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[Lady Windermere] Actions are the first tragedy in life, words are the second. Words are perhaps the worst. Words are merciless.
Oscar Wilde, 1892, *Lady Windermere's Fan*, IV.

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The subscription renewal rate for 2008 has been very encouraging indeed. Thanks to the wonderful level of donations to the ACC Prize Fund 2008, we will be able to continue our generous prize schedule throughout the year. 2008 looks like a bumper year for ACC solvers. We hope you will be a recipient of prizes, not to mention the trophies which were so well received by brilliant solvers in 2007. Best of Luck with your solving in 2008.

We have all been concerned with the fate of our Queensland members following the recent widespread floods and heavy downpours. This cheerful and reassuring note from Jenny Wenham from Comet, Qld is worth reading:

"I would like to thank all those club members who expressed their concern for us during the recent flooding in Emerald. I'm pleased to say that Comet remained higher and drier than Emerald and we are fine. Stuart and the other Queensland Rail staff worked very long shifts to help keep the town moving. Helicopters and trains were the only ways in and out of Emerald for a week, and the railway ensured emergency services, evacuees and supplies made it to the right side of the river. Many people are still cleaning up and I'm sure some of the effects of the flood will be felt for a long time to come. I hope that all our other Queensland members and their families have come through the recent wet unscathed, and that everyone who still needs rain gets just enough in the right places."

Our expert puzzlemaster Ian Williams has selected a wonderful range of puzzles and quizzes to keep you fully occupied during March. For a start, Ian has selected another Half & Half by the perennial favourite Jesso, and challenging cryptics by Sue Donim and InGrid. We are pleased to publish Waratah with the ever-popular AJ and in Slot 5, we welcome back *The Beast* with a witty and well-crafted Acrostic which will be appreciated by all solvers. In Slot 6, *Sinbad* has contributed an interesting "Standard" Cryptic and in Slot 7, the dynamic duo of Bev Cockburn and Joan Smith (calling themselves *The Posers*) have given us a theme word puzzle which should find favour with all solvers. In addition, we have not one but 3 Quizzes for your delectation plus a couple of Chess problems to "take on board". Also, Steve Trollope is again organising the Clue Writing Competition but with a twist. See p12 for a recent drama... It's looks like a busy month for ACC solvers. Happy Crozworlding! —Patrick

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Many thanks to all who sent kind wishes and nice cards; bonus dots duly awarded to those who sent Chivas Regal!!
The main bone of contention this month was, surprisingly slot 1, followed closely by slot 2 which was deemed by many to be worthy of a slot 6, 7, or 8, but which nevertheless scored a fairly healthy success rate. Many thanks to Alan Walter and Roy Wilson (*Praxis*) for their always enlightening and in-depth comments on the puzzles. It is much appreciated and makes adjudicating a tad easier.

Slot 1: Biggest source of angst among solvers here was 14ac 'ARMS' for 'AMMO'. The reasoning behind this clue can be found in Members' Comments. Otherwise the main culprits were the usual typos and transcription errors.

Slot 2: 1dn: many 'DIDDLES' for a 'DODDLE'! 'Diddle' does not fit the definition of 'child's play'. *Chambers* says it means "to cajole, swindle, falsify; to waste time, to dawdle (N Am); to have sexual intercourse with (N Am vulgar sl)" or "to make mouth music, sing without words (often dance tunes) (Scot)." 13ac: 'BEEF' caused much gnashing of teeth: the phonetic spelling of 'B' is BE or BEE. Likewise the phonetic spelling of 'F' is EF or EFF, so the clue indicates that the phonetic spelling of 'B' and 'F' overlap, the definition being 'a cause for complaint'. That's my story and I'm sticking to it!!

Slot 3: As usual with Shirl, hardly a ripple of complaint. Main offender was 'CAPE BARON' for 'CAPE BYRON' which is the most easterly point on the Australian mainland. Other offenders were 'MARINA' (MARINE), 'BANK' (DATA) and 'ICEPACK' (IKEBANA).

Slot 4: Fairly straightforward. Errors were mainly typos. Many members lamented the passing of the AJ as we know it.

Slot 5: The only errors in Roy's little gem were typos and transcription errors. It received a favourable reception!

COTM: The runaway winner was *Southern Cross* Slot 3 14ac with 9 votes. Congratulations Shirl O'Brien. —Col Archibald (*colinebri*)

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
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Correct entries	63	67	87	77	77	371
Success rate (%)	67.74	79.76	84.4	86.5	88.5	81.35
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Prizewinner: February 2008 Slots 1-5: Catherine Foster

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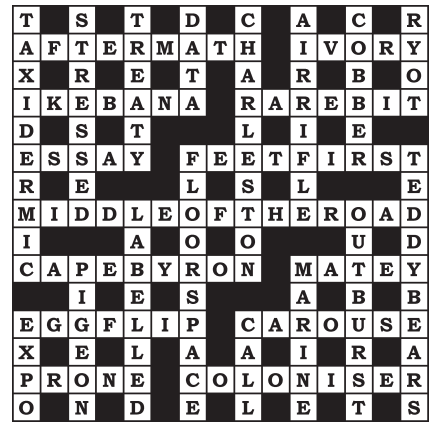
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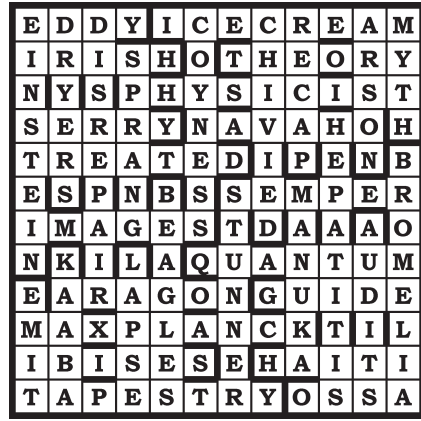
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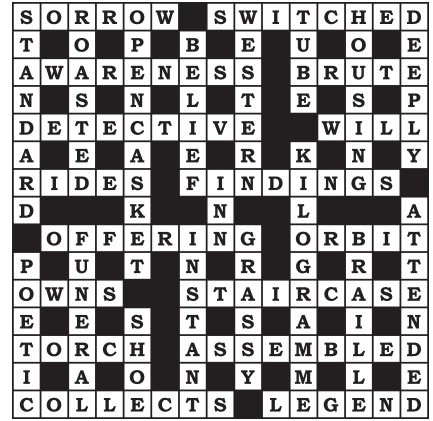
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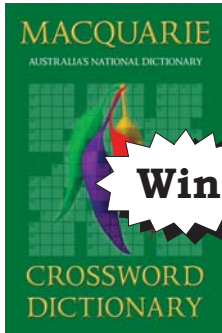
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AUSTIN A		GREENING D		PATTERSON A	
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BARNES J			.		.			HARPER K						PROCTER M				
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CLARKE S	.		.			.		JONES C		.					SOLOMON B			
COATES D		JONES D	STANDARD J				
COCKBURN B		KENNEDY D		STEINBERGER M			
COLE G			KENNEDY M	STOCKS J		
COOKE L		KNIGHT S			STOREY N			
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COWAN M		LEE C					.		TAYLOR R		
CROMER H		LEEDS G		TAYLOR S		
DAVIS M		LLOYD G	.	.	.				TOFONI B		
DEARIE P			McCLELLAND C		TROLLOPE S		
DENNIS M	.	.	.					McGRATH J	VERESS M		
DINHAM V		McKENZIE I	WAITES L		
DUCKER R			McPHERSON T	WALTER A		
EGGLETON B		MARTIN A	WATT K		
FOSTER C		MARTIN F		WATTS I		
FOWLER J			MAY S		WENHAM J			
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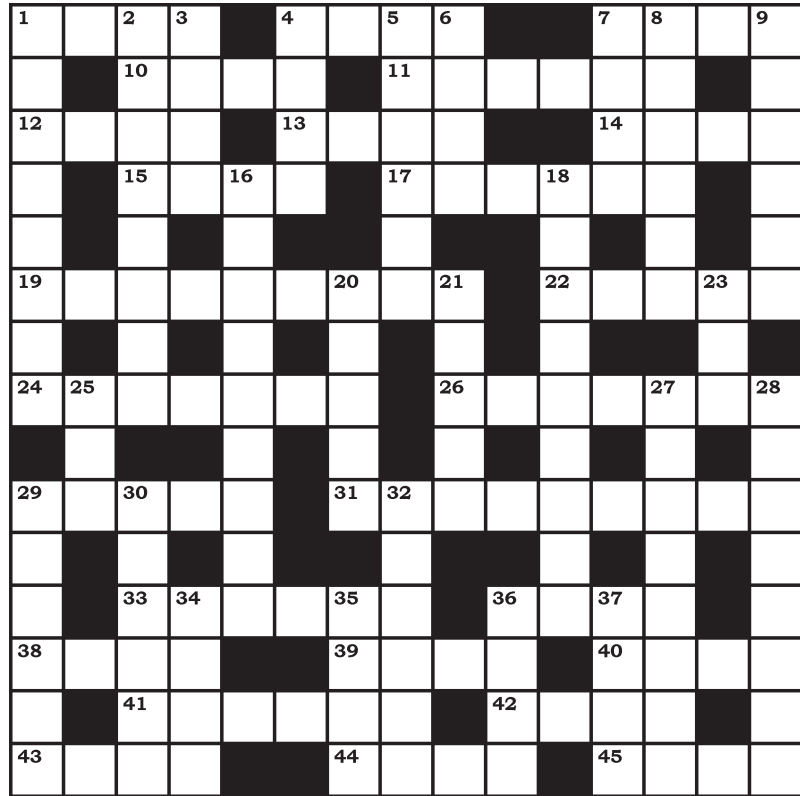
Half & Half
by
Jesso

Prizes: \$50



Win!

[2007 edn]



Across

- 1 Footwear (4)
- 4 Seaweed (4)
- 7 Eager (4)
- 10 Gorse genus (4)
- 11 African republic (6)
- 12 Skills (4)
- 13 Fencing sword (4)
- 14 Serpents (4)
- 15 Irish parliament (4)
- 17 Snakes (6)
- 19 Set going (9)
- 22 Produce oxen (5)
- 24 Concluded (7)
- 26 Peace-pipe (7)
- 29 Italian composer (5)
- 31 Refurbishing (9)
- 33 Complained (6)
- 36 Object of worship (4)
- 38 Obligation (4)
- 39 Undoing (4)
- 40 Fortify (4)
- 41 Crisp cake (6)
- 42 Slender (4)
- 43 Solemn vow (4)
- 44 Nautilus captain (4)
- 45 Betting price (4)

Down

- 1 Main accommodation in the country along the coast (8)
- 2 Dismissed made an appointment. That's oldfashioned (8)
- 3 Woman in jumble-sale? (4)
- 4 Jump on the ice and cut left (4)
- 5 Agrees foolishly to bribe (6)
- 6 A day to be full of dread (4)
- 7 Tracker not started before Nisan (4)
- 8 Dependant on Virginia's salt (6)
- 9 Medicinal amount of the same herb (6)
- 16 Little Bill and I have taken in shock treatment for abuse (9)
- 18 Diesel centre state took in deuterium and developed rapidly (9)
- 20 House with upholstered sides in rocky hill (5)
- 21 Looked up some coffee (5)
- 23 Contend with six English (3)
- 25 Previously part of referendum (3)
- 27 One in the race to settle for principal territory (8)
- 28 Thing set faulty contracts (8)
- 29 Who sounds like sorcery? You do, almost (6)
- 30 Race up without books? In the groove! (6)
- 32 Last to finish with obsolete practice (6)
- 34 Eat into some sweet chocolate (4)
- 35 Hesitation in country (4)
- 36 To somewhere inside to turn it on (4)
- 37 No oil blended in miscellany (4)

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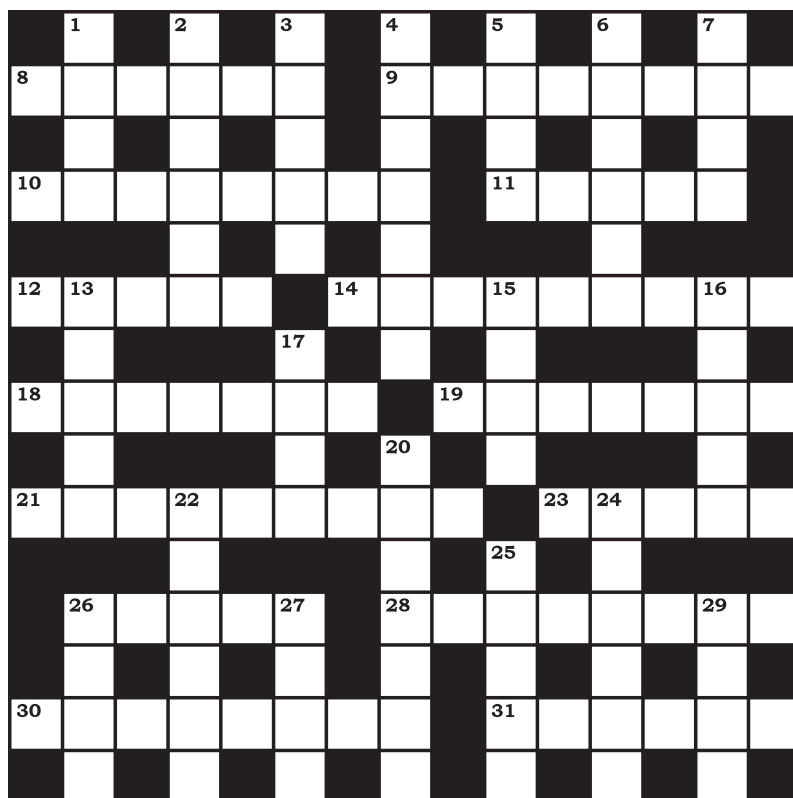
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**Mainly
British**
by
Sue Donim



Across


- 8 and 9** Brother cut beer out for a courageous Bobby (6,3,5)
- 10** Beautified when all is said and done better (8)
- 11** A House rose! (5)
- 12 and 14** Wicked Titania uses shotgun on first English Church boss! (5,9)
- 18 and 21** Troublesome lint which curls on a Statesman (7,9)
- 19** Clay! What a turnout therein for science! (7)
- 21** See 18
- 23 and 1** Outlaw puts cover on bird (5,4)
- 26** Dream about being well-prepared (5)
- 28** Without a doubt Zen can ape a Cornish harbour (8)
- 30** The Queen flies BOAC – a good idea, too! (8)
- 31** He kept an eye out for William! (6)

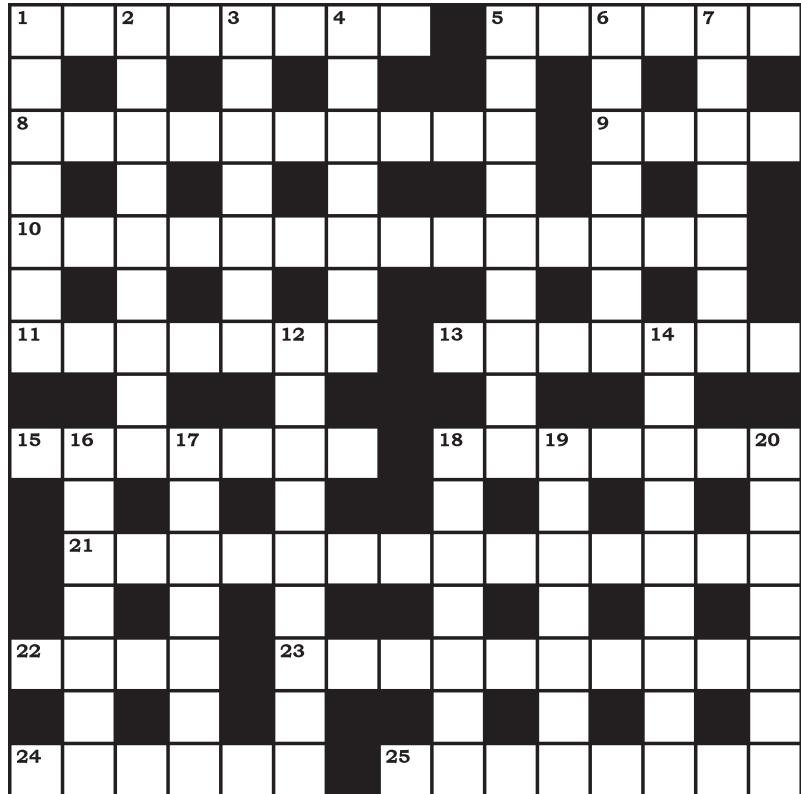
Down

- 1** See 23
- 2** Imagine this singer! (6)
- 3** A deposit of dust on the street (5)
- 4** Live Aid must be held at Wembley (7)
- 5** The vitality of a lemon (4)
- 6** Acknowledge a cash reward (6)
- 7** Mark starts religious ceremony and steals off (4)
- 13** A ship at sea like a monkey up a tree (5)
- 15** Sling out the slug lying there; it's abhorrent! (4)
- 16** Clouds notes in my book ideal for starters (5)
- 17** This couple are right out of soup! (4)
- 20** It's common in London to applaud the actor (7)
- 22** A cure for a sleeping condition, man! Heard why? (6)
- 24** Rain! Go away, mules! (6)
- 25** Tau crosses ruined shank (5)
- 26** Halo from Oklahoma turns wild (4)
- 27** A bird for a bob down (4)
- 29** Instrument lopped to fit the compartment (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thanks to the ACC for my prize cheque for January 4 2008. *Geoff Campbell*
- Thank you so much for the splendid trophy for Slot 6 in 2007 and also for my cheque for Slot 1 in January 2008. All the fun (not to mention the sore heads!) of solving the puzzles and then prizes too – how good is that! What a wonderful club we have. *Margaret Davis*
- Thanks for my prize of the *Oxford Crossword Dictionary* for January's Slot 5. My library is growing but I feel very greedy. I always get my money's worth out of my membership even if I win nothing, so the prizes are a great bonus. I had a lot of trouble with all this month's puzzles. I've finished them but am not hugely confident with all my answers. I hit brick walls with them all with only a few words to go and had to put them away till I had time to do some research. *Jenny Wenham*
- Enjoyed them all this month. *Jim Fowler*

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<p>Cryptic by InGrid</p>




Across

- 1 Sacrifice soldier out of duty (8)
- 5 Spoken like a double 7 in hiding (6)
- 8 Ribbon worms get up to a disturbing nine metres (10)
- 9 First glance at Peru ends in a yawn (4)
- 10 Bewildered Nobelium insect might be like a glowworm (14)
- 11 Faint ooze around officer (7)
- 13 Herb will seemingly get in without charge (7)
- 15 Due nothing less bar marriage (7)
- 18 Fuming Sergeant Major gets approval in going first (7)
- 21 Bebop artist is a light headed cricketer (around leg slip, that is) (14)
- 22 Daydream about dolt? That's not right! (4)
- 23 He spies mum confounded by rhetorical figures (10)
- 24 Drive paper in a steady flow (6)
- 25 Capital for Mr Lopez, and his parent (8)

Down

- 1 Transport all the small company (7)
- 2 An old poem destructively ridiculed (9)
- 3 Truffle turned into a pie on the spaceship (7)
- 4 Horrific hour lost at English opening (7)
- 5 Clean rage over this drought problem (9)
- 6 Greenery a form of scant clothing (7)
- 7 Missing one leg of a politician's turn on the golf course (7)
- 12 Church involved in outlay for skin of this animal (9)
- 14 Forced on again about devil mixing up dose (9)
- 16 extreme finish for the majority (7)
- 17 Lecturer in Australian gene therapy uses the pill (7)
- 18 Ben followed us back to record details of chemical (7)
- 19 Too many people for bowler (7)
- 20 Good suedes may be estimated (7)

