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Words are good, but hens lay eggs.
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We were again delighted that Oxford University Press agreed to sponsor our Slot 5 puzzle during this year. The prize for this Slot is the 2001 edition of the prestigious *Oxford Crossword Dictionary*. This wonderful prize will be treasured by those members lucky enough to be selected. Our sincere thanks to Oxford University Press and Ms Joanna Black for their kindness and generosity to the ACC.

Brian Symons has had a good reception to the CruciverbaLimerick competition. With quite a few Limericks already in hand, Brian has selected 10 which he thinks are worthy of mention. These are published on page 9 of this edition of *Crozworld*. Kindly send your inspirations to Brian. You could be one of the lucky winners! If the number of Limericks submitted proves to be substantial we will publish them all on the Club's website so that the selection of the prizewinning entries will be facilitated.

We have another excellent range of puzzles for you this month starting with the now familiar Connections for Example by *The Beast*. Cryptics by the masters, Noel Jessop and *Southern Cross* will provide you with plenty of enjoyment together with the AJ specialist *Timid Terrier*. Acrostics seem to be well-received by solvers and the one devised by *St Jude* in the OUP Slot 5 will be another one to provide maximum pleasure. Finally, those solvers who enjoy anagrams will be challenged by a brilliant composition by *Cactus*. It's called Anagramedley and will guarantee devilish entertainment on a grand scale!

We hope you enjoy the puzzles we have selected for you this month. Many thanks to the compilers for their valued assistance. Happy Crozworlding!

—Patrick

Not a happy month for many solvers. Slots 4 and 5 being the catalyst for this, two difficult puzzles coupled with a short solving month proved too much for some, as reflected in the number of entries.

Slot 1: A high success rate with this puzzle, NATANYAHU claimed a scalp as did DIRRIGO and ILYAD, suggesting that more attention needs to be paid to transcription errors! Check and double check.

Slot 2: The main culprit for lost dots was 30ac SUDARY. *Chambers* states: 'Sudary, a cloth for wiping sweat, esp. The veil or handkerchief of St Veronica, believed to have retained miraculously the image of Christ's face'. The clue may have been better worded as "Holy sweat cloth perhaps?" as in the minds of most people, Jesus' head band was the Crown of Thorns. Various spellings of SUDARY were disallowed. The other main culprit for lost dots was PRAXIS instead of CRUXES; BARBEQUE was disallowed in 11ac as it made 3dn VELQRO – no such animal! Still a fairly high success rate overall.

Slot 3: Not a lot to say here, but in my ignorance I rang Shir! to ask for an explanation for her clue 15ac (I couldn't see the wood for the trees!). Definition = 'amount'; secondaries; I hate men and sex studs maybe (Saddam Hussein **excepted**). Subtract the letters of 'Saddam Hussein' from 'I hate men and sex studs' take 'maybe' as an anagram indicator and re-arrange the letters left over to make EXTENT = definition 'AMOUNT'. A few DREAMS cropped up instead of DREAMT; the clue clearly stated medico = dr; mad mate (anag) = eamt. Thank you Shir! A very high success rate for this puzzle, indicative of the quality clues that we expect from *Southern Cross*.

Slot 4: The victims of this puzzle were mainly those who **did not highlight** the birds' names as requested in the directions, even though they completed the grid successfully. Grovelling to those in high places on your behalf with massive bribes of Bowen Mangos did no good and I was knocked back on the grounds of insufficient! The compiler quite clearly asked that they be **highlighted**. Other birds were also discovered on this ornithological journey, including: HOBBY (a small species of falcon) and PEA (an obsolete term for a PEA FOWL or HEN); SCAPE (the snipe) and REE (sandpiper) were allowed. Many did not like the deviation from the normal AJ. This, coupled with the degree of difficulty, was reflected in the number of entries received. But forgiveness is requested as this was a special memorial puzzle to one of our late, highly respected members Joyce Sheahan.

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Entries received	89	86	90	57	47	369
Correct entries	78	63	84	44	32	301
Success rate (%)	87.6	73.3	93.3	77.2	68.1	81.6
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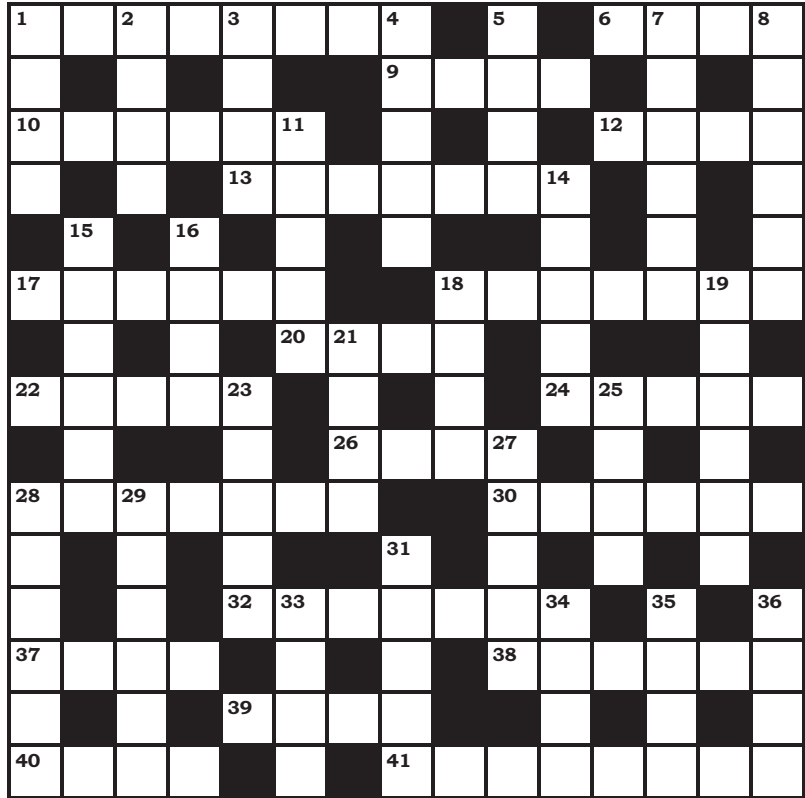
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**Connections
for Example
by
The Beast**



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Find a word that will go either before both, or after both clue words, or after the first and before the second, that will give two other words, names, phrases or common expressions.

