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When I do not understand, I like to say nothing.  
Sophocles, 5th century BC, *Oedipus Tyrannus*, 569.

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The ACC Executive Committee is more than delighted to announce that the ACC membership for 2012 has exceeded 200. The renewal rate and the level of donations to the 2012 ACC Prize Pool have been very pleasing and encouraging and we feel that this year will be another successful one for the ACC. We hope that the members and solvers will thoroughly enjoy the puzzles and quizzes kindly set for them by keen and dedicated compilers. And thanks to the generosity of members, we have some excellent prizes to give away.

Given the impressive renewal rate of subscriptions, it is worth mentioning the huge workload of our indefatigable Secretary/Treasurer **Bev Cockburn** who has had to carry out the many tasks of banking etc but also the paperwork necessary to keep the membership records up-to-date. And the work done by our Puzzleman **Ian Williams** in the process of checking and selecting the puzzles and quizzes each month deserves to be quietly applauded. There is a lot of work done by the members of the Executive Committee behind the scenes to keep our successful Club thriving. And where would we be without the loyal assistance of our brilliant Adjudicators?

Our expert puzzler **Ian Williams** has selected a first-class range of puzzles and quizzes to keep you fully occupied during March. For a start, Ian has selected another fine puzzle by *Timid Terrier* and challenging cryptics by *Fortuna 48* and *Jesso*. We are pleased to publish *Kaeila* with the ever-popular *AJ* and in Slot 5, we welcome back one of our favourites – *Manveru* – with another one of his fine puzzles. In Slot 6, *Crowsman* challenges all solvers with another of his admirable cryptics and in Slot 7, we have the popular *Buzzer* with an engrossing cryptic puzzle called *Going Bananas*. In addition, we have not one but two Quizzes for your delectation and Michael Kennedy is again organising the Clue Writing Competition which is featured on p16. It looks like another busy month for ACC solvers. Happy Crozworlding!  
—Patrick

Thank you to all the members for their kind comments and support. I hope everyone is recovering from the weather extremes.

**Slot 1:** Generally well received with only a couple of problems. There were a few misnaming that legend of Irish music ENYA and MADEIRA was incorrectly spelt MADIERA in a few cases. The other main problem was SPIRIT instead of CLARET. There appears to be no reference to SPIRIT CUP, whereas CLARET-CUP is listed in the *Chambers* as a drink made from iced claret.

**Slot 2:** No real problems with this one – one incorrect spelling of THALASSOTHERAPY and a couple of misspellings of BROGUE and DUNGAREE for PUGGAREE.

**Slot 3:** This was the most popular puzzle receiving the most entries and the most votes for COTM. One submission of STIMIE for STYMIE. While the definition fits both words, the ‘my back’ part of the clue is quite specific. There were a couple who put PANATELLA for BAGATELLE.

**Slot 4:** Oh dear! There were rather a lot of NONGs out there – should be NANA for the N clue. My favorite wrong word was GARLIC SHRUB for GALLIC SHRUG. There was some concern over the word DEBAT, but only one entry was incorrect.

**Slot 5:** As always, Gillian presented a challenging puzzle with some great words. There were some interesting variations for TIERS ETAT and quite a few had SEAMIST for SEAGIRT. There were also two submissions with REROOTS for REROOFS. Other errors appeared to be transcription type.

**COTM:** Congratulations to all the compilers, with multiple votes to all five puzzles. The winning clue goes to *Southern Cross* – Slot 3, 14dn — LEAP FROGS.  
—Jean Barbour

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	118	121	126	114	98	577
Correct entries	85	107	116	64	73	445
Success rate (%)	72.0	88.4	92.1	56.1	74.5	77.1
Prizewinners	P Lord B Hull	D Greening M Procter	M Barnard M Watzinger	Gabrielle Leeds	Len Colgan	from 126 members

Prizewinner: February 2012 Slots 1-5: Dale McManus.

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BENNETT B	.	.	.	.	.	.
BRYANT R	.	.	.	.	.	.
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CALLAN A&D	.	.	.	.	.	.
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COCKBURN B	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLE G	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLGAN L	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLLINS M	.	.	.	.	.	.
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COULTON L	.	.	.	.	.	.
COWAN M	.	.	.	.	.	.
CROMER H	.	.	.	.	.	.
DAVIS M	.	.	.	.	.	.
DEARIE P	.	.	.	.	.	.
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DENNIS M	.	.	.	.	.	.
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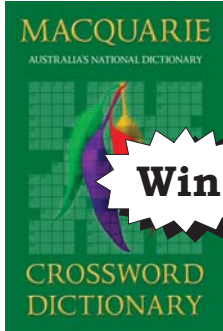
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HATCHUEL D	.	.	.	.	.	.
HAZELL N	.	.	.	.	.	.
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**Half 'n Half**  
by  
*Timid Terrier*

**Prizes: \$75**



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**Across**

- 1 A strand, thread (4)
- 4 A gem (4)
- 7 Sour, bitter (4)
- 10 Killer-whale (4)
- 11 Festive period (6)
- 12 A large cupola (4)
- 13 Small freshwater duck (4)
- 14 Flightless birds (4)
- 15 An unfledged hawk (4)
- 17 Sign of the Zodiac (6)
- 19 Stumbling-blocks (9)
- 22 Failure, no-hoper (5)
- 24 Hesitates, wavers (7)
- 26 Charms to ward off evil (7)
- 29 A type of ray (5)
- 31 Spectators (9)
- 33 Painter, draughtsman (6)
- 36 Metric land measures (4)
- 38 Former Italian currency (4)
- 39 To stretch (4)
- 40 Ripped, lacerated (4)
- 41 A curve running through places of equal pressure (6)
- 42 Finnish (4)
- 43 Go on horseback (4)
- 44 Enormous, huge (4)
- 45 Matures (4)

**Down**

- 1 Block reported on timber pottery (8)
- 2 Several rest miserably in county (8)
- 3 Before the beginning of ytterbium quarry (4)
- 4 Renegades at sunup? (4)
- 5 Hound British bird (6)
- 6 University lock (4)
- 7 Support for navy adolescent (4)
- 8 Forces provide independence at El Salvador (6)
- 9 Despicable person wrecked stores (6)
- 16 A puzzle meant say for surprise (9)
- 18 Disagreeable mood from sick comedy (3,6)
- 20 Rope holding dossal back (5)
- 21 Nails damaged helix (5)
- 23 Old lizard starts off exposing famous tail (3)
- 25 Type of silk not special (3)
- 27 Smooth ballad at twilight prayers (8)
- 28 Dangles wayward puss on tips (8)
- 29 Embark for gold rating (6)
- 30 ACC not about a free tick (6)
- 32 Back English Rugby Union to beat world (6)
- 34 Demolish some Riviera semis (4)
- 35 Raise plans for unwanted e-mail (4)
- 36 Lucerne man cast aside for esparto grass (4)
- 37 Advanced payment escalates for vessel (4)

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**Fortuna 48**



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**Across**


- 1 Unique! Eliot in underwear (8)
- 5 Recovered from being in charge of Information Technology (4,2)
- 10 When in debt, account went fast (5)
- 11 Parting words when Royal Economic Society characters abandon gold stores (2,7)
- 12 Rough canvases depicting Ives with heads of the Australian Public service (7)
- 13 Aldrin spotted lumberman's tool (4,3)
- 14 Nic in nick (4)
- 15 Cut even on top floor (5,5)
- 18 Put utensil on stove so – a bloomer (10)
- 21 Your majesty! Go back to the Goddess of Discord (4)
- 23 Overturn capacity measurement (7)
- 25 Roman's Greek gets Ita to work back (7)
- 27 Word of encouragement to wife to drink deep (4,5)
- 28 Agency heads overseas for greetings (5)
- 29 Rob head of Treasury, then greet First Lady (6)
- 30 Girl wears shirt on roads where termites live (3,5)

**Down**

- 1 Cordial bush (5)
- 2 Rocky Iguana Crag found in South America (9)
- 3 Girl leads Northerner from Asia Minor (6)
- 4 Side with drink makes friends (5,2)
- 6 Instrument played with zeal after upping double dose of radiation (8)
- 7 Undisciplined lairs often go off these (5)
- 8 We will be in trials to search for the good oil! (4,5)
- 9 Author is sucked in by inducement of a Moreton Bay island (6)
- 14 Cassius to walk out on playing surface (4,5)
- 16 Maidens embrace Capone on keyboard (9)
- 17 Reported selection of wicked devil as batsman (5,3)
- 19 Halve cricket competition score (6)
- 20 Colin Hu tripped over the candlefish (7)
- 22 Tin, Copper, Nitrogen: the 3 elements of a Mexican town (6)
- 24 Afternoon's team only plays in Canberra (3,2)
- 26 Trials for sporting events (5)

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

- A belated thankyou for my November book prize – *Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase & Fable*. What an interesting book!  
Veniece Lobsey
- A package arrived on my front doorstep with a solid thunk yesterday morning – the *Chambers Dictionary of Science and Technology* offered as the December slot 6 prize. Amazingly quick and very welcome, as it will plug some of the many gaps in my general knowledge. Thank you!  
Kath Harper
- I feel ashamed that I have taken so long to acknowledge the cheque I won: I usually do this immediately. Of course it was a thrill, and my first thoughts were shoes?, chocolates?, but I know it will be put towards another reference book. I love books. Whichever book I decide on, Patrick's Certificate will be used as a posh bookmark; so I thank him for that also.  
Joan McGrath  
Heather Cameron  
Glenda Lloyd  
Corryn Anderson  
Wendy Villiers
- I thank ACC for the lovely *Chambers Dictionary of Literary Characters*. A pleasant surprise.
- Can't thank the team enough for such great enjoyment, entertainment and exasperation!
- Many thanks for my Slot 2 prize – my falling-apart *Chambers* is going to be replaced.
- Thank you so much for my January Slot 3 prize. It was a lovely surprise.

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


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**Across**

- 1 Sparing sea-pink before the end of July (7)
- 5 Toys in cannons (3,4)
- 9 Ruler Colette has female shot. The most powerful member of the group (4,2,3,6)
- 10 French runner reads rhesus number (5)
- 11 Cannon almost sent to the interior to beat back a republic (9)
- 12 Read about most amazing national (8)
- 14 Clovis murdered old Italians (6)
- 16 Seize a hilltop (3)
- 18 Academic dramatist. A haughty fellow (6)
- 20 Going over some best steak in galley (8)
- 23 Paris mire upset showmen (9)
- 25 Rover to signify assent about graduate (5)
- 27 Accepted notice on condition the writer is unable to lay one out without weight (15)
- 28 English reformed and removed errors (7)
- 29 Stabbed visitor by the sound of it (7)

**Down**

- 1 One accepting a tissue graft by right (5)
- 2 Our acorns cooked up bitter (9)
- 3 Female goes down in bloomers (7)
- 4 Forever returning label on dynasty dagger (8)
- 5 Vendor's confusion on the isle (6)
- 6 Put old boy back with late vespers (7)
- 7 Extreme art setback after the middle of July? (5)
- 8 Spots one limb going up and down (9)
- 12 Warship to go down without identity. Make more plots! (9)
- 13 Man to make leather up (3)
- 15 Send matches for fellow sailors (9)
- 17 Weaving to fetch without help (8)
- 19 Vindicated when Ned gave out (7)
- 21 Banal and continental in long hair (7)
- 22 Ran along the ground, strained about the fourth of April (6)
- 24 Sheriffs band to sit around front of saloon (5)
- 26 Forest tree makes dull commercial (5)

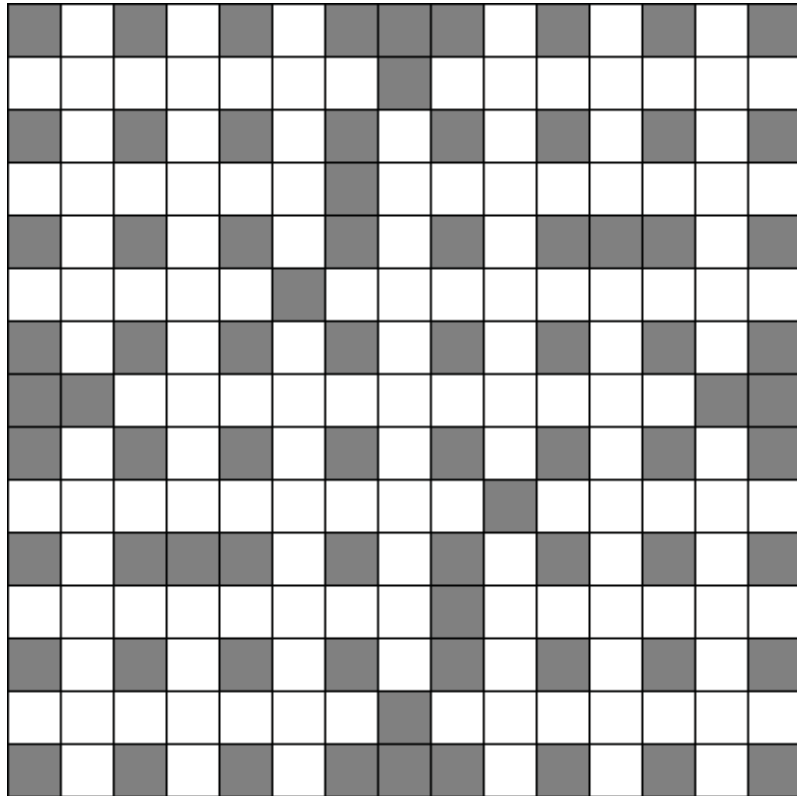
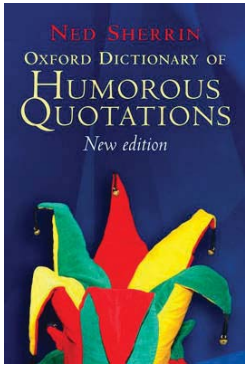
**SOME SHAKESPEAREAN READY INSULTS FOR PARTICULAR OCCASIONS: The Rotund:**

- Why dost thou converse with that trunk of humours, that Bolting-hutch of beastliness, that swollen parcel of dropsies, that huge bombard of sack, hat stuffed cloak-bag of guts, That roasted Manningtree ox with the pudding in his belly, that reverend Vice, that grey Iniquity, that father Ruffian, that Vanity in years? —*Henry IV, part 1* 2. 4. 442-49
  - What tempest, I trow, threw this whale, with so many tuns of oil in his belly, ashore? —*The Merry Wives of Windsor*, 2. 1. 61-63.
  - If [your girdle should break], how would thy guts fall about thy knees! —*Henry IV, part 1*, 3. 3. 151-52.
  - Such a keech can with his very bulk  
Take up the rays o'th'beneficial sun,  
And keep it from the earth. —*Henry VIII* 1. 1. 55-57
- cheerfully appropriated from *Shakespeare's Insults*, Wayne F Hill & Cynthia J Öttchen, Ebury London, 1991, p290.

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**AJ**  
by  
**Kaeila**

**Book Prize:**



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

- A** Taipan plc transferred job seeker (9)
- B** Luxury product for clean sailors (4,5)
- C** Swore at the head for obstinacy (10)
- D** Disapprove of French lament (5)
- E** Department concerned with grass warehouse (8)
- F** Secret five captured heads of Ugandan radical terrorists (7)
- G** Cut surrounding new ground (7)
- H** Really don't like goddess following horse (4)
- I** Mavis's pie cooked without sensation (9)
- J** Income Ninja Co. netted from fabric used in dressings (7)
- K** Asiatic sheep, also known as "Lurk About" (7)
- L** In LA, bar umlauts on ecclesiastical banner (7)
- M** Male thing at the speed of sound succeeded with doctor (8)
- N** Banker finally won Audi – he'll retire (4)
- O** Bracing air, Zoe? No kidding (5)
- P** Foolish old Venetian. Gasp – a nut! (9)
- Q** State prepares surface of wharfs (5)
- R** Breathing troubles Ian, or priest (11)
- S** Totter on board "Pavilion" (11)
- T** "Having teeth in, too?" The Dentist asked (7)
- U** United Nations radio is unreliable (7)
- V** Said change – worker exhibiting diversity (7)
- W** Trembling by-blow punished (6)
- X** Unknown one goes back to the north for gas (5)
- Y** Poor hand in rebuilt Ayr municipality (10)
- Z** Top Australian breed of sheep (6)

**Explanations to February 2012 Slot 2 provided by compiler InGrid. Thank you Jean.**

**Slot 2: Across: 8** cul(ot)t+es, **9** tra(gi)c, **10** anag, **11** b+rogue, **12** dm, **13** her+o+ism, **15** us+he+r+ed, **18** around IF FRACTION, **20** a+n+the+m, **21** anag, **22** al+most. **Down: 1** pug+agree(anag), **2** anag, **3** a+t+tune, **4** is+o+tope, **5** anag, **6** anag, **7** FrIdAyS+co, **14** sounds like spa city, **16** ex+em+pt+ed, **17** a+trophy, **19** in+hale, **20** beACH IN Germany.

**A COUPLE OF WEIRD AND WONDERFUL WORDS:**

**aprosesxia:** an abnormal inability to pay attention, characterized by near-complete indifference to everything (as opposed to generic, run-of-the-mill absent-mindedness). It is contrasted with *hyperprosexia*, concentration on one thing to the exclusion of everything else, and *paraprosesxia*, the inability to pay attention to any one thing, caused by a constant state of distraction.

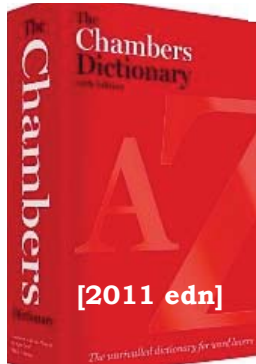
**immensikoff:** a slang term for a heavy overcoat trimmed with fur, supposedly from *The Shoreditch Toff*, a popular song from about 1868, in which there are the lines "I fancy I'm a toff, From top to toe I really think I looks—*Immensikoff*." (A *toff* is a stylish man.) The singer of the song – Arthur Lloyd – wore such an overcoat.

—from *Weird and Wonderful Words*, Erin McKean, ed, OUP, 2003.

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**Cryptic**  
by  
*Manveru*

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**Across**

- 1 'Nimble' clue is contained and mixed up in a smart way (8)
- 5 Resistance is central to War on Terror (6)
- 10 American state rejects article to become a nation (5)
- 11 Support includes new open hot line when using this? (9)
- 12 Firm where each worker receives a measure based on time (9)
- 13 Match result (5)
- 14 Prophet returns without Chapter 1 (Torah's Genesis) and narrates from memory (7)
- 16 Promises to anagrammatise answers without using the 14th letter (6)
- 18 Zip code on love letter going by the eastern borders (6)
- 20 It could be the thing! (7)
- 22 Moves out of old forms of computer technology? (5)
- 23 Unit needs a standard, time, men and combat, ultimately (9)
- 25 Clay piles designed for a particular purpose (9)
- 26 Beta once, or refer to Latin omega (5)
- 27 In examination the French come first (6)
- 28 Scales range on eastern side of Himalayas (8)

**Down**

- 1 Its difficult to grip when fielder, not quite forward, gets leading edge off yorker (8)
- 2 Walker loses way to find one on a mount (5)
- 3 Scratch race – it is ordered for marks (15)
- 4 Break one's word to find these? (7)
- 6 Parliamentarians, for instance, reserve power in state shake-up (15)
- 7 An archaeological period as shown by Greco-time perhaps (9)
- 8 Analyse article starting in this with the same reference number? (6)
- 9 Lodge on mountain is elevated according to book illustrations (6)
- 15 Land characterised by self-restraint (9)
- 17 Divisions of press have no right to get involved in splinter groups (8)
- 19 At certain times a man of status needs to follow money, ultimately yen (6)
- 20 Divide lane, say, following crash (7)
- 21 The body behaves selfishly at heart (6)
- 24 Fred Lebow, essentially a runner-up, was a predecessor! (5)

**CURFUFFLE:**

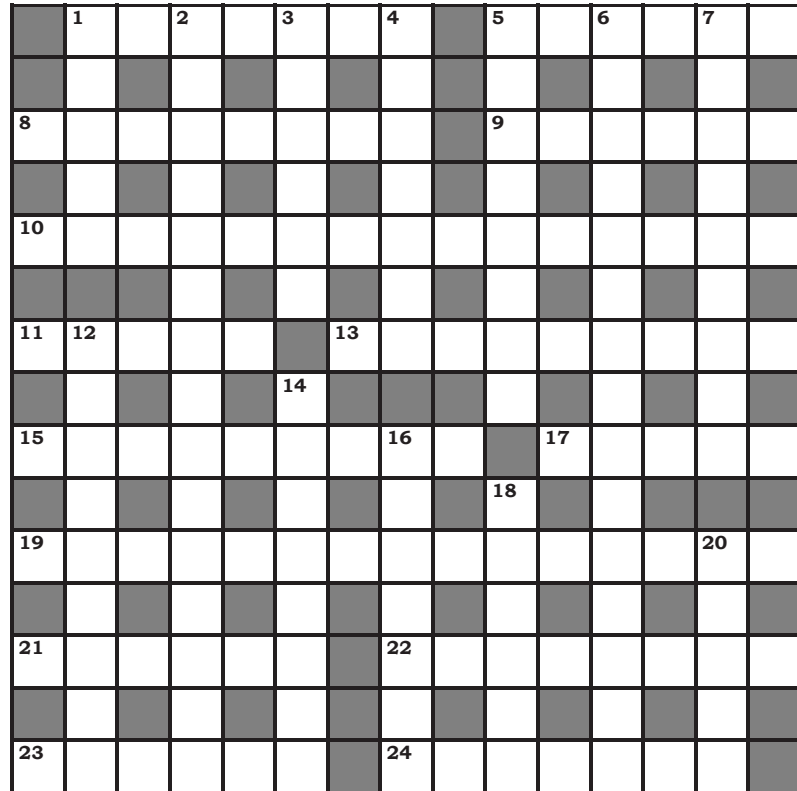
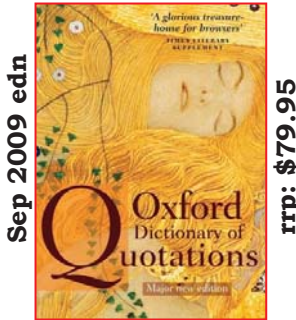
**Curfuffle** means 'to put in a state of disorder; to ruffle.' I used to think of curfuffle as a word of relatively recent coinage, but upon searching I discovered that the earliest citation is from 1583. The first syllable, cur, is thought to come from the Gaelic word *car*, meaning 'to twist, or bend, or turn about'. The rest of the word, fuffle, is said to be onomatopœic word (also from the 16th century) meaning 'to throw into disorder; to jerk about; to hustle; to fuss'. The thing I find interesting about curfuffle is the spelling. If I had to write this word without looking it up I think I would have spelled it kerfuffle. And the spellchecker on my computer wanted to spell it kafuffle. The reason, I suspect, is that most of us don't believe curfuffle is a real word and hence we feel free to spell it inventively. The other interesting thing is that while curfuffle has survived (and, indeed, thrived) into the 21st century, its source word — fuffle — died out in the 19th. The only reason for this that I can suggest is that the English language seems to like words that have a rhythm and a ring to them, and this fuffle lacks, while curfuffle has it in bucket-loads.

—Kel Richards, *ABC Classic FM's Word of the Day*. ABC Books, 2004, p38.

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## Cryptic by Crowsman

Prize:



### Across

- Barbarians have Eastern European retreating, also hiding (7)
- Lacking love, lows get lower here (6)
- Live with servant inside. This might have resulted from 11 (5,3)
- Trespass, perhaps, a place where 2 spent summer (6)
- English pay for crop – all in France become emotionally dejected (3,4,5,3)
- Axe fragment (5)
- Doctors get niacin for stimulating antibody production (9)
- Principals keep fish for birds (9)
- Rachmaninoff possibly avoided one type of material (5)
- 19 and 6** In tradition, Master's not speaking about service before the fisherman's food turns up. This was significantly influenced by 12 (9,6,5,10)
- Notable infiltrated Left-oriented Falangists (6)
- Mystic manipulated 2's heart, confronting subsequent leader (8)
- Hereafter, male banker in 6 is sent back (6)
- Spray has joyful bouquet. Re-order it! (7)

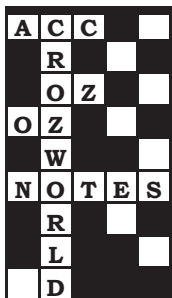
### Down

- Crude misreported in waterway (5)
- Latin's in school, Ivan ordered. He was a Czar! (8,7)
- Lacking heart, I expel a backward son of 2, tended by 22 (6)
- Layer under footprint made by first martyred saint (7)
- It's hardly suitable for this reptile! (8)
- See 19 Across
- No longer taking drugs, or deploying too often? (9)
- Whip brave woman heartlessly for great leader (9)
- Peculiarly loath to get in specific wine for winter sport (8)
- Immortalised pioneer captures fish in net (7)
- Delights a group of goddesses (6)
- One mischief-maker is detached from freedom (5)

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**SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS FOR 2012:** P Abbott, J Barnes, C Batum, J Groves, J Jenkins, J Kitto, S May, H Perrow, V Reeves, Standard J, M Thomas, M Vnuk and M Watzinger.

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**THE MACQUARIE DICTIONARY'S WORD OF THE YEAR 2011:**

**burqini** *noun* a swimsuit designed for Muslim women, comprising leggings and a tunic top with a hood. [Trademark: BURQ(A) + (BIK)INI] "Burqini seemed to be a very cute and successful coinage and what lay behind it was a fusion of culture, in an area of life which is so Australian...life on the beach"—Susan Butler, Editor of *Macquarie Dictionary*

"As a wordsmith I am delighted by a word that has a Q without U and ends with an I."—David Astle.

**Honourable Mentions:**

**patchwork economy** *noun* an economy characterised by areas of growth reflecting regions which are booming, and areas of decline reflecting regions which are less prosperous.

**dairyness** *noun* the productivity of a cow in terms of the quality and quantity of its milk, assessed by udder shape and size, pedigree, genomic screening, etc.; used as a judging criterion in competitions.

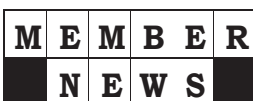
**announceable** *noun* *Politics* an item made public by the government, usually in a media release, as good publicity for the government or as a distraction from bad publicity.

**People's Choice Winner:**

**fracking** *noun* (in oil and gas mining) a process by which fractures are made in rock by the application under pressure of chemically treated water mixed with sand to natural or man-made openings in order to gain access to oil or gas supplies, considered by some to be associated with groundwater contamination; hydraulic fracturing. [shortened form of *fracturing*].

**Category winners:** Agriculture: dairyness; Arts: beatboxing; Business: patchwork economy; Colloquial: devo; Communications: disaster porn; Crops: superfruit; Environment: fracking; Fashion: burqini; Eating and Drinking: food porn; General Interest: hotobomb; Health: food coma; Internet: planking; Politics: soy cap intelligentsia; Social Interest: party house; Sport: stair climb; Technology: jailbreak.

**The Macquarie Dictionary Word of the Year Committee comprises:** Dr Michael Spence, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sydney; Professor Stephen Garton, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, University of Sydney; David Astle, crossword compiler and word enthusiast; Les Murray, renowned Australian poet; Susan Butler, Publisher of the *Macquarie Dictionary*.



**New Members:** Lynn Jarman from Lightning Ridge NSW (a Membership Gift from Sally Knight), Jennifer McNeice from Balwyn North, Vic and Ian Ramsay from Adelaide SA. Welcome to the wonderful world of

*Crozworlding!*

**Dots Table Adjustment:** The members below had slots 1-5 inclusive correct for January 2012 puzzles. A clerical oversight was responsible for their omission from the February issue. Our apologies. Callan A & D, Martin A, Martin F, Meek, D, Shield A, Stocks J. For Slots 2-5 were Champion G, McPherson T, Parsons D and Potts M. Slots 2-4 Wood J.

**Quiz 2/2012 Place It by InGrid (Jean Barbour).** We regret that the word length indicators for two clues were juxtaposed. The correct clues should read:  
**14** Itchy place (10)  
**15** Valley of the just (9)  
**TROPHY WINNERS:** Slots 1-6/2011: **Bev Cockburn** and **Carole Noble**. 2011 Quizzes: **Carole Noble**. Compiler of the Year: **Audrey Austin**.  
**Congratulations!** Our sincere thanks to **Brian Symons** for his skilful management of the Trophy awards.

**Pic of the Month — from Christina Lee**

• "Thank you for the Slot 5 prize – the *Chambers Dictionary*. It's much appreciated. As you will see from the attached photo, too many dictionaries is really never enough ... and the 3-vol Dr Johnson (2nd ed 1827) is sadly out of the picture".



**Bonus Quiz March 2012**

**"Serves You Right" by Ann Ass**

Find the one word names that best fit the title. Send your entries to Jenny Wenham, c/o Post Office, Comet Queensland 4702. Please allow at least 3 days prior to the closing date to ensure that postal entries arrive in time. email: [sandjwenham@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sandjwenham@optusnet.com.au) Closing mail date: Friday 13 April 2012. Book prize.

- 1 Batman (6)
- 2 The Brady Bunch (5)
- 3 Blackadder (8)
- 4 Soap (6)
- 5 To the Manor Born (9)
- 6 Richie Rich (7)
- 7 Downton Abbey (6)
- 8 Robinson Crusoe (6)
- 9 The World of Wooster (6)
- 10 The Pink Panther (4)
- 11 The Addams Family (5)
- 12 Fawlty Towers (6)
- 13 The Sound of Music (5)
- 14 Hart to Hart (3)
- 15 McMillan and Wife (7)
- 16 The Nanny (5)
- 17 Thunderbirds (6)
- 18 Around the World in 80 Days (12)
- 19 The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (5)
- 20 The Jetsons (5)

**Some more Mynorcas from Doug Butler:**

"POMMIE: from POME: Prisoner of Mother England. POSH: Port outward, starboard home. Good enough to be true, but poo-pooed by *OED* and who am I to gainsay?"

## February 1-2012: Foursomes by *Virgo* (Audrey Austin)

- Interesting theme with the foursomes, especially liked the *spirited* clues. *Bhavan Kasivajjula*
- A novel approach – part of the fun was working out which type of clue applied to each answer. *Kath Harper*
- An interesting concept, with the four types of clues. *Nea Storey*
- Nicely different and very enjoyable. *Jim Fowler*
- 8ac: 'devil' is an unusual anagind & I can't think of a definition indicating movement. *Drew Meek*
- Quite an intoxicating start with all those beverages in the grid. *Margaret Davis*
- A fun puzzle, I particularly liked the thematic clues! *Peter Dearie*
- Nice, easy, straightforward opener. *Barb Ibbott*
- 'Fancy fixing' must surely be the best anagind ever. *Max Roddick*
- Again found this one difficult! Could not find LEVANT or LOACH in my references. Liked the clue for 15ac. *Anne Simons*
- Lot of COTM possibles. Excellent puzzle. *Roy Taylor*
- Quite a pleasant variety of different clue types. Thanks *Virgo*. *Alan Walter*

## February 2-2012: Cryptic by *InGrid* (Jean Barbour)

- Not sure if the definition of PICK-A-BOX is fair: It is a *program* hosted by Dyer. *Bhavan Kasivajjula*
- Challenging puzzle, liked the clues for 9 and 11ac and 17 dn. *Joan Smith*
- Thanks *InGrid* for an old memory (Pick-A-Box – my father was an avid fan) and a new word: thalassotherapy – although I would have preferred 'treatment' rather than 'therapy' in the clue to avoid repetition. *Kath Harper*
- Fifteen-letter answers are becoming fashionable! *Margaret Davis*
- I assumed that in 21ac, THERAPY would not be in the clue and the answer, wrongly as it turned out. *Peter Dearie*
- Some new words to add to my vocabulary – PUGGAREE, DIFFRACT, THALASSOTHERAPY, TOPE (shark). *Barb Ibbott*
- AGRICULTURALIST and THALASSO(THERAPY): A word in the clue unchanged in the answers is usually a no-no but in these two long lights it was a much appreciated help! *Max Roddick*
- Enjoyable. 6 & 14dn were good clues. *Anne Simons*
- 10ac, 21ac, 2dn & 6dn were four 15-letter anagrams taking quite some time to solve. A good cryptic thanks *InGrid*. *Alan Walter*

## February 3-2012: Cryptic by *Southern Cross* (Shirl O'Brien)

- Liked quite a few clues in this one, mainly for their excellent surfaces: EXCESS, CHUM, CONFETTI and ECHIDNA. COTM for me is A(-s)T,(-e)RISK with a very plausible surface "Tiny star, twice losing direction, is in danger (2,4)". *Bhavan Kasivajjula*
- The clue for 13ac (FALL FOR IT) is cute. *Len Colgan*
- Enjoyable puzzle with quite a few new words. Favourite clue was 'C'. *Joan Smith*
- I found some of the clues wonderfully evocative. I could just picture Oscar Wilde storming off to Spain, and a six-foot bloke cowering in a lean-to. *Kath Harper*
- Loved RAIN DANCE. *Nea Storey*
- Not sure why but I particularly liked 22ac – Lean-to and give it my COTM. *Jim Fowler*
- As always, a good, fair puzzle from Shirl. I wonder how many more there are to come. *Margaret Davis*
- Another well crafted puzzle. *Peter Dearie*
- Liked 8dn SCANDINAVIANS. *Max Roddick*
- Some great clues here – especially liked 10,13,22 & 27ac and 1, 7, 8 & 19dn. *Anne Simons*
- 5dn took some time to see that 'Tiny Star' = ASTERISK losing directions S and E to leave AT RISK. Shirl's puzzles are always entertaining. *Alan Walter*

## February 4-2012: AJ by *Penobscot* (Maurice Cowan)

- Another good collection of pangrammatic words. Liked these clues: DE-BAT(-e), OUT AGES. *Bhavan Kasivajjula*
- You have to love a compiler who can work 'harrumphs' and 'Gallic shrug' into a crossword, but 'de-bat'? I think that clue should have had at least two question marks and three exclamations! *Kath Harper*
- A very good AJ that I enjoyed but... "Debat"?? "Ytter"? Oh Deary me. *Jim Fowler*
- L: secondary anagram. T: A quote from *Jesso*: "Among fair-dealers, one convention regarding the soundness of "hidden" clues decrees that the "hiding place" should contain no redundant words". This clue doesn't comply with that. D & Y: not at ease with non-word solutions like "de-bat" and "ytter". *Drew Meek*

- AJ my favourite I think, with nothing too difficult here.

*Margaret Davis*

- In the D clue, there are some genuine words such as DEBAG, which could have been used rather than DEBAT. Ytter has also been invented to fit the grid as far as I can tell. *Peter Dearie*
- A few words caused a lot of head scratching – GALLIC SHRUG, YTTTER, ZENANAS. *Barb Ibbott*
- D word is a bit of a worry. I have put in DEBAT despite not being able to find it anywhere. Many other words would have fitted e.g. DELAY, DEBAG, DEBAR, DECAF. *Doreen Jones*
- DE-BAT for COTM! *Max Roddick*
- Always look forward to AJ and this was no exception. Unsure of NANA. *Anne Simons*
- Some naughty ones here. The D clue is debat-able and unnecessary. Words like DEBAR or DELAY could have been used. The L clue – while easy to solve – is an indirect anagram. *Brian Tickle*
- A tricky AJ to complete especially when ITCHY and YTTTER were put in swapped positions initially. Thanks *Penobscot* for a clever AJ. *Alan Walter*

## February 5-2012: Cryptic by *Betelgeuse* (Gillian Champion)

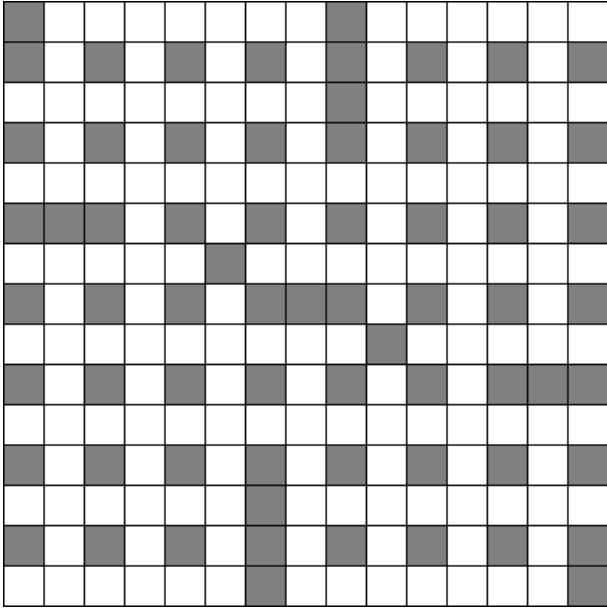
- This was challenging but enjoyable with these clues especially standing out REROOFS, H(A GG)ARD, P...R ICIER. *Bhavan Kasivajjula*
- Time spent doing Gillian's puzzles is always worthwhile, educational-wise. Then there are the wonderfully devious clues. COTM goes to 22dn, closely followed by 11ac, 15ac and 5dn. *Len Colgan*
- Challenging puzzle with good clues. Would like an explanation for 5dn if RABID is correct. [A cunning bit of misdirection by *Betelgeuse*: Animal = RABBIT, BIT off + ID: IW] *Joan Smith*
- You always know what to expect with *Betelgeuse* – challenging but fair clues and a good dollop of general (verging on esoteric) knowledge – and this one was no exception. Keep it up! Small quibble: I think 21ac could have been reworded so that 'haggard' came first, with an initial capital. I liked *Southern Cross*'s spring crocus and *Penobscot*'s old song adapted for monogamists, but my vote for COTM this month goes to *Betelgeuse*'s 11ac, REROOFS, with several others from the same puzzle in close contention. *Kath Harper*
- *Betelgeuse* never fails to bemuse and befuddle. Pretty Darned Hard, Pretty Darned Good. *Jim Fowler*
- COTM slot 5 5dn RABID. I also liked 21ac HAGGARD and 15ac PATIO. *Betelgeuse* is a very clever lady! *Mike Potts*
- 1ac: an alligator bonnet is a feature of new cars rather than old cars, which often had a side opening bonnet. [Perhaps the compiler was thinking of bonnets that used to open to display the whole of the radiator and hence the opening was more alligator-like than modern bonnets which resemble trapdoors: Adj] 10ac: I don't think 'cordial' is a valid anagind. The fact that cordial is mixed with water before consuming doesn't mean that cordial means to mix (otherwise 'cement' or 'syrup' or 'concentrate' could equally be used as anaginds). Also don't think rampant (8dn) is a fair anagind. *Drew Meek*
- I took a course in mental gymnastics to finish this one: how I arrived at some answers is still beyond me e.g. What has RABID got to do with ADMIRALTY CHARTS? But then again (heaven forbid!) I may be entirely wrong with my answers. *Col Archibald*
- Yet more fifteen-letter answers! YESKS was a new word for me. *Margaret Davis*
- ALLIGATOR BONNET was new to me, not to mention TIERS ETAT. A challenging puzzle. *Peter Dearie*
- MACABRE and HESSIAN were very clever; as for THITHERTO, I marvel thereat! *Max Roddick*
- Had a wild guess at 1ac, which helped get started! 21ac and 20dn were my favourite clues. *Anne Simons*
- Bit of a French theme, including the wonderful movie *Three Colours Red*. *Roy Taylor*
- Some great clues and a great grid with its border of 15-letter words. *Brian Tickle*
- 1ac, 27ac, 1dn and 8dn were each 15-letter anagrams, difficult to solve especially not being aware of the answers ALLIGATOR BONNET and THREE COLOURS RED. Could only locate LACERTIDS in the large US *Websters Dictionary*. 21ac was a clever clue for HAGGARD. Was unaware that HESSIAN was Old German! This puzzle was sufficient to cause a solver to 'break out' in a sweat! Thanks *Betelgeuse*. *Alan Walter*

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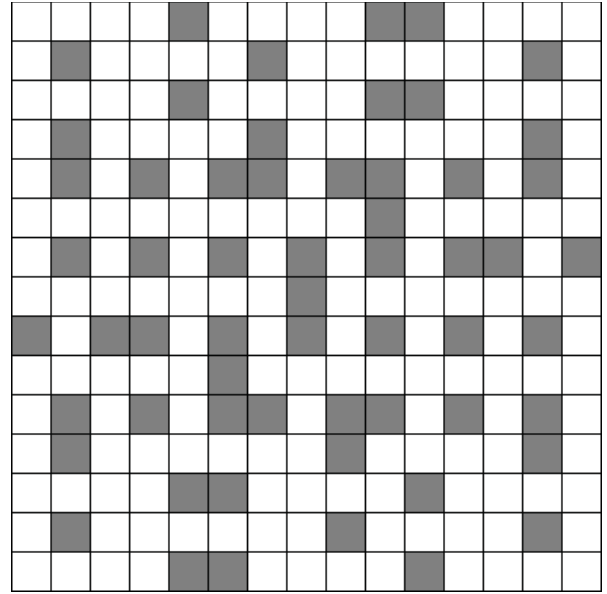
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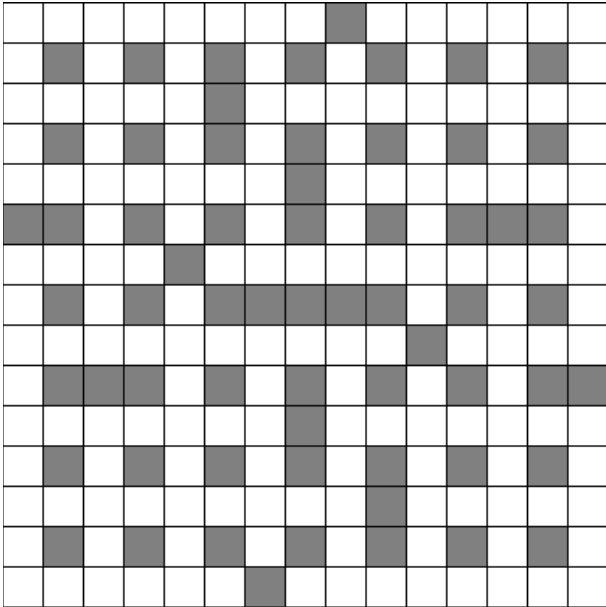


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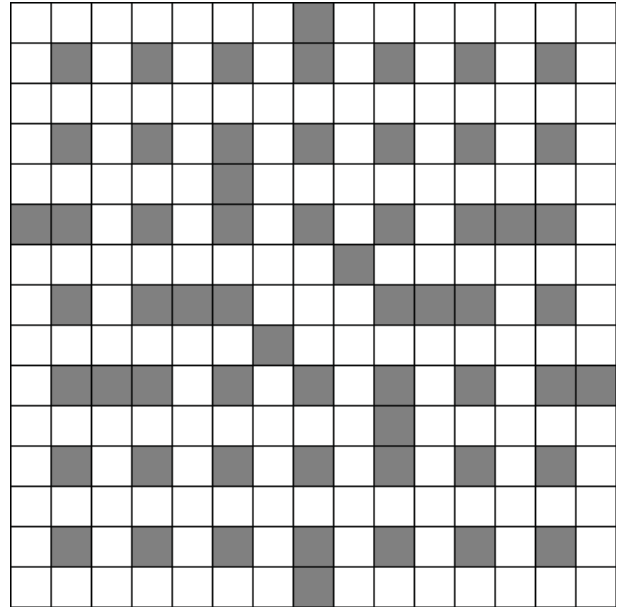


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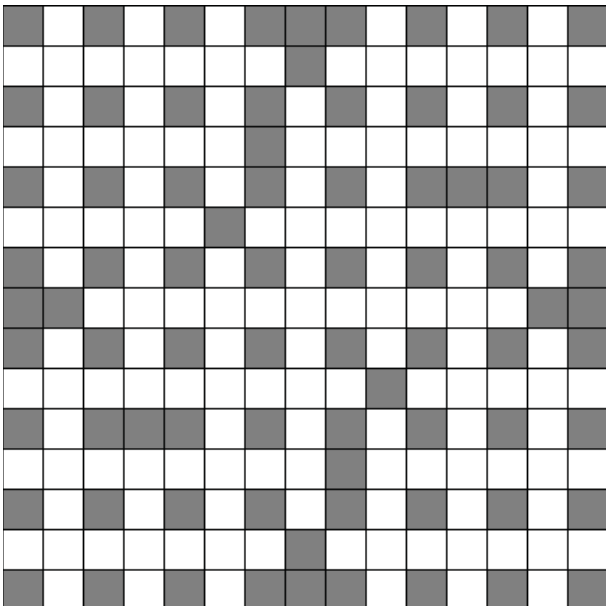
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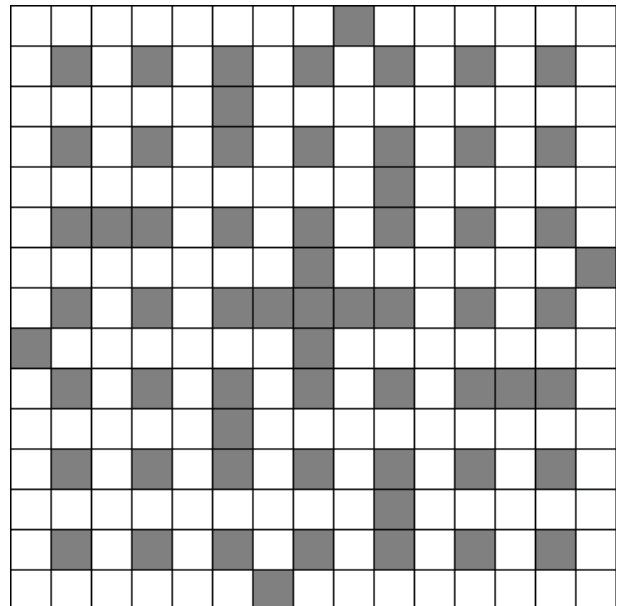
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**January 6-2012: Acrostic Jigsaw by Praxis (Roy Wilson)**

**Entries: 64 Correct: 46 Success Rate: 71.8%.**

**Prizewinner: Valerie Howard. Congratulations!**

**Adjudicator's Comments:**

Instruction: GET RECENT MOVIES WITH A ONE WORD TITLE.  
Note: All movie titles are included in the puzzle. INCEPTION; SPLICE; CREATION; KILLERS; AVATAR; SALT.

INCEPTION: **Release date:** 22/07/2010; **Director:** Christopher Nolan

SPLICE: **Release date:** 12/08/2010; **Director:** Vincenzo Natali

CREATION: **Release date:** 15/07/2010; **Director:** Jon Amiel

KILLERS: **Release date:** 29/07/2010; **Director:** Robert Luketic

AVATAR: **Release date:** 17/12/09; **Director:** James Cameron

SALT: **Release date:** 19/08/2010; **Director:** Phillip Noyce

**Explanatory Notes: Across:** ERICA: AC/ire<; RAM-RAIDER: R(Am)R/aider; INCEPTION: anag; RHONE: r(hon)e; OUTCRIES: double def; SPLICE: PS</L/ice; INSINUATED: anag; MESH: sh/after me(n); LAKE: la/(ta)ke; DETOXIFIED: anag; RELIVE: re/live; CREATION: anag; INEPT: i(dot)/NE/Pt; ARMALITES: anag; GASTRITIS: it is following gas/t, r; DECKS: De(ck) s. **Down:** EDITORIAL: anag; INCITES: set< follows inc/i; APPARENT: H(app)en/a rent; REITERATED: RE/rate in anag; MANE: Homonym; ABRUPT: anag; W REEVE: Eve follows re; O MELODRAMAS: Melo(drama)s; HEDONISTS: he(Do)nists; DISABLED: Di's/able/d; KILLERS: k/ill(ER)s; IDIOTIC: Idi/to</IC; AVATAR: A(vat)ar; RUIING: ru(l)ing; SALT: Lt after SA. I apologize for the wrong number indication for one of the clues and for any confusion it may have caused.

—Praxis (Roy Wilson)

**Solvers' Comments:**

• Thanks for a most challenging and enjoyable puzzle. Not being very conversant with films had to do a bit of research to come up with the answers. *Gillian Champion*

• Another gem from you, and you are certainly up with your movies – some of them quite new. *Bev Cockburn*

• Amazing achievement, Roy. I wasted time trying to fit in MATERIALS instead of ARMALITES. A few minor queries, not detracting from my enjoyment. I particularly liked INCITES. *Len Colgan*

• Thanks for a fine puzzle, Roy – I really enjoyed the added extra. The films were not all known to me; have I missed some good movies? (It's all a matter of taste, Merv) *Merv Collins*

• Many thanks for your puzzle. Solving the puzzle was one thing, compiling a list and then looking for films added a whole new dimension. Must have been a considerable challenge to have compiled it so, again, thanks and also congratulations. *Jim Fowler*

• Thanks for this one, Roy – thoroughly enjoyed the tussle. *Pat Garner*

• These crosswords are quite a feat to construct and my hat goes off to you for this creation. *Michael Kennedy*

• Thanks for a real challenge! For quite a while I was trying to fit 'NAOMI' (I – Moan) in ERICA's place. *Andrew Miles*

• Great puzzle as ever. I found the six movies but alas there was one movie I wanted to see but didn't find – Gastritis. (The puzzle, itself, provided that for some of our members, Andrew!) *Andrew Patterson*

• Another great puzzle with good clues from Roy, challenging but fair. Favourite clue was APPARENT. *Joan Smith*

• What a great puzzle to get the little grey cells working. *Lynne Spicer*

• Thanks for a great puzzle. I'm really impressed by the way you wove the six movies into the grid and gave the instructions through the initial letters of the clues. Brilliant! *Brian Tickle*

• A brilliant puzzle which must have taken much painstaking diligence to compose. Many thanks, Roy, for this masterpiece. *Alan Walter*

**Results of Christmas Bonus Quiz by Tobi (Barb Ibbott)**

**Entries: 20 Correct: 12.**

**Winner: Pat Garner, Congratulations!**

**Results: 25:** C Anderson, M Collins, H Cromer, P Garner, B Glissan, D Grainger, A Martin, A Miles, A Shield, M Steinberger, N Storey and J Wenham. **24.5:** Y Ainsworth and F Martin. **24:** G Lloyd. **23:** P Dearie, S Roulston and A Walter. **22.5:** B Cockburn and C Noble.

**Solutions: 1** Silver Bells **2** While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night **3** Let it Snow **4** Do You Hear What I Hear? **5** We Three Kings of Orient Are **6** O Christmas Tree **7** We Wish You a Merry Christmas **8** Away in a Manger **9** O Come All Ye Faithful **10** Angels from the Realms of Glory **11** Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas **12** The Twelve Days of Christmas **13** Santa Claus is Coming to Town **14** It Came Upon A (the) Midnight Clear **15** Hark the Herald Angels Sing **16** The Holly and the Ivy **17** God Rest Ye (you) Merry Gentlemen **18** Good Christian Men Rejoice **19** Ding Dong Merrily on High **20** A Great and Mighty Wonder **21** Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn **22** As With Gladness Men of Old **23** Unto Us a Boy (son) is Born **24** See Amid the Winter's Snow **25** The First Noel (Nowell).

**Adjudicator's comments:** Thank you for all the greetings and encouragement re this quiz. I found it very enjoyable to construct the quiz and was worried that it might have been too easy. Therefore, I was quite surprised that several members found it difficult. Some of the answers were very creative! The main difficulty was in 23 where the clue indicated that the word boy or son was required. Several people put child, which does occur in a carol but did not fit the clue. I took pity on such entries and gave half a mark. I also allowed variations in the spelling of Noel/Nowell and use of the /a. I didn't include indicators as I thought it would not be necessary even if some members would have liked me to do so. I guess the fact that I am a keen chorister helps my music knowledge and perhaps what I find easy isn't so to everybody. I particularly love carol 20 (A great and mighty wonder) and would suggest that you check it out. *—Barb Ibbott*

**Members' comments:**

• Some old friends and a few which were totally unfamiliar. Music is the most joyous part of the Festive Season. *Pat Garner*

• Most enjoyable quiz. *David Grainger*

• Really quite challenging. A number of these were completely new to me. I must be a heathen! *Andrew Miles*

• A very enjoyable Christmas quiz. Debated long and hard with no 23 whether it should be son or boy and went with the latter (I allowed either Alison). *Alison Shield*

• Some were quite challenging and needed a lot of research. I had to be careful when entering No 2: it's not While shepherds washed their socks by night. (naughty thought Jenny!!!) *Jenny Wenham*

• Thank you for the Christmas entertainment. *Corryn Anderson*

• Although I couldn't remember all the words, I found I could hum all of the tunes. *Yvonne Ainsworth*

• Very inventive. Had me searching for No 20. *Frank Martin*

• Feel like singing a few more carols. *Glenda Lloyd*

• Surprised to find out how recent some Christmas songs are. *Peter Dearie*

• Would have appreciated indicators for each clue as there are several variations in the titles. Thank you for a very cheerful and reminiscent quiz that brings back many of the carols sung over past years. *Alan Walter*

• Keep those quizzes coming. We need more like this. *Bev Cockburn*

• You would think with a name like Carole I'd find this easy. Not so. *Carole Noble*

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<b>Going Bananas by Buzzer</b>
<b>Book Prize</b>

A dozen answers are all alike and are not defined further. The rest of the clues are normal.

Send your entry to:  
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**Closing date:  
 13 April 2012.**

**Across**

- 1 Inn had pastramis cooked (7,8)
- 9 Notice stain and point (4)
- 10 Bull ranch right away turned into a charity organization (5)
- 11 Periodically connected in times past (4)
- 12 Mark 2 (5)
- 13 Drunk with love say in a way (2,2,5)
- 16 Witty remark coming from English farm animals (7)
- 18 Sister perhaps, after losing a pound of fat (7)
- 19 Glib talker's polished replies (7)
- 20 Depths of ebbing sea covered by ship (7)
- 22 Every disciple adopted one to two masters (9)
- 23 Time out for maiden in ballroom dance (5)
- 26 Casanova is a beast? (4)
- 28 Flying solo, easy at first for the unrestrained (5)
- 29 Little Sparrow seen in Olympia Fields (4)
- 30 Trouble in pairing receiver (8,7)

**Down**

- 2 Paris and Prague are western capitals (5)
- 3 Zero overhead vacuum? (11)
- 4 Broadcast at a snail's pace (4)
- 5 Non-stick material somehow felt by touching (6)
- 6 Bum gets kicked in a second? Huge nonsense (5,5)
- 7 Tailless bird is native to Australia (3)
- 8 React excitedly getting into a TV channel (9)
- 14 Scottish tobacco stem, seed and drug - important around Portugal (4-7)
- 15 Large worm-eaten building (10)
- 17 Pizza topping made of capsicum and three pieces of onion (9)
- 21 Revolutionary work, half a painting of the goddess of the undefined (6)
- 24 Good music? Essentially yes (5)
- 25 Couple on the telephone (4)
- 27 Caught in the middle of catfights (3)

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## Quiz No 3/2012



by *Neir B'Odet*

### Quiz 3/2012.

**By their colours.... by Neir B'Odet (Ted O'Brien)**

Each answer takes the form of two words, the first of which is a colour. The second completes a common expression.

Answers are in alphabetical order of the colour.

Send your entry to Kay Williams 12 Lindrum Crescent Holt ACT 2615.

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Closing date: 13 April 2012. Book Prize.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Paddy wagon (5,5)</li> <li>2 Sailing symbol (4,5)</li> <li>3 Third prize (6,5)</li> <li>4 A reverie (5,5)</li> <li>5 Old forest worker (8,6)</li> <li>6 Popular filled chocolate bar (6,4)</li> <li>7 Aquatic calcareous growth (5,4)</li> <li>8 Superior afternoon meal (5,3)</li> <li>9 Eire (7,4)</li> <li>10 Australian comic strip character (6,5)</li> <li>11 Development buffer zone (5,4)</li> <li>12 Elderly peripatetic (4,5)</li> <li>13 Modern aircraft (3,5)</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14 Citrus drink (5,6)</li> <li>15 Early 20<sup>th</sup> century musical by Franz Schubert (5,4)</li> <li>16 Old-fashioned skin application (7,7)</li> <li>17 Popeye's girlfriend (5,3)</li> <li>18 Dessert made for an Australian diva (5,5)</li> <li>19 Hallucinations (4,9)</li> <li>20 Boiled raisin pudding (4,4)</li> <li>21 A life of pleasure (8,4)</li> <li>22 A bigoted person (3,4)</li> <li>23 "They seek him here..." (7,9)</li> <li>24 The Cape gooseberry (10,6)</li> <li>25 Trade telephone directory (6,5)</li> </ol> |
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### Results of Quiz No 1/2012: Follow the Leader Roundabout by The Eager Beaver (Bev Cockburn)

Entries: 49: Winner: Yvonne Ainsworth. Congratulations.

**Scores: 25:** Y Ainsworth, W Allen, C Anderson, A Austin, J Barbour, P Dearie, V Dinham, R Dorrell, J Fowler, P Garner, B Hagan, K Harper, L Howard, A Jermy, C Jones, D Jones, G Leeds, F Martin, J Martin, C McClelland, J McGrath, A Miles, J Mitchell, C Noble, E O'Brien, J Pearce, M Potts, D Procter, M Procter, S Roulston, W Ryan, B Siegman, A Simons, J Smith, J Stocks, N Storey, M Steinberger, B Symons, W Villiers, L Waites, A Walter, J Wenham and N Wilson. **24½:** T. de Grys and R Wimbush. **24:** G Cole, D Grainger, A Martin and R Taylor.

**Solutions:** Embark, Macbeth, Broadcast, Pedlar, Offend, Bigfoot, Mouthguard, Jihad, Jingle, Lockjaw, Polka, Gremlin, Denmark, Honesty, Spouse, QP, Parquet, Disrupt, Retsina, Butcher, Revue, WV. Waxworks, Pyx, Enzyme.

**Setter's comments:** An excellent response with excellent results. Well done all! Half a mark was taken off for spelling – two solvers wrote PEDLER. Putting SWEDEN instead of DENMARK made difficulties for some. I accepted CAUTION for 9 (The best policy) and MISRULE for 5 (To throw into disorder or confusion) and AFFECT for 15 (To hurt someone's feelings) but could not accept TINMAN or VANMAN for 17 (A person who sells small items door to door), ZYGOTE for 7 (Protein substance produced by living cells) or CONCEPT for 9 (The best policy). Several people pointed out that PYX was not correct and that it should have been PYXIS. My apologies but everyone got it right so all's well! Many thanks for all the Happy New Year wishes and appreciation for my input in the club and my best wishes to everyone for a healthy and happy 2012.  
—The Eager Beaver (Bev Cockburn)

### Solvers' Comments:

- Thanks for a great quiz – how do you come up with such inventive ways of looking at words? Unfortunately I'm not a big McDonald's patron so had to check Wikipedia to find out what a QP is! Duh!  
*Alison Martin*
- I've just rejoined the club and this is my first entry! Wish me luck! (You were lucky – You've won a book! Bev)Yvonne Ainsworth
- An interesting follow-up to your previous quiz, Follow the Leader.  
*Carole Noble*
- Thank you, Bev. I wish there was enough space after each clue to write the (often long) words, then we could send that instead of

making a more legible copy onto a card!

- Clever Bev – ever devilish!  
*Rosemary Dorrell*
- Herewith your most enjoyable quiz. I seldom do the research type and I do prefer those which require a bit of logical thought. I had a block for a while when I used Sweden instead of Denmark – but all seems to fit.  
*Bob Hagan*
- Thanks for another fun quiz.  
*Peter Dearie*
- Thank you very much for a thoroughly enjoyable quiz to start the year.  
*Judith Mitchell*
- Thanks for an interesting and (hopefully) fulfilling quiz.  
*Jack Stocks*
- Thanks for the fun. I remembered as I did it my one taste of retsina – an acquired taste!  
*Sonia Roulston*
- Another fun quiz – BIGFOOT and PYX took some time.  
*Anne Simons*
- Although I understood the instructions, I seemed to get more confused as I went. I hope I have all the right answers in the right order. (Yes, you have! Bev)  
*Jenny Wenham*
- Thank you, Bev – took a while to get "Polka" in step with the rest of them! Most enjoyable!  
*Andrew Miles*
- Great Quiz to start 2012.  
*Joan Smith*
- Thanks for beavering away at providing such entertaining quizzes for us.  
*Kath Harper*
- I enjoyed (this) very much. Quite difficult but doable.  
*Jean Barbour*
- Thoroughly enjoyed this quiz. Very well thought out.  
*John Martin*
- Another great quiz! I didn't think there could be words for all of these but indeed there are! Thanks for keeping our minds on the go.  
*Betty Siegman*
- Thanks for your quiz – definitely tricky but good fun.  
*Jim Fowler*
- I thoroughly enjoyed this concept – thank you. At first I wondered how you could possibly find all 26 and was pleasantly surprised to discover how cleverly you achieved it!  
*Pat Garner*
- For the McDonald's hamburger I first put CB for cheese Burger which wouldn't fit so I changed this to QP for quarter pounder. Looking at JIHAD and JINGLE I thought that JINGLE had to be replaced as the JI had already occurred in JIHAD. It took quite some time to realise that JIHAD had the appropriate pair IH followed by JINGLE with the appropriate pair JI. Phew! This was a thought provoking inventive quiz.  
*Alan Walter*
- Such a clever idea for a quiz! It must have taken ages to track down all these words! (Quite a while, Nea. Bev)  
*Nea Storey*

January 7-2012: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

Entries 63. Correct 48. Success rate 76%.

Prizewinner: Betty Siegman. Congratulations!

**Correct:** W Allen, A Austin, J Barnes, B Bennett, R Caine, G Champion, D Coates, G Cole, M Collins, F Copland, M Cowan, H Cromer, M Davis, T de Grys, P Dearie, V Dinham, T Dobele, R Ducker, J Fowler, J Freeland, D Grainger, D Greening, B Hagan, K Harper, L Howard, S Howells, M Kennedy, C Lee, G Leeds, P Lord, J McGrath, I McKenzie, A Miles, C Noble, E O'Brien, D Parsons, A Patterson, M Potts, S Roulston, W Ryan, B Siegman, J Smith, J Stocks, B Symons, A Walter, J Wenham, R Wilson, R Wimbush.

**Solutions: Across:** 1 ba(by)/the; 4 anag/city; 10 supple men/t/Aries; 11 double def; 12 p/lumbago; 13 c/ache; 14 s inside anag; 16 Moore/rots (all rev); 18 double def; 21 p(sopor(rev))al; 22 DJ/(h)erba(l); 23 run(s rings)around; 24 chest/nuts; 25 at one.

**Down:** 2 alum(l)na; 3 anag/the/rapists; 5 the/Speedo(s)/flight; 6 not rumps; 7 anag (re-sort) of "bare cabin"; 8 anag; 9 b(ffe)rev)y; 15 P/russian; 17 th(e) rough; 19 Nobel(rev) around "an"; 20 I deal.

**Adjudicator's Comments:** The common mistake involved the interlocking CARIBBEAN REFORM and AMEND instead of the correct CARIBBEAN RESORT and ATONE. While not bad answers, neither quite fits the clue. For 5dn, in Einstein's famous formula,  $E=mc^2$ , c is the speed of light. —Crowsman (Len Colgan)

**Solvers' Comments:**

- Thank you for this most enjoyable puzzle. So many great clues – particularly loved 5dn when I finally realised the definition was 'C'; also enjoyed the 'wow factor' on completion. *Roy Wilson*
- Thanks for a wonderful cryptic – a joy to solve. *Brian Symons*
- Thanks for a very challenging puzzle. Took ages to locate DJERBA, RESORT & IDEAL. 3dn was a cleverly constructed clue, as also were the clues for (STOR EROOM)←, P+RUSSIAN, RUN+S+RINGS+AROUND, SUPPLE MEN+T+ARIES and CHEST+NUTS. Your truly gem clue for 5dn gave THE SPEEDO(S) FLIGHT, cleverly and succinctly defined as C, the SPEED OF LIGHT. 11ac for TIP-OFF seems to be a double definition? (Correct, as in Chambers! LC) Congratulations on a well-constructed, enjoyable puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- Thanks for a good puzzle. I liked 1ac, and also 7dn (RE-SORT!!) *Betty Siegman*
- Great puzzle with clever clues. Especially liