + N + N)\* &lit, 22 GA (MB) OL, 25 IN + E + President, 28 I + giN + lemoN.

**Slot 4 KA. A A (G) ROUND, B BAR (O) QUE, C hidden, D DOG + fEARED, E E + ART + HEN, F FOOT + PATH, G GUINEA + homoph foul, H HUR (IRE)\* D, I IO + TA, J JAN + ROTI<, K K (LUTZ) Y, L LIQUORice, M MU + U twice, N dd, O OVER + TO + OK, P PRO + BAB (L) E, Q homoph "quarts", R READ + IdLY, S anag, T THIS + T (LED) OWN, U UNDERL (Y) ING, V VIC + TIM, W WAX (PAP) ER, X X + MAS, Y ODE inside RELY<, Z ZOO + LOG + Y.**

**Slot 5 Crowsman. Across:** 8 cd, 9 SE (A SON) ED, 10 Homoph "eyeful", 11 (SIMAROUBA)\*, 12 UNFE (ARE) D, 13 dd + DiArY, 14 QUA (LIT) Y, 17 SP (AN) IEL, 20 E + LANDS, 22 E + S(PRESS) O, 25 HAS (SHEEp) SH, 26 LEA + DEN, 27 TERRA (P) IN, 28 SAG< + BAG. **Down:** 1 (I + BUN)< + AN, 2 S + ELF + IE, 3 BALL + A + RAT, 4 IS + LANDS, 5 BAR< + BIT, 6 TO + BOG + NAG<, 7 HERmITAGE, 15 UNLOADED with E for O, 16 LONG + HORN, 18 PUPIL + AGE, 19 R (THE)\* INK, 21 homoph "step", 23 E (LAPS) E, 24 SEE/SAW tenses of "notice".



**New ACC Member:** We sincerely welcome **Louise Pengelly** from Wakerley Qld to the ACC. Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworl ding!*

**Vale Dr John Balnaves.**

John was a member of the ACC who died on 17 May 2017 aged 90. He joined the ACC in 2005 and remained a member until 2013. He won 8 times until 2012 and he was generous with his annual donations to the ACC Prize Fund. We send our sincere condolences to his family.

**Derek Harrison reports:**

From *The Sunday Post*, 4 Jun 2017, A Scots grandmother, Eileen Doherty, 95 has become so hooked on crosswords that she is vowing to have one engraved on her tombstone.

**Thank you Mr ACCOLADE**

Members will hardly have noticed the transfer of the ACC website and ACCOLADE from one server to another at the end of last month with scarcely a missed beat. The smooth transition owes everything to the extensive preparatory and organisational work carried out by Mr ACCOLADE, **Roy Low**. Many thanks, Roy, from the Executive Committee and from all of our members.

**CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2017:**

Our Annual Victorian Get-together this year will be **Christmas in July** and will be held on Sunday 30 July at the Royal Oak Hotel, 442 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy between 11:30am and 3pm. The Dining Room does not usually open on Sundays, but we persuaded them to open specially for us if we can guarantee at least 30 persons. So we need your support for this function. We already have a few attending but we need many more. Help! Please. Please join us for another excellent occasion.

**Members' comments continued from p10:**

**June 5-2017: Time for a Break by Crowsman (Len Colgan)**

• Some clever clues here. It took a while for me to find the alternative meaning for 'rabbit'; and hence I was stuck on 'tag day' for a while and had 'dog day' instead.

*Maureen Blake*

• I really wrestled with this one – very tricky clues. Just hope I get a tick for it.

*Nea Storey*

• The Queen's Birthday Long Weekend a great Nina for this weekend; thank you Len.

*Julie Leigh*

• I did not see the message until late in the day. How clever to not start it at No 1.

*Doreen Jones*

• NINA – THE QUEENS BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND.

*Michael Kennedy*

• Very enjoyable but unfortunately we Queenslanders won't enjoy 'the Queen's Birthday long weekend' until October.

*Ulla Axelsen*

• Good, challenging puzzle with the usual exemplary clues.

*Ian Thompson*

• Another great puzzle from *Crowsman*. 12ac was an outstanding clue. Loved the NINA – THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND.

*Bev Cockburn*

• The time for a break is around the perimeter. "The Queens birthday long weekend".

*Ian Thompson*

• THE QUEENS BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND – very appropriate!

*Mike Potts*

• UNFIRED nearly COTM. I think SO can mean "very much" making it ESPRESSO and not the less used espresso.

*Roy Taylor*

• I see that this puzzle commemorates "The Queens Birthday Long Weekend". Typically sneaky Len!

*Richard Skinner*

• Another Nina from Len! The Queens Birthday Long Weekend. Lucky I spotted it, as I had 5dn and 12dn wrong.

*Julie Crowe*

• Enjoyed this puzzle: quite challenging with quality clues. Thank you Len for a nice long weekend.

*Joan Smith*

• Message around the perimeter: "The Queen's birthday long weekend".

*Marian Procter*

• The Queen's Birthday long weekend was most enjoyable.

*Andrew Miles*

• Thank you *Crowsman* for this "Queen's Birthday Long Week-end" puzzle. A good break indeed! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*

**June 1-2017: Half 'n Half by (InGrid (Jean Barbour)**

- Tricky for a Slot 1. Liked 20dn and 21dn. Needed post-solve checks for REEFER and CID; and not convinced by 1ac.  
*Rob Moline*
- I really liked the clues for SOFA, PHOENIX, DONATE and FEUD.  
*Brian Tickle*
- Some great clues. I liked ANGULAR 23dn. Perhaps more difficult than the usual Slot 1. I thought so anyway.  
*Ann Millard*
- Nice and tough.  
*Ian Thompson*
- An excellent, honest Half 'n Half; thank you InGrid.  
*Bev Cockburn*
- 8: 'Sign of bad' what? Can't be year as that is part of the wordplay.  
*George Rolfe*
- This half 'n half was half quite easy; quite half hard.  
*Jim Fowler*
- Challenging.  
*Fay Copland*
- Some clever clues.  
*Robyn McKenzie*
- Liked TRAGIC & UNHEARD. But does EXPEND = CONSUME? To my mind they're cause & effect rather than synonyms.  
*Max Roddick*
- Quite a challenge for Slot 1.  
*Robyn Caine*

**June 2-2017: She's Apples by Nigrum Cattus (Ray Gooderick)**

- I enjoyed the clever subtractive clues for PROM, CLOONEY and LUTE.  
*Brian Tickle*
- Thanks Ray for this singers and music-based puzzle. I found in 15ac the use of the delayed inclusion indicator "in" to be awkward at least.  
*Len Colgan*
- 31ac had a clever misdirection leading me to think the answer was STOOK and causing problems with the lights.  
*Drew Meek*
- Loved all the musical references ... led to a few trips down memory lane.  
*Maureen Blake*
- Most enjoyable thank you. Some wonderful clues.  
*Ann Millard*
- What an eclectic bunch of music and musicians! Some delightful clues especially 1ac, 10ac and 29ac.  
*Nea Storey*
- Nice memories of "nice" singers. But bit of digging to find Bellairs!  
*Eileen O'Brien*
- What an eclectic bunch of music and musicians! I enjoyed the clues for LUTE and PROMPT. Very neat.  
*Nea Storey*
- A star-studded puzzle.  
*Ulla Axelsen*
- No idea on 9ac; totally bamboozled initially.  
*Rob Moline*
- Some of the singers included were my favourites especially Orbison and Denver.  
*Bev Cockburn*
- 23 deserves a Question mark as 'Ironsides' is meant to be read as two words.  
*George Rolfe*
- Rather liked 20dn BALLADRY.  
*Richard Skinner*
- Learned that MACHREE is my dear.  
*Roy Taylor*
- A very enjoyable puzzle with some good clues I thought. My COTM vote goes to the simple but beautifully turned clue for Uluru.  
*Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- I enjoyed all the musical references.  
*Robyn McKenzie*
- Love Nigrum Cattus's clues; some picturesque some just plain twisty. Liked NARCOSIS, PROM, SCAT, OPERA and BALLADRY.  
*Max Roddick*
- Great to see all the singers and composers mentioned, from pop to classical.  
*Robyn Caine*

**June 3-2017: Cryptic by Isla (Rob Moline)**

- Excellent puzzle Rob. I particularly liked 29ac, 5dn, 12dn and 22dn; while 24ac is very close to an &lit.  
*Len Colgan*
- I enjoyed every clue in this entertaining puzzle. HIPPO is a clever & lit. clue. Other gems included PROVIDED, BALSAL, GAMBOL and my favourite – LOOM OVER.  
*Brian Tickle*
- Too many wonderful clues to mention; but ACHIEVEMENT and LOCALITY had me stumped for a long time.  
*Ann Millard*
- Don't you just love "punctilio"! Conjures up images of Great Aunt Mabel 'looming over' us terrified kids! (Or should that be 'we'?)  
*Eileen O'Brien*
- Definitely one of the best ACC puzzles I have completed. Numerous excellent, and often amusing, clues.  
*Ian Thompson*
- Loved "On the trot" and "loom over".  
*Robyn Caine*
- Took a while to work out 'everybody skips' = 0 at. Enjoyable.  
*Ulla Axelsen*

- Some curious clues. I'll be interested in the explanations.  
*Bev Cockburn*
- I thought 'Pimply' a great clue!  
*Maureen Blake*
- Enjoyable puzzle. Particularly liked 19, 27, 29 and 30. 28: Not sure 'in' is the finish of gin if 'n' is the finish of lemon.  
*George Rolfe*
- Not an easy task; with some cleverly misleading clues. A few contenders for COTM. I gave it to LOOM OVER.  
*Roy Taylor*
- Thought 1dn "Provided" was clever.  
*Richard Skinner*
- Also liked oatmeal very clever: 5dn.  
*Marian Procter*
- Who'd have thought himself would turn out to be Flemish? Nice one.  
*Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- I really liked the clue oatmeal but the clever simplicity of hippo makes it my COTM.  
*Robyn McKenzie*
- Liked BALSAL, PROVIDED, ACHIEVEMENT and YOO-HOO for a laugh; and the very clever LEEWAY.  
*Max Roddick*

**June 4-2017: AJ by KA (Karl Audrins)**

- Enjoyable; liked B, G, and T for its precision. Top right corner was difficult – UNDERLYING had to be but it took a long time after finishing to justify the clue. Same with O; a real forehead slap when I figured how TOOK was ENDORSE. K & X guessed; KY, LUTZ and MAS unknowns.  
*Rob Moline*
- The separation between the definition and the wordplay is very cleverly disguised in the clue for BAROQUE. I also liked the clues for EARTHEN, FUNDAMENTAL and WAX-PAPER.  
*Brian Tickle*
- Impressive set of words for the answers. I really liked the O clue; my LOI.  
*Len Colgan*
- Slot 4 is a favourite and this didn't disappoint. KLUTZY for K!! What a great word and an excellent clue. Thank you.  
*Ann Millard*
- Enjoyed this; as usual with the AJ. Took ages for A and T; and to realise the Y in 'underlying' was the money bit!  
*Eileen O'Brien*
- Took ages to find KLUTZY!  
*Nea Storey*
- Am I showing my age when I say I remember when the muumu was in fashion?  
*Ulla Axelsen*
- A most enjoyable AJ. Loved KLUTZY and THISTLEDOWN.  
*Bev Cockburn*
- AJ enjoyable as ever. X: Puzzled as to why 'mas' = French house. [In Chambers as a word with a Provençal root - Adj]  
*George Rolfe*
- I liked KLUTZY and THISTLEDOWN the most. Nice clues and nice words.  
*Ian Thompson*
- An enjoyable alphabetical; as usual.  
*Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- Liked OVERTOOK, UNDERLYING, YODELER, KLUTZY and the very neat BAROQUE. Bravo KA!  
*Max Roddick*
- A good AJ – feel sorry for poor Vic and Tim.  
*Robyn Caine*

