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[Wisehammer] Words with two L's are the worst. Lonely, loveless.
Timberlake Wertebaker, 1988, *Our Country's Good*, l. x.

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It's time again for an ACC CruciverbaLimerick competition. We ran this successful challenge in 2004 and it proved to be very popular. If you refer to p9 of this *CrOZworld* we have set out the winning CruciverbaLimericks but there was a wonderful selection of original and richly-rewarding entries which can be found on pp13-14 of the *CrOZworld* May 2004 on our website at <http://www.crosswordclub.org/ACCsite%20Site/Crozworlds/crozworlds.html>

Brian Symons has generously agreed to receive all entries submitted and the winners will be selected by the Executive Committee after careful consideration. See p9 for further details and best of luck with your Limerickal contribution.

Want to know who the compilers are 'behind' their cruciverbalynms? Ask no longer. Ian Williams has kindly set out a full list of the compilers who have been published in *CrOZworld* in the recent past. See p6 for all the intricate and revealing details.

This month we have another testing set of puzzles and a Quiz for you expertly chosen by our skilful Puzzle Editor **Ian Williams**. Favourites include *InGrid*, *Both Sides* and *Crowsman*. We welcome the respected compilers *Isla* and *Zythum* in the Slots 4 and 5 and *Valkyrie* in the Slot 6 Cryptic. *Crowsman* has compiled a wonderful Quiz which will challenge all solvers.

Best of Luck with your solving this month!

And there are details on p9 about the forthcoming *Christmas in July* Get-Together in Melbourne. We have a couple of puzzles, a sparkling Quiz and some wonderful prizes to give away. We are hoping that all of the Victorian members will make the trip and make the day a memorable one indeed. Interstate members are more than welcome too! Happy Crozworlding!
—Patrick

Greetings, and thank you to all those members who sent me lovely cards and warm words of appreciation. Although I have met only a few of you, I feel that I have many friends out there in Cruciverbal Land.

Slot 1: Something different, this puzzle was well received. A few problems with French words, REpondre/REpondres, Chercher. Sceptre/Spectre for Theatre, other one-off errors. RED FESCUE trapped a couple.

Slot 2: Sadly the demon drink was the downfall of 20 of our members, who submitted AMORETTO. The homophone is the drink AMARETTO, as defined in the clue. Otherwise very few errors here.

Slot 3: IPHEGENIA for IPHIGENIA in 8 entries. HERTOGENBOSCH trapped a couple. SALVAGES instead of SALVAGED; watch the tense. ORIEL and ARIEL for URIEL, EQUIS/EQUUS.

Slot 4: Quite a challenging puzzle, but once the leading letter was figured out it became easier. OESTRUS for OESTRUM in 6 entries; ("play guitar" = STRUM). OMARTA for OMERTA. Ppen out, please check carefully.

Slot 5: Not attempted by everybody, but those who did commented favourably. In line 8 GROUSE (game) caused a few mistakes, GAMBIT, GAMBLE, GOLFER, GINGER. SUCCEDE for SUCCEED (our weird English language, ACCEDE, so why not SUCCEDE? Adj) Various other errors, difficult with no checked letters.

COTM: Of the 45 votes received, no fewer than 30 were for Slot 2, with other votes spread amongst the other four slots. BASILICA, 12ac, scored 5 votes, with 11 other clues in Slot 2 nominated, but the absolute runaway winner was 20ac, KEYS, with an outstanding 13 votes. Well done *Blue King!*
—Betty Siegman

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	97	86	97	97	71	448
Correct entries	80	60	81	84	48	353
Success rate (%)	82.5	69.8	83.5	86.6	67.6	78.8
Prizewinners	Barb Ibbott	Roy Taylor	Marian Proctor	Alison Hocking	Doreen Jones	from 105 members

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Prizewinner: May 2014 Slots 1-5: Ian Mason. Congrats!

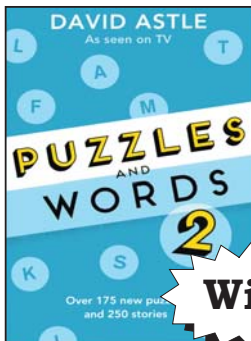
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Cryptic
by
InGrid

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Across

- 1 Keen catcher hid, becoming afraid (7-7)
- 10 Prepare electronic joke (5)
- 11 Gazes vacantly on point of desolate prospect (9)
- 12 Cool hats for frozen heights (7)
- 13 Browse excellent covering (7)
- 14 Egg shaped over emptiness (5)
- 16 Innocent in knowledge you spoke of at centre of house (9)
- 19 Featherless elf nudged over (9)
- 20 Vital celebrity holds withdrawn style (5)
- 22 Slipped away, sort of pleased (7)
- 25 Arab opposed newcomer (7)
- 27 Fuel not British but alien protocol (9)
- 28 No big drug ring, of rope? (5)
- 29 Point, point, point, point (5-5-4)

- 5 Head coverings for toughs (5)
- 6 Curse as an unusual vow (9)
- 7 Trim as real as regular headwear (5)
- 8 Reinforces domain name system holding sword back (7)
- 9 Doctor in country no longer unknown, just dead (6)
- 15 Shifted pet housed in US region (4,5)
- 17 Sponsor father, or mother perhaps? (9)
- 18 Ignorant old boy of 54 has debts (9)
- 19 Employment short of futile (7)
- 21 Informer hired by bank (6)
- 23 Farewell to a French god (5)
- 24 Likewise, tyrant loses vehicle components (5)
- 26 Wash tangled reins (5)

Down

- 2 Laugh before rubber tree shed is taken away (6,3)
- 3 Tea in a vessel with helper (5)
- 4 Measure web for popular German fitting together (9)

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Closing mail date: Friday 11 July 2014.

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Cryptic by Both Sides



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Across

- 1 Morning on board working for strong man (6)
- 4 Thief to obstruct a second Business Activity Statement (8)
- 10 Record intellectual property with the French acolytes (9)
- 11 Spell: burn 1000 or 100 hurt (5)
- 12 The Italian in truck is handy (5)
- 13 Complaint when note – all notes – rewritten (9)
- 14 Intensify measure having opportunity with initial loss (7)
- 16 She was a saint or sinner (4)
- 19 Hit hard with Scottish strap reversed (4)
- 21 She took the cutters to 1 across (7)
- 24 Feeling engendered when emergency workers split divides country (9)
- 25 Tropical palm a light brown colour (5)
- 26 Nest within which ousel is home (5)
- 27 Because their number announced (9)
- 28 Re-equipped with suitable bar in flute, for example (8)


29 Truly! Saint found in church dressing room (6)

Down

- 1 Conservative priest down on Mussolini Point (8)
- 2 Mess one has stirred up by champions (8)
- 3 An oil made by crushing voile (5)
- 5 Lonely sailor married David's son (7)
- 6 One crumbling castle holds right of lineage (9)
- 7 Essayist swallows ecstasy and lights up! (6)
- 8 US male corrupted judge (6)
- 9 Trouble when quiet football code loses a point (6)
- 15 Fresh herb book for shop-owner (9)
- 17 Jet caught without lights (8)
- 18 Deceit exposed in church dining-hall? (8)
- 20 Article about silt-adapted prickle (7)
- 21 Staggering denial of one in lion's den (6)
- 22 There's unexpected queen (6)
- 23 Engineer ultra low frequency to overwhelm ... (6)
- 25 ...material salesman in church (5)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Many thanks for the prize for April Slot 3. A welcome surprise. *Denis Coates*
- Thanks for the great book *A-Z People & Places* for Quiz 3. Although I joined *Crozworld* because of my love for cryptic crosswords, I am also really enjoying the quizzes. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Thanks for picking my name out for the Slot 6 Prize – quite made my day! *Nea Storey*
- Although there was some nice clueing in this batch, none grabbed my attention as a COTM. On the other hand, there were none that I thought were dodgy or unfair either, so that's a positive! *Kath Harper*
- A most enjoyable range of puzzles this month, though I don't look like completing Slot 7 – very frustrating to get a start and not be able to complete it, but a great challenge for the smarter members. *Pat Garner*
- I found this month's puzzles varied and interesting, as always. *Roger Douglas*
- Thank you to all compilers, adjudicators and the Committee. Enjoyed most of the puzzles this month. Slot 5 had me baffled but I can always fit a word in! *Robyn Wimbush*
- Thank you so much to the Club, and Brian Symons in particular, for the very heavy and impressive Solvers Trophy which arrived recently. My daughters think it confirms my nerdiness but they're just jealous. Though I'm still surprised I earned it. *Andrew Patterson*
- All in all a good month and one that took overall a little longer than usual. Well done all. *Richard Skinner*

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Across

- 7 Nosey-parker gets deal, catching small lad holding diamonds (8)
- 9 Time delay affects short period for dance (6)
- 10 Best hut, but not hot before I escaped from wet (6)
- 11 Container has cold wine knocked back (8)
- 12 Crank has romp around (5)
- 13 Female representing GB in anti-bra movement (9)
- 15 Opening in front of left part of church (7)
- 17 Man has fish refined (7)
- 20 Waste many hours supporting friend – a week initially! (5,4)
- 22 Moulds are diverting soldier (5)
- 25 Vegetables are right, except in centres (8)
- 26 Bush vegetable contains mould (6)
- 27 Lots of pasta, but not at the outset (6)
- 28 Emerged again from behind with one small coin (8)

Down

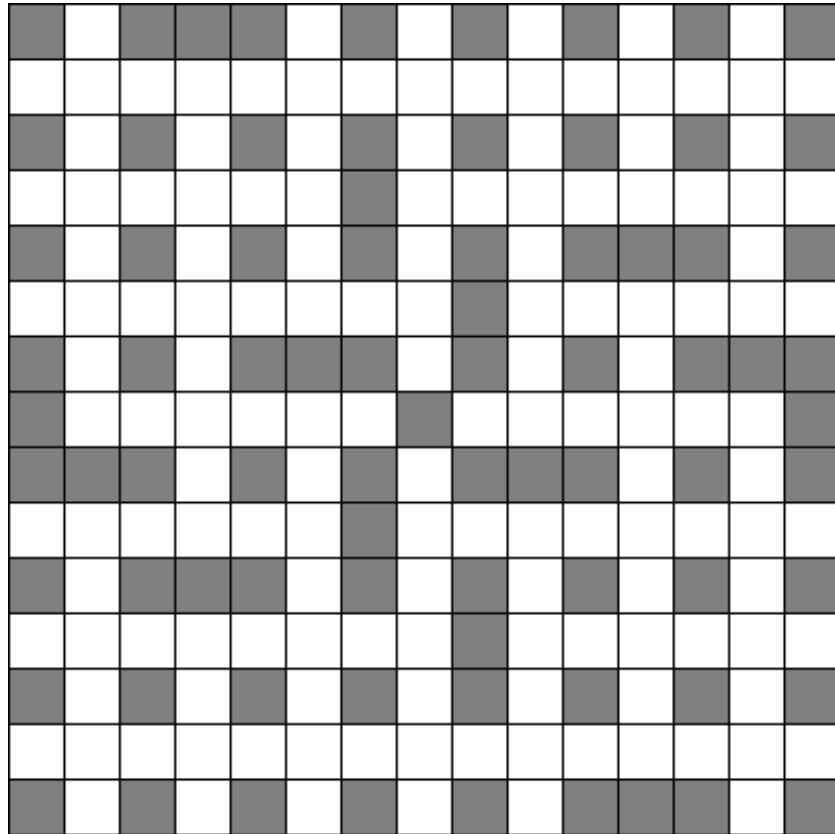
- 1 Austrian from trainee list (8)
- 2 Presents for crowds (5)
- 3 Optometry expert turned up in SA peninsula (3-4)
- 4 Deviously mean one restricts services (9)
- 5 Tertiary institutions against agreement (6)
- 6 Unexpectedly lines tee with gypsum (8)
- 8 The ABC excludes a release (5)
- 14 Communicate successfully but are marked wrong (3,6)
- 16 Hot part of prison removes opening where one can take flight (8)
- 18 German ute, dilapidated, has means to regain energy (8)
- 19 Join up before short jog with expert (7)
- 21 Tags fratricide victim through outskirts of Leeds (6)
- 23 Bird caught up in iceberg (5)
- 24 Spike small fruit (5)

GENERAL COMMENTS cont'd from p4:

- An excellent set of puzzles again this month. *Jim Fowler*
- A fascinating variety of puzzles, with slots 1, 2, 3 and 7 and Brian's quiz proving to be the greatest challenges. *Ian Thompson*
- I can thoroughly recommend the iPad versions of *The Chambers Dictionary and Thesaurus* – at only \$8.99, a definite crossword solver's friend. Thank you for a great month's puzzles. *Julie Leigh*
- Thank you to the club for another interesting set of puzzles. Half & Demi was fun and Jigsaw was fascinating – so many interesting words all starting with "O". However *Barney Naga's* Poetic Puzzle was the real challenge – unfortunately I just couldn't solve two words but it was still great. *Jean Evans*
- As usual they were a fascinating group of ingenious and entertaining puzzles which kept me occupied for hours. What was unusual, however, was the fact that Slot 1 was not the easiest of the five, even for me who has some fair knowledge of the French language. *John Baylis*
- The puzzles may not be becoming more difficult, but I still needed Google to finish Slot 1 – and I have a reasonable knowledge of French. *Peter Dearie*
- Did enjoy this month's puzzles, especially my favourite, *Crowsman*. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- I was very happy to find the puzzles a little easier than last month. *Norma Heyes*

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AJ
by
Isla



Solutions begin with the given letter. Solve the clues and place the solutions in the grid, jigsaw-wise, where they fit.

- A** A handgun each (6)
- B** Tricked down-to-earth newspaperman (7)
- C** Tool for straightening building – several percent left (10,5)
- D** Sewer ran red after massacre (6)
- E** The plane crashed; missed room's occupant! (8)
- F** Sack in front of place of employment; it'll make sparks fly (8)
- G** More demanding girls regularly phoned back with little hesitation (8)
- H** Cant of loathsome man, having some balls! (4,4)
- I** Damage on panel? (6)
- J** Voluptuous half-squeezes after thirty days without love (9)
- K** Recognise retired policymaker (4)
- L** It's said he laps strong drink (6)
- M** Leftie sees market tilt with separate investments of six and nine from the right (7-8)
- N** One type hard to be trained is beginner (8)
- O** Animals hunted by extra-large bird (6)
- P** Runs, all up - surprisingly - to more than one (6)
- Q** Leave shortly, Doctor Who's following second half of NZ game on TV (4,4)
- R** Critic: right to throw jockey in jug (8)
- S** Gavel, say, hammered wildly (8)
- T** Boat excited Walter Raleigh at the start (7)
- U** Shylock certain to be found in old city (6)
- V** Farewell is included... in case (6)
- W** Spanner in works - in the very centre – collected by girl (6)
- X** Phone box vandalised by eastern man fearing foreigners (9)
- Y** Guards criminal ecstasy money (6)
- Z** Flies? (4)

Compilers of the ACC – Current list
(Compilers who have been published in *CrOZworld* in the reasonably recent past). We are indeed fortunate in having so many talented members who are willing to share their efforts with us.
—Ian Williams

Pseudonym	Real? Name
Aeolian	Max Roddick
Ann Ass	Jenny Wenham
Aristides	Alan Eason
Banjo	Chris Bilkey
Barney Naga	Bob Hagan & Jeremy Barnes
Betelgeuse	Gillian Champion
Blue King	Roy Low
Bogeyman	Ian Williams
Both Sides	Nea Storey & Anne Simons
Brother Naga	Bob Hagan
Buzzer	Bhavan Kasivajjula
Cha-Cha	Catherine Hambling

Child's Play
Colinebrii
Crowsman
Daintree Lady
Dazy May
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Difficult Women
Flowerman
Fortuna 48
Hot and Cold
InGrid
Isla
Jack
Jesso
Kaiela
Lady & the Scamp
Manveru
Penobscot
Pindar
Praxis

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Kath Harper
Doug Butler
Carole Noble & Joan Smith
Ian Thompson
Nea Storey
Jenny Wenham & Ian Williams
Jean Barbour
Rob Moline
Jack Stocks
Noel Jessop (d)
Anne Simons
Len Colgan & Bev Cockburn
Michael Kennedy
Maurice Cowan
John Brotherton
Roy Wilson

Raoul
Robespierre
Sinbad
Southern Cross
St Jude
Stroz
The Busybodies
The Co-op
The Eager Beaver
The EmCee
The Posers
Timid Terrier
Valkyrie
Virgo
Waratah
Wet & Dry
Whynot?
Zinzan
Zplig
Zythum

William Ryan
Ian McKenzie
Graeme Cole
Shirl O'Brien (d)
Drew Meek
Patrick Street
Bev Cockburn & Carole Noble
Bev C & Mal C
Bev Cockburn
Merv Collins
Bev C and Joan S
Joan Smith
Ulla Axelsen
Audrey Austin
Carole Noble
Graeme Cole & Ian Williams
Tony Dobebe
Andrew Patterson
Dover Dubosarsky
Roger Douglas

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by
Zythum

Prize:



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Across

- 1 Wavering, one third of cadets missed the cut (8)
- 7 Cloak Labour leader in standard on screen (4)
- 10 Dog messed up gun demo for churlish fellow (10)
- 12 Everyone big in the business centre showing lack of feeling (9)
- 13 Disown series of nude nymphs (4)
- 15 Small female with large pole looks menacing (6)
- 16 Celestial outburst keeping leaderless fellows in prayers for nine days (6)
- 17 Finalists in French bike trial encountered military overhead cover (6)
- 18 South Island air brought back spiritual knowledge (6)
- 19 Wood in cinema trilogy or character in old books? (6)
- 22 Second century demand for quiet rock (6)
- 24 Subgroup of bush-wren Americans call something different (6)
- 25 Pen joint effort, without tedious introduction, for old money, perhaps (6)
- 27 Artistic medium, excluding Botticelli's last gasp (4)
- 29 Dye matrix configured for preservation of specimens (9)
- 30 Rib-vault, rebuilt around recessed hub, serving as entrance hall (10)

31 Element surrounding core of negatron (4)

32 Nothing put in samples for breakfast aids? (8)

Down

- 1 Chilled, took a chance going topless (4)
- 2 Linen and coir woven together in stiff fabric (9)
- 3 At risk of action, appropriate without it (6)
- 4 Most indolent holy person out of work (6)
- 5 Greedily eyeing decapitated dog-fish (6)
- 6 Military chief in 31 – right winger in U.S. (6)
- 7 Returned bribe before end of rooky seen in ring, perhaps (4)
- 8 Spaniard, perhaps, is in grand opening, using archaic language (10)
- 9 Sack non-clerical rubbish (3,5)
- 11 Rejoice! Centre dropping out after half of side slow down (10)
- 14 See ribald dancing, worthy of approval (9)
- 15 Old style roast hen stew (8)
- 20 In the centre of a cloud surrounding head of Department (6)
- 21 Main man around topless set until now (6)
- 22 Slag exposes back around conservative circle (6)
- 23 Makes a thorough search around old valleys (6)
- 26 Foreigners taking sides in right of ownership (4)
- 28 Guides (no men) for rocky features (4)

Explanations for May Grids where provided by compilers. Thanks to Len and Roy.

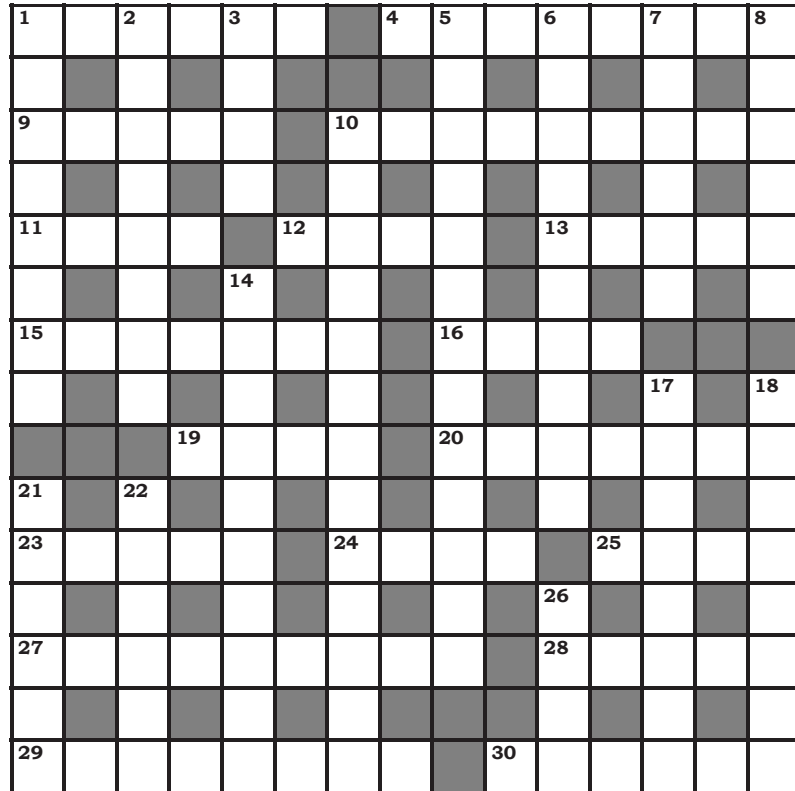
Slot 1 Crowsman. Down: 1 DD; 2 SUPER(IN + DUCE)MEN + T; 3 LINE + N; 4 VIETNAMESE, with TNAM replaced by NN; 5 ENSU(R)ED; 6 PULL A BOUT; 7 RIVET(ANAG) inside A BOAT + TEMPT; 8 DD; 12 & 16 S + EXACT; 14 FED* inside RESCUE; 17 WHIs (T) TLER, 20 UP> + TEAL; 21 SEVER + E; 24 feEL FINE; 25 Hidden.

Slot 2 Blue King. Across: 1 C (O + HER) E, 4 DIOR AMA S, 9 A + PL + bOMB, 10 D + IVOR + DEC>, 12 BASIL (Fawltly) + IC + A, 13 D (IL) ATE, 15 OR> + AN, 16 (RACHEL SANG)*, 19 G (OD + PAR) ENTS, 20 Enter, Shift and Home are all computer KEYS (islands), 23 U MP + IRE, 25 homoph, 27 CAT + A + COMB, 28 BER + BER, 29 E + MISSION, 30 X+Y + LENE (homoph).
Down: 1 C + L + AMBER , 2 H (ALL + ST) AND, 3 RUM + B(i)LE, 5 I + BID, 6 RE + ORIENT, 7 MO + CHA, 8 Hidden, 11 ref. Will Scarlet with Robin Hood., 14 (T+Y+H+R) > on HMS, 17 E (LE) C + TABLE, 18 MAT(h) (RICE) S, 19 G + O + U + A + CHE, 21 S + COURaGE, 22 (RETRY A)*, 24 PUT + TI, 26 AM + MO.

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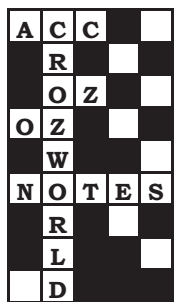
- 1 Thoroughfare junction lost to parking for recipient of 9 (6)
- 4 Old, popular fashion is filling head of style specialists (8)
- 9 and 28 Wretched coward likes heartless writer (5,5)
- 10 Fool admitted old, retired Republican was a person who accepted defeat graciously (4,5)
- 11 See 22 Down
- 12 Chain store located in regional district (4)
- 13 She is a top class setter, English too (5)
- 15 Football gets on my nerves. Out with drug for kids (7)
- 16 Early civilisation introduced monthly and yearly arboriculture (4)
- 19 Note film classification for religious person (4)
- 20 Absence of love? It's more than nothing and yet less than nothing (3-4)
- 23 Giant rort initially found in payment (5)
- 24 Position indicator is centrally located in county organization (4)
- 25 Revolutionary leader of rebels was a 9 recipient (4)
- 27 Repugnant, with a regressive decline in standards, he has estranged himself from his peers (9)
- 28 See 9
- 29 Charges on freight are not about new lengths of time (8)
- 30 9 recipient keeps speed in Seychelles (6)

Down

- 1 How good came between gentleman and Latin dancer (8)
- 2 Perhaps buy more time to talk on a mobile about custody (8)
- 3 Currency starting rates of Eastern Uganda to be revised (4)
- 5 Inebriated cronies took me for a friend of 9's! (6,7)
- 6 A young lad without love was enthralled by soothing, soft singing (10)
- 7 and 8 Identical hideous trees in established neighbourhood of 9 (6,6)
- 10 9's form or law protects alien (4,9)
- 14 9 recipient city (10)
- 17 The Church, dealing with male member, ignored length of the head (8)
- 18 Roughly sounds like a nag beside a meadow (8)
- 21 Hardship channel (6)
- 22 and 11 A 9, 28 conception – gory and hairy having no limits for modification (6,4)
- 26 Gropes up substitute (4)

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Solution
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Closing mail date: 11 July 2014.



CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2014: Our Annual Victorian Get-together this year will be **Christmas in July** and will be held at noon on Sunday 27 July at the Royal Oak Hotel, 442 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy between 12 noon and 4pm. 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: we need many more. Help! Please. We have

organised an excellent lunch: tasty savouries on arrival, a choice of three delectable main courses and a selection of three desserts followed by coffee/tea. Some wine – Red and White – will be provided by the ACC. And you can purchase all sorts of drinks from the bar at very reasonable prices. Pay on the day. Bookings and enquiries to Patrick Street, ph (03) 9347 1216 or email: pstreet@bigpond.net.au by 20th July please. There will be two brill Crosswords, a Quiz and plenty of prizes! Not to mention a lovely warming atmosphere. Come along and join in the merriment! We look forward to renewing acquaintances!

ACC CruciverbaLimerick Competition 2014.

Send your entries to Brian Symons 1 Kookaburra Place, Grays Point NSW 2232 or by email: bms65@bigpond.com. Closing date: Friday 11 July 2014. Prizes to be awarded for the three best entries as decided by the Executive Committee

of the ACC. Here are the three winners from the 2004 competition:

First by Maurice Cowan:

Please Setters when calling the shots
And baffling us dim-witted clots
Could you kindly refrain
Desist and abstain
From the Obs and the Spens and the Scots?