Across

- 1 Car sickness (8)
- 6 Mud grass (4)
- 9 Tin garden (4)
- 10 Bean polish (6)
- 12 Cash check (4)
- 13 Tea cupboard (7)
- 17 Number killer (6)
- 18 Fire bomber (7)
- 20 Horse string (4)
- 22 Grand hand (5)
- 24 Home drug (5)
- 26 Track walk (4)
- 28 Senior station (7)
- 30 Hand man (6)
- 32 Night man (7)

37 Double five (4)

- 38 River fever (6)
- 39 Hot mud (4)
- 40 Mail session (4)
- 41 Key staff (8)

Down

- 1 Meat house (4)
- 2 Break break (4)
- 3 Axe pocket (4)
- 4 Darling Kelly (5)
- 5 Nose shell (4)
- 7 Weather card (6)
- 8 Lemon fly (6)
- 11 Blue hoist (5)
- 14 School dress (5)
- 15 Red stage (6)


16 Language writer (4)

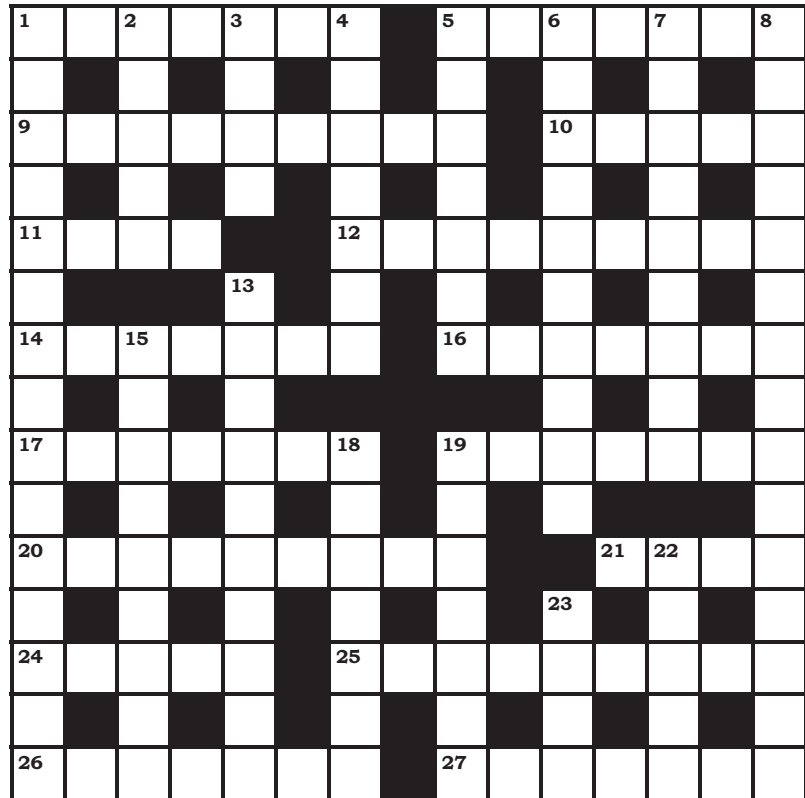
- 18 Chicken back (4)
- 19 Car agent (6)
- 21 Garden fire (4)
- 23 Wood net (5)
- 25 Show leader (4)
- 27 Vessel headed (5)
- 28 Double egg (6)
- 29 Sky ship (6)
- 31 Eye eye (5)
- 33 Hand round (4)
- 34 Bent cat (4)
- 35 Car machine (4)
- 36 Lake dive (4)

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<p> M A R C H 2 0 0 4 S L O T 2 </p>
<p>Cryptic by Noel Jessop</p>




Across

- 1 Netherlands city gives meat without real cooking (7)
- 5 Favourite son, gone noon, getting out of bed for some food (3, 4)
- 9 Amaze oddly with mixed gins in military storehouses (9)
- 10 He makes an effort to run in earlier race initially (5)
- 11 Inquisitive son returned with youth leader (4)
- 12 Even cigar is out — a cause for complaint (9)
- 14 Systematically arranged in time with Rabaul's reconstruction (7)
- 16 Take back note on pamphlet (7)
- 17 Mischievous GI's hour fouled up (7)
- 19 Most stupid lairs set off (7)
- 20 Players cast seers adrift (9)
- 21 Daughter with a lot of stories for a boy (4)
- 24 One article about business in island (5)
- 25 Tagging fish outside a diving apparatus (9)
- 26 Man gets new order and natural attractions (7)
- 27 Faculty to have a position right before (7)

Down

- 1 Race, one in Amritsa converted to philanthropy (15)
- 2 Patronage of age is not right (5)
- 3 Lie about in misplaced zeal (4)
- 4 Article in food-trough controller (7)
- 5 The author in an aeroplane is more aggressive (7)
- 6 Stimulating one profession to accept institute tax (10)
- 7 Face the east ... the east goddess of mischief (9)
- 8 Tense foreigner ... someone never before seen (7, 8)
- 13 Indisposed to repeat without book-learning (10)
- 15 Petition, get money in for producing (9)
- 18 Drags around ship's troubles (7)
- 19 Detective can deprive of power (7)
- 22 Excuse a liberal one (5)
- 23 Stain starts to show lightly under rug (4)

From Brian Symons: Fans of Ruth Rendell will be pleased by the rerelease of some of her early works. These include One Across, Two Down about a very unpleasant guy with an obsession with cryptic crosswords. Contains some interesting examples of clues. Beware – it may make you see your infatuation with cryptics as an illness.

Postcode change: If you are sending in your solutions to Pop Groove by *Virgo* in the *Crozworld Compendium Vol 4*, the correct Postcode for Kariong NSW is 2250.

Chambers Reference Works: The entire Chambers 21st Century Dictionary, The Chambers Thesaurus and the 1997 edition of Chambers Biographical Dictionary are now online. Simply enter the word or person you wish to look up and the relevant entry is instantly delivered. There are 17,500 famous or prominent persons described in the Biographical Dictionary. The site to visit is: <http://www.chambersharrap.co.uk/chambers/chref/chref.py/main>


New Crossworder?! Ian *Makeanote* Brown and his wife Shelby became proud parents of Heath born on 13 February 2004. Our sincere congratulations and best of "Health" (Heath takes letter opener) to Ian and Shelby!

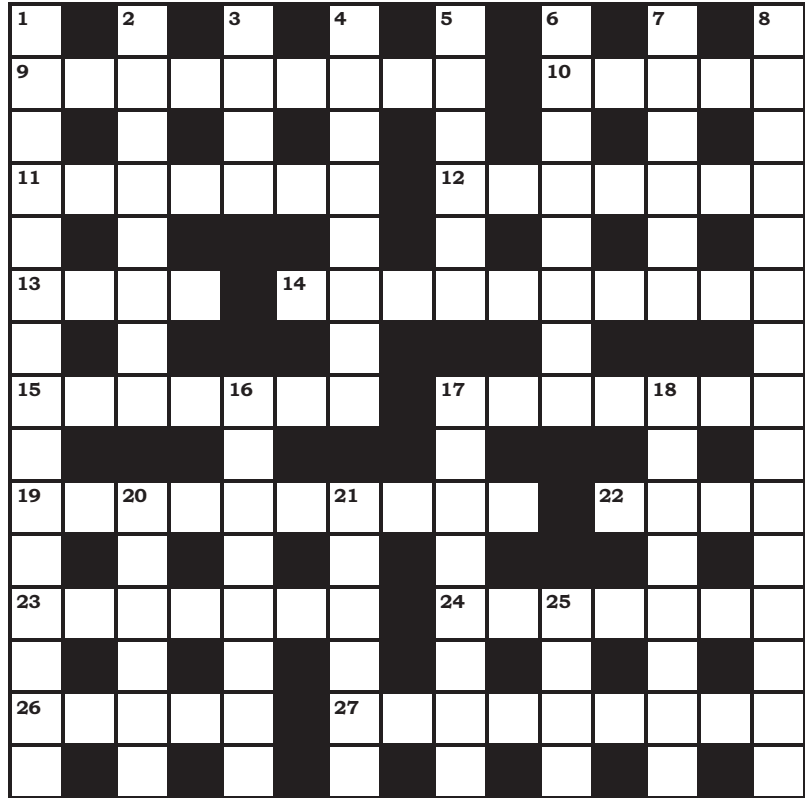
Gigglossary: Here are some recent additions to the *Chambers Gigglossary*. For the full list of words hopeful of being included in future editions of *Chambers Dictionary* visit: <http://www.chambersharrap.co.uk/chambers/gigglossary/index.php>

abbreviation a long word used to describe a short word used in place of a long word.

journalist someone who knows almost nothing about almost everything.

manager someone who is paid a lot of money to watch other people do all the work.

<p> M A R C H 2 0 0 4 S L O T 3 </p>
<p>Cryptic by Southern Cross</p>




Across

- 9 About 150ml – the result of a storm? (9)
- 10 A complete reversal, stupidly run out – nothing less! (1-4)
- 11 Succeeded getting girl to settle (3, 4)
- 12 Former tennis champ, male, gets excited encore (7)
- 13 No having it both ways this time! (4)
- 14 People having to go about a very little distance for fruit (10)
- 15 Upheaval in trial involving English MP (7)
- 17 Rummy sort of diversion in tragic Anastasia’s tale (7)
- 19 Singer holds a note badly thereafter – completely! (10)
- 22 Roman sea horse? (4)
- 23 Book includes “way out” for “crazy” (7)
- 24 Cock Robin has no container – nothing to set out, right? (7)
- 26 Alternatively back small truck – way to go! (5)
- 27 Browbeaten by 24’s mate? (9)

Down

- 1 Scholars seen surrounding dominie – they wish to follow in his steps (7, 8)
- 2 Mo wanders about, lacking energy, to get bait for fishing (8)
- 3 Relief about to follow copper (4)
- 4 Fun with fleet somehow leading to discharge (8)
- 5 On board, clod collapses (6)
- 6 He engineered changes in telephone boxes (8)
- 7 Volume could be a little more than a litre, love (6)
- 8 Interest rate at the beginning of December changed business, Australia wide (10, 5)
- 16 This never works for more than a few minutes (3-5)
- 17 Stick closely around hearing apparatus in space (8)
- 18 A symbol Kit saw, rising in state (8)
- 20 Sample line carried by spiv (3, 3)
- 21 The space-age doctor’s band? (3, 3)
- 25 Remaining in the past (4)

Adjudicator's Comments (continued from page 1):

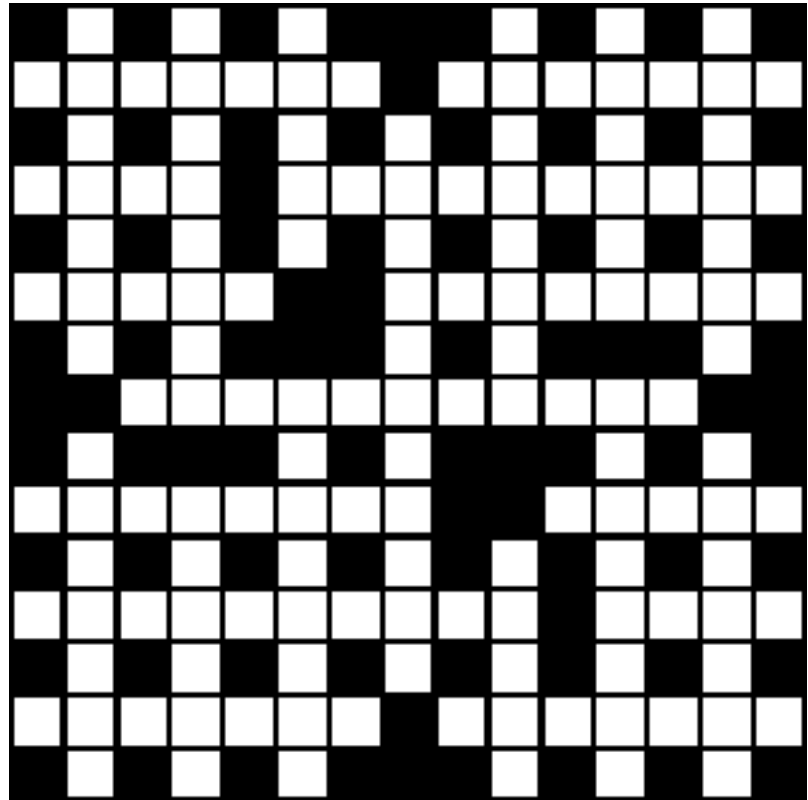
Slot 5: I took one look at this and was glad that I was adjudicating this month (silly man!!). Many members put this straight into the too hard basket, using colourful terms that I cannot print!! Others felt that the grid was too small, maybe not realising that it can be enlarged. A number of members felt that it should at least have given a hint of a starting point i.e. at least one directional arrow (see members comments). It was also suggested that there were too many common letters that could be intersected, thus making a starting point even more difficult (A common Q, V or a Z are very handy!). Again the degree of difficulty is reflected in the low number of entries received. The late *Coming and Going* (Betty Cumming) would be the perfect example to emulate for this type of puzzle!

Clue of the Month: More entries for this than Mangos in Bowen! Outright winner was quite rightly a mango muncher!! (Who said I was biased Jim?!) Slot 3-15ac. I am sure that the members will join me in wishing Barb Ibbott a speedy recovery from her surgery and also wish a very happy 90th birthday on the 19th April to our resident bard, Barb’s mother **Irene Watts**. Many happy returns, Irene! And I wish you all a very dotty year!! A parting thought, Afrit’s (A.F. Ritchie) injunction: “I need not say what I mean, but I must always mean what I say”. Imperative to keep in mind when setting crossword clues! **Col Archibald (Colinebrii)**

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AJ
by
**Timid
Terrier**

**Prize
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The letter before each clue is the initial of the answer.

- A** Fail to hit cricket ball with a fair, not strong, stroke (3, 4)
- B** Arab arch an elevation in crescent-shaped sand-dune (7)
- C** Bird at base of buttercup (8)
- D** Disheartened, Pluto's spirit died (11)
- E** Plant fish seaweed (8)
- F** Gratifying to cast without shoddy treat (10)
- G** Some candied frog laced (5)
- H** A retreat to conceal thoroughly (7)
- I** A raid Dorian mismanaged (6)
- J** Old buffoon John with dessert (4-7)
- K** Whip Kelvin at our party (8)
- L** The French proclamation on Republic (7)
- M** Spoil one yellow flower (8)
- N** Novel shop reported in capital city (3, 5)
- O** Raised kidnapped company cats (7)
- P** Tufts say on plant (5)
- Q** In the capacity of very strong draught (5)
- R** Part gold returned to the French (4)
- S** Insect mark on sailor (6)
- T** Prostitute felines for old gibs (7)
- U** Made use of experienced Scot (4)
- V** A superficial show of variety by brownie at hospital (7)
- W** Irrigated tarweed out of control (7)
- X** Anthrax you heard wrecked American jays (8)
- Y** Yard birds distressed cries (5)
- Z** Crossing one bird with another! (5, 5)

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Acrostic
by
St Jude



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Enter answers in the left hand column, then transfer each letter to the numbered grid on the right. When completed, the right grid will spell out a verse and the author's name.