**June 5-2017: Time for a Break by Crowsman (Len Colgan)**

- Very challenging. Liked quality and Eureka. When stuck, had a real Eureka moment wondering about the title; and seeing the developing Nina around the outside.  
*Rob Moline*
- A great puzzle with a very clever NINA. Favourite clues were NUBIAN UNLEADED and SEESAW.  
*Brian Tickle*
- All good clues – settled on 6dn.  
*Catherine Hambling*
- On my first look at this I could only get one clue. However, it fell into place. Loved it, especially clues 6dn, 17ac and 4dn. Thanks Crowsman.  
*Ann Millard*
- As to be expected, good clues. But humble apologies; had to check dictionary for 'unfeared': stand in the corner for daring to question!!!  
*Eileen O'Brien*
- The Queens Birthday long weekend for most but not for we banana benders. I thought it strange to have a seemingly straightforward puzzle from Len – then I spotted the Nina.  
*Jim Fowler*
- Liked UNFEARED; loved SEASONED; and enjoyed the wraparound holiday. Thanks Crowsman!  
*Max Roddick*
- Top Clue/answer: 10ac. – EIFFEL.  
*Ian Mason*
- This time I found the Nina before I finished the crossword which was exciting and helpful in finishing the clues. Thanks for the fun!  
*Robyn McKenzie*
- "The Queen's Birthday Long Weekend", so beautifully pointed out by Len.  
*Robyn Caine*

