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My father still reads the dictionary every day.
He says that your life depends on your power to master words.
Arthur Scargill, 10 January 1982, in the *Sunday Times*.

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The new ACC website [www.crosswordclub.org] was designed to provide easier navigation and to be more relevant to our members. In particular, it has provided a link to ACCOLADE and gives a direct link to *The Times* for *The Times* blog. DEEF provides an excellent opportunity to make any comments about the cruciverbal art and it gives more security and requires less maintenance. Please contribute your cruciverbal comments to making DEEF a valuable asset to the Club and its members.

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 *KA*, *JAXA*, *Jesso* and *Valkyrie*. We welcome the respected compilers *Bogeyman* and *Betelgeuse* in the Slots 5 and 6. *Crowsman* has compiled another challenging Quiz called *Two times four is 8* which will stimulate all solvers.

Derek Harrison asks: "Do you get a lot of pleasure in solving crosswords? Do you enjoy the penny-drop-moment? Well, a *Daily Mail* article claims that solving a crossword is "better than sex" because of the release of dopamine! For the first time it has been shown that the hub of the brain's reward system, the nucleus accumbens, 'lit up' with increased activation both when problems were solved and when people reported a strong 'aha!' experience."

Read all about this at:
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5662905/Crosswords-better-sex-flood-dopamine-released-puzzle-finished.html>

Best of Luck with your solving this month! —Patrick

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A fairly quiet month saw entries from 82 members (the previous month had 112). The winter coming in perhaps? The end of the financial year?

Slot 1: Being a golfer might have helped a number of solvers in this slot. The clue for MINIGOLF ("game") made 4 think food rather than sport, proffering MEATLOAF. And MASHIE, another lovely old Scottish golf club name – sometimes seen as "mashie niblick" – provided a raft of alternatives including MINGLE, MANGLE and MENAGE.

Slot 2: Some unusual words in this slot trapped a few. RAVENBONE came out as RAGELBONE, RAGENBONE and even WATERBANK. QANAT garnered 2 x CANAL and 2 x QATAR (that last might have been in anticipation of QATARIS in Slot 4). One POSSIBLT for POSSIBLE suggests a typo. I suppose if we added a spell-check facility to ACCOLADE there'd be no fun left in solving.

Slot 3: Judging by the success rate many of you obviously liked this puzzle, and errors were consistent – 3 x FRESHMAN (FRESHMEN), and a couple more possible typos – 1 x OUTRACE (OUTRAGE) and 1 x PENTANLGE (PENTANGLE).

Slot 4: Funny how sometimes it's the little ones that trip you up – XRAY became XMAS 8 times and XIAN for another 3. I mentioned QATAR in Slot 2 and it was good to see it become QATARIS in this slot but a couple of folk liked QATARIE and QARANIS instead. Note the thumping win to ZIMMERFRAME as the COTM.

Slot 5: A good Slot 5, no outstanding errors. One solver emailed to wish me good luck in justifying SATIRICAL (and 4 solvers had it as SATYRICAL). I thought it was a splendid clue. RECAPITALISES is obviously hard to spell and got RECAPITULISES and RECAPITALISTS as a result.

COTM: A runaway win (8 nominations) for ZIMMERFRAME in Slot 4 (and indeed there were nominations for another 5 of the Slot 4 answers). Congratulations *Manveru!*

I hope to see lots of you at the Crossmass Cruciverbal on 29 July 2018, so until then "Happy solving!" —David Grainger

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	73	71	64	69	62	339
Correct entries	52	61	57	48	51	269
Success rate (%)	71.2	85.9	89.1	69.6	82.3	79.4
Prizewinners	Roy Taylor	Jeremy Barnes	Shelia Taylor	Sonia Roulston	Anne Simons	from 82 members

Prizewinner: May 2018 Slots 1-5: Kate Williams. Congratulations!

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May 1-2018

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ACC MEMBERS RESULTS FOR May 2018 Slots 1-5 & April Slot 6

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Greenberger O.	Moline R.							

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KA



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Across

- 8 Cover for cold bird (4)
- 9 Excite broken up Tina with exotic mixture (10)
- 10 Forgotten recess harbours mammal (6)
- 11 Dance for two instruments (8)
- 12 Noticed animal at trestle (8)
- 14 Stop religious person with pole (6)
- 16 Food for returned politicians? (4)
- 17 Tell stories, for instance, about a vassal (5)
- 18 Protestant is a spiteful person (4)
- 19 Let through with German (6)
- 21 United to catch the woman! (8)
- 23 Being sensitive, everybody hesitates to return short cigar (8)
- 26 Pork pie is out of date (3-3)
- 27 A sickly, top-pruned plant was kept by mother for a long time (10)
- 28 The structure will bend (4)

Down

- 1 Ship's quarters (10)
- 2 Humorous poem (8)
- 3 Tool (6)
- 4 Eat away (4)
- 5 Relating to upper-class education (8)
- 6 Flower stalks (6)
- 7 Above (4)
- 13 Throw out (5)
- 15 Food (10)
- 17 Plaintiff (8)
- 18 Back out (8)
- 20 Cereal (6)
- 22 Obscure (6)
- 24 Secular (4)
- 25 Voucher (4)

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Cryptic by JAXA



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Across

- 9 A man who does not believe in what he is thinking (7)
- 10 Calm current in river (7)
- 11 Now a fee for hiring a mongrel? (7)
- 12 Four down from tea, Rachel? (7)
- 13 Pastries delivered when fish decays (3,6)
- 15 Hold back the French evidence of fire (5)
- 16 FIFA's test reveals attribute of winner (7)
- 19 Desert dweller who may induce sleep (7)
- 20 Every second is well followed by mother in Alabama (5)
- 21 Pause, Bill. Regroup to become believable (9)
- 25 No French murder victim taken back in Western Asia (7)
- 26 Stuck where we are, in total (7)
- 28 Outspoken visitor with key for the whole thing (7)
- 29 Old city with heartbroken waterway (7)

Down


- 1 Initiators of military armaments designed carelessly are politically reckless (6)

- 2 Revolutionary takes in part of argument for military exercise (6)
- 3 Obscure piece of mind in that man (4)
- 4 Elevator man has it in for medical problem (6)
- 5 Pacifies a confused pair of apes (8)
- 6 Aryan LSD, if taken carelessly, creates imaginary places (10)
- 7 Demand trashing of all my CIA letters (3,5)
- 8 Let on the strange way of raising money (8)
- 14 Kind of geometry confused me in Narnia (10)
- 16 Blend and hold back energy for airbus component (8)
- 17 Wayward bus halts for vegetation (8)
- 18 Toots admits odd Peking characters for hair styles (8)
- 22 A distorted USB, containing actinium used for calculating (6)
- 23 Returning bush tribesmen carry deliveries (6)
- 24 Please finish hearing organ (6)
- 27 Pay attention when starting highly explosive electronic devices (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Many thanks for my prize on winning last month's quiz. I am delighted to announce that I am now the proud owner of a new *Macquarie* dictionary!
- Plenty of good stuff to keep us on our toes. I thought Slot 4 harder than usual – completed it last instead of first!
- Only 8 more sleeps.
- Many thanks for my Slot 1 prize; very unexpected but most welcome.

Maureen Blake
Max Roddick
Robyn Wimbush
Judy Schulz

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">by</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Jesso</h2>


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Across

- 1 Urged betting on old town radical (7)
- 5 Relation's demeanour (7)
- 9 This vicar upset record keeper (9)
- 10 Old argument against one out (2-3)
- 11 Diamonds are a challenge (4)
- 12 Correct aspect of corner (5,5)
- 14 Bulgarian money is for trousers (5)
- 16 Grieving and sending off without notice (9)
- 18 Turning down ruling after a month (9)
- 21 You heard wolf give a security device (1-4)
- 23 Heats anvil inexpertly to make huge things (10)
- 24 Special morning for unwanted communication (4)
- 27 Grain cooked and trimmed (5)
- 28 International forum against wanting vetoes (9)
- 29 Learner taking transport to outskirts of empire (7)
- 30 Bird taking in sailor with unknown self-sufficiency (7)

Down

- 1 Ignominy! Caught in footwear (7)
- 2 A sort of cruel source of pain (5)
- 3 Starts to run away with one long bird (4)
- 4 Performs without the Italian writer's place mats (7)
- 5 Cadger at church with journalist mucked up (7)
- 6 Even mean to say unexpectedly (7,3)
- 7 Unidentified coin got in by mistake (9)
- 8 Ensign, all at sea, gone without one plant (7)
- 13 Assessment of Maoist net I disrupted (10)
- 15 Always in two states or the other way around (4,5)
- 17 Scots own ain't not all there (3)
- 18 Once adorned outside of endless belt with pleasure (7)
- 19 Popular call to employ internally (2-5)
- 20 Off on a gold Venetian vessel (7)
- 22 Bashfully, take three notes to unoccupied lady (7)
- 25 Difficult question of one with an attitude (5)
- 26 Head of serpentine stone forms tongue of land (4)

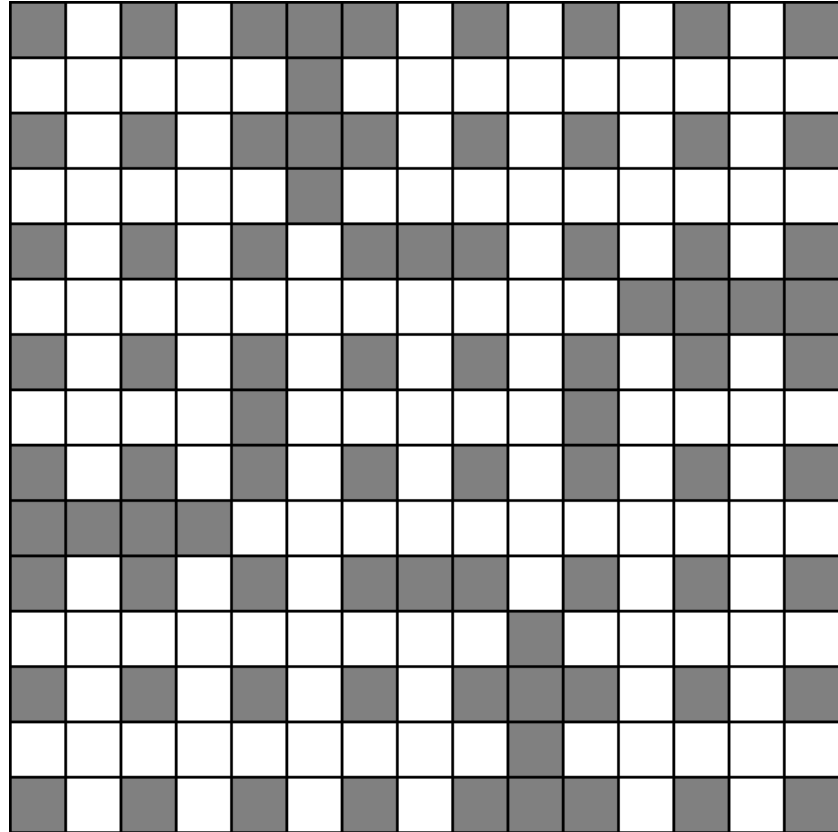
Words about Words by Gyles Brandreth, Word Play, 2015.

- Man does not live by words alone, despite the fact that he sometimes has to eat them.
- Some words with hidden meaning – like Basingstroke.
- The trouble with words is that you never know whose mouth they've been in.
- He writes so well he makes me feel like putting my quill back in my goose.
- Authors with a mortgage never get writer's block.
- 'The cat sat on the mat' is not a story; 'the cat sat on the dog's mat' is a story.
- The four most beautiful words in our common language: I told you so.
- It usually takes more than three weeks to prepare a good impromptu speech.
- The art of conversation is the art of hearing as well as of being heard.
- Short words are best and the old words when short are the best of all.
- Talkers are not good doers.
- A fine quotation is a diamond on the finger of a man of wit, and a pebble in the hand of a fool.
- A good novel tells us the truth about its hero; but a bad novel tells us the truth about its author.

Adlai Stevenson
WS Gilbert
Dennis Potter
Fred Allen
Mavis Cheek
John Le Carré
Gore Vidal
Mark Twain
William Hazlitt
Winston Churchill
William Shakespeare
Joseph Roux
GK Chesterton

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AJ
by
Valkyrie



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

- A** Nearly a fit (5)
- B** Box office chicks conceal dream about avant-garde artists (9)
- C** Coffee maker finally spoke following small restaurant row (9)
- D** Put out lantern over the moon! (9)
- E** All now and then leave early (5)
- F** German woman joins Dutch con man (5)
- G** Unaffected by oil, gears are fixed to extreme pressure covering (11)
- H** Chile quake originally only destroyed step with right vertical risers (11)
- I** First person, name unknown, Italian original settler (5)
- J** Junior caught priest crazy with love for a bit of baloney (11)
- K** Tree dwellers twisted loops around a beloved uniform (9)
- L** Tiger wolf regularly returns for Angolan mint product (4)
- M** Small child expressed intensity of purpose (5)
- N** Trained assassin to reduce baseball team with German approval (5)
- O** Delineated too much in the red (9)
- P** Arranged racing stripe without name around food channel (11)
- Q** P stop? Round far side of latrine (5)
- R** Any point of the compass? Sounds odd (5)
- S** Sexy passage, one in seven, incomplete (9)
- T** Vehicle carrying uranium received a jerk causing emotional shock (9)
- U** Junior to one of the French Resistance (5)
- V** 'E was decapitated? Really? (4)
- W** Western cause bringing back NZ birds (5)
- X** Ten heads of Yves Lacoste's Organization on edge over British-American instrument (9)
- Y** Certainly very old. Worldly wise? A bit! (4)
- Z** Region 01 (4)

The Ordinary and Extraordinary by Gyles Brandreth, *Word Play*, 2015

- A Moron, who occupied the position of Commissioner of Education for the Virgin Islands.
- Mr Groaner Digger, a Texas undertaker.
- Dr Zoltan Ovary, a New York gynaecologist.
- Sam Sparks, fire chief.
- Mark Clark Van Ark, a resident of Toledo, Texas.
- B. Brooklyn Bridge, who had a policy with the John Hancock Life Insurance Company.
- Reverend Christian Church, who was active in the Italian city of Florence.
- DeFred Go Folts, a university administrator at Harvard University.
- Lettice Goedebed, of Johannesburg, South Africa.
- T. Hee, who worked in a restaurant in New York City.
- Rapid Integration, who featured in *Newsweek* magazine.
- Buncha Love, who also came to the attention of *Newsweek*.
- Viler Organ, an art historian in New York City.

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic by Bogeyman</h2>


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Across

- 2 Porous rock initially turned up from Australia (4)
- 5 Phone fool in Asian capital (7)
- 11 Dad took girl to a Spanish meal (6)
- 12 Blue river Ron splashed about in (5)
- 13 Edge of the road may burn when hydrant replaced by Mark (8)
- 14 Ecstasy test taken by journo showed feeling (6)
- 16 Communication admirably up to date on moon (5)
- 18 Naked ancestor reported in capital (6)
- 19 Summer's snakes (6)
- 21 Capital track to worker's accommodation (6)
- 23 Large office worker's earlier times (6)
- 25 Zigzag exercise having molars left for right and right to left (6)
- 26 Short man adopts fool and girls (6)
- 30 Dull game place for pigs (5)
- 31 Opposition evacuated stubbornly zany guy (6)
- 33 Politician returned to opposition party and left note to be charged (8)
- 34 Retains for ever (5)
- 35 Official in retreat to spoil investigator (6)
- 36 Countryman is God – and high priest (7)
- 37 Rastaman half-back – one of 28? (4)

Down

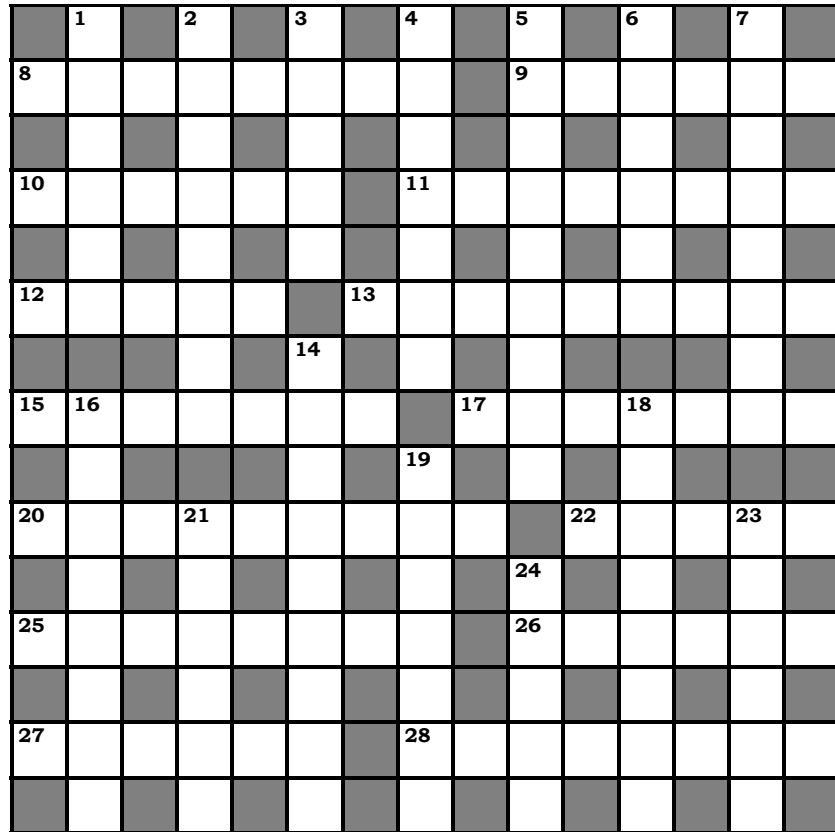
- 1 Recess in eastern half of subsidence (4)
- 2 Backing mat with my glazed fabric (5)
- 3 Ineffectual fiancé lacking composition for woodwind (5)
- 4 Every dancing ogre is lively (7)
- 6 Add amphetamine to old American marijuana for a refreshing brew (3,3)
- 7 Female in former Portuguese colony taking run to achieve success (2,3)
- 8 Greek with a Dutch friend acting progressively (9)
- 9 Short life lurking in pill container – or in glass! (2,5)
- 10 Study of geographical etymology to take first of pupils on my following year (8)
- 15 Painting Merlot ads roughly (3,6)
- 17 "Twerk" is a dancing sport (5,3)
- 20 Soaks ear inside regressive seed (7)
- 22 Tolerance once prevented short drama enactment (7)
- 24 Burn money, we hear, in instalments (6)
- 27 Good man up a Buddhist memorial (5)
- 28 Czech Republic took Latin art to the potentates (5)
- 29 One who looks impertinently at leg or bust (5)
- 32 Up to the present time Bogeyman is a legend (4)

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Misprints by Betelgeuse

Prize
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Across clues have a misprint in the definition but are otherwise normal cryptic clues. In the down clues, the wordplay leads to the word to be inserted in the grid but the definition in the clue is that of a different word, one letter different from that inserted in the grid. The altered letter is always in a checked square.