- A** Exclamation because a third of the lazy troopers would initially not dig sumps (6)
- B** Conflict observed in city (6)
- C** Hollering sides around the ring (8)
- D** Decay said to be beneath the building (7)
- E** When you replace an article, Walker makes a noise (7)
- F** The French letter bank (5)
- G** Burnt old French money that is defunct (5)
- H** Partisan, like Polyphemus (3-4)
- I** Leading edge of lake is strange (5)
- J** Exile academic goblin headfirst (6)
- K** Male and tool joined by magician's plant (8)
- L** A song follows blockage at kingdom of Gilbert's gondoleri (9)
- M** Force and force in force for reception problem (8)
- N** Midday cancelled from fiesta maybe why disturbance is aggressive (6)
- O** Ravenous without little beginnings of lunch found in somebody's hamper (7)
- P** Yes, German directions are a matter of life or death (4)
- Q** They're said to be confused after jet is more powerful (8)
- R** Old Blooms removed from dull, premier edition (10)
- S** Counters, for example, depart the buttocks (5)
- T** Tidal bore sounds enthusiastic (5)
- U** Smell your old humble Scottish cottage (5)
- V** Beaded metals' website; at the end of the day it's knotty too (6)
- W** Anecdotes following prohibition of fruit (6)
- X** Sturdily vegetated court almost finished (6)
- Y** A simpleton's trick dessert (4)
- Z** Lunch? — Naked and French (6)

A	160	27	13	142	95	88				
B	80	141	17	100	51	117				
C	102	22	128	4	106	81	98	161	68	
D	97	90	21	33	73	110	145			
E	163	59	138	120	82	16	108			
F	165	113	8	151	65					
G	157	118	111	114	15					
H	46	70	19	87	123	103	166			
I	105	40	140	158	25					
J	60	164	18	69	101	30				
K	129	107	39	152	49	44	132	84		
L	26	130	155	53	125	1	10	63	41	
M	71	133	3	143	77	122	76	29		
N	45	147	93	112	23	136				
O	92	6	144	47	72	62	57			
P	32	20	37	89						
Q	66	38	34	78	159	75	99	131		
R	83	96	121	148	24	50	134	156	9	64
S	86	137	139	162	11					
T	12	109	74	104	67					
U	48	116	146	91	135					
V	5	14	119	85	94	150				
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X	153	43	58	52	61	55				
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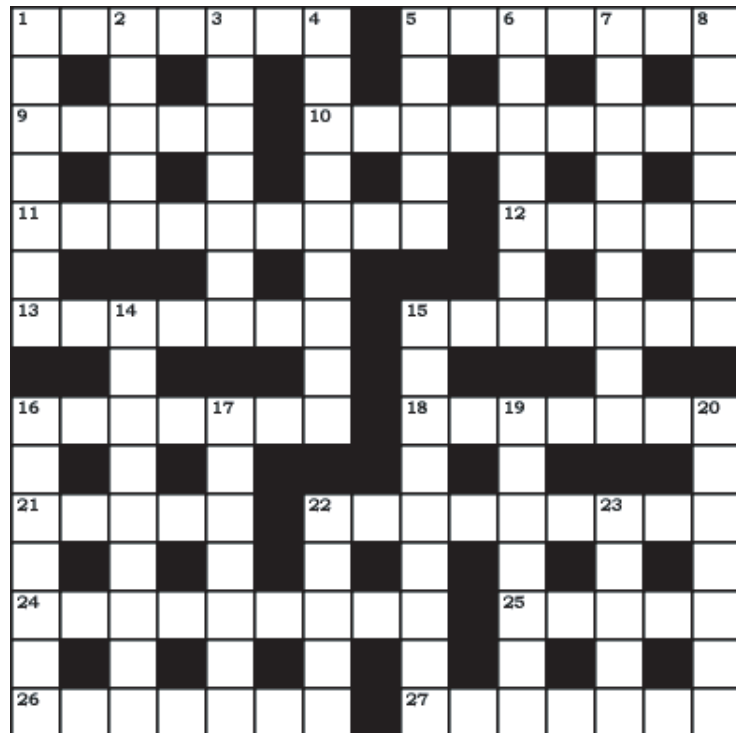
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31W	32P	33D	34Q	35Y	36Z	37P	38Q	39K	40I
41L	42Y	43X	44K	45N	46H	47O	48U	49K	50R
51B	52X	53L	54W	55X	56Z	57O	58X	59E	60J
61X	62O	63L	64R	65F	66Q	67T	68C	69J	70H
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121R	122M	123H	124W	125L	126Y	127Z	128C	129K	130L
131Q	132K	133M	134R	135U	136N	137S	138E	139S	140I
141B	142A	143M	144O	145D	146U	147N	148R	149Z	150V
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161C	162S	163E	164J	165F	166H				

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Anagramedley by Cactus



Clues are randomly composed of anagrams of 4 types: Normal (10), Composite (8) – letters of answer and the single word definition shown in the clue form the anagram, Definition and Letter Mixture (6) – anagram starts at the start or ends with the end of a word in the clue, plus definition and some padding, Double Dip (4) – two answers combined in anagram form, with anagind and definitions.



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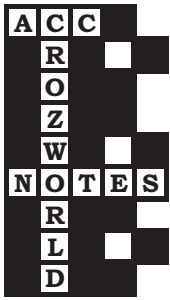
- 1 Visiting the House of Lords, I sat dumbfounded (7)
- 5 Nearly cause that wreck sailing cutter (7)
- 9 With early start while shop empty display range (5)
- 10 Diamonds scarce after shuffling cards (9)
- 11 & 12ac Powerful woman wrestling an old man in East Zaire (9 & 5)
- 12 See 11ac
- 13 Ethereal won, though late away, Brew unplaced (7)
- 15 Herded sheep due drenching around bore (7)
- 16 In May, the heat first leaves unsettled climate (7)
- 18 New Year learner law to require change of drivers here (7)
- 21 & 22ac Drip! drip! a new water-bed badly finished (5 & 5-4)
- 22 See 21ac
- 24 Withdrawing swimming gig, with rip near Darwin (9)
- 25 Crews row daily over a regular course (5)
- 26 Having studies, I am off Spiderman comic strips (7)
- 27 See 23dn

Down

- 1 Keep going, as solutions alone leaving confusion (7)
- 2 In search of police van a stash of grass is found (5)
- 3 Big better brings more VIPs to Casino (7)
- 4 Plant sick chrysanthemum in a place without mush (9)
- 5 Being inane, mug Bush dropped American bombs (5)
- 6 Shop-girl fancied dad, and sportingly took bag (7)
- 7 Frightening sight when soccer war erupts (9)
- 8 Women need half of star parts playing here (4, 3)
- 14 Make soup of hot puree now and then (9)
- 15 Blowing the last Lords test again, England sides isolated (9)
- 16 Changed the car with glee and drove first rally (7)
- 17 & 20dn Alleged singers spoiled my day and rile group (7 & 7)
- 19 Race off course in easterly gale (7)
- 20 See 17dn
- 22 Ecstasy drugged siblings not home by midnight (5)
- 23 & 27ac High-flier hurt left leg during week as side trains (5 & 7)

Post
Solution
to:

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Closing mail date: Friday 2 Apr 2004.