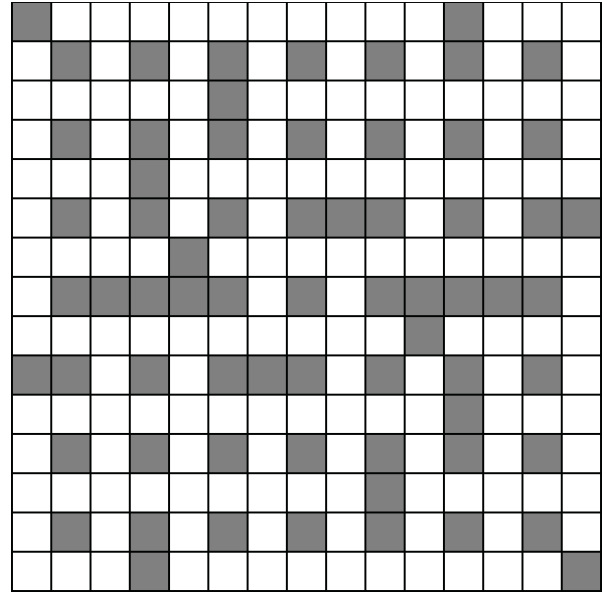
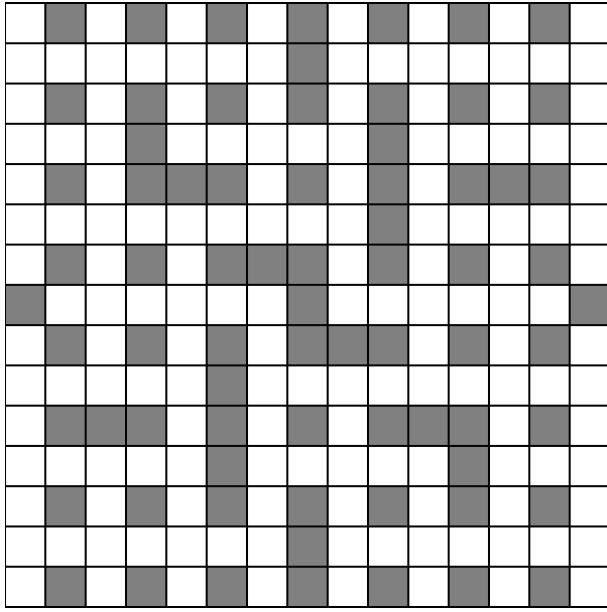
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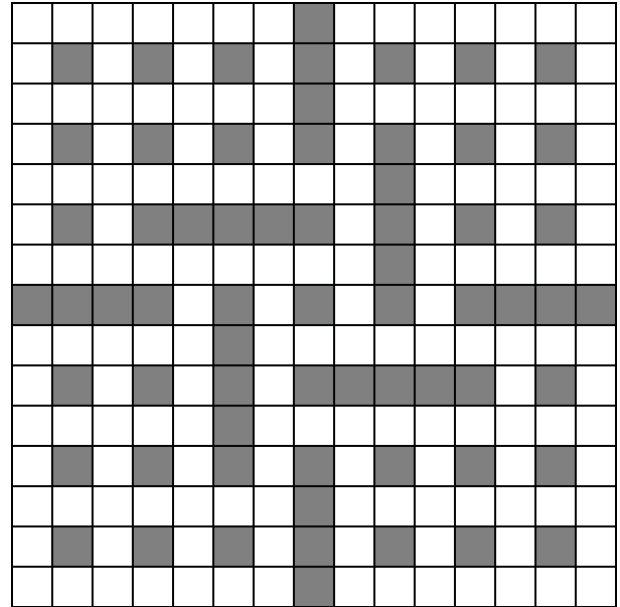
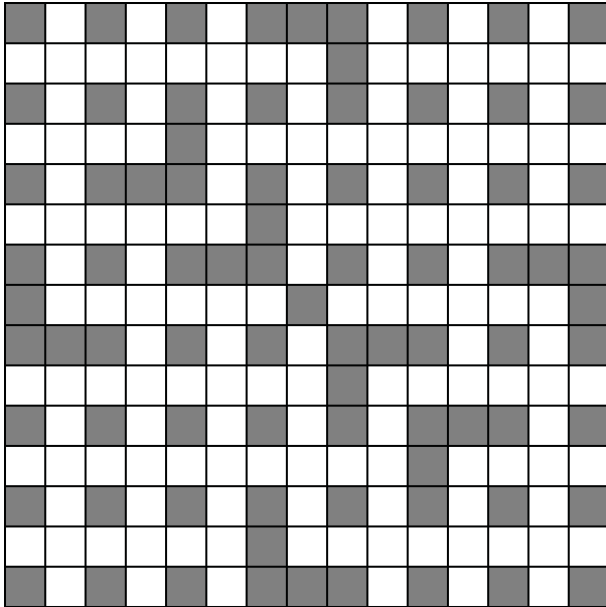
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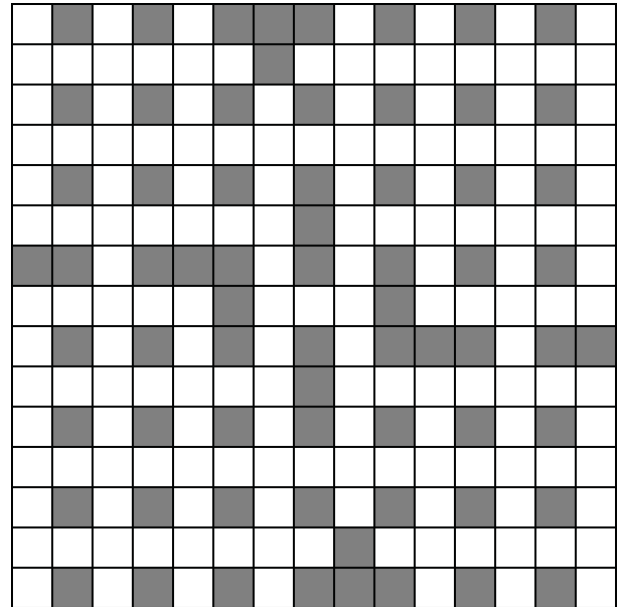
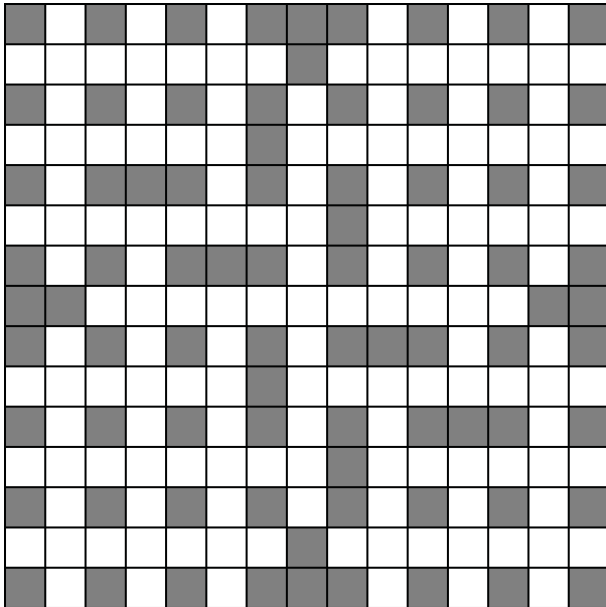
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Clue of the Month .....



**May 6-2017: Coming Down! by *Betelgeuse* (Gillian Champion)**

**Entries: 43: Correct: 31: Success rate: 72.1%.**

**Prize Winner: Bob Hagan. Congratulations!**

**Setter's comments:**

Thank you all for your comments on this puzzle. Winter is upon us now, and the rain cometh, all those cats and dogs. The three cats in this puzzle, together with their associated clues:

(1) the alley cat MEHITABEL and her friend ARCHY the cockroach was created (1916) by Don Marquis, columnist for the NY *Evening Sun* in the 1920s-30s. His humorous stories and poems proved immensely popular and spawned not only several books (still in print) but a musical and other spin-offs.

(2) that well-known cartoon cat of the past SYLVESTER and the bird TWEETY PIE (a bit of nostalgia there); and

(3) OLD DEUTERONOMY from T.S. Eliot's book *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats* the inspiration for the musical show *Cats*.

The four dogs included:

(1) DOGMATIX from the comic books ASTERIX (although the dog was actually Obelisk's and in the original French its name was Idéfix).

(2) the po-faced DOGBERT from the newspaper comic strip DILBERT.

(3) INSPECTOR REX the title of the Austrian detective series on SBS (frightfully smart dog solves all sorts of crimes) and the rubbery grinning GROMIT and his human WALLACE as seen in the delightful animated UK series seen on the ABC.

They are an uncouth bunch, but they had to fit (with a lot of squabbling) into the same small shower, so next time it rains, make sure to carry a stout brolly.

—*Betelgeuse* (Gillian Champion)

**Solvers' comments:**

- What a beast – not least as it pushed the boundaries with anagram indicators: trip and analysis don't work IMHO; salad and conditions not in their contexts. Picked at it a few times to get all the answers; knew 4 of the cats and dogs; guessed Eliot's unknown cat from the crossers; finally saw Rex. But then had to look up the unclued; unknown MEHITABEL – never heard of it. *Rob Moline*
- Very enjoyable as usual. *Tony Dobebe*
- A good challenge. I found a few anagrinds a bit marginal e.g. salad, trip, free, dubious, analysis. *Andrew Patterson*
- 25ac: TOO HARD – describes this puzzle perfectly. Not familiar with all the characters; but found perimeter words MEHITABEL, DOGMATIX, SYLVESTER, DOGBERT, GROMIT, REX and OLD DEUTERONOMY. *Nea Storey*
- I do love your puzzles Gillian! I'm not entirely confident of my Inspector Rex; so hope the blood sweat and tears for the rest of it wasn't in vain! Many thanks. *Julie Crowe*

- Brilliant compiling. *Brian Symons*
- I loved this one! All my favourite fictional cats and dogs. *Christina Lee*
- Totally brilliant as we have come to expect from the star of compilers. *Jim Fowler*
- Never heard of most of these characters! REX is a guess; and 25ac pretty much describes this puzzle. *Anne Simons*
- Good fun. First thought it was cartoon pairs till I came to Eliot. Never heard of Archy and Mehitabel before. *Betelgeuse* always manages to be both informative and entertaining. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Fiendish! Came back to it three or four times and eventually just one short. Not sure all the anagram indicators work – analysis; and in context trip; salad and conditions. *Rob Moline*
- Cats & Dogs! *Michael Kennedy*
- So many favourite characters squeezed into one extremely clever puzzle – well done *Betelgeuse!* *Kath Harper*
- Took a while to figure out the cartoon characters but very enjoyable. *Marian Procter*
- What a great sense of achievement to finish this most interesting puzzle. Thank you. *Maureen Blake*
- Brilliant as ever. Spent some time trying to fit in GADGET to go with INSPECTOR until I realised that not all the solutions were cartoon characters. Thought ARCHY was a misspelt ARCHIE, and looked for Veronica for a bit, until I discovered MEHITABEL. Great fun! *Mike Potts*
- Fun to meet up with the comic characters again! *Catherine Hambling*
- Do they just keep getting tougher from Gillian or is it my imagination? Really good fun this one. *Richard Skinner*
- Boy; what a stinker – some very obscure characters for answers; but nevertheless very clever and enjoyable. *Rosemary Ducker*
- This is definitely the hardest puzzle I have attempted. I am sure my solution is incorrect. Some great clues but many are still a mystery to me. Learnt a bit about comics!! *Ann Millard*
- A very good workout for the aging 'little grey cells'. 1 aluminium (al) and germanium (ge) don't follow the same rule as the others ie first (principal) letter. *George Rolfe*
- I see that the numbering is different but I understand why! My comment aligns with the answer to 25ac – TOO HARD! but it is Slot 6! *Beverley Cockburn*
- Coming down Cats & Dogs! *Andrew Miles*
- The only reason I'm submitting this is that I hate not submitting all the puzzles – had fun though. *Robyn Wimbush*
- What lovely memories this puzzle stirred up. I just love Archy and Mehitabel. Tweety Pie and Sylvester reminded me of Cartoon Carnivals in the 50s (shows my age) when we'd queue around the block waiting to get into the matinee at the local picture theatre. *Robyn Caine*
- Another great exercise by Gillian. I particularly liked 7ac and 2dn. *Len Colgan*
- This was such fun! When I got 'Eliot' I thought that the theme was to be writers, but there was no way that 'Dilbert' fitted into that scenario. Finally it all sorted itself out. *Alison Martin*
- A struggle but well worth it! *Ian Mason*

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**Cryptic**  
by  
**Valkyrie**



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**Across**

- 1 5-across residents are good entertainers (6)
- 5 Academy to monopolise Western painting, music and writing (8)
- 9 A right pain in the neck, a liberal characteristic of 13 (8)
- 10 Broadcast advance releases (4,2)
- 11 America for USA, say, strangely concedes with hierarchy extremes (10)
- 12 see 3 (4)
- 13 and 16 Country gentleman, protecting redhead, left with fanatic family character of 28 (8,6)
- 16 see 13
- 17 Deals with questions in areas of study (6)
- 19 Model guys acquired greeting cups (8)
- 21 Club head lost effectiveness (4)
- 22 Receding sludge lost excess fluid, mineral deposit exposed head of 5-across (10)
- 25 New Zealand resort for the tailless dog outside (2,4)
- 26 The America's Cup, for example, stole show (4,4)
- 27 Spooner's faithful female keeps footwear in shape (8)
- 28 Schemer rejecting Latin tinker (6)

**Down**

- 2 Badger fodder includes rye and rice tips (5)
- 3 and 12 28's products were not as quirky (5,4)
- 4 Small creditor became inadequate (7)
- 5 Spiral? Spherical? Truncate and transform right to left (7)
- 6 Warship capacity restricts third of freight (7)
- 7 Creative activities by enchantress caused painting to be replaced by forgery (3,6)
- 8 Fool returns to queen fond of fierce and energetic qualities (5-4)
- 14 Sovereign to give up 5-across extra-curricular activity (9)
- 15 Puerile lot withholding nothing to generate bad name (3-6)
- 18 Not so hot-headed anaesthetist? (7)
- 19 Dinner group admitted a degree of willingness to lose wild ways (7)
- 20 Light vessel for spirit? (3,4)
- 23 Dared old, outrageous stud to entertain Romeo (5)
- 24 Introductory investigation initially reviewed church up and down (5)

**ROUGH COPY**

**GOOD COPY - Name .....**

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## Quiz No 7/2017



by KA

### Quiz No 7/2017 Remove two letters by KA.

Each clue has two specific letters in common. They may be in any order, and anywhere in the clue. The answer (which is not defined) is obtained by removing these letters from the clued word – the remaining letters retain their original order. Answers are in alphabetical order.

For example: say the letters are I & T – then:

1. Central court (6) Answer = A(t)r(i)um =Arum
2. Outlaw (6) Answer = Band(i)(t) = Band
3. Hole (6) Answer = Cav(i)(t)y =Cavy

Send your solutions to Karl Audrins, 10 Elizabeth Parade, Charlestown NSW 2290. email: karlishane@optusnet.com.au Closing mail date: 11 August 2017. \$75 prize.

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 External organisms (6) | 10 An order (10)              | 19 Neck muscles (7)              |
| 2 Type of boat motor (7) | 11 North European money (6)   | 20 Contaminates (6)              |
| 3 Narrow openings (8))   | 12 Diplomatic mission (8)     | 21 Public conveniences (7)       |
| 4 Open disregard (8)     | 13 Domestic servant (6)       | 22 An interpretation (7)         |
| 5 Horse-like nature (8)  | 14 Foolish people (7)         | 23 Slowly decreasing (6)         |
| 6 Pigeon (7)             | 15 Give immunity (9)          | 24 An explosive (8)              |
| 7 Ungrateful person (7)  | 16 Mournful song (6)          | 25 Hindu philosophy adherent (6) |
| 8 Addictive drug (6)     | 17 Judicial investigation (6) | 26 Central American creepers (8) |
| 9 Falsely believes (8)   | 18 Regular procedures (8)     |                                  |

### Results of Quiz 5/2017.

**Thingamybob by Brian Symons.**

**Entries: 49: Percentage Correct: 81%.**

**Winner: Judy Randall. Congratulations!**

**Results: 25:** W Allen, K Audrins, U Axelsen, R Caine, G Cole, L Colgan, J Crowe, J Fowler, P Garner, B Hagan, K Harper, D Jones, J Leigh, G Lemon, P Lord, F Martin, R McKenzie, P Mercer, A Miles, A Millard, E O'Brien, S Pinder, M Procter, J Randall, R Skinner, M Steinberger, I Thompson, B Tickle, J Wenham and R Wimbush. **24:** J Baylis, B Cockburn, R Gooderick, C Mackay-Sim, A Martin, C McClelland, I Mason, D Meek, H Perrow, B Siegman, C Wilcox and K Williams. **23:** P Abbott, D Grainger, M Potts, A Simons, N Storey and R Taylor. **22:** J Pearce.

### Answers: Results for Thingamybob

1 afghaniSTAN; 2 atmosphERIC; 3 chameLEON; 4 cliMAX; 5 conVINCE; 6 demiJOHN; 7 destROY (destROY); 8 electRON; 9 facsiMILES; 10 fLUKE; 11 foRAY; 12 forsakEN 13 grOTTO; 14 hiJACK; 15 hillBILLY; 16 hunGARY; 17 marbLES; 18 mastoDON; 19 ovarIAN; 20 parLANCE; 21 pEARL; 22 pELVIS; 23 phanTOM; 24 reMARK; 25 trumPETER.

### Adjudicator's Comments:

This was enjoyed with lots of appreciative comments, some of which are attached. Several members felt I should have included cambRIAN. One member gave me the albatROSS award for ingenuity.

Points lost were due to spelling mistakes (especially mastodon and facsimiles), correct answers out of alphabetical order and answers with names inside the answer rather than at the end as indicated by thingamyBOB (interestingly one member saw this clue to mean "what's-his-NAME").

—Brian Symons

### Members Comments:

- Yet another original idea. *Julie Leigh*
- Thanks for another of your innovaive quizzes. *Doreen Jones*
- Thanks for your wonderful brain exercises. *Pat Garner*
- Great quiz. *Pat Lord*
- Clever and enjoyable. *Eileen O'Brien*
- A perfect workout for the brain. *Alison Martin*
- Don't know how you manage to think up so many varied quizzes. *Claire McClelland*
- As usual, a bright spot in my monthly peregrinations through the world of words. *Robyn Wimbush*

### Solution to the puzzle published in 1991 A Breeze of Trees by Jack Aranda (Alan Walter) published on p14 of the June 2017 Crozworld:

I	R	O	N	B	A	R	K		Q	U	O	R	U	M
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**May 7-2017: Eightsome Reels by Zinzan (Andrew Patterson)**

**Entries received: 41; Entries correct: 13 @ 31.7%.**

**Successful solvers:** John Baylis, Robyn Caine, Len Colgan, Julie Crowe, Kath Harper, Sam Howat, Michael Kennedy, Drew Meek, Rob Moline, Marian Proctor, Richard Skinner, Brian Symons and Roy Taylor.

**Prize-winner: Michael Kennedy. Congratulations!**

**Compiler's Comments:**

Methinks the grid probably scared a lot of solvers away. With so many checked letters, it should have been a quite comforting solve. A few people hinted that checking the solutions would be tough but no. It turned out all I had to do was check no.4 and no.37 and if both were correct, I'd continue. 28 out of 41 had one of these wrong. No.4, PROPERTY, had TYP from no.10 and I reckon the 20 with TYPIFIER, OVERTYPE and QWERTYPE were swayed by that. Only PROPERTY is a 'characteristic' formed in the top row of letters. No.37, MILDNESS was 'MINDLESS' - 'swap left no (i.e. L/N)' - 'serenity as a result. The 24 incorrect seemed to ignore that suggestion. I couldn't think how else it may have been used. (Although I now see N is not in Chambers for 'no' - d'oh). These reels puzzles are quite time-consuming to compile so rest assured I won't do another for some time yet. **—Andrew Patterson**

**Solvers' Comments:**

- What a brilliant challenge, we love it – although, undoubtedly we have made some errors! *Julie Leigh*
- I love this type of puzzle – and really struggled over this one! A couple of words I'd never heard off (*periole, plenarty*) thrown into the mix, made it a tad frustrating at times. Loved it!! *Julie Crowe*
- Many thanks for such an enjoyable and challenging puzzle. I especially liked the computer based clues – *property* and *capitals*. *Brian Symons*
- Mind-bogglingly difficult, done in 4 or 5 sessions over a few days. A few obscurities by necessity. Hard to even start filling the grid. Thanks, *Zinzan*. *Rob Moline*
- I forgot how much fun these reels are. It's been a while since we've had one I think. *Michael Kennedy*
- Several great clues, including 3, 17, 33, and of course 10. *Len Colgan*
- A real toughie. Some difficult clueing and unusual words didn't make it any easier. A great challenge though, I enjoyed it. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Found this very hard on three levels. Firstly, solving the clues. Secondly, fitting them into the rough copy. Thirdly, transposing to the good copy. Very challenging. *Pat Lord*
- A lucky guess got me headed in the right direction but my head was definitely rockin' and a reelin' by the time I finished your fiendishly clever puzzle. *Kath Harper*
- This type of puzzle was a first for me. Quite a challenge and still not confident about 4 & 9. *Ann Millard*
- Thank you for a great puzzle. For too long I concentrated on Rhea the bird and the Scottish lighting caused some difficulty as well. *Maureen Blake*
- I have come down with a severe case of widdershins! *Ian Mason*
- (37) Mindless or Mildness? I think either would be correct. [However, 'serenity as a result' suggests 'mildness' is the answer. AP]. (1) Strangeness = s. I thought I knew these abbreviations – not so – I was puzzled for quite some time. *Doreen Jones*

- Thanks *Zinzan*, a tough, fair challenge. *Ian McKenzie*
- Thanks for your Slot 7 which I "reely" enjoyed! These reel puzzles remain challenging even **after** you've solved most of the clues – just trying to get a start in the grid seemed to take ages. *Andrew Miles*

**Solution to Cryptic by Zinzan May 2017 Slot 7**

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X	9	L	10	R	11	P	12	E	13	V	14	A	15	L
E	S	E	N	A	L	S	S	R	I	O	T	S	E	L
G	16	S	17	T	18	C	19	E	20	P	21	T	22	L
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**Explanations.** 1 s,(in,trees)\*, 2 n(asti)est, 3 /an /im /at /es, 4 cdef (all letters on keyboard top row), 5 spec(t-r-e)s, 6 pe(n)dants, 7 (in,a,dream)\*, 8 (mercenary)\* -n, 9 exam,p-les, 10 p(Len)arty, 11 //spect ral//, 12 SP,-ender,s, 13 (dire)\* outside over, 14 (croats)\* VE, 15 ach(ill)es, 16 alternate letters, 17 (nastiest)\*, 18 ddef, 19 scar(p)ers, 20 pe(RI)ople, 21 lasts,to,p, 22 s,mallets/mallest, 23 (first,pie)\*, 24 t.i.eclips-, 25 2dn of assess reliably, apiece, 26 earp,lugs, 27 (plough)\*,-l-e, 28 (hols,I,can)\*, 29 man,i(kin)s, 30 can,trail, 31 p(inn)aces, 32 (pushing)\*,-----s--, 33 gun,Smith, 34 (glitch,in)\*, 35 p,Lanning, 36 s,(English)\*, 37 mindless with L/N swap = mildness.

**From Reading the OED by Ammon Shea, 2008**

- **Accismus**, *n.* An insincere refusal of a thing that is desired. As in: "No, please, I really would like for you to have the last donut."
- **Advocate**, *v.* To call upon frequently. The secret and inescapable fear of unstudied schoolchildren the world over—that they will be *advocated*.
- **Anonymuncle**, *n.* An anonymous, small-time writer. This delightful word is the result of combining *anonymous* with the Latin word *homunculus* ("little man").
- **Bouffage**, *n.* An enjoyable or satisfying meal. *Bouffage* comes from an Old French word of the same spelling, and in the etymology we find that Randle Cotgrave defined it in his 1611 French-English dictionary as "cheek-puffing meat." Cheek-puffing just does not have the same currency as an indicator of satisfaction that it used to.
- **Cellarhood**, *n.* The state of being a cellar. Along with *tableity* (the condition of being a table) and *panevity* (the state of being bread), *cellarhood* is a wonderful example of the spectacular ways English has of describing things that no-one ever thinks it necessary to describe.
- **Dilapidator**, *n.* A person who neglects a building and allows it to deteriorate. The original meaning of *dilapidate* (from the Latin *dilapidare*, to squander) was to allow a building to fall into a state of disrepair. In New York, dilapidators are simply known as landlords.
- **Foreplead** *v.* To ask too much in pleading. You are pleading when you ask for your job back; you are forepleading when you ask for a raise to go with it.

## Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 3/2017

### Write a clue for EMPIRE (6)

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy

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

**n** a dominion or group of states, peoples, nations, etc, under the same sovereign power (*esp* an emperor) and spread over an extended area; supreme control or dominion; the government or office of the emperor; the time of the duration of an empire; a large industrial organization embracing many firms; that part of an organization, etc under the management of a particular person or group; a country whose sovereign owes no allegiance to another (*hist*) \***adj** (usu with *cap*, *esp* of dress or furniture) relating to or in the style of the first French Empire (1804-1814) [Fr, from *L imperium*]

I hope I've gathered all the entries this month, but my computer went on the fritz several weeks ago and it's possible I lost some early email entries. Still, this month's word turned out to be more entertaining than I had thought possible. It covered an array of delightful definitions from the orthodox *domain* through to a *mildly spiced sausage*. This was accompanied by a variety of designs, some that were easy on the eye, others not so much. The winner this time round, from a total of 17 clues, is the evergreen **Brian Symons** with a lovely semi &lit style clue.

### The realm of Elizabeth the First's prime reformation (6)

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

#### A Dominion country has captured the soldier \*\*\*

We start this collection of clues with an effective and orthodox clue that places MP (a Military Policeman) into EIRE (i.e. Ireland).

#### Anger after emperor develops his domain \*\*

This clue simply places IRE after EMP (short for Emperor). '*develops his*' serves as a linkage between the secondary indicators and the definition, although in this case they are nearly superfluous. One should also try and avoid using a secondary indicator that is related to the actual answer (i.e. emperor – empire).

#### Byzantine, for one, rejected me and Greek character – concerning! \*\*\*

While I try and remain impartial, my interest in a clue is always piqued when I see a reference to Byzantium – a pet subject of mine. The definition is related to the Byzantine Empire, while the rest of the clue joins EM with PI and RE. The surface sense is slightly strained but the parsing is accurate.

#### Commonwealth minister in Ireland \*\*\*

This is the most succinct clue of the lot and simply places MP inside EIRE. It's arguably the most obvious and attractive fodder for this word, so the trick is to think of a way of embellishing the clue without detracting from its fairness.

#### Domain at first encompassed many places imposing rule extensively \*\*\*

This clue simply takes the first letters of the last six words to spell out *empire*. I really like the surface reading of the clue as it encompasses the definition of an empire. The indicator could possibly be improved. Perhaps something like 'starts to encompass...', would improve the clue grammatically, as well as lending the clue a more mellifluous reading.

#### Earth mass – 3.14 (about) found in many states \*\*\*\*

This is also a charade like clue but with some really novel parts. It joins E and M with PI (3.14) and RE *about*. This is very clever, as is the definition which is nicely and misdirected in a roughly scientific way. I say roughly because I looked up the earth's actual mass and it's apparently  $5.9736 \times 10^{24}$  kg.

#### H. Dropper's "Pot Rental" is a large business organisation \*\*\*½

I admit that I was potted without the compiler's explanation. That's probably due mostly to the unusual direction which I can't recall having come across before. One is required to drop the H from *hemp* and *hire* to arrive at the answer. I'm giving this clue a star for ingenuity alone!

#### Losing Right, Premier scrambled for power base \*\*\*½

This is an excellent clue that makes perfect political sense. One is required to remove the R (it doesn't matter which one!) and scramble it to arrive at *empire*.

#### Measure pressure and anger in commonwealth \*\*\*

This charade clue joins EM, P & IRE. It does work, but does lack a bit of pizzazz.

#### Multinational anger follows introductory parts of Emmanuel Macron's policies \*\*\*\*

This topical clue places IRE after the initial letters of E, M and P. It's seamlessly put together and makes perfect sense. Topical clues can be tricky if the topic in question was to change in some significant way, and may be part of the reason why *The Times* don't allow clues citing individuals still alive.

#### Politician in Ireland was British, for one \*\*\*

Another clue that used the popular parsing method of inserting MP into EIRE. Perfectly valid and a sensible surface reading.

#### Premier almost lost ultimate control \*\*\*

This clue scrambles the letters of PREMIE. The use of almost to indicate a shortened premier also serves well in the surface reading. The definition, with the addition of *ultimate*, is interesting as the clue would have worked well even without it. I would have probably used *total* but that's just a personal preference.

#### Snag! Fritz, the referee, loses head for the conclusion? \*\*\*

How educational this competition is! Do you know what Empire, Devon, Fritz, and Empire all have in common? No? They were different names for the same pre-cooked cold sausage here in Australia. How about that? So in this clue, after the U in *umpire* is replaced by E (conclusion of the), the compiler has the chutzpah to serve up a rare sausage indeed. The clue definitely has spice. My only charred comment is that *the conclusion* does not equate to *conclusion of the*.

#### Temp, Irene, holding on to power? \*\*\*½

I wasn't expecting any hidden clues, but this compiler managed it with some success. Not only does the clue accurately indicate where to find empire, but the clue conveys a plausible story of Irene taking power in an office setting. The question mark could probably have been left off.

#### The British, for example, cut me back before every start \*\*\*

Here the compiler has reversed *cut* (RIP) *ME* with the letter E at the end. The definition is spot on and the parsing is satisfactory, even if I'm not a fan of *every start* indicating the letter E. I'm imagining a bike race perhaps but maybe the compiler has a different vision in mind here.

#### The first Euclidean prime determined a power group \*\*\*

This is a fair attempt at a misdirection, with the surface reading leading one to consider a mathematical answer. The parsing involves an anagram of E and PRIME as indicated by determined.

#### The realm of Elizabeth the First's prime reformation \*\*\*\*

This is a neat semi – &lit style clue whereby the entire clue serves as additional information regarding the definition. It's an anagram, as indicated by *reformation*, of PRIME following the letter E. The clue reflects the historical period during the reign of Elizabeth I as she furthered the reformation begun by her father.

#### Two letters and a note for a Roman perhaps \*\*\*

We finish with a charade clue that joins EM and PI (letters) with RE (note) to create an empire such as the Roman one. *Two letters*, while technically correct, could do with a tad more detail (such as, *one of them Greek*) but otherwise the clue works okay.

## Clue Writing Competition No 4/2017

For the next competition, please write a clue for **CORDIAL (7)** 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)

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