Second by Kev Layton:

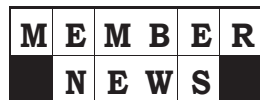
Said an ill cryptic boffin named Brown,
"There's some pills on that chair, in my gown.
If you'd kindly toss Six or seven across,
I will try to get three or four down!"

Third by Jim Colles:

A crosswording jogger named Horrie
Was run over while swotting Macquarie.
As he lay on the road,
Across hopped a toad,
And they both croaked under the lorry.

Commended Entry:

Concernin' that old Spenser dude
I reckon is spellin's orl skew'd.
And as fer them Scots,
They ties Inglesh in knots.
Such langwidge should never be clude.



New Member:

Monica Catchpole from Howrah, Tasmania. Welcome to the Wonderful World of *CroZworlding*, Monica.

Welcome Renewal of subscription from **John Brotherton** together with a generous donation to the ACC Prize Fund 2014.

List of compilers

In doing the research for the list of compilers that you will find on p6, Ian has assembled a list of almost all of the *CrOZworld* compilers who have intrigued, delighted and frustrated us from the word "Go". He will be happy to provide the full list to members by e-mail on request.

More CruciverbaLimericks from 2004

In the wide, brown land of Oz
There's a wonderful world of Croz.
Its members keep striving
And the club keeps on thriving
Under the ministrations of *Stroz*.

A pretty compiler from Bermuda
Made a clue for a Scot named McGruder
She thought she was shrewd
'cos the clue was quite rude
But McGruder was shrewder and sued her.

If you wish to solve *Crozworld* clues,
I bring very disturbing news.
You must be well-read,
Should go early to bed,
And most certainly lay off the booze.

What is it that could make Mirle sick,
Or might be what strangely riles Mick.
Or sours Eric's milk, Or wraps crime in silk.
And even can make a rime slick.
(and composer seem a clever Dick.

Quiz No 6/2014 ABC by Crowsman.

All answers contain three consecutive letters of the alphabet in order. The letters are contiguous within each of the words. An extra point for identifying the two answers that actually contain four consecutive letters of the alphabet in order. Solutions should be sent to Len Colgan, 1 Ailsa Avenue, Warradale, SA 5046 or by email to len.colgan@unisa.edu.au Closing mail Date: 11 July 2014. \$75 prize.

- 1 Asian nation (11)
- 2 Leader of the Greeks in the Trojan war (9)
- 3 Perceptive (6)
- 4 Tranquillity (8)
- 5 Topmost layer in a forest (6)
- 6 Old Istanbul (14)
- 7 The little grebe (8)
- 8 Smear campaign (10)
- 9 Loss in sport (6)
- 10 Loss in business (7)
- 11 Dare (4)
- 12 Heap of manure (8)
- 13 Mongolian conqueror (7,4)
- 14 Coiffure (9)
- 15 Covering for a Muslim woman (5)
- 16 Take over by force in flight (6)
- 17 Ambiguous (10)
- 18 Luxury sports-car (11)
- 19 Object of ridicule (8-5)
- 20 Living in ponds or marshes (12)
- 21 Outstanding piece of strategy (12)
- 22 Condensation (8)
- 23 Board game (8)
- 24 Breathing dejectedly (7)
- 25 Drowsy (9)
- 26 As much as a shovel will hold (8)
- 27 Shock (4)
- 28 Huge (10)
- 29 Abstract (8)
- 30 Turbulent (11)
- 31 Dehydrated (7)
- 32 Pacific Ocean nation (6)
- 33 Make sense of (10)
- 34 Possible replacement performer (10)
- 35 Sealed (8)
- 36 Firmly twisted woollen thread (7)

May 1-2014: Half et Demi by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

• I enjoyed *Crowsman's Half et Demi* – and found out that I'd been spelling & pronouncing the long form of RSVP incorrectly all my life!

Nea Storey

• Quel an enigme enjoyable. Je go aux islands Marquises the semaine next. Cette quiz etait a belle opportunity de practise mon French. Merci Len.

Robyn Wimbush

• Nice idea for the puzzle. I learnt some new French including no 'S' in 'repondez'.

Andrew Patterson

• Slot 1 was interesting as our French is as bad as our Swahili! Got there though, we think.

Richard Skinner

• Pardonez moi, mais mon froglese est, pertetre, un peu rusty. Quel brilliance for a #1 but please don't follow up with a puzzle in German, Polish or Russian etc. 1 lac Ecarte reminded me of a chap who lives in the same village as my sister in England – Eric Carte, actor of stage, screen and TV. Fondly referred to locally as Eric the Actor. On one of my infrequent visits to the Old Dart, Eric invited Sis and me to watch a play he was in, in the West End. He drove us up and suggested we could come backstage shortly after the finish and meet Felicity Kendall – his co-star. We thought that meant we had time for a swift pint but were only half way through when Eric found us and told us that Felicity waited for a little while and then went home. Ah well.

Jim Fowler

• I enjoyed Len's refrenching variation for slot 1.

Robyn Caine

• Merci monsieur! A splendid variation on the usual Half'n'Half.

Margaret Davis

• A very pleasing theme. 9ac/6ac: RSVP is the request to reply, not the reply itself. See *Chambers* (2011).

George Rolfe

• I did enjoy this month's puzzles, especially my favourite, *Crowsman*. How clever was the 'Half et Demi'!

Cheryl Wilcox

• I loved all the French clues.

Pat Lord

• How does he do it? Marvellous bi-lingual perfection.

Dale McManus

• Liked WHISTLER and SUPERINDUCEMENT – Wow! My current problem is how to introduce PUTEAL into ordinary conversation? Pity to waste such a nice word.

Max Roddick

• Fancy being able to compile a puzzle using French!

Eileen O'Brien

• Tres Bon! Gave SEX ACT the COTM.

Roy Taylor

• A clever variant.

Brian Symons

• Pardon my French if incorrect, please explain the 4 core letters deleted and two new ones added. (VIE-tnam-ESE, with NN added = VIENNESE: Adj)

Alan Walter

May 2-2014: Cryptic by Blue King (Roy Low)

• Best clues were Diorama and Emissions.

Nea Storey

• I have an issue with 22dn. If the answer is ARTERY, then the clue structure breaks a Ximenean principle by having the definition in the middle of the clue.

Mal Cockburn

• Some inspired clues, such as APLOMB and KEYS (COTM). Not keen though on "Noted Welshman" or "half the planet", and I prefer "Retry a repaired main road" for 22dn. Most surfaces are OK, but a couple are vague. Thanks Roy!

Len Colgan

• Liked 12ac (great fan of *Fawlty Towers*). In the end though we're going for 4ac as COTM as we got caught initially by what was to us an unusual use of the word "Christians". I'm sure it was meant to mislead and it did.