Across

- 8 One who studies plays without old time Oscar Wild (8)
- 9 Tipsy choir departs slower (6)
- 10 Watch out for the last pack of meat (6)
- 11 Vehicle with power and internal combustion engine can be subject to sudden motions (8)
- 12 Light and skilful when topless (5)
- 13 Country way of speaking ignoring university college, turns out well (9)
- 15 Nicked in house breaking (7)
- 17 Sat, upset about the saddle, perhaps, then gets on (7)
- 20 Constant joy about removal of heir (9)
- 22 Turning a tree to ultimate cellulose (5)
- 25 Told to choose twist but this can be changed (8)
- 26 Found sport in the wind (6)
- 27 Nasty following of French lover (6)
- 28 Not picking god to take journalist test (8)

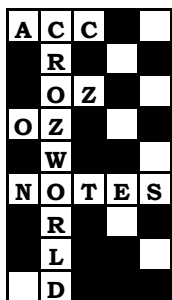
Down

- 1 With alternative I rejected damper (6)
- 2 Calling state over dubious action (8)
- 3 Author includes aid to writing grind (5)
- 4 Begin to set heart on a very disagreeable task (7)
- 5 Dirty pot one stirred with great passion (9)
- 6 Greeting in self-contained way can cause a rift (6)
- 7 Why a W or K sounds like a sort of beetle? (8)
- 14 Thinking to soften up in domination? (9)
- 16 Unknown took a turn, we heard, and stood out (8)
- 18 Waste pipe, new, put in behind (8)
- 19 Agreement continued about church parking (8)
- 21 Charlie found agreeable when about to be put in touch (6)
- 23 Stay or be taken into account (6)
- 24 One occupies a folding bed when away (5)

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Results of Quiz No 4/2018

A quiz for you? by Brian Symons.

No of entries: 30.

Winner: Cheryl Wilcox. Congrats!

Results: 24: Karl Audrins, Ulla Axelsen, Robyn Caine, Bev Cockburn, Susan Howells, Julie Leigh, Pat Lord, Claire McClelland, Robyn McKenzie, Ann Millard, Jenny Wenham, Cheryl Wilcox and Robyn Wimbush. **23:** David Bennett, Hilary Cromer, Ray Gooderick, Bob Hagan, Andrew Miles and Sue Pinder. **22.5:** Pat Garner, Barbara Glissan and Joan Smith. **22:** John Baylis, Barbara Ibbott, Ian Mason, Marian Procter and Judy Randall. **21:** Betty Siegman.

Answers:

1 jay/j, 2 ay or aye/ai, 3 kew/q, 4 bee/b, 5 pea/p, 6 kay/k, 7 el/l, 8 tee/t, 9 you or i/u/i, 10 em or en or ell/m/n/l, 11ewe/u, 12 be or are/b/r, 13 eggs/x, 14 queue/q, 15 tea/t, 16 pee/p, 17 owe/o, 18 oh or gee/o/g, 19 why/y, 20 same as 10, 21 sea/c, 22 see/c, 23 oh or argh or aargh/o/r/r, 24 eye/i.

Adjudicator's comments:

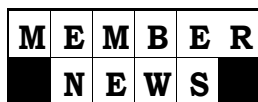
The commonality was meant to be all answers sound like single letters. Hence all would be very short and to give word lengths and alphabetical order would have made it ridiculously easy. Alternative answers were possible and accepted if in *Chambers* as defined. I recently burnt my hand and shouted all the expletives from A to Z but only three were accepted by *Chambers* as genuine cries of pain.

Unfortunately some members thought the commonality was all answers contained the 'you' sound eg bird emu. This makes it an extremely hard quiz without the extra help of word lengths etc. Nevertheless I tried to allot as big a score as possible. There are so many traps to quiz design.

—Brian Symons

Solvers' Comments:

- Thank you for another entertaining quiz. *Robyn Caine*
- Thanks for a very novel quiz. *Pat Lord*
- Love the idea. *Bev Cockburn*
- A lot of fun. *Robyn McKenzie*
- What a novel idea. *Barb Ibbott*
- A little gem of a quiz. *Pat Garner*
- It is always good to have a go without having to google lots of answers. *Hilary Cromer*
- Thanks for something a bit different. *Julie Crowe*



New ACC Members: We are pleased to welcome **Cath Fernando** from Ripponlea Vic as a new member (a Gift Subscription from Darragh O'Donovan) and **Judy Buhagiar** from Wentworthville NSW (a gift from Kerrie Buhagiar). Welcome to the Club Cath and Judy. We hope you will enjoy the challenging Crozworlds.

Quiz No 5/2018 Peppered Puzzle by The Eager Beaver

Very few responses have been received for the quiz. It is possible that the instructions were a little too cryptic. Every answer in the quiz contains three identical letters of the alphabet, **each clue using a different letter**. Three letters are missing – J, Q and X. Those entries already received can be resubmitted if this explanation would result in changes to answers.

CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2018

Our Annual Victorian Get-together this year will be **Christmas in July** and will be held on Sunday 29 July at the Royal Oak Hotel, 442 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy between 11:30am and 3pm. We already have a few attending: but we need many more. Help! Please.

We will organise an excellent lunch including a tasty first course, a choice of delectable main courses and a selection of two 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.

If any members prefer a vegetarian meal kindly let Patrick know in advance. Pay on the day. Bookings and enquiries to Patrick Street, ph (03) 9347 1216 or email: pstreet@bigpond.net.au by 20 July please. There will be a crossword to solve, a Quiz and a wonderful selection of prizes! Not to mention a lovely warming atmosphere. Come along and join in the merriment! We look forward to renewing acquaintances!

Quiz No 6/2018:

Two times four is eight by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

Each clue defines a logical expression involving two 4-letter words. When joined, they form the 8-letter answer which is otherwise totally undefined and not linked directly to either of the 4-letter words. Some 4-letter words may appear more than once. The answers are in alphabetical order. Send your solutions to Len Colgan, 1 Ailsa Avenue, Warradale, SA 5046 or by email to len.colgan@unisa.edu.au Closing mail date: 13 July 2018. \$75 prize.

- 1 Declare their years since birth
- 2 Unpaid account
- 3 Bowl of high-fibre cereal
- 4 Applications arising from tented ground
- 5 Speed at which fishing line is thrown out
- 6 LP has finished
- 7 Shouting about national ensign
- 8 Dour pilots
- 9 Warm up poultry
- 10 Table of suggestions
- 11 Only frozen confectionery available
- 12 Shuffle along in a lazy way
- 13 Fellow unable to speak
- 14 Previous examination
- 15 Threat to damson growers
- 16 4WD tirade
- 17 Slope deteriorated
- 18 Authentic rocky heights
- 19 Cut down fruit
- 20 Disfigure urban district
- 21 Simulated music
- 22 Boxing match disputes
- 23 Fanning and Slater, for example
- 24 Record cartel
- 25 Skinny monarch
- 26 Opportunities to rent while travelling
- 27 Stripe on an urn
- 28 Deform pathway
- 29 Gesture, showing off a piece of jewellery
- 30 Punishes cats and dogs

May 1-2018: Half 'n Half by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- The "Royal US" instead of ME? Or am I over-thinking 5dn?
Rob Moline
- Quite tricky for a slot 1.
Ian Thompson
- Interesting enjoyable Half and Half. 7dn. clue seemed wrong. Not sure folds sounds like foals.
Roy Taylor
- I was stuck for long time after putting MONOPOLY in 4ac. Nice one!
Roger Douglas
- Took this with me on a weekend away thinking I should be able to complete it without the help of my books. How wrong I was!
Ulla Axelsen
- Liked BEBOP, DELFT, and especially TAPER. *Max Roddick*
- Not sure about desert = plain or parents = olds, but an enjoyable slot 1.
Tony Dobe
- Not sure 16dn has quite the right word play? [correct – our apologies – P Ed]
Richard Skinner
- Very busy Half and Half with some good clues – liked SOMBRE.
Bev Cockburn
- Liked the clue for 34dn.
Anne Simons
- Tricky in parts, especially 5dn, INCUS! *Laurence Kennedy*
- Harder than average? 16dn indicates either PAE or LYR but the answer is obviously LYE.
Mike Potts
- Very tricky for a slot 1.
Barbara Ibbott

May 2-2018: Pangrammatic by Fortuna 48 (Nea Storey)

- Zebras are not ruminants. For clues to be fair, wordplay requires genuine indicators, in my opinion. Otherwise, a nice challenge.
Ian Thompson
- Hard to find RAVENBONE without S and/or hyphen.
Roy Taylor
- Most enjoyable. Thank you, *Fortuna 48*.
Ann Millard
- A great way of presenting an AJ.
Ulla Axelsen
- An AJ but not as we know it? Nice puzzle.
Tony Dobe
- Very clever.
Cheryl Wilcox
- Struggled with 14dn RAVENBONE. Word play was straight forward but took a while to confirm the definition. Nice variation on the AJ.
Richard Skinner
- Most enjoyable. MINIVER was a new word for me.
Bev Cockburn
- Some very good clues, Sis – ALMOST gave COTM to 26ac!
Anne Simons
- I cannot find SEA RIDGES anywhere but cannot think of another solution.
Doreen Jones
- According to Professor Google, zebras are not ruminants! (Sorry to be picky – I did enjoy the puzzle.) *Laurence Kennedy*
- Many great clues: enjoyed whoopee, ravenbone and yarraman.
Judy Schulz
- Great puzzle loved the clue for Victorian.
Joan Smith

May 3-2018: Include or Exclude? by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

- Hoped took a while, CHAPTER I got last, the two blues was The Best! How does *Crowsman* do it?
Max Roddick
- Very original and enjoyable puzzle.
Roy Taylor
- Unfailingly good.
Andrew Patterson
- What a great puzzle! Must admit that it took a while to get started but then.....
Ann Millard
- I always look forward to crosswords by *Crowsman*. They stretch the mind and always contain something humorous. This one kept me happy for days!!
Robyn McKenzie
- Once I got into the swing of it, this was quite fun. *Nea Storey*
- A bit like doing a quiz within a crossword. Quite a challenge.
Ulla Axelsen
- I loved this puzzle. What a difference one little letter can make. Very clever *Crowsman*.
Betty Siegman
- Nice challenge.
Tony Dobe
- Some challenging definitions. Quirky and a nice change.
Richard Skinner
- What a language and what fun that was. Thanks Len.
Robyn Wimbush
- One of the cleverest puzzles I can remember doing! It must have taken ages to find the words to manipulate and then create a crossword using them. Amazing!
Bev Cockburn
- Unsure of some answers. A testing puzzle.
Anne Simons

- What an interesting variation of a puzzle – thoroughly enjoyable!
Judy Randall
- The compilation of this puzzle is truly brilliant but then to form the anagram of 32 letters indicates the use of a quantum computer. A very enjoyable puzzle meriting a slot 5, 6 or higher.
Jim Fowler
- A very clever and enjoyable puzzle.
Laurence Kennedy
- Ingenious and enjoyable.
Ian Mason
- Fiendish!
Julie Crowe
- An enjoyable challenge.
Ian Thompson
- My favourite puzzle this month; also PRUSSIAN my favourite clue; just for its simplicity. As to PENTANGLE, I had always thought of that as a pentagon; whereas the symbol on the Moroccan flag is a pentagram; as most references and Wiccan adherents confirm. However SOED has corrected me.
Mike Potts
- Enjoyable challenging puzzle.
Joan Smith

May 4-2018: AJ by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

- Grrr... wrongly guessed NANDYOS (Y = ultimately BURY). Needed dictionary to correct it.
Rob Moline
- Fabulous. One is never in doubt with *Manveru's* clues.
Andrew Patterson
- Always a favourite. Thank you, *Manveru*.
Ann Millard
- Some great clues and I just loved Zimmer frames!
Robyn McKenzie
- X was tricky. Hope I've solved it correctly.
Ulla Axelsen
- SE corner held me up with XRAY LOI.
Tony Dobe
- All good clues with plenty of humour, but who'd ever heard of NANDOOS?
Max Roddick
- Good anagram in "A" disguised in a great wordplay.
Richard Skinner
- An excellent AJ with really great clues – loved OTHELLO, HAUNCH and ZIMMER FRAME.
Bev Cockburn
- Great clues. JACK FROST, FALSEHOOD and ZIMMER FRAME being my favourites. X is a guess.
Anne Simons
- Nice job, *Manveru!*
Laurence Kennedy
- Nice puzzle; but does X have a definition?
Ian Thompson
- Great puzzle with lovely clues. I especially liked the A, H, O, R and V clues.
Joan Smith

May 5-2018: Cryptic by Blue King (Roy Low)

- Thanks to *Crowsman* for allowing me to use his puzzle from November, which I transposed and re-clued. It was quite a challenge to find a fresh way to clue some of the difficult words which resulted from the unchecked vowel format.
Roy Low
- Liked LATITUDES and VISITOR.
Max Roddick
- Lots of good (and tricky) clues. Gave VISITOR COTM.
Roy Taylor
- All the answers begin with consonants and every alternate line only contains vowels.
Julie Leigh
- Sorry, I couldn't enjoy this one. Too much loose clueing, misuse of words, guessing and lack of surface. It was a chore.
Andrew Patterson
- Nice clue for FINE LEG.
Nea Storey
- Not sure about Kilton for 19dn: the only book girl I can think of is "What Katy did"!! Noticed every unchecked letter was a vowel: is this a first?
Marian Procter
- A real challenge but good fun.
Ulla Axelsen
- I cannot reconcile 19dn. Also, "Polish directors" and "not brandy" are stretching things a bit. Liked the clue for POPULAR.
Len Colgan
- Found it very difficult to parse some of this puzzle. Hopefully got the gist of it correct though. I'm not sure that recapitalises means refund but can't come up with anything else! A long bow perhaps?
Richard Skinner
- 14dn worst clue of the month. Either both alternatives are correct – or both are incorrect. As the clue stands, neither alternative is correct.
Karl Audrins
- I have to gently reproach *Blue King* for his "Polish directors" and his "brandy". Shall we say "a little cheeky"? Also, please explain 20dn ["knotty" = NOD + U + LAR – Adj].
Bev Cockburn
- GENERIC my runner up for COTM.
Mike Potts

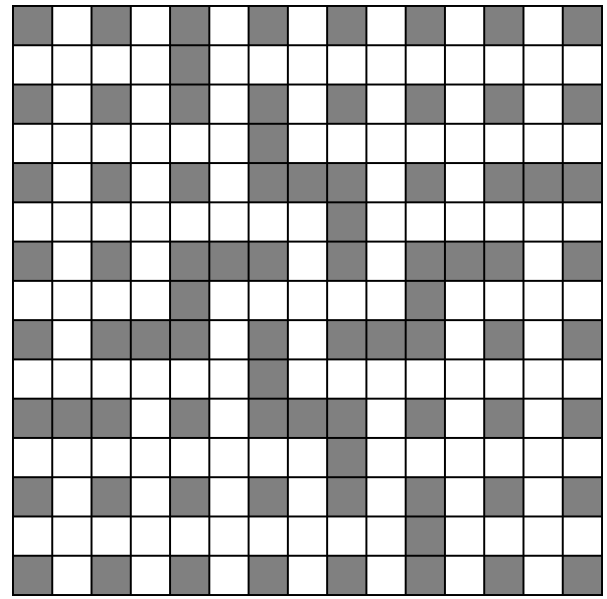
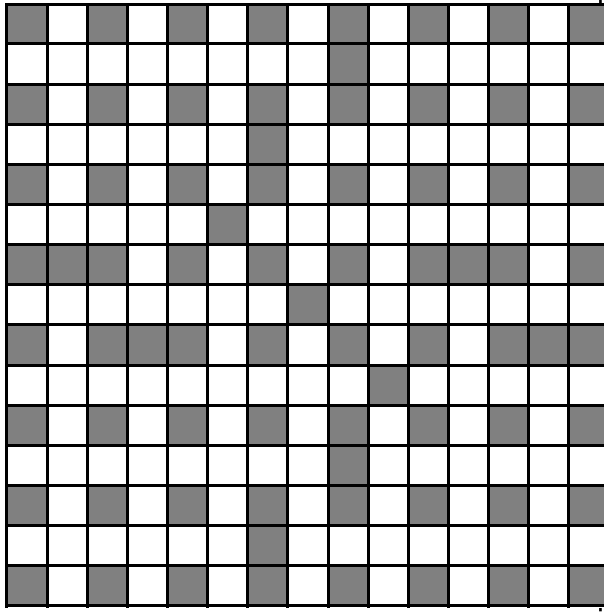
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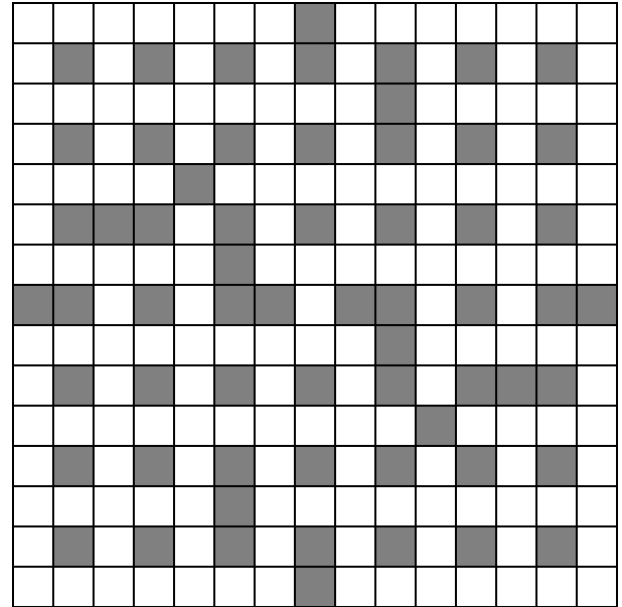
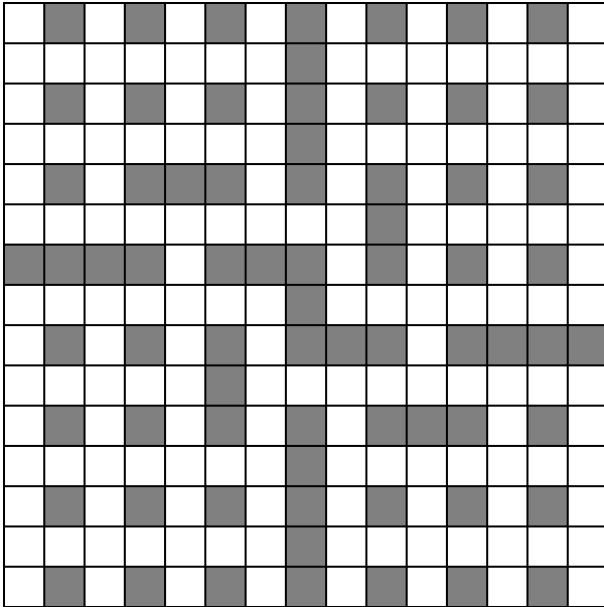
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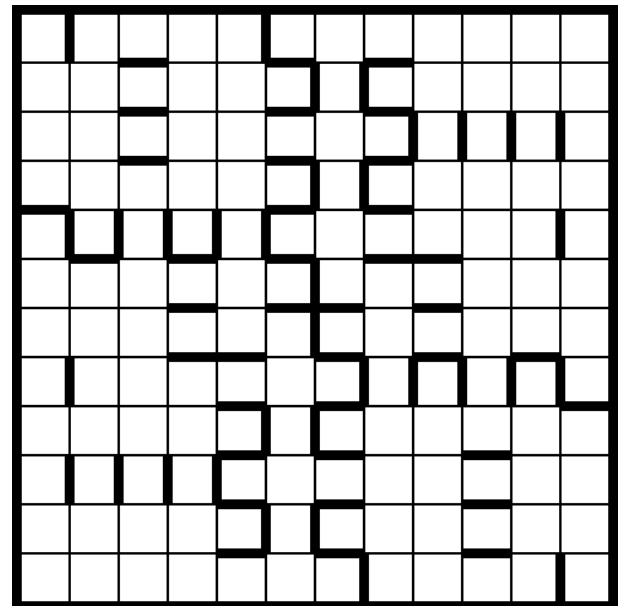
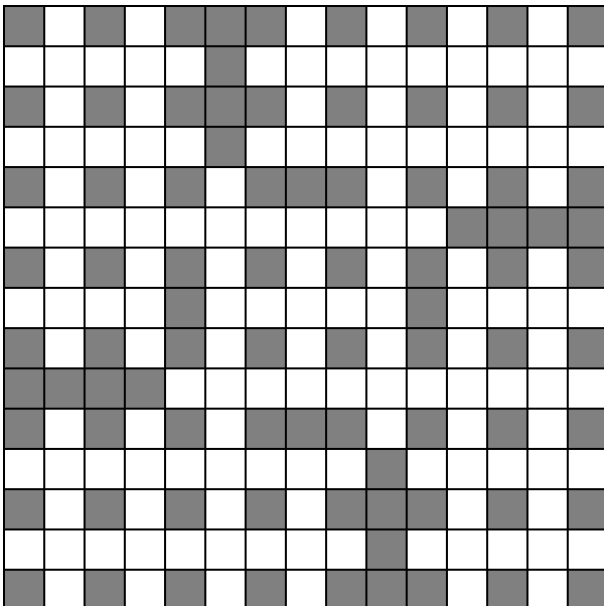
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Clue of the Month

April 6 2018: Double Cryptic by Zinzan (Andrew Patterson)

Entries received 40. Correct 27. Success rate 67.5%

Prizewinner: Roger Hearn. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments:

I decided that 1dn wasn't quite fair and any incorrect answers were ignored. The instructions said two distinct clues and that wasn't the case. Many tried 'crib' but CAIN ('cabin' minus 'b') was the intention. SETH was a little known brother of Cain and Abel. EXSECT was the next problem with 6 entries of 'except'. MEME is a cultural heirloom while a keen student might shout 'Me! Me!' to a teacher. In hindsight, a little vague. Thank you to those who persisted and even made positive comments.

Explanations

Across: 1 co(ok)up // sp,read, 4 t,wee // peev- <, 8 t.a.d. // (p)ill, 9 OB,longs // -ur in a te-, 10 (canny,value)* // (rig,up,a,rail)*, 13 (had,shiners)* // Sp(dizzy phrase), 17 or<,swell // b---e,(flats)*, 19 sEVEN // hm(none), 20 -em ma- // middle letters, 21 ex,sect // P,L,-ague. **Down:** 1 set,h // ca-in, 2 (me,drugs)* // (-androlo-)*, 3 (luaus)* // -a-l -o- h-a-, 5 ate< // now<, 6 -ease(l)s // p,rewar-, 7 s.l.u.r // k,ie,v, 11 (earning)* // -g get sen- <, 12 USA,b-l-e- // D(harm)A, 14 hm(knead) // n.a.a.n., 15 rate,L // he, hm(licks), 16 k,n,OT // me! me!, 18 s.e.c. // (g)lum.

Solvers' Comments

- Too hard for me, even with aids: both 4ac, one 6dn, both 16dn, one 21ac. Pick of the clues was the Greek bloke worried about the current economic situation. *Rob Moline*
- That was tough! I rate 4ac and 11dn as exceptional double clues. I assume the vague "Financial Products" in 6dn is LEASES, but am unsure why "keen student's response" involves GENE, if I have interpreted the rest of the 16dn clue correctly (possibly not!). *Len Colgan*
- I loved this puzzle. It was very cleverly done, with great clues. *Julie Crowe*
- Extraordinary — especially 4 across clues. *Brian Symons*
- Fiendish for we solvers, and a challenge for the accolade programmer as well, no doubt! *Ron Carpenter*
- Rather difficult when the definition could be somewhere in the middle depending on where one clue ends and the other starts. Great fun though. *Ulla Axelsen*
- This deserves a comment but suffice to say I managed to complete it. The second half of 4ac was the last in after I stopped looking for poo! *Warren Allen*
- This was pretty tough overall, with my last FOUR solved being MEME, KNOT, CAIN, and SETH. *Ian Thompson*
- Wow!! *Nea Storey*
- Nice challenge, the 'keen student' took me ages to get. Still don't understand its corresponding 21ac and a couple of others though. *Tony Dobebe*
- This should have been a Slot 7. Much too difficult for many of the solvers so a game breaker overall. Many of the clues were beyond cryptic and therefore not enjoyable. *Bev Cockburn*
- Can't believe I've finished this and still sane!!! at least I hope so. *Marian Procter*
- Resubmission of this puzzle. *Pat Lord*
- I greatly enjoyed the challenge of this unique puzzle. I returned to it time and again – and each time I was rewarded with progress. My only concern is with SETH and CAIN – are the "old brothers" doing double duty? *Jeremy Barnes*

- Interesting and good fun. *Accolade* threw up some interesting punc-tuat ion. *Jim Fowler*
- This was a marathon: it took time over several days for me to complete. *Maureen Blake*
- Wow this was hard! Congratulations *Zinzan* on a most interesting format. I quibble that ABCS isn't a 4-letter word. Some clues were too obscure for me (eg 5dn-a, 6dn-a, 18dn-a) so my guesses may be way off (was 1dn-b CA(B)IN?). *Kathy Horadam*
- 4ac is a brilliant clue! The whole puzzle very cleverly conceived. *Mike Potts*
- Lots of fun and lots of work!! *Robyn McKenzie*
- Not happy about the last couple of words that I put in but I wanted to show that I had, at least, made an effort! I found this to be a difficult puzzle. *Susan Howells*

Explanations for Clues in May 2018 Grids

Slot 1 Virgo. Down: 1 anag, 2 IS + A + AC, 3 SOMBREros, 4 MAN + X, 5 homoph "ink us", 6 OX + EYE, 7 F + OLDS, 11 dd, 12 anag, 13 MINED<, 15 cd, 16 alternates, 18 dd, 19 AD + AGE, 20 anag, 21 dd, 22 Hail + AVE, 24 IDOL - L, 25 hidden, 27 (MULE + CrY)*, 28 (POBBLE-L)*, 29 U (KA) SE, 30 (D + LEFT)*, 32 dd, 33 W+ IN + CE, 34 POE + M.

Slot 2 Fortuna 48. Across: 7 (R+INTAKE)*, 8 MINI + VER(se), 10 Z + (SABRE)*, 11 IN + (RIOTER)*, 12 Homoph. "gym" round S, 13 dd, 15 UN+PAL+A+TABLE, 19 CHA + homoph. "teas" = TT + ER +ER, 21 X+Y+ST, 23 PO(BLISS)* + E, 24 ACT + I + ON, 25 anag, 26 HAR(d) + VEST. **Down:** 1 anag., 2 cd, 3 DIPS+O, 4 VICTOR + IAN, 5 Acronym NIMROD – play on NIMBY, 6 anag, 9 FIVE + F (AC) ETED, 14 RAVE + N(BON)E, 16 LAX+EVITA<, 17 cd, 18 ESP+ OUSE, 20 anag., 22 QAN(tas) + AT.

Slot 3 Crowsman. Letters to be omitted: **Across:** 1 R, 4 I, 10 E, 11 R, 12 L, 13 S, 14 H, 15 S, 19 R, 21 D, 24 T, 26 R, 27 S, 28 A, 29 O, 30 E. **Down:** 1 P, 2 E, 3 E, 5 P, 6 P, 7 T, 8 E, 9 P, 16 O, 17 L, 18 M, 20 E, 22 O, 23 U, 24 T, 25 E.

Slot 4 Manveru. A (SEALS OR BATS)*, **B** BAS(TILL)E, **C** (C and MALARIA)*, **D** DEN+TIS+TRY, **E** ingREDIEnt<, **F** FOOD around (LEASH)*, **G** (DUGONG around E)*, **H** H(A) UNCH, **I** Hidden, **J** JACK + (FORT around S)*, **K** KIT(T) E+N, **L** (G + EARTHLY)*, **M** (RESIT + U + E + A)*, **N** N+(O + tO) in (SAND)*, **O** O(THE+Liverpool)L, **P** P+ARC+EL+S, **Q** (S+IRA(TA)Q)<, **R** R+E+VENUE, **S** (PERHAPS - P)*, **T** Hidden - sTAB A RETailer, **U** CD, **V** (E TAVERN)*, **W** heads, **X** Radio code word for X, **Y** (hArD cOpY)<, **Z** CD.

Slot 5 Blue King. Across: 1 MIS (USE) S (5 ref: file hidden in cake for criminal, 8 L (EVE)L, 9 (IN A STREAM)*, 11 TUNA + IC, 12 sPECULATED, 13 VIS (IT) OR, 15 (SAD + O + GAP)<, 16 POT + AT + AGES, 18 TAKES ON or TAKE SON, 21 PERI + NATAL, 22 L (UR) ED, 24 (us spelling) (OR ICICLES)*, 25 MAT< + IL, 26 R (ELI) C, 27 (ROTA (NE) S)<. **Down:** 1 MO + LO + TO + V, 2 S and N (geo/magnetic poles) surround EVE, 3 SO + LIT around afr(IC)ans, 4 SEM (I + PARAS) ITIC, 5 FINE + LEG (Onside) ref to Kipling's cricketers, 6 LA + TIT + U+D+E+S (heads), 7 RE + SIDES, 10 ref to change of capital of Pakistan in 1960s, 14 (SATIRICAL)* ref confusion "satiric" and "satyric", 16 PO (UP<) LAR, 17 GEN + ERIC (the Red), 19 Homoph "Katy" = KT (kiloton) "What Katy Did", book, 20 NOD + U + LAR, 23 TIMER <.