THE CRUCIVERBALIMERICK

Brian Symons has had an encouraging response to the Limerick competition announced in the last *Crozworld*. Members are asked to submit Limericks on any cruciverbal subject: crosswords, compilers, clue types, the ACC etc. Send them to Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Pl, Grays Point NSW 2232 or by e-mail: brian_symons@bigpond.com.au

At the end of the competition period, members will be asked to vote on the best three Limericks and prizes will be awarded to the winners. Here are some recent contributions:

1. Alan, Carole and Noel
All played a pivotal role,
In founding our club, With 'FUN' as its hub,
And it's this that has given it soul.
2. 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.
3. Don Juan, a great lover it's said,
Lured a lovely young maid to his bed.
He said "Dear, let's make love" She said "Heavens above,
I'd much rather do crosswords instead."
4. We've got a great member called Shirl.
A very intelligent girl.
Her cryptics are clever, They take you forever
And leave your poor brain in a whirl.
5. 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*.
6. An actor who starred in 'The Matrix'
Played cricket, but seldom got hat tricks.
Yet, while filming in Oz world He came across *Crozworld*
And solved the first three (even Patrick's).
7. I love to do crosswords alright,
And always think better at night,
But consider it said, They're not done in bed,
Though my pillow does often bring insight.
8. I solve thirty crosswords each day.
"You're joking" I hear someone say.
I'm just kidding you, Of course it's not true.
I solved forty-five yesterday.
9. Every name in the book I have called
This crossword on which I am stalled.
I can't solve a clue, But that's nothing new,
It's composer is Col Archibald.
10. Dear Brian, In our *Crozworld* I've read
That for Irish rhymes you have plead.
I've composed a few, Which I'm sending to you,
I remain, yours faithfully, Ted.



New Members: A warm welcome to **David Wood** from Toowoomba, Qld and **David Rofe** from Watson, ACT. Welcome to the wonderful world of Crozworlding!

Puzzle Adjustments: Catherine Hambling gained a dot for December 2003 Slot 6. In the **Size Matters Quiz** by *Virgo*, Clue 16 should read (3,5,4) not (3,5,3). Clue 22 song was by Bert Kalmar and Harry Ruby not Cole Porter.

Acknowledgement: Many thanks to *The Courier-Mail* for kind permission to publish Cryptic by *Southern Cross* (Mar 3-2004).

DOING THE Ajs by IRENE WATTS

I love the ALPHABETICALS, they really are quite BEAUT.
The CLEVER CLUES are DIFFICULT and DEVIIOUS, but CUTE.
ELEGANT or FANTOD, just a GIGGLE or HORRIFIC,
IMPUDENT or JOCLAR or KNOCK-OUTS (Oh terrific!)
Sometimes L is LIVELY and I go like L for LEATHER,
But M's a MONSTER, N's a NUMSKULL, different altogether.
At O I strike an OBSTACLE and it's a PERFECT PAIN,
Q leaves me in a QUANDARY, while R's like acid RAIN.
At S I think I'm STONKERED (TIMID TERRIER'S the setter),
So U's UNUSUAL, V is VAGUE and WIG-WAG's not much better.
My poor brain needs an X-RAY and Y has got me YAFFLED.
I'm a ZANY, ZIPPED-UP, ZONKED out ZED and
ABSOLUTELY BAFFLED

Personal Ad from *The Atlanta Journal* (courtesy of Mike Potts):

"SINGLE BLACK FEMALE seeks male companionship, ethnicity unimportant. I'm a very good looking girl who LOVES to play. I love long walks in the woods, riding in your pickup truck, hunting, camping and fishing trips, cozy winter nights lying by the fire. Candlelight dinners will have me eating out of your hand. Rub me the right way and watch me respond. I'll be at the front door when you get home from work, wearing only what nature gave me. Kiss me and I'm yours. Call (404) 875-6420 and ask for Daisy."

Over 15,000 men found themselves talking to the Atlanta Humane Society about an 8-week old black Labrador retriever!

BLETCHINGLY

There was not a great response to this puzzle. Its source was not from the UK but from an article in a Finnish magazine and no solution was given. It took me 30 minutes to solve with some query time about 'horde', but what else could it be? Disageeable? Overtones of the Mongols? My oldest reference 'Blackies Standard Shilling Dictionary' includes 'gang' and 'rabble' in its definitions.

However, Margaret Davis, David Procter, William Ryan, Joan Smith, Ken Watt and Roy Wilson weighed in. David took 20 minutes plus 'horde' time. David also supplied a correction and some information. It was not 'Bletchingly' but 'Bletchley Park' or 'Station X'. There is a book by Michael Smith: 'Station X: The Codebreakers of Bletchley Park' (Channel 4 books, UK).

At the original trial one person took only 6:3.5 minutes to solve the puzzle but unfortunately spelt a word wrongly. Four others completed it in under 12, one at 7:58 and another at 10:39.

There was only one mistake in the receipts: 'lyme dogs' for 'lame dogs' and there are lyme hounds. 'Lame dogs' comes from Charles Kingsley's *The Invitation*. If you have Araucaria's book of AJs see puzzle No 40. Also in this book, be warned! In puzzle No 54, although the quotation fits, the blank grid is out of kilter for some answers.
—**Maurice Cowan**

Nicely put...

- Very many thanks for the prize for Jan 2-2004 — a great New Year present!
Anne Rendell
- Many thanks for my prize cheque — very much appreciated!
Lorna Waites
- What a way to start the New Year — a prize for January Slot 5! I don't think I could be more delighted if I'd won *Lotto*. Thank you.
Yvonne Ainsworth
- The various puzzlements offered by the last superb issue of *Crozworld* brought much trial, tribulation and enjoyment. It just gets better and better.
Jim Colles

February 1- 2004: Half and Half by Noel Jessop.

- A good 1/2 - 1/2 especially Tastier and Dash. *Brian Symons*
- Some good clues here, I liked especially 30dn. *Catherine Hambling*
- 30dn certainly introduced a sour note. I made it my COTM! *Yvonne Ainsworth*
- 7dn: If DORRIGO is correct I am not aware of why 'DO' equates to 'clean up'. Could this be explained please? (Chambers '98 ed. defines 'DO' thus: "To perform work upon; to put in some condition, eg To clean, to tidy, to render". I can remember as a child, when the charladies used to 'DO' for somebody, meaning to clean houses or offices! **C.**) *Alan Walter*
- Half and half puzzles are reasonable for occasional inclusion, but they do tend to pander to the cryptic addicts. *Irene Watts*

February 2-2004: Cryptic by Makeanote (Ian Brown)

- I don't know how old *Makeanote* is, but if he thinks 20 - 30 is a rough age, he's got a lot to learn! *Brian Symons*
- *Makeanote* certainly can make a clue. I particularly liked 10ac and 15dn, and Socrates (9ac) and Mt Sinai's eruption (19dn) are what anagram nuts crave. *Jim Colles*
- My favourite clue in this one was 25ac. *Catherine Hambling*
- 28ac STILWELL 'remains' equates to 'is still' and not simply 'still' eg he is still there = he remains there, so the clue appears faulty. 'Heartless' I assume means remove the central letter from STIL(L)WELL. Very much liked 16dn HORNBLOWER. 15dn 'AXE TO GRIND' to me would be a complaint rather than "A selfish goal". *Alan Walter*
- Some clever clues but I am not sure that the instructions are adequate at 14ac. 30ac clue is rather dodgy. *Irene Watts*

February 3-2004: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- A terrific cryptic, loved intow and bated. *Brian Symons*
- Of course the clues are perfect! What else did you expect? And I have no hesitation in voting 15ac as COTM since it results in the elimination of Saddam Hussein. *Jim Colles*
- Well up to Shirl's high standard, especially clues for 15ac and 4dn. Hope you read the 2-page spread about Shirl in the *Courier-Mail* a couple of weeks ago. (No Cath, I missed that, I'll have to try and get a back copy. **C.**) [Or visit: <http://www.couriermail.news.com.au/printpage/0,5942,8408300,00.html>] *Catherine Hambling*
- Could you please explain 15ac? I have guessed at EXTENT but can't justify it. *Audrey Ryan*
- Thanks again Shirl, for another shining gem puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- Shirl's cryptics are always first-rate. *Irene Watts*

February 4-2004 Acrostic/Jigsaw by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

- Wow!! I didn't think I could have finished this without working backwards from the bird clues. OBEY doesn't seem quite right (see Roy's comments, Brian. **C.**) *Brian Symons*
- Explanations to clues in order given: dogs + bodies; hobby and horse; ma (anag) d; promise(e) + anag; spear + heads; un + event + fil(l); B(O + T.S) wana; anag around row; HI + biscu(it) + s; idem (rev) + anag; over + Ha (u) I; double def; b® ook + ed; Ed (rev) + (Wm) Light; cap in anag; pass + ion; b(arm)an; casa + AB (rev); cash + we (rev); ch + op + I + n; Cree after DE(laware); rep + eat; a (BB) e; is + le; ye + bo (all rev); pas + t; double def; s + axe. The initials of the clues from the first across to the last down spell: SOME ANSWERS CONTAIN BIRDS NAME. The birds that I intended to solve the puzzle are: es(crow)ed; t(rail)ers; spea(rhea)ds; Bot(swan)a; b(rook)ed; h(ibis)cus. *Roy Wilson*
- I've said it before - *Praxis* just keeps getting better! *Shirl O'Brien*
- What a tough jigsaw but what a pleasure to be able to unravel it. Tremendous clues everywhere. Hope Carole enjoyed it, and there's no doubt Joyce would have done so. (I'll second that, Jim. **C.**) *Jim Colles*
- This puzzle is indeed a worthy memorial to Joyce Sheahan and I am sure Carole is delighted with it. It took me ages to sort it all out, but here's hoping I have finally got there. (No worries Cath! **C.**) *Catherine Hambling*
- Thank you, Roy, for the dedication. Mea Culpa people, if you did not enjoy this challenge. *Carole Noble*
- The equivalent of 4dn gave me a LOT of trouble. The fact that ROOK is part of my answer calls for optimism. *Yvonne Ainsworth*
- What a *tour de force*. Congratulations to *Praxis* on the inclusion of so many facets; it must have taken ages to compose. I am still not sure if PROMISSORY is right, or is it PREMISSORY (but brooked seems the only possibility for "nick etc".) *Audrey Ryan*
- Without the initial letters supplied this puzzle takes far too long to solve & becomes rather a chore to fit the answers into the grid & then to decipher that the first letters of the actual clues eventually render 'SOME ANSWERS CONTAIN A BIRDS NAME!' Must admit I was looking for a message relating to Carole and/or Joyce! Puzzles as time-consuming and difficult as this should be classified as optional slot 6 puzzles. *Alan Walter*
- No doubt this is a very clever puzzle, but it's not my cup of tea. As with many other members, the normal alphabetical is my favourite and I dislike variations such as this. It is only suitable for number 6 anyway. Even the instructions are difficult. I don't know what they mean and don't intend to spend time trying to work things out as a protest. *Irene Watts*

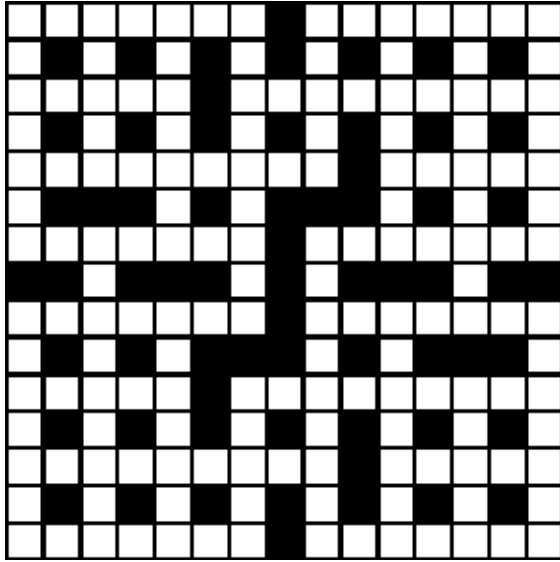
February 5-2004: All at Sea Naval Gazing by Bill Bennett