Richard Skinner

• 19ac "guarantors", the obvious "sponsors" had only correct checked letters with 18dn and 19dn, as did "godfathers". "godparents" appears to be the solution as it fits in with the "t" of 14dn "rhythm". 29ac: Hope "Berber" is right, but what is the connection with Australian crisis strategy? [*The A\$16.2 billion program Building the Education Revolution (BER) was part of the Rudd government's economic stimulus package designed as a response to the 2007-2010 global financial crisis: Adj*]

Tony de Gry

• *Blue King* had some very good clues. I loved 12ac (Basilica), 7dn (Mocha) and 29ac (Emission). I can't go past 12ac (Basilica) for my COTM vote. Nothing faulty with that one!

Caroline Mackay-Sim

• A tricky one but good. I've given 20ac my COTM, possibly because it was the last one I solved!

Margaret Davis

• 28ac: to suggest "deserted people" = people of the desert is taking things too far.

George Rolfe

• I found 11dn very obscure!

Judith Woodford

• 20ac had me looking for islands with 'in' in them. I then sat down at the computer and the answer jumped out at me. COTM for me.

Ulla Axelsen

• I found this quite challenging, especially the right hand side.

Maureen Blake

• Very neatly put-together clues (including probably those I couldn't solve!) Liked SCOURGE, and KEYS for COTM.

Max Roddick

• *Blue King's* Slot 2 made me a bit blue. But I think I got there. Looked at 20ac long before the penny dropped (keyboard keys).

Roy Taylor

• Some excellent clues – the simple KEYS gets my COTM.

Brian Symons

• 20ac seems faulty. Islands = KEYS. "Shift home and enter" does not seem to give KEYS! (See Roy Taylor's comment: Adj). 25ac: PUTTO =

cherub = Amoretto (say) = AMARETTO = drink. 7dn: MO+CHA, clever clue involving MO (short time) and CHA (tea). 9ac: Please explain 'old car'!

Alan Walter

May 3-2014: Cryptic by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

• If solvers are wondering whether the puzzles are getting harder, this is proof they're not. Presumably this puzzle is pre-search engines. Who could've confidently finished it?!

Andrew Patterson

• Correct spelling of the Dutch city is 'sHertogenbosch (the Duke's Forrest) with genitive 's before the title hertog.

Tony de Gry

• Jesso still appearing – great. Always a word that is new to me from him. This time it was ALGARROBA.

Margaret Davis

• Ten anagrams in one puzzle is excessive. 1ac: the clue would read better and be more accurate as "Rescued my gal aged about five". What is the authority for "D" as an abbreviation for detective?

George Rolfe

• I liked ATE hidden as a verb in 24ac.

Rob Moline

• One of Jesso's toughest.

Brian Symons

• With answers like HERTOGENBOSCH, ALGARROGA and EDICT OF NANTES this was one of Noel's more challenging puzzles to solve.

Alan Walter

May 4-2014 Jigsaw by Kaeila (Anne Simons)

• My big concern for the month is the 'Slim shouts' clue. If my answer is verifiable, I couldn't manage it. Is it just a 'filler' of an answer?

Andrew Patterson

• Obviously, outré offering of one-off originality!

Len Colgan

• Aren't there a lot of words that start with O?

Richard Skinner

• "omer" as part of "Omerta" (4th line) is a Hebrew dry volume measure, not a holy period. [*Chambers defines it as the seven-week period between the second day of Passover and the first day of Shavuoth: Adj*] Word length indicator (7) instead of (4,3) for "open out" (penultimate column) is confusing. All in all an easier puzzle than the usual O.J.

Tony de Gry

• What a lot of words and phrases beginning with "O" – very clever!

Margaret Davis

• Well done! Years ago the great Noel Jessop gave us a jigsaw using only the letter 'A'. I was impressed then and I'm impressed now.

Brian Tickle.

• Liked OVERKEEN.

Max Roddick

• Another interesting variant. If OPEN OUT is correct it should be two words.

Brian Symons

• ON DUSTY – A good time for Slim's shout, as the PUB'S GOT NO BEER!

Graeme Cole

• O, O, O what a jigsaw! OPEN OUT clues needs a (4,3) indicator, not (7). Thanks Kaeila for an enjoyable puzzle.

Alan Walter

May 5-2014 A Poetic Puzzle by Barney Naga (Jeremy Barnes and Bob Hagan)

• A long while since we've had a puzzle of this type. More please!

Nea Storey

• Slot 5 would have been a brilliant idea if the setter had taken the extra step to fit the answers into a proper crossword. As it was I didn't quite see the point (unless there was some hidden pattern that I missed).

Roger Douglas

• I like these puzzles but they also scare me. I hope STRUCK is okay. It seems too simple against the others [AOK: Adj].

Andrew Patterson

• Slot 5 had us thinking but in the end was not too hard. It was the unusual clueing method that toughened it up rather than the actual word play we thought.

Richard Skinner

• Quite tricky as the pairs of synonyms in the poem – verbs or nouns – have to be found, then compared with their synonyms in the clues solutions after finding the divisions in the latter, nouns transforming into adjectives, etc. I liked earthlings, earthworks, insolvent and congested. Colonel/officer and square/polygon are not strictly synonyms.

Tony de Gry

• We haven't had one of these for a long time. I miss the cross-checking of a "proper" crossword. I'm not at all sure about my first answer at No 7 but I can't think what else it could be.

Margaret Davis

• Must have been hard to clue two words in each clue with such smooth surfaces: very well done. Hard to solve with no crossing letters for help.

Rob Moline

• I enjoyed the Poetic Puzzle very much once I completed the comprehension exercise and worked out what I had to do.

Maureen Blake

• Good fun. Clues not too hard, which is good, because you don't get letters in the words to help. This is not a crossword – the words don't cross.

Roy Taylor

• I really enjoy *Brother Naga's* beautifully clued poetic puzzles.

Brian Symons

• Thanks *Barney Naga* for a poem revisited from 62 years ago in 5th class primary school. It was a challenging, pleasant puzzle to solve.