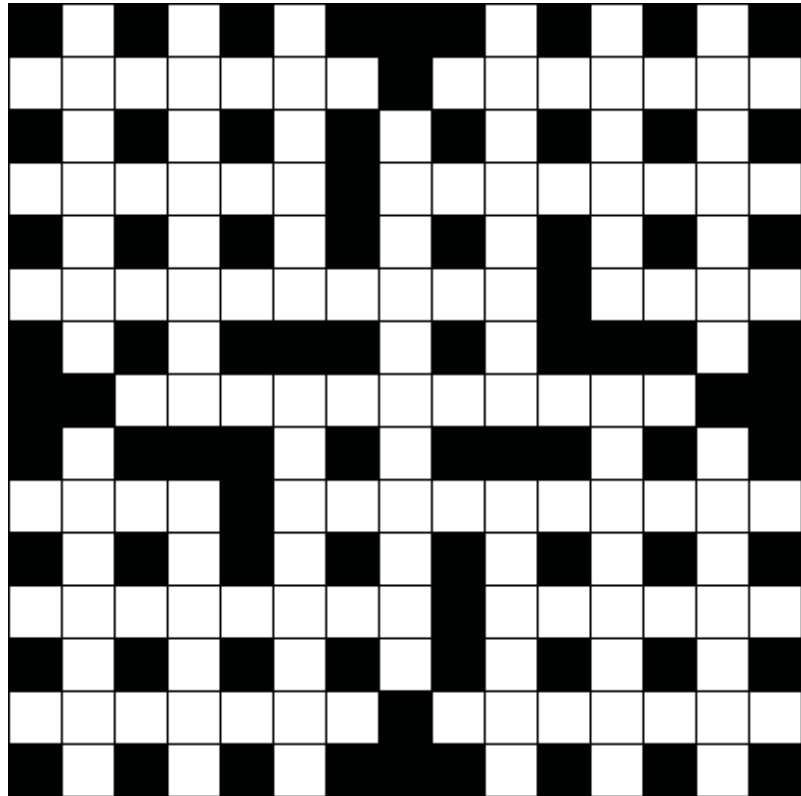
SOME DAFFY DEFINITIONS:

- Moderate: A person who makes enemies left and right.
 - Sad case: A dozen empties.
 - Psychologist: One who when a beautiful girl enters the room watches everyone else.
 - Will: A dead giveaway.
 - Cannibal: A person who goes into a restaurant and orders the waiter.
 - Arch criminal: A person who robs shoe stores.
 - Operetta: A girl who works for the telephone company.
 - Stagnation: Country without women.
 - Bigamist: An Italian fog.
 - Smelling salts: Sailors with BO.
 - Incongruous: Where they make the laws in USA.
 - Apiary: Monkey cage.
- From *Another Almanac of Words at Play* by Willard R Espy.

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AJ
by
Waratah

Prize:
Chambers
Dictionary of
World History
3rd edn.
[rrp \$79.95]



Solve the clues and place the solutions in the grid, jig-saw wise, where they fit.

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| <p>A Anna said Tom and Cali danced about the skeleton (10)</p> <p>B Make a phone call to Mr Aldrin (4)</p> <p>C Army unit dropping some top speakers for company members (11)</p> <p>D Ancient priest in charge of Celtic circle (7)</p> <p>E Periodical job. Chief journalist on sailing vessel (10)</p> <p>F Escorting the fruity tart with the monarch (8)</p> <p>G Express joke you're told by hand movement (7)</p> <p>H Flat dwelling (7)</p> <p>I Chaotic inn I stay at is total madness (8)</p> <p>J Uncle at rear of the plane jettisoned stuff (6)</p> <p>K Juvenile attended joint recital for organ (6)</p> <p>L Berttoli revised book "Words to Music" (8)</p> <p>M Abortion sounds like failure to catch rail motor (11)</p> | <p>N Immature insects become beautiful young maidens (6)</p> <p>O The art one ordered is elaborate (6)</p> <p>P Very early arrival in U.S. on the first performance (8)</p> <p>Q Quibble with which the students broke the silence (7)</p> <p>R Recall note to evoke appearance (8)</p> <p>S Nark has low support with no backing in evidence initially (7)</p> <p>T Spelling young writer has yet to develop (2,5)</p> <p>U Seizes noisy gentleman in lifts (6)</p> <p>V Short queen is first at British party triumph (7)</p> <p>W Joint rented a band (8)</p> <p>X Emblem of authority is sword shaped (7)</p> <p>Y Cart returned for the lot (4)</p> <p>Z Belief with woman not wanted at the top (6)</p> |
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FAVOURITE WORDS OF FAMOUS PEOPLE: from *The Logophile's Orgy* by Lewis Burke Frumkes

- "My favourite word is 'silence'; it would be perverse to go on." *Edward Gorey*, cartoonist.
- "I have always been a devotee of outrageous and explicit hyperbole, and an adjective has a release from too many social restraints. So, as we get more mature (I hate the word 'older'), I have substituted such words as: 'I find this "exceedingly inappropriate"; "inappropriate" might be used instead of 'How could you invite three former wives to your party?' 'I think you looked so much better before your face adjustment.' 'Some people lose all their looks when they get fat.' All may be true, but inappropriate." *Virginia Graham*, actress, TV personality
- "It turns out that my favourite word is 'preposterous'. I wasn't aware of this until my wife pointed out the alarming regularity with which I use the word. It seems that I use it to describe almost any opinion with which I disagree. The word has two endearing qualities. First, it is rather gentle, in contrast to, say, 'idiotic'. Second, it expresses itself without the need of translation. It is onomatopoeic. Pre-post-er-ous: Once all the syllables have rolled off the tongue, the word has done its work. What is an opinion thus calumniated to do but slink away in shame?" *Charles Krauthammer*, essayist, columnist *Time* magazine.
- "My choice of 'jejune', though apparently persnickety, is really an attempt to rescue a fine word from the mire of misuse into which it has fallen. 'Persnickety' is a subfavourite because it evokes the sound of two ants crossing a marble floor wearing twelve tiny stiletto-heeled shoes." *Felicia Lamport*, poet.

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Acrostic
by
The Beast

Prizes: \$50



[2006 edn]

Write the answers in the spaces provided, then transfer each letter to the corresponding numbers in the rectangular grid. When completed this will reveal a verse by yours truly. The first letters in the answers column, reading down, spell the title of the verse.

- A** Discharge the Editor. He's finished (9)
- B** Looked about in profound reversal (6)
- C** Metal rod knots a eucalypt.(8)
- D** Records score for needlework (8)
- E** Leach out my old medicine (7)
- F** Saw British vehicle in lead (7)
- G** Bounder, after some fodder, gets machine to gather it up (7)
- H** Increase in angle is somewhat in vogue (7)
- I** Occasional dance for a queer fellow (7)
- J** About an opinion the head journo again considered (8)
- K** It's of value like a full collection (5)
- L** Drains fish for a cold drink (9)
- M** Sullivan to pass on electorate to old Pollie (5,4)
- N** Feed measure for a song bird (9)
- O** When dad has convulsions, his laundry is done gently (4-6)
- P** One of a dozen found in Australia Post letter box (7)
- Q** Left in sleeping apparel, I hear, each evening (7)
- R** In garden plot with roses first. That's natural (6)
- S** Mongrel dog with small tail is a scraper (7)

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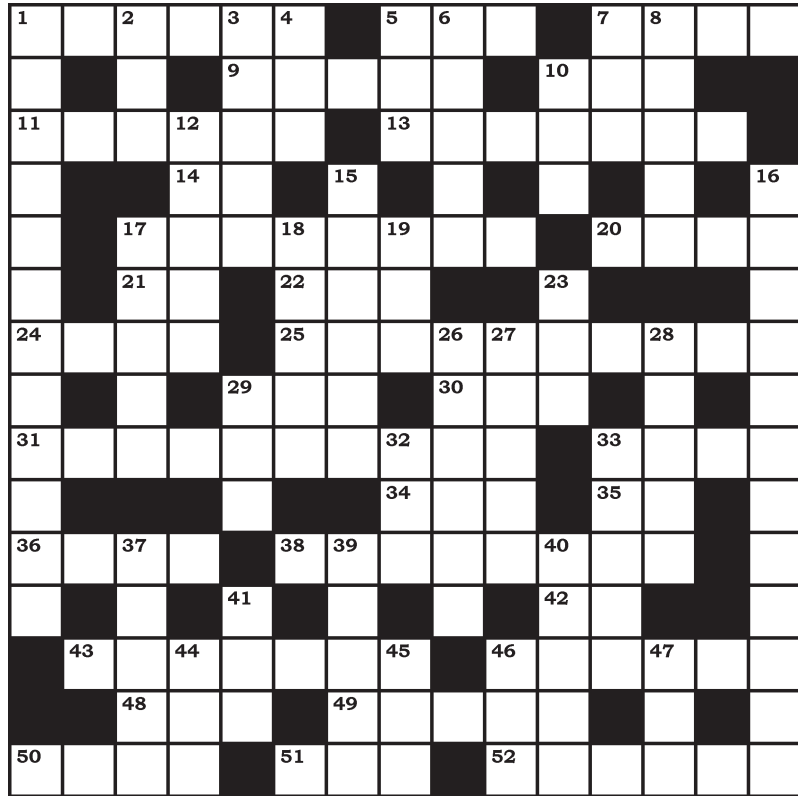
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**A "Standard"
Cryptic
by
Sinbad**



The answers to the clues marked with an asterisk (*) are related.



Across

- 1 * Flying circus forms a Latin cross (6)
- 5 For example, love, self-esteem (3)
- 7 * The last of the sailors moves to the front (4)
- 9 Fool a Pacific salmon (5)
- 10 Sounds like a note in the distance (3)
- 11 Docking facility where 50s are often flown (6)
- 13 Bird has troubled soul but keen to achieve (7)
- 14 Lick off the grass! I object (2)
- 17 Deep red cloak (8)
- 20 * and 1ac (4)
- 21 Even proud to belong to this football code (2)
- 22 Chess scale found in the belongings (3)
- 24 The bell tolls for a relative? (4)
- 25 He loads a ship but it becomes heavier! (10)
- 29 If the 38ac 17dn had seven 7 acrosses, then possibly this clue would have an * (3)
- 30 Fish in a creel (3)
- 31 and 50* Flying shirt tails as a national emblem (10)
- 33 Old scribe, in a woollen fez, ragged at the edges (4)
- 34 Crumb of shortbread (3)
- 35 About an ancient Egyptian sun-god (2)
- 36 Take to bits this wood (4)
- 38 * and 17dn (8)
- 42 Provide for the party (2)
- 43 * and 1ac (7)
- 46 Grubby grubee is a 50 (6)
- 48 Chance to cover up (3)
- 49 Some medicine groups attributed back to a hereditary factor (5)
- 50 Note the bushy tail (4)
- 51 Swindle a college servant (3)
- 52 Rocks together with 50 form paving slabs (6)