- I navel gazed for a long time on this; Trireme, Vedetta & Argosies caused much delay. Manila can be inserted 2 ways. *Brian Symons*
- Hook, line and stinker!! I was all at sea for a while, but finally buoyed up. Congratulations on an entangling puzzle! *Kay Williams*
- Hard, but very satisfying to complete. *Doreen Jones*
- Very difficult to solve, but how difficult must have it been to put together! Congratulations, and thanks, Bill (you should have tried adjudicating it, Shirl! **C.**) *Shirl O'Brien*
- Ahoy there, Bill! I've run aground, hit an iceberg, been torpedoed, lost the lifeboat, sent a mayday, asked the audience, and phoned a friend, but you have me scuppered, skipper. (Your ASDIC failed you miserably, Jim, the operator had a bellyful of VB (his name was Arthur by the way!!). Refined training methods are indicated! **C.**) *Jim Colles*
- The dreaded polygons (no pentagons, just hexagons, heptagons and octagons!). Gave me the usual trouble, amazing to be able to fit all those boats, ships or whatever into one puzzle! (Even more amazing to be able to adjudicate them!! **C.**) *Catherine Hambling*
- Congratulations to Bill Bennett for fitting so many themed answers into his puzzle. *Pat Garner*
- A clever composition to get so many ships included. I am not sure that I like the indirect anagram in 20. I spent too much time trying to make a word from SD + SETTEE. I assume that HAGAR is a cartoon character, and is a raider too? (You should have been trying to mix VD (Sexually Transmitted Disease, as opposed to Subscriber Trunk Dialling!) with settee, thus giving you VEDETTES, Audrey, and HAGAR was a cartoon character. **C.**) *Audrey Ryan*
- My initial answer to clue 5 of WAILER threw my solution out of kilter until I realized WHALER was the answer required. Clue 9 (4-3) seems to incorrectly imply BOAT FLYS which should be correctly spelt BOAT FLIES so the clue needs editing, clue 19 GOS is not a type of hawk the correct word is GOSHAWK. Clue needs modifying. Clue 14. Thought LJ Silver was the pirate not Silver LJ. Much liked CLIPPER, DREDGER, HORNPIPE & TENDER. This puzzle was not easy to complete. *Alan Walter*
- This could have been most enjoyable, but without a hint or two as recommended by Betty Cumming in the whirligigs she used to give us, I find it virtually impossible to finish in the time at my disposal. I have solved all but two of the clues, but my boat just won't come in. (Quite a few comments in the same vein. Irene. **C.**) *Irene Watts*

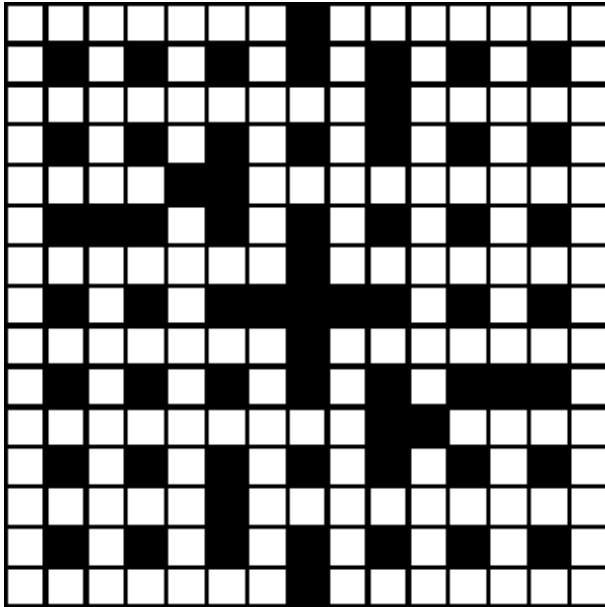
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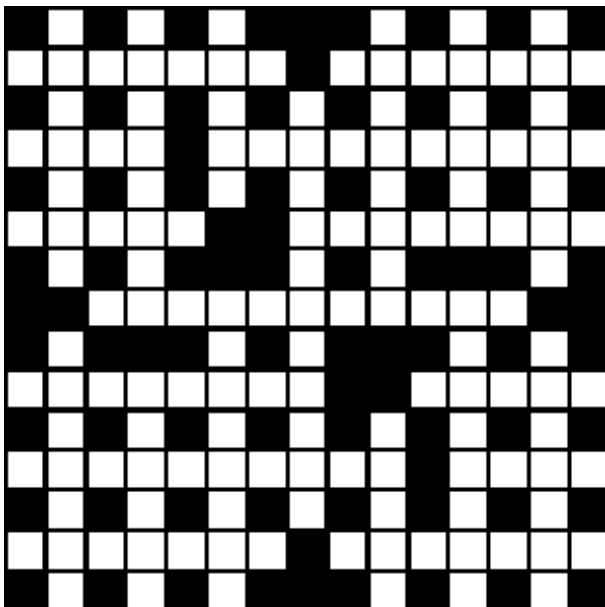
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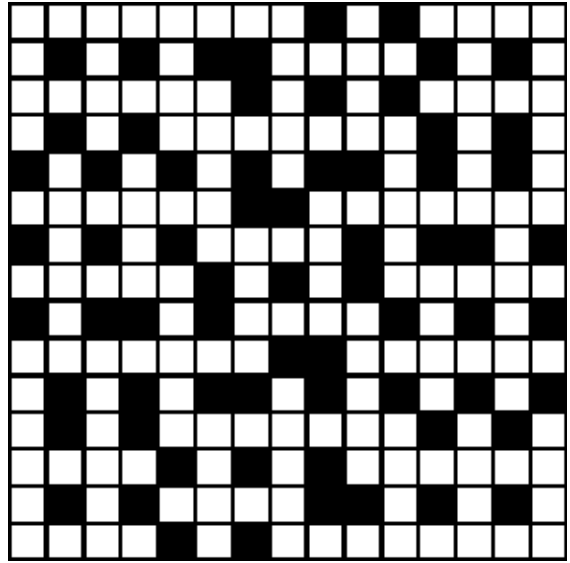
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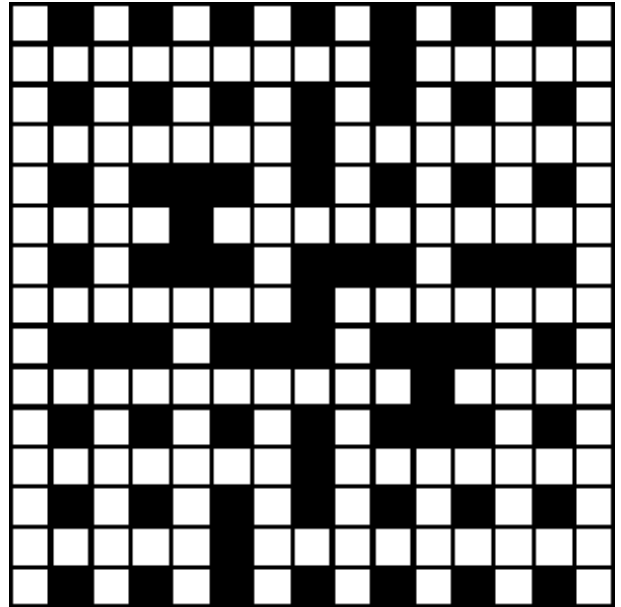
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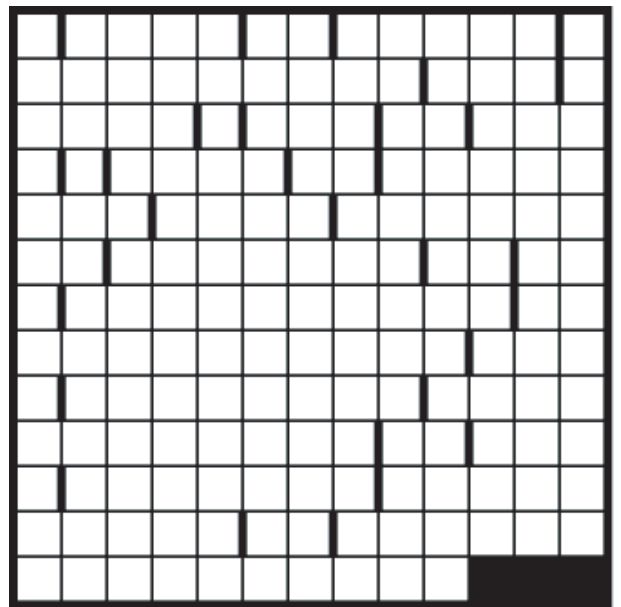
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Clue of the Month

January 6-2004 - A Crossword Whodunit by Pundit (Stef Savanah)**Entries: 99. Correct: 96. Success rate: 97%. Prizewinner: Carol Dodd. Congratulations!****Compiler's comments:**

Many thanks to members for the many letters, cards and especially feedback. I hope the lack of challenge (a consequence of the puzzle's particular constraints) was made up in entertainment value. There were only three errors: embodying (embedding), resiling (resolving), stonehand (scorecard). I tried to keep the story conclusion concise, but for those with web access I have tied up further loose ends with an epilogue on the club website. Click on News then Boys' Weekend Epilogue.

- I did enjoy this puzzle.
- Good puzzle, keep up the good work.
- A delightful idea – a welcome change.
- Great puzzling, I can't wait for the grand finale.
- What a fun puzzle – but not as hard as I expected it to be.
- A very clever puzzle. Original and most enjoyable.
- Good one – well done!
- What a splendid holiday season puzzle – great fun!
- Thank you for this fun puzzle.
- What a well-written and cleverly compiled work! Is it a big effort or does it just flow out? I enjoyed it very much – especially when I mastered it!
- Very good – thanks, Stef.
- Very clever but the clues were relatively straightforward.
- Thank you for an interesting and unusual puzzle.
- Congratulations for an unusual and thoroughly enjoyable slot 6 puzzle.
- I thought it was extremely clever and I thoroughly enjoyed completing it. I can't imagine how you managed to fit all those clues into the story.
- Great puzzle, thoroughly enjoyable. What a lot of work. Shades of Lewis and Morse, too!
- What an imagination you have – I enjoyed your puzzle.
- Lots of fun to solve – another Agatha Christie in the making?
- Loved the Whodunit! Often wondered what happened on those "Boys' Outings"! Waiting for the conclusion.
- Congratulations on an ingenious and absorbing puzzle. I can't see how Esrom and Siwel could possibly solve it as they are both obviously backward!
- Most ingenious; it must have taken an age to compose. So I was a bit surprised to find how quick it was to solve.
- Most enjoyable – more please.
- Many thanks for such a different & entertaining puzzle. I look forward to the next instalment!
- I love a good murder mystery. Look forward to seeing the loose ends tied up.
- Your puzzle was very clever indeed! I must admit I did it without reading the story and hope I got the right answers.
- Your Whodunit was wonderful!
- Thanks for a great no. 6 slot. Most ingenious. And lots of fun.
- Greatly enjoyed your novel puzzle. Well done. Thought 27ac was the clue for me.
- Thank you for all the hard work that you have done to provide the club with your puzzles.
- What a terrific idea – I love whodunits – how clever to have Morse and Lewis backwards!
- My mind boggles at a brain that can combine a story & 4 answers and work it into a symmetrical grid!
- Enjoyed the ingenious clues, particularly ENCLOSING and GABRIEL, but I thought there was something amiss with DONATIONS until the penny dropped – it's the smartest of them all!
- Good concept – must have taken ages to complete.
- I see that you do not forget that Aggie is still my favourite sleuth writer. I enjoyed solving the story and puzzle.
- Really enjoyed doing this puzzle – my kind of clues! No need to search for the answers, just a sense of achievement and amusement when one is solved. Thank you for great holiday entertainment.
- Congratulations, the Boys' Weekend was absolutely brilliant! Loved the way the clues were so neatly slotted into the text. I had so much fun reading it and eventually tracking down the killer. I'd love to see more of these.
- This puzzle was great fun. I really liked your tribute to Morse and Lewis.
- Thank you for such a 'novel' puzzle. It was a lot of fun.
- Great stuff, Stef.
- A great original concept! I really enjoyed doing this puzzle.
- "Oh murder!" I said, "How on earth do I solve this one?!" Thank you for this different sort of entertainment.
- Thanks for a very entertaining puzzle.
- It was a good read; your homage to Morse and Lewis did not go unnoticed and Christie, no doubt, a tribute to Agatha!

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Col Archibald
Sonia Atkinson
Geoff Campbell
Bev Cockburn
Graeme Cole
Merv Collins
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Dell Eisentrager
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Boys' Weekend (Conclusion)

Sergeant Esrom Christie and PC Siwel entered the lounge room where the four guests waited. Esrom glared at Larry Lorne 'Mr. Lorne,' he barked, 'your alibi is very shaky. I think you'd better come clean immediately.' Larry was taken by surprise and hastily blurted out his reply. 'I only went out to see a...a...friend', he stammered. 'At the local house of...ill repute? Where you delivered your brass figurine gift, I gather?' Larry lowered his head. Esrom then turned his gaze upon Dale Moran. 'Mr. Moran, it's only a guess, but could it be that last night you were contemplating approaching Mr. Lang for a loan extension?' Dale remained silent and folded his arms as he waited for the sergeant to continue, which he did with some relish. 'Gentlemen, bear with me if you will as I describe the events of last night as I imagine them. The assailant crept in behind the victim and smashed his head with one of those long Maglite torches. He then changed the time on the alarm clock and broke it in a clumsy and rather obvious attempt to establish a false time of death.' (PC Siwel cringed). 'He opened the window and threw out the murder weapon as hard as he could. I suspect that a gust from the open window blew out the victim's candle at that point – which explains why the candle was still long and hardly used: the murder took place shortly after the blackout began.' 'Outrageous!' burst out Simon Logan. 'Why would Dale do such a thing?' Esrom cocked an eyebrow at him theatrically. 'If the crime scene chaps locate the murder weapon – as I'm sure they will, even if it has tumbled down the cliff side – then I suspect they'll find *your* fingerprints on it, Mr. Logan.' Simon gaped at the sergeant and turned pale. 'Oh, I dare say you never planned to kill him. You stopped at his room on your way down from your own room after fetching a deck of cards and your torch. Perhaps you only meant to confront him. As you walked up to him unnoticed in the dimness, maybe you decided to give him a scare. But instead you filled with a jealous rage and impulsively struck him a fatal blow. In a panic you concocted that ham-fisted attempt to cover your tracks and then rushed from the room. You bruised yourself stumbling down the stairs in the darkness – of course: you didn't have a torch. You were flustered, but Mr. Moran no doubt attributed that to the fall.' Dale Moran spoke out. 'But why, Simon, why?' Simon Logan remained frozen and Esrom continued. Because some time before the weekend Mr. Logan had discovered that Eric Lang was having an affair with his wife. You see, everyone assumed that the Ed in the love letter was a man, but I surmise it was Mr. Lang's shortening of a woman's name. Mr. Logan, you referred to your wife as Winnie, but I guess that's just your pet name for her. Her pen is monogrammed EL. What does the E stand for, Mr. Logan?' Simon was mute. 'Then allow me to speculate. Would it by any chance be...Edwina?'

The End