Alan Walter

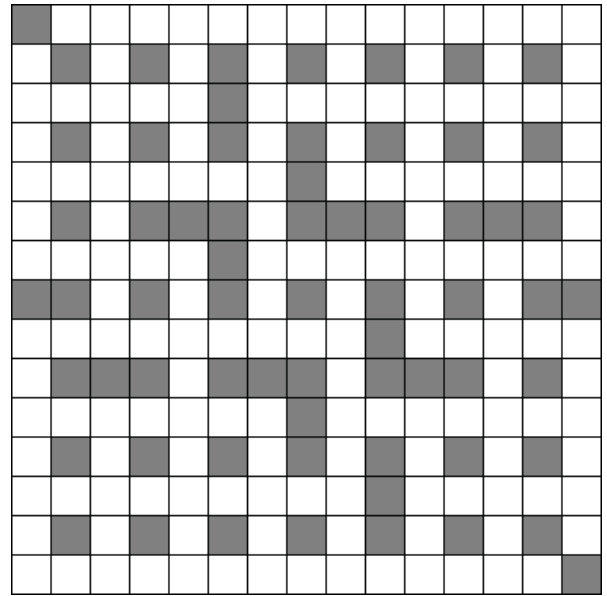
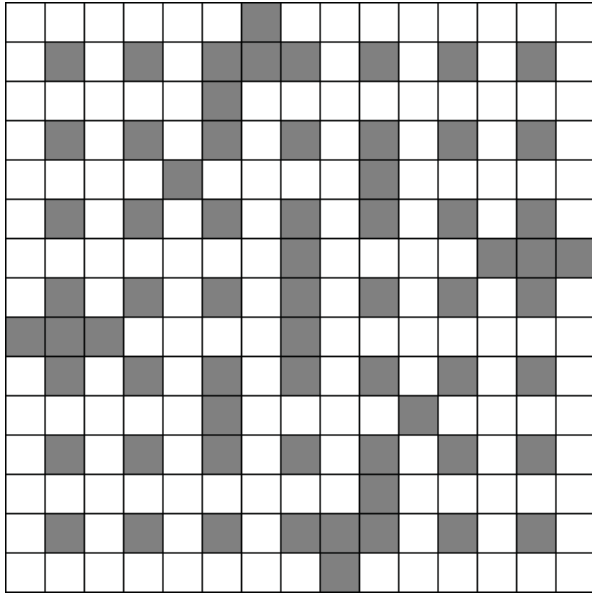
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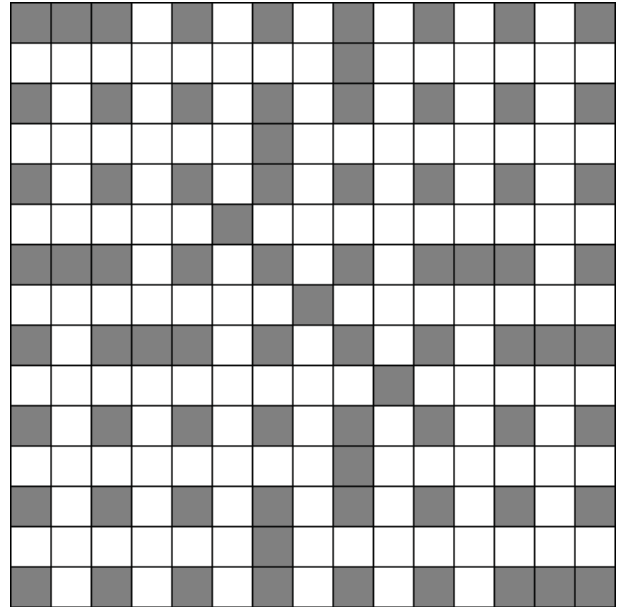
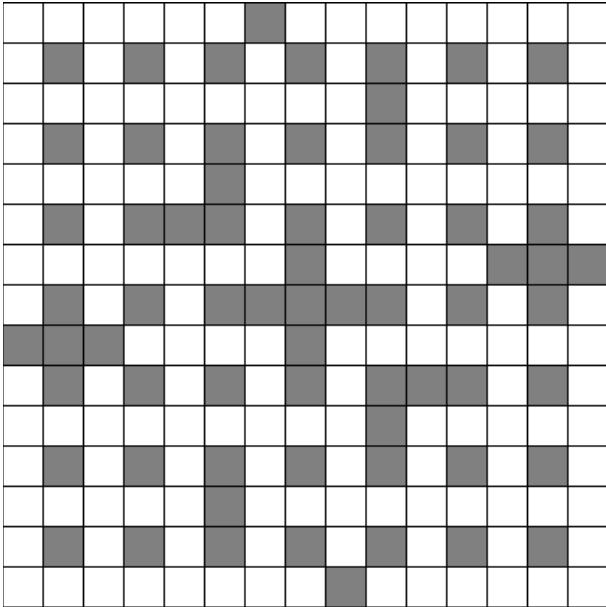
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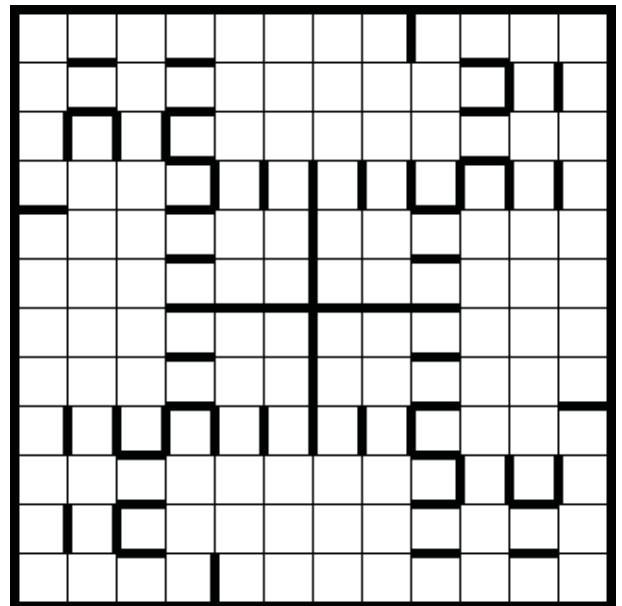
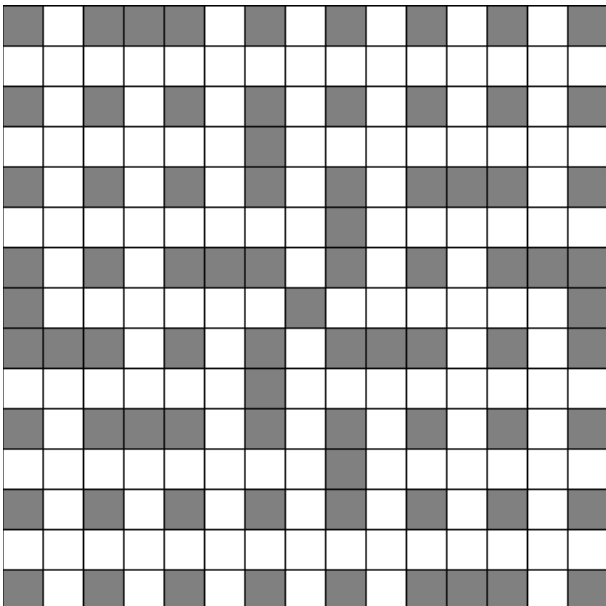
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Clue of the Month

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

Entries 69. Correct 62. Success rate 90%.

Prizewinner: John Baylis. Congratulations!

Correct: W Allen, U Axelsen, J Barnes, J Baylis, C Bilkey, M Blake, R Caine, R Carpenter, L Carroll, B Cockburn, G Cole, M Collins, P Dearie, R Douglas, J Evans, J Fowler, J Freeland, P Garner, B Glissan, R Gooderick, D Grainger, O Greenberger, B Hagan, K Harper, N Heyes, S Howat, S Howells, D Jones, M Kennedy, C Lee, G Leeds, J Leigh, P Lord, C McClelland, I McKenzie, D McManus, C Mackay-Sim, A Martin, I Mason, A Miles, R Moline, C Noble, E O'Brien, D Parsons, A Patterson, M Procter, M Pyc, M Roddick, S Roulston, W Ryan, A Shield, A Simons, J Sims, R Skinner, M Steinberger, B Symons, R Taylor, I Thompson, B Tofoni, A Walter, R Wimbush and J Woodford.

Adjudicator's Comments:

In retrospect, perhaps I should have used "victor", rather than "Victor". Also, it was suggested that clue references to "jimmy = lever" as being American, and "garden parties = fêtes champêtres" as being French, would have been appropriate, even though both are in *Chambers* and *SOED*. Even so, nobody got either incorrect. I regret not using "French garden parties". A few members missed the wordplay ASH(M)ORE in 24ac. The only repeated wrong answer was "downside" instead of the correct DOWNTIME.

—Crowsman (Len Colgan)

Explanations:

Across: 1,5 anag + candescent; 10 stamped(envelope); 11 E + strange; 12 ruck + US; 13 a + head; 14 down + emit(rev); 17 mis(lead)s; 18 (S + tuba)rev; 20 (l(a)ever)rev; 22 harm on ic(e); 23 cross words + Ol(i)ver; 24 ash(m)ore; 25 dd;

Down: 2 fetes + champ + anag; 3 immor(t)al + S; 4 (s)ignage(anag); 6 env(y) + irons; 7 rev containment; 8 pen(rev) + tune + strident; 9 here + fords + hire; 15 anag; 16 de(wolf(rev))er; 19 anag; 21 dd.

Solvers' Comments:

• Many thanks for your mind-stunning Slot 6. In 1 & 5ac, I eventually ended up with AFRI+CAN+DESCENT, with CANDESCENT = glowing. What a time-consuming clue – so cleverly put together. 24ac at first seemed to be non-cryptic till I realised that "destination for people in boats = ASHORE" binding M from asylum to give ASHMORE. 16dn DEFLOWER was very clever, and 8dn NEPTUNE'S TRIDENT was a superlative gem. *Alan Walter*

• Thanks for another wonderful puzzle. Especially liked CROSSWORD SOLVER. *Brian Symons*

• 24ac ASHMORE is a very good clue or, should I say, a standard clue among many good ones. *Doreen Jones*

• That was a tough one: couldn't get on the wavelength and had to go for aids very early. Liked 1ac, 18ac, 22ac. Didn't know 9dn (should have), 3dn or 2dn – a bit cheeky having an obscure(?) French phrase unindicated (Agreed! LC). *Rob Moline*

• So many priceless clues, but I was enthralled by AFRICAN DESCENT, CROSSWORD SOLVER, NEPTUNE'S TRIDENT. *Dale McManus*

• Another great puzzle, with clues with excellent surface. *Drew Meek*

• Good clean fun as usual, although this one took me longer to solve than previous ones. Some clever construction too, but DEFLOWER was the real high-calibre clue for me – it

would have had my vote for COTM, closely followed by RUCKUS. *Michael Kennedy*

• An excellent puzzle, as always. Those long words and phrases are hard to clue effectively but you did a great job.

Nice work! *Roger Douglas*

• Your crossword was a real challenge as usual, but this time I'm not sure it was fair. The use of a French term without indicating same was a bit naughty (Fair point! LC). That is my only beef, otherwise it's up to your usual high standard. *Carole Noble*

• It never ceases to amaze me how obvious the clues are once worked out but how impenetrable beforehand. 2dn took some working out as we had never come across this before. Fêtes seemed obvious, but the rest! Anyway, the whole puzzle is a good example of why we love being club members. *Richard Skinner*

• I did enjoy AFRICAN DESCENT and CROSSWORD SOLVER very much! *Andrew Miles*

• A very thought provoking puzzle. I especially liked CROSSWORD SOLVER and DEFLOWER. *Ulla Axelsen*

• What a marvellous puzzle! No unusual or contrived words, but loads of ingenious and entertaining clues – not the least the five long words. *John Baylis*

• I did enjoy your Slot 6, particularly CROSSWORD SOLVER. *Bev Cockburn*

• I found this a most interesting crossword – the clue re NEPTUNE'S TRIDENT was brilliant, but DEFLOWER took me a long time & was the last clue discovered.

Maureen Blake

• This puzzle was a real challenge & I nearly gave up. However, having managed to complete it, I now wait with great trepidation to see how many clues I have interpreted correctly (All of them! LC). *Norma Heyes*

• Another challenging but very fair puzzle. My favourite clue was for AFRICAN DESCENT – it took a while for the light bulb to come on! *Jeremy Barnes*

• Thank you for a great puzzle, and please keep them coming! *Margaret Davis*

• Yet another classic exercise in crossword clueing – I do enjoy both the challenge and the humour of your puzzles. I particularly liked 23ac CROSSWORD SOLVER and 24ac ASHMORE. *Kath Harper*

• MISLEADS, AGEING, IMBROGLIO, and DEFLOWER stand out among a fine lot. *Max Roddick*

• Tough but clever and fair clues. Last one solved was ASHMORE – took a while to realise the destination was "ashore". 23ac CROSSWORD SOLVER was cleverly misleading with the definition "You". *Roy Taylor*

• Just wanted to say so many clever clues – especially CROSSWORD SOLVER – took ages to get. 24ac, 16dn, 21dn would all get COTM. *Marian Procter*

• Thanks for a challenging puzzle. I was stuck for a long time on 1ac, having worked out that "fair characters" is an anagram of "Africa's charter" but wondering how anything could possibly be "glowing black". At last the light dawned and a solution came "out of Africa" in quite a different way! *Ron Carpenter*

• Great puzzle with tricky clues. Especially liked 10ac, 17ac, 8dn, 21dn. *Joan Smith*

• Good fun: this took a while but enjoyed it. Last one was DEPARTS (hope it is right!). *Eileen O'Brien*

• It was very enjoyable. My favourite clues were among the last few in, including DEFLOWER, CROSSWORD SOLVER and ASHMORE. *Ian Thompson*

• I have finally finished your puzzle – 2dn took a while to work out. 24ac is brilliant! (ashore with M inside).

Peter Dearie