Down

- 1 * and 7ac (12)
- 2 Even quaver used in forensic science (3)
- 3 Central to winners is next to the bull's eye (5)
- 4 The deep part of the seabed (3)
- 5 Supplement an ecstasy tablet to Kay with another (3)
- 6 * and 1ac (5)
- 7 Biscuit remains when the Vietnamese mammal leaves the city behind. On the contrary (3)
- 8 A respite signified by a white 50 (5)
- 10 Flap the free end of a 50 (3)
- 12 I, quiet, about a Muslim leader (5)
- 15 French son, Adial, sad sack, relates to a child (6)
- 16 * and 17dn (5,7)
- 17 See 38 (5)
- 18 * and 1ac (5)
- 19 A drink without spirits can be a snag (3)
- 23 Measure of sound in the belfry (3)
- 26 Suit spirits (6)
- 27 10 + 160 + 200 may once have totalled the tax for church purposes (5)
- 28 Sail is missing, broadly speaking (5)
- 29 Garden plot of aster flowers (3)
- 32 Signed document of debt of devious means (3)
- 33 A mistake found in a work by the Swan of Avon (5)
- 37 * and 1ac (5)
- 39 A science of the study of 50s, without Roman standards, almost (5)
- 40 Part of the deduction is an extraction (5)
- 41 Lower the 50 in salutation (3)
- 44 Hang down 50 (3)
- 45 The colour, it is said, from the relation, is attractive to cats (3)
- 46 Hop off the senior clergyman, twice (3)
- 47 A champion to start going with a French one (3)

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GENERAL COMMENTS:

- The printed version of *Crozworld* arrived today, via snail mail, with cheque for slot 4 and another beautiful certificate to add to my collection. Many thanks, Patrick. A little encouragement goes a long way to help battlers like me! I shall try even harder for the big one!! Cheers. Valerie Howard
- Thank you so much for the prize – it was quite a surprise but also an encouragement to continue trying some of the more demanding segments. Roger Heagney
- I was very thrilled with my trophy and a cheque for January as well – how lucky can I be???? Margaret Davis
- Thank you for the really beautifully crafted certificate for the Clue of the Month. However, I feel a bit of a fraud as the clues were all Joan Smith's. My humble input was restricted (as is usual with *Difficult Women*) to filling the grid with words. Most members seem to be under the impression we share the clue-writing, and I don't think it's fair to Joan. She deserves the credit due her. I loved the trophy for the 1-5 Cumulative. Thank you very much. Carole Noble
- I could not have done the puzzle without Carole's input. Joan Smith
- I seem to be on a winning streak. Thank you for my prize for December's Slot 6. When I receive a new *Crozworld* I always look for the results first, before reading the Gridatorial and From the Adjudicator. Imagine my delight to discover that I had also won a Slot 6 trophy. The arrival of *Crozworld* is a highlight of my month. My admiration and gratitude go to our wonderful compilers and my appreciation to all of you leading lights. Gabrielle Leeds

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New Members: Bill Alston of Cawood, UK, James Leaver from Elanora Heights, NSW, Mrs Polly Thomas of Tumbi Umbi, NSW (a Gift Membership from Betty Siegman and Jack Thompson from Hunters Hill, NSW (a Gift Membership from Arthur Barrett). Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworlding!*

Puzzle Adjustments: Veniece Lobsey gained a dot for Slot 4 January 2008. The following gained a dot for January Slot 2: John Balnaves, Louisa Cooke, Pat Garner, Nancy Hazell, Margaret Raw, Betty Siegman and Norm Wilson. Frank Martin received a dot for Slot 4 January, and Steve Trollope (dots for all five slots). Also, dots to Doug Butler (Slots 3, 4 and 5) Gillian Champion (5 dots) Trish McPherson (dots for slots 1, 2, 4 and 5) and Michael Veress (slot 2 and slot 4). Slot 6 February 2008: The clue to 22dn should read "Heartless dame cuckolds prunes (7)".

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

incorrigible *adj.* **1** (of a person or habit) incurably bad or depraved. **2** not readily improved. [ORIGIN: Middle English from Old French *incorrigible* or Latin *incorrigibilis*]

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SHEDAGRAMS by Zinzan

Anagrammatise each 9 letter word into another. Then shed the first and last letter and anagrammatise again. Repeat until only 1 letter remains. There are no repeated words and all words are to be found in *Chambers*. As an example: DISPARATE----> A(SPIRATE)D----> T(RAIPS)E----> P(AIR)S----> A(I)R--> I. The remaining letters can be anagrammatised into IRRATIONAL.

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- 1 RELATIONS
- 2 ORGANISED
- 3 EMIGRANTS
- 4 PARASITES
- 5 TRAMLINES
- 6 GELATINES
- 7 DRAINLESS
- 8 CREMATING
- 9 STEROIDAL
- 10 SERGEANTS

February 1-2008: Half 'n Half by gizmojones (Stephen Clarke)

- Very much enjoyed your almost 9/2 and 1/2' puzzle, thanks *gizmo!* (clue ratio was 15:17) Specially liked the humour in 9ac. Jawed limb. 2dn A+crony+m. 6dn Browning leaves in Autumn & 17dn Glass eye. *Alan Walter*
- 14ac. A nice gimmick with the comma in the clue. *David Procter*
- Not an easy slot 1 *gizmo*. *Roy Taylor*
- A very good variant of the 1/2 & 1/2. REGNANT and AMMO are excellent clues. *Brian Symons*
- Stephen's 1/2 & 1/2 was a pleasure to solve. *Ted O'Brien*
- Enjoyable with smart clueing e.g. 14ac: ANNO. 24ac: FAMOUS (Loved them) but quite difficult for slot 1. *Catherine Foster*
- An interesting version of Half & Half. Not sure if 'ammo' is correct at 14ac. If so, why? (the comma is an integral part of the clue (.) = comma returned minus Charlie (C) = ammo. I personally think that the use of the comma as part of the clue could have been made clearer. C) *Margaret Davis*
- An interesting and quite enjoyable Half and Half, though less suitable for a No 1 than those by *Jesso* and *Virgo*. It assumed rather too much familiarity with some rather remote general knowledge. *Irene Watts*
- It was half and half alright! Half easy and half tough. Despite the definition in *Chambers*, I wouldn't call SPELLCHECK a program – more like a tool. Loved 6dn & 7dn. The only one I'm not sure about is 14ac. *Jenny Wenham*
- Who else tried CASTS for 23dn? It's hidden in the clue backwards and it could mean 'Gets full amount', but it spoils 26ac. Devilish devious! *Max Roddick*
- Hard for a slot 1. 14ac: I'm guessing at a returned comma? Does Charlie = C? (International radio code, Jan eg Alpha, Bravo, Charlie = A, B and C. C) *Jan Wood*

February 2-2008: Cryptic by Child's Play (Brian Symons)

- Liked 28ac: CXLIVLY flagrantly = 144 LY = Grossly. Could you please explain the wordplay for 18ac, 2dn and 24dn? A DULL TORY!? CHICK + WEED? PAST+Y? 18ac = A DULL TORY? 2dn CHIC+K+WEE+D where 'CHIC = with it, K = 1024 bits, WEE = small, dates = D and 24dn PAST+Y= to be past (as if you go past Y you end last at Z!) In 1ac 'NICE' is the French town so 'Nice' of = DU in 27ac, 'bearing = E & POCH sounds like POCK (mark) to give EPOCH. *Alan Walter*
- I have put BEEF for complaint but don't understand the rest of the clue. *David Procter*
- Very enjoyable with some tricky clues like 24dn. (My COTM) & 20dn. *Roy Taylor*
- Definitely not a doddle! But that got my COTM 1dn. 1ac: Was nearly as off-putting. *Ted O'Brien*
- Another beauty! Clever and interesting clues! DODDLE 28ac: GROSSLY- wow! *24dn. Will you please spell out for me? I get the definition for 'looks unhealthy' = PASTY, but I fail to get the cryptic message from 'to be last' (could be PATSY (?) the 'unhealthy' may apply to that word too swapping the letters around (?) but you tell me please. *Catherine Foster*
- I'm voting for DODDLE as my COTM. I was surprised to learn that one of its meanings is CHILD'S PLAY. I don't know what "with it 1024 bits of" means >>> at 2dn. *Bev Solomon*
- Don't understand clues at 24 & 27ac and 2 & 21dn. Quite possibly my answers are wrong! *Margaret Davis*
- The answer to 1dn might be what you'd expect, but certainly won't be what you get! Not a DODDLE at all. Loved 12ac and 15ac. 28ac had Mr Goanna scratching his head till I explained it to him. Not too sure of 24dn. *Jenny Wenham*
- A feast of cryptic delights! *Doug Butler*
- 15ac: SOBRIETY made me laugh. *Pat Garner*
- Entertaining clues made the solving a pleasure. *Max Roddick*
- Expected a RIDDLE from *Child's Play*. Hardly call it a DODDLE. *Jack Stocks*
- Child's Play? Hardly! Look forward to explanations for 13 & 27ac, 2dn, and all others I got wrong. *Jan Wood*

February 3-2008: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- Congratulations on yet another excellent cryptic Shirl. (Yes, setters would do well to emulate Shirl. C) *Alan Walter*
- Another great puzzle from Shirl; 'middle of the road' gets my COTM. You can of course go in any direction from Cape Byron. *Brian Symons*
- Shirl's puzzle was of her usual high standard. I liked especially the inclusion of the G.G in 22ac. *Ted O'Brien*
- *Southern Cross* – always a winner! My favourite 14ac FEET FIRST. *Catherine Foster*

- Another nice one from *Southern Cross*. *Margaret Davis*
- No artificial intelligence needed here. (Hear hear!! C) *Geoff Campbell*
- A lovely puzzle; most enjoyable: one of Shirl's very best. Very clever clues many of which could be the clue of the month (As many were, Irene! C) *Irene Watts*
- As always Shirl's clues are fair and solvable. Surprisingly (once I got it) OUTBURST was one of the last I entered. Loved 19ac and 5dn. The image of Charles kicking up his heels is priceless. *Jenny Wenham*
- Loved FEET FIRST! *Max Roddick*
- Enjoyable, neither too hard nor too easy. *Jan Wood*

February 4 -2008: A beginner puzzle by St Jude (Drew Meek)

- Great title *St Jude*. 'A beginner puzzle' to indicate all the answers start with A. If your intended answer to 'Chant by one thousand leaving cave (5)' is Antra this appears to be the plural of ANTRUM giving 'bone cavities' not 'cave' for which *Chambers* indicates the spelling as either ANTRE or ANTAR (Shakespeare) (M) ANTRA is the chant with 1000 leaving; i.e. delete M. Could you please explain how ABSENCE equates 'rudely to leave'? ABRAIDED clue needs an 'obsolete' indicator. *Alan Walter*
- Hey Jude! Nice stuff! I guess your dictionary was burnt except for the front bit. *Roy Taylor*
- A wonderful, cleverly tiled jigsaw variant. *Brian Symons*
- An admirable assay (archaic) and amassed alphas! *Ted O'Brien*
- I made up my mind when I first looked at this that I would not enjoy it, as I love the old AJ's (most members do, Catherine. C) But it won me over when I got stuck into it, the fair dinkum clues, good fun. *Catherine Foster*
- Understood the significance of the title quickly but fitting the answers into the grid was another kettle of fish! Quite a challenge but enjoyable. *Margaret Davis*
- An adroit, Audreyish AJ. Amusing, aggravating and artfully adapted. Acme of ability and acuity is acknowledged. Applause and acclaim are anticipated, Although an army of AJ admirers (and also ancient Auntie Irene) admit an antipathy to any abnormalities altering alphabeticals' accustomed arrangements. Another area at 5 available and agreeable anyway. *Irene Watts*
- I hope no beginners took the title at face value. Far from easy. I twigged to the common initials quite early, but it didn't help with ANTRA, ASTATIC, AMARITA amongst others. AT STUMPS had me stumped almost till the close of play. I was looking for some sort of foreign phrase for "the end of play" and thinking theatrically till Mr Goanna piped up with a thought about the end of a game. I've learnt that a tattoo is an Indian-bred pony. Tough but fair. *Jenny Wenham*
- Took quite a while to tumble to the "A" theme – gave the dictionary a lippy set of thumbmarks. Enjoyed it much. Thanks. *Jim Fowler*
- Very enjoyable; it was clever and a lot of fun. *Ro Ducker*
- Once the penny dropped, you got all the initials as freebies. I liked that! (Wonderful feeling when the denarius descends! C) *Max Roddick*
- A fun variation on my favourite AJ's. *Jan Wood*

February 5-2008: Cryptic by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

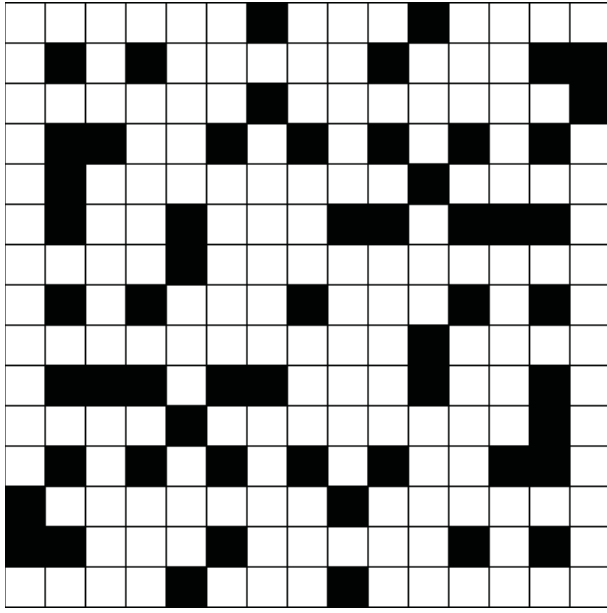
- Very pleasant Ximenean puzzle thanks Roy. 6dn: CHI > CHAI > CHAL > person (Romany) = Gypsy. 21dn: Should tea-trees be singular? *Chambers Words* indicates plural is MANUKAS. *Alan Walter*
- Another classic *Praxis*. I liked 33ac & 23dn. *Roy Taylor*
- The usual high standard *Praxis* cryptic. Loved HEPATITIS. *Brian Symons*
- The master does it again. *Ted O'Brien*
- *Praxis* at his best, very interesting, wonderful clues. *Catherine Foster*
- Another good one from *Praxis*. I think I have only ever met the name Max Planck in Roy's puzzles. I must find out more about him. *Margaret Davis*
- I had TIME for 27dn till I worked out the answer for 31ac. Can't reconcile the second for 26/12ac so hope it's right. Favourite new word from this one is SERRY. *Jenny Wenham*
- Just looking at the completed grid I can visualize the street vendor with electronic *Greensleeves* called *Eddy Icecream* and do you suppose that *Irish OTheory* is a physicist from Dublin? *Jim Fowler*
- Harriers: British raptors = BEAGLES. I laughed out loud. My COTM, no, COTY! *Doug Butler*
- Challenging, and learnt a few new words: KAABA, MANUKA, BROMELIA? Loved the clue for ICECREAM. *Jan Wood*



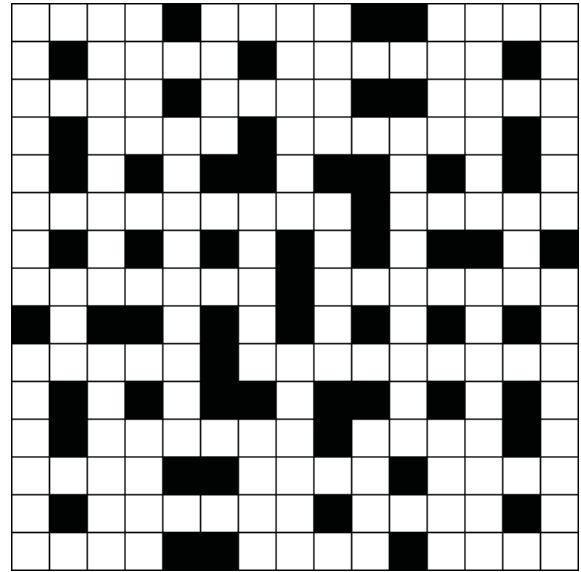
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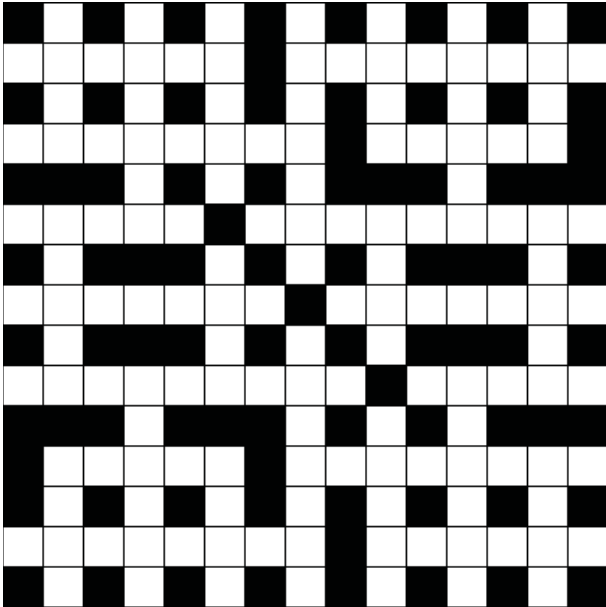


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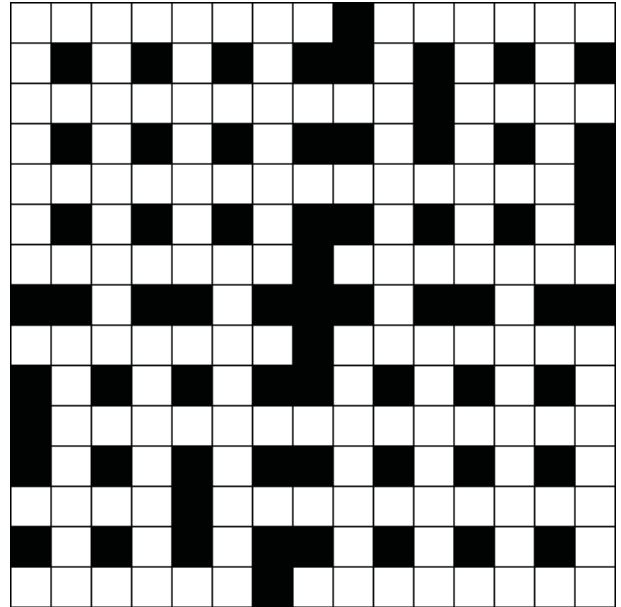


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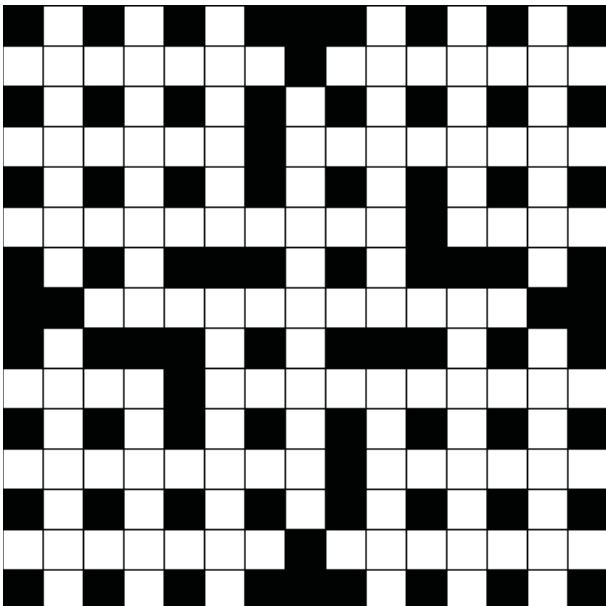
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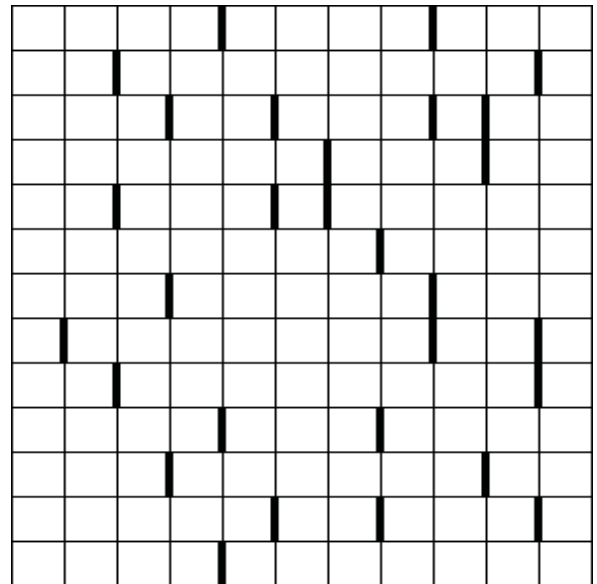
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Title of Verse

January 6-2008: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

Entries: 56. Correct: 40. Success Rate: 71%.

Winners: Ann Jermy and Del Kennedy. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments:

Thanks to everyone for taking the time to solve this, what turned out to be a rather tough puzzle, as well as your kind comments, cards and constructive criticisms. From the outset I apologise for the two clueing errors which most of you spotted. The anagram for 12ac DETECTIVE had a superfluous 'N' as it should have been DIANNE being subtracted, not DIANE. However, this didn't stop anyone from sleuthing the correct answer. The second error is the clue 32ac Off-side explanation? LEGEND. The clue should have read 32ac **On-side** explanation? with 'on' corresponding with 'leg' (as in cricket). The majority answered it correctly, but as a result of this compiler error the clue was no-balled and removed from all calculations.

The tricky bottom left hand corner posed the most problems. 26ac OWNS, in hindsight, was not a strong clue and I can see why TEND may have been an attractive choice, albeit an incorrect one (see below). In addition, to have TEND meant that 25dn POETIC would inevitably be incorrect. 'Static' was a popular choice but I can't justify this answer. There was the odd 'aortic', 'coptic' and 'emetic'. The other clues which raised some queries are explained below also.

11ac: BRUTE is a homophone of 'bruit' defined as 'rumour' (*Chambers*)

16ac: FINDINGS: Reveal (FIND), Current (IN), leaders of Government Scandal (GS)

26ac: OWNS: Has Townsend failed to take care? 'Has' = definition. Failed to take (i.e. doesn't hold on to) care (tend).

27ac: STAIRCASE - Cartridge (CASE) tracks (goes after) STAIR (sounds like STARE - a startling) FLIGHT = definition

31ac: COLLECTS - Collides with = definition; rally (COLLECT) cars at the last stage (S)

7dn: HOUSING is defined as 'saddle-cloth' (*Chambers*)

14dn: KILOGRAMME - (sKI + LOG + RAM + M + E) where 'plane with no initial is (s)kim', removing the 's'.

25dn: POETIC - Frost, for instance = POET (as in Robert Frost); most particles of ice = IC, with 'flowing' as the definition.

• Good one Michael! *Bill Bennett*

• What a great puzzle, a beaut No.6 selection. *Ron O'Rourke*

• Thanks Michael for one of your usual challenging but enjoyable puzzles. I'm hoping you intended 12ac to have 'Dianne' with a double 'n' (I did!). *Kath Harper*

• Thank you for an excellent crossword that took a lot of hard work to solve. Just one niggly comment - I think clue 12ac should show Dianne instead of Diane as you need to get rid of two N's. *David Procter*

• Many thanks for your Brain Bender! It sent me crazy at first attempt, and now that the squares are all filled I hope I've at least earned a dot. I liked your clues 13ac WILL & 19ac OFFERING - very well worded, but I'd like to ask you to explain 27ac, as I got the answer STAIRCASE from the definition word 'flight', but I can't follow the cryptic message - I know it's in there somewhere, so please? (see explanations above) *Catherine Foster*

• Thanks for an excellent and challenging cryptic. Especially liked OWNS. However, I have made the dangerous assumption that two clues are faulty (12ac & 32ac). *Brian Symons*

• I was unsure of 27ac until I took the trouble to look in Cambridge for 'stare' (sounds like stair). A goodly clue. *Ted O'Brien*

• Thanks for your puzzle which I enjoyed solving. I am a bit worried, however, with 25dn POETIC as I don't quite get it. (see explanations above) Also 32ac LEGEND. *Doreen Jones*

• Your Slot 6 cryptic puzzle had some challenging clues to decipher. Many thanks for a very challenging puzzle. *Alan Walter*

• I have just re-read all the clues and just about all of them tell a 'story' which, to me anyway, made finding the answers quite difficult. Also the use of the different meanings of words in conjunction with the 'story' made solving the clues a real challenge, e.g. 27ac STAIRCASE - a top clue and possibly the best clue, but it was one of the last clues I solved. However, I had trouble justifying the following clues 11ac BRUTE (homophone), 16ac FINDINGS and 14dn KILOGRAMME (see explanations above) *Graeme Cole*

• Thank you for this challenger. I had put in scotched for 4ac and it took me ages to work out what I had done wrong. I took a wild stab at both 27ac and 24dn. Loved the clueing and thanks again. *Jean Barbour*

• A very hard puzzle indeed. I wonder what's further out than lateral because that's where I was most of the time and even then some of my answers are unfathomable eg. BRUTE and KILOGRAMME (see explanations above) *Bev Cockburn*

• Once again I must commend you on the quality of your work; solving it, a very enjoyable exercise, indeed. Look forward to more. *Roy Wilson*

• It was far from easy but there were some great clues. The bottom right-hand corner had me stumped, and I'm still not 100% sure of 32ac. I didn't quite understand the secondary indicator in 27ac. Should "Diane" in 12ac have 2 ns? My favourites were 5dn WESTERN, 8dn DEEPLY (I spent ages looking for a word for a river bend) and 24dn BRAILLE, which I thought was the cleverest of all. *Jenny Wenham*

• Thank you for this challenge. I vote 24dn BRAILLE as the Clue of the Year! *Pat Garner*

• Thank you for a great Slot 6. I very much liked 11ac BRUTE and 27ac STAIRCASE. I'm not happy with COLLECTS (see above); perhaps it is not right, but I can't find anything else that will fit. *Gabrielle Leeds*

• Thoroughly enjoyed this, especially negotiating the 27ac STAIRCASE, but in 12ac shouldn't Diane be Dianne? *Max Roddick*

Mini quiz 2 by Brian Symons

Word lengths used to be of interest. The shortest word has of course just one letter but there are so many of these there has recently been published a dictionary of one-letter words. When I was a kid the longest word was *disestablishmentarianism* but this has long been supplanted by many technical or chemical terms which are not only very long but very boring. However syllables are a different matter. They are very important in clueing - especially Spoonerisms and so this month's quiz is: What is the longest common word of only one syllable? It has 9 letters. Solution next month.

Solution to Mini Quiz 1: USHER

CLUE WRITING COMPETITION January 2008

A Note from the Adjudicator Steve Trollope

As all of you who use computers are aware, they are wonderful sources of information and enable you to write documents, such as this, without having to bother whether the reader will be able to read your handwriting - they still might not understand what you say, but at least they will be able to read it. When you are in charge, they are perfect servants.

However when computers take over, life takes a turn for the worse, and almost half the people who regularly enter this competition are presumably aware of this fact, because they send me handwritten entries. Recently *my* life changed when my computer central processing unit (CPU) failed. This led me to have to buy a new computer, but much more seriously led me to lose a group of recent emails, including those entries which were made for the January 2008 competition.

I have discussed this with Patrick and we agree that the fairest outcome is to carry the January competition over to the March *Crozworld*. I have only received 3 handwritten entries - I'm not sure how many email entries I had received.

Therefore the competition once again is to write a clue for the word **CLIPART (7)**. Those who submitted handwritten entries will have their entries included, unless they wish to submit an improved version. Anyone else will need to make a new submission by the closing date.

I apologise for having lost your entries and for having to rerun this competition, but I have been punished because I had purchased several programs via the internet and they will not run, until I can convince the supplier that I am who I say I am and that I have paid previously for their product.

Note: only one clue per person.

Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Steve Trollope, 28 Pannosa Ct, Capalaba Qld 4157 or by email to: steve.jt@bigpond.net.au

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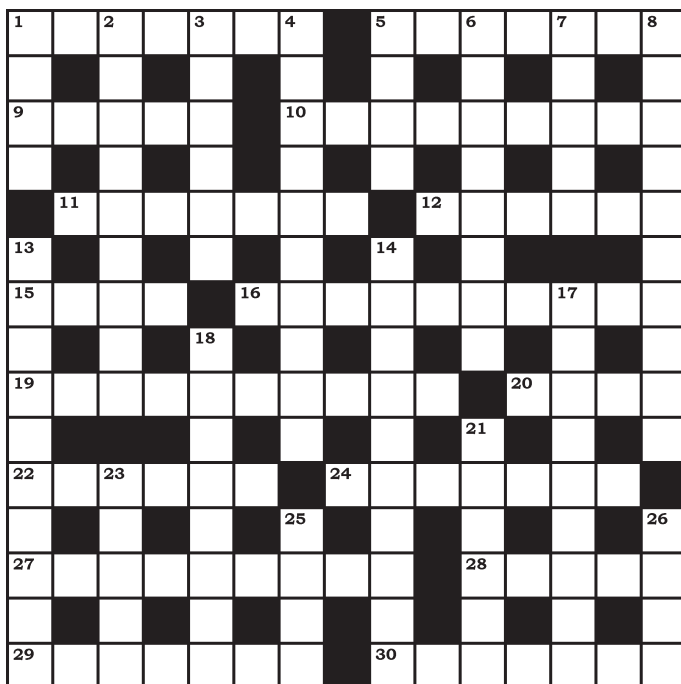
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- 1 Forceful, energetic person without love in the middle of Nice (7)
- 5 Standard for a favourite wall (7)
- 9 Physical toil in North America at Labrador with gold. (5)
- 10 Theme (9)
- 11 Estranged woman and English man (7)
- 12 Beginnings of secret harrowing treatment earmarked toward leaders of old Jewish community in Eastern European village (6)
- 15 Start to saw tree girdle (4)
- 16 Theme (10)
- 19 Theme (10)
- 20 Theme (4)
- 22 In rain benthos arched inwards (6)
- 24 Parodic version of bullfighter (7)
- 27 Theme (9)
- 28 Shrub heads off burnt roses in English rosegarden (5)
- 29 Theme (7)
- 30 Loutish behaviour of raw recruit, Beryl, not finished (7)

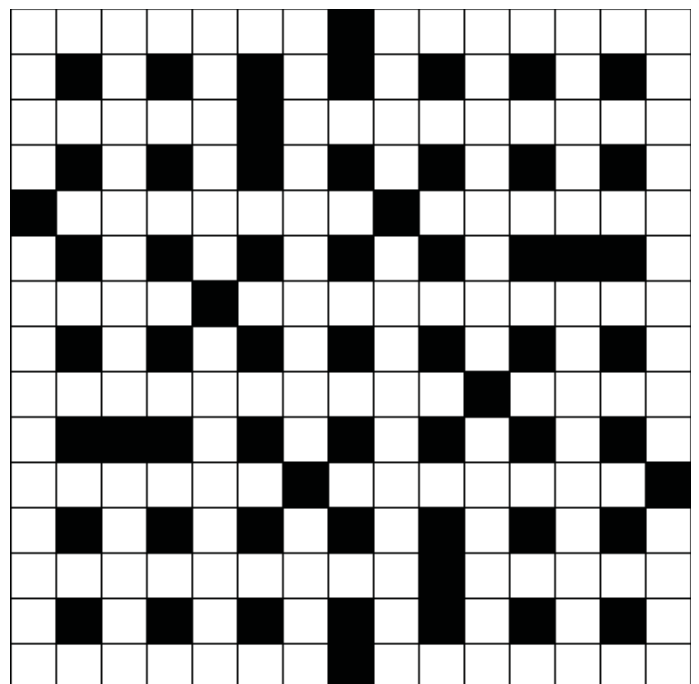
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- 1 Theme (4)
- 2 Atomiser Ben takes up to drug addict outside Long Island (9)
- 3 Theme (6)
- 4 Mistress of large household has heart-to-heart with girl (10)
- 5 Theme (4)
- 6 Rajput prince and chief dashed in front (3,5)
- 7 Theme (5)
- 8 To nail adjusted links for music keys (10)
- 13 International Standard Organisation heard to size Mick relating to an imaginary line on the earth's surface (10)
- 14 Rosily; a red-faced heartless lady (10)
- 17 To shorten extended play for one man is initially easy (9)
- 18 Wave time in musical decade (5,3)
- 21 West African tree initially began all over Benin and Botswana (6)
- 23 Conceals maybe someone's broom (5)
- 25 Artful Lily swaps lira for weekly (4)
- 26 Theme (4)

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Quiz No 3/2008

The A-Z of Imaginary Places by *Eager Beaver*



by *Eager Beaver*

Note: The place may either be represented in the title or may appear in the source. Send your entries to: Bev Cockburn, 12 Norman St, Merrylands West NSW 2160 or by e-mail: bevco4@bigpond.com. Closing date: 11 April 2008. Book prize.

Place		Source
A	(8)	Plato's 'Critias' (360BC)
B	(9)	Book and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner (1947)
C	(7)	A novel by Sir Thomas Malory (1485)
D	(13)	A novel by Norton Juster (1961)
E	(2,6)	The writings of Sir Walter Raleigh (c1595)
F	(9)	A novel by George MacDonald (1858)
G	(6)	A novel by JRR Tolkien (1954-55)
H	(8)	Novels by JK Rowling (1998-)
I	(6)	'In Watermelon Sugar' by Richard Brautigan (1964)
J	(11, 4)	A novel by Lewis Carroll (1871)
K	(4,8,5)	A novel by Henry Rider Haggard (1885)

L	(8)	A novel by Jonathan Swift (1726)
M	(10)	Cartoon created by Siegel and Schuster (1938)
N	(6)	A novel by CS Lewis (1950)
O	(2)	A novel by L Frank Baum (1900)
P	(9)	'Shadow - a Parable' by Edgar Allan Poe (1835)
Q	(7)	One of the seven, mythical, Spanish cities of gold (c1539)
R	(9)	A novel by L Frank Baum (1910)
S	(7-2)	A novel by James Hilton (1933)
T	(7)	A story by Enid Blyton (1949)
U	(6)	A novel by Sir Thomas More (1515)
V	(6)	An allegory by John Bunyan (c1678)
W	(10)	A novel by Lewis Carroll (1865)
X	(6)	A poem by Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1816)
Y	(13,6)	Novels by William Faulkner (c1930)
Z	(5)	A novel by Anthony Hope (1899)

Results of Bonus Quiz January 2008: Reel Men by *Virgo (Audrey Austin)*

Solutions: 1. Amadeus 2. Lust for Life 3. The Greek Tycoon 4. Words and Music 5. Little Big Man 6. La Bamba 7. Braveheart 8. Reach for the Sky 9. The Doors 10. Prince of Players 11. The Elephant Man 12. Quills 13. Gentleman Jim 14. Seven Years in Tibet 15. Rhapsody in Blue 16. The Aviator 17. Cry Freedom 18. Hear My Song 19. Topsy-Turvy 20. My Left Foot.

Scores: 20: W Allen, J Barbour, D Butler, B Cockburn, V Dinham, C Foster, P Garner, B Glissan, C Harper, V Howard, S Howells, B Ibbott, A Jermy, D Jones, C Martin, J McGrath, Y McKindlay, T McPherson, A Miles, P Mercer, C Noble, M Procter, M Roddick, B Siegman, J Smith, M Steinberger, B Symons, A Walter and J Wenham.

Prizewinner: Catherine Foster. Congratulations!

Members' comments:

- Many thanks for an enjoyable quiz – brought back some good memories & hints for DVD purchases. *Cally Martin*
- You made it harder by making it non-alphabetical. *Trish McPherson*
- Many thanks Audrey for your non-qui-che eater's quiz. It sends one on a nostalgic look over many pleasant movies. *Alan Walter*
- I have only seen 7 of these movies – I must look out for the rest. *Brian Symons*
- The quiz was a very pleasant way of whiling away a few holiday hours. *Kath Harper*
- This should have been the main quiz and the whimsical one put in as a bonus quiz. *Carole Noble*
- Anthony Quinn as Aristotle Onassis – I think the name of his character was Theo Thomasis, even though it was thinly disguised as Onassis. I've seen most of these films at one time or another, but it took a little help from Google. An entertaining quiz for the beginning of the year. *Yvonne McKindlay*
- An interesting quiz and a relief from some of the difficult clues some of the cryptics offer these days – or maybe I'm just too old for them now at 91 years...eh? I do love them though and will still have a go. *Catherine Foster*
- I always enjoy this type of quiz; it is friendly to all members, not aimed at those on the net. *Joan McGrath*
- Although 'The Greek Typhoon' fits 3,5,6 I believe Quinn played Onassis in 'The Richest Man in the World.' The Greek Typhoon (sic) was another character. *Warren Allen*
- Not being a film buff I usually eschew such questions unless there are only one or two when I'll go to a library & look at Halliwell. So I'm pleased to be able to present 20 answers. I got 16 of them from *Collins Million Word Crossword Dictionary* acquired via the *Readers Digest*. If they're all right I'll write a little plug for the 'Million Word' in the next issue. *Max Roddick*
- I'm not a film buff, however was pleasantly surprised how many I did know! *Pat Garner*
- I knew about half of them without having to do any research and the rest were not too hard to find. A nice way to finish the month. *Jenny Wenham*
- A fairly easy quiz after all the difficult ones this month which was a refreshing change. *Marian Procter*
- I was surprised I knew most of the answers without looking them up. I'm disappointed that those sending quizzes are required to have an email address as many members will be unable to set quizzes in the future. *Barb Ibbott*

Adjudicator's comments:

29 entries and all correct – that's brilliant, folks! Or did I make it too easy? Thanks for the many good wishes for Bruce who is slowly on the mend. Thanks to Eva Seale & Hilary Cromer whose addresses I didn't have in order to send a return Christmas card. Also to Cally Martin and Doreen Jones this month. I hope everyone enjoyed a jolly festive season!
Virgo (Audrey Austin)

Results of Quiz No 1/2008. On Your Bookshelf? by Max (Margaret Galbreath and Doug Butler)**Answers (and some that we accepted):****All Over the Floor:** Walter Wall (Lindsay Doyle, Flo Dover)**Bat On:** Lindsay Doyle (Lynn C Doyle, Morag Aine, Stan Dover, Will Lowe)**The Bulldog Breed:** Morton Ayshus (Britt Aine, Kirstin Ayshus, Lucy Monier)**Burnt Offering:** Barbie Kew (Crispin Doyle)**Calligraphy for Beginners:** Anita Hand (Messrs Hand, Ada Hand, Dude Ella, Therese Anita Way, Curlie Kew)**Chips with Everything:** Crispian Goode (Ita Way, Ed Ayshus, Morag Aine, Ann Doyle, Ken Tuckey, Ollie Ayshus)**Cleaning Windows:** Claudia Monier (A Monier, Sheena Monier, Seymour Goode, Esau Goode, Adam Monier, Caesar Lotte)**Cyclists Beware:** Carl Aine (Flo Doyle, Cameron Way, Lou née Driver, Lady Driver, Laurie Driver, Minnie Driver, Mad Driver, Rusty Driver)**Death Under the Balcony:** Eileen Dover (Eve Dover, Di B Lowe)**The Factotum:** Barbara Seville (General Hand, Rudolph Ella, Andy Mann, Hyde Hand, Abel Hand)**Far from Home:** Emmy Grant (Miles A Way, Britt Aine, Farrah Way, Nea Seville, Roma Way)**Genuflect Genuflect Genuflect:** Neil and/or Ben, Bob Downe (Neil Lowe)**The Great Morning Tea:** Bruce Evan-Potts (Elle Evan-Potts, Ed Ayshus, Phil and Paul Evan-Potts)**Heaven Can't Wait:** Pastor Way (Maida Haste, Dian Haste, Hugo B Lowe, Howard Ayshus, I Shelby Goode, Helen Kew, Angelina Kew)**The Long Haul:** Laurie Driver (Farrah Way, Rowena Way, Hedda Way)**The Long Repentance:** Marian Haste (Noel Goode, E Turner Lee Lowe, Bea Goode)**Maths for Dummies:** Anna Bacchus (Adam Goode, Noah Bacchus, Marcus Lowe)**Money for Nothing:** Robert Ella (Ida Grant, Art Grant, Major Grant, Prince Monier)**My Old Home:** Ken Tuckey (Private Muse)**The New Encyclopaedia:** Noah Lotte (Noel Lotte, Deb Brett, Noah Wall)**The Pirates are Attacking:** Mandy Gunn (Caesar Gunn, I Mustapha Gunn, Ivor Gunn, Tommy Gunn, Holden A Gunn)**The Singing Lady's Maid:** Sue Brett**Wild Birds:** Maddy Muse (E Muse, May B Muse, Dotti E Muse, Ros Ella)**X marks the Spot:** Digby Lowe (Sal Ayshus, C Ross Way, Mark Wall, Will U Bacchus, Rube Ella)**Results: Entries: 12. Winner David Procter - Congrats!****22:** David Procter. **20:** Margaret Steinberger, Alan Walter, Peter Dearie, Bev Cockburn and Audrey Austin. **19:** Marian Procter. **18:** Ted O'Brien. **15:** Jenny Wenham and Jean Barbour. **14:** Andrew Miles. **5:** William Ryan.**Adjudicators' comments:**

In this "Quiz", success depended on lateral thinking and preparedness to juggle possible solutions rather than research skills. Many, like Jenny Wenham's *Lady Driver* for "Cyclists Beware", *Rudolph Ella* for "The Factotum" and *Art Grant* for "Money for Nothing" were at least as good as ours but made for holes elsewhere. Despite misgivings (including ours) on the method of scoring, the winning entry clearly ahead of the field with 20 perfect solutions.

The title "Genuflect Genuflect Genuflect" was a nod to Tom Lehrer, our favourite songwriter after WS Gilbert.

Solvers' comments:

• Even though I've spent literally hours, I haven't the foggiest about most of your authors. *Ted O'Brien*

• There are so many variations for the surnames and difficult to know which to choose. I'm sure when I see your answers I will say 'Why didn't I think of that?' *Marian Procter*

• Thank you for a very interesting quiz. I've used HAND twice so obviously either 7 or 12 will be wrong. *David Procter*

• One of my 'trivial' New Year's resolutions was doing all the quizzes. I'm confident of 3 answers and 2 are the ones you gave us. It's taken me all month to do this, so I hope you get some fun from them, even the wrong ones. Thank you for setting such a diabolical quiz to start the year off. *Jean Barbour*

• A fun quiz, but I can't see why this should be chosen as a serious quiz as part of the trophy competition ... thanks for a truly unique romp! *Alan Walter*

• Loved the quiz! Walter Wall, Laurie Driver, Neil Downe etc. seemed so obvious I thought the others would be easy ... PS. Hope you have similar fun with my Bonus Quiz! *Audrey Austin*

• I found this the most demanding and enjoyable Quiz I have entered in a long time. I much prefer not to retreat to the Internet for obscure data. *Peter Dearie*

• This is a non-entry as I'm staging a one-woman protest at having this as a competition quiz. This Quiz relies too much on personal humour to be in a competition. Even though I'm not entering I wanted you to know I loved it. *Carole Noble*

• Thank you for this quiz which I feel is totally subjective and almost impossible to adjudicate fairly. I will be very interested to see the winning titles. *Bev Cockburn*

• This was great fun; didn't give it the time it deserved. *William Ryan*

• Thank you for the most enjoyable Quiz I've done in ages! *Andrew Miles*

Ship-shape and Bristol fashion**Meaning: In first-class order.**

Origin: In May 2005 there was a brief flurry in English newspapers concerning the origin of the term 'nitty-gritty'. A company that had recently presented an 'equality and diversity' course in Bristol had suggested that this term was a reference to an ethnic slur and should no longer be used. Those English journalists with a seek and destroy mission against political correctness rubbed their hands when, much to their satisfaction, it turned out that the claim had no substance.

What wasn't picked up by many at the time was an additional claim that 'ship-shape and Bristol fashion' was also a derogatory description of black people who were ready for sale as slaves. This is also unsupported by any evidence. The phrase has a perfectly sound derivation which is nothing to do with race.

'Ship-shape and Bristol fashion' isn't widely used outside the UK and even there less so than in earlier times, so a little background may be in order.

Bristol has been an important English seaport for more than a thousand years. The city is actually several miles from the sea and stands on the estuary of the River Avon. Bristol's harbour has one of the most variable tidal flows anywhere in the world and the water level can vary by more than 30 feet between tides. Ships that were moored there were beached at each low tide. Consequently they had to be of sturdy construction and the goods in their holds needed to be securely stowed. The problem was resolved in 1803 with the construction of the Floating Harbour. There's no absolute proof that the term 'Bristol fashion' originates with that geography but the circumstantial evidence seems very strongly in favour of it.

'Ship-shape and Bristol fashion' is actually two phrases merged into one. Ship-shape came first and has been used since the 17th century. It is recorded in Sir Henry Manwayring's *The sea-mans dictionary*, 1644:

"It [the rake] being of no use for the Ship, but only for to make her Ship shapen, as they call it."

Bristol fashion was added later and is first seen in print during Bristol's heyday as a trading port, in Richard Dana Jr's *Two years before the mast*, 1840: "Everything on board 'ship-shape and Bristol fashion'."

Admiral William Henry Smyth's 1865 *Sailor's Word-book* – an alphabetical digest of nautical terms, which is a treasure trove of nautically inspired phrases, has a definition of the phrase:

"Said when Bristol was in its palmy commercial days – and its shipping was all in proper good order."

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January 7-2008. Cryptic by *Two Dogs* (Stephen Clarke and William Ryan).

Entries: 35. Correct: 19. Success Rate: 54.3%.

Prizewinner: Kath Harper. Congratulations!

Adjudicators' Comments:

Thirty-five entries, of which nineteen correct. The *dogs* don't think it's nearly good enough. In fact they were mildly surprised when Ian made this a Slot 7: it wasn't arcanelly themed, nor a Praxisian barred stinker, and the *dogs* thought it looked like a Slot 3 at best (worst?) Every incorrect entry but one hit the wall at 1dn, Samwise. The fellowship alluded to was Tolkien's Fellowship of the Ring, which the dogs considered culturally central enough not to require further definitive elaboration. All but two incorrect entries got as far as Sam (Sham minus Husband), which the dogs thought was the hard part. All that was needed thereafter was a fairly straightforward synonym for Way, i.e., Wise. Almost every incorrect entry came out as Sam-nite, which doesn't fit the corresponding part of the wordplay, though it does have the positive effect of rescuing the plainmen of old Sannium from an unmerited oblivion after all these centuries. One member essayed Sensual, which made 9ac (Moria) impossible. Almost all entrants picked up this other Tolkien reference, which made the mass delusion over Samwise doubly puzzling, as the latter has the much larger part to play in the whole saga. Other than Samwise, almost all entries were spot on, although one other was perhaps the most wrong set of answers either dog had ever seen. Selected comments and questions follow.

• This one certainly had some bite, and I'm still not sure I've tamed it. Had a long tussle with 5ac and 1dn before they rolled over. *Kath Harper*. [No worries, Kath.]

• I enjoyed the puzzle as it revealed itself not in a rush but in a nice steady stream. My only doubts are the 'w'; in 5dn (whisky somehow) and 24dn. Overall, a good solid puzzle." *Andrew Patterson* [Thanks, Andrew. 'W' is 'whisky' in international call sign. We thought that was O.K. In fact we both enjoy a nice single malt 'w' after our liver treats.]

• Thank you for a very enjoyable puzzle. It took a long time for the penny to drop for 1dn. It's so long since I read LOTR, and I didn't see the film. *Robyn Caine* [You didn't miss much, Robyn – just another Scary Monster Movie.]

• Congratulations to you both, this was a great mental workout, some terrific clues. Several times I didn't know whether I would make it. Certainly a Slot 7 puzzle. *Roy Wilson* [You should talk, Roy!]

• An outstanding collaboration. All good clues – with Tugboat, Ergot and Tabbouleh the cream. *Brian Symons*

• Fair crack of the whip! You are not the Messiah, just a naughty boy. [She must be talking about *Raoul* here.] I spent ages on the top left hand corner, only to discover you snuck in a couple of literary references...Your clues, as always, were first class [yep, definitely *Raoul*] and I enjoy doing your puzzles. *Doreen Jones*

• I found this really difficult, *Raoul* [another fan] and I think I may have some wrong answers. Maria is worrying me. Samwise is brilliant. *Gabrielle Leeds* [Maria worries us too, Gabrielle, but it was your only peccadillo.]

• Loved your Tugboat clue in 5ac. The penny didn't drop till I realised Tower was Tow-er! Also liked your Latte+rday coffee special clue...Overall this was a super challenging puzzle. *Alan Walter* [Couldn't fit in all your commentary, Alan, but as usual it was full of insights.]

• What a monster – it took me ages and I almost gave up. [Glad you didn't, Jenny – that wouldn't be like you, would it?] Slot 7 was the right place for it, I must say. [Well, there you go – perhaps Ian was right. Jenny goes on to object – gracefully – to insufficient defining for Samwise: shouldn't its fictional nature be indicated? Dunno. As we said above, we thought Tolkien well-known enough to stand alone. Maybe we need to eat more lembas.] In 22dn, do I detect an indirect anagram? [No you don't. It's an indirect reversal, which apparently is O.K. As if two honest dogs would try to slip an IA into this rarefied environment.] In 4dn how is the Ta indicated? [The charade runs Tab = Bill + Boule = the Greek Parliament + H = the initial letter of Heffernan.] In 5dn, is Whisky a fair indicator for W? [See above.] I particularly liked 16ac, 20ac, 2dn, 3dn and 24dn. Now, back to your kennels! *Jenny Wenham* [We love it when you talk dirty, Jenny.]

• Dear *Two Dogs*, What a formidable team! [You ain't seen nothing

yet, Carole. Just watch the Roosters this season.] This was really tough. I averaged two clues a day and that was with my thinking cap on. *Carole Noble* [We like the idea of the thinking cap, Carole. We compiled with our best collars on, but we'll try caps next time. *Gizmo* thinks two clues a day is amazing. He's more a two-clues-a-week sort of guy.]

• Enjoyed your puzzle very much; took me a couple of days though. [Whaaat!? A couple of days? – *gizmo*.] Devious cluing, but fair. *Bill Bennett* [Bill goes on to record a lovely reminiscence of *Raoul's* dad.]

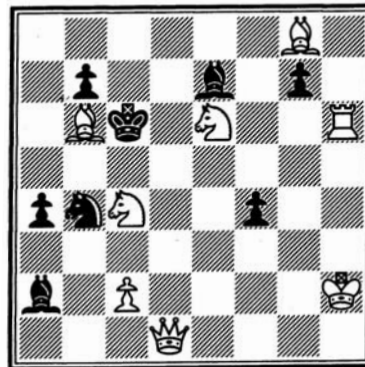
The Final Words from the Adjudicators

There were many other comments, and we thank all those members too. Some other questions were raised. 28dn FAO's definition as another 11 refers to 11ac, a UN body, which the FAO is too. In 16ac Latterday, Fresh functions as the definer, in the sense of "recent." Thanks to everyone who took the trouble to comment, especially to those who so smoothly fitted canine metaphors in. We still think this puzzle should have been more of a walkies in the park than it apparently was.

Solution to January 2008 Slot 7: Cryptic by *Two Dogs*

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No. 3

White to play and mate in two moves.
Name White's first move in each problem.

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No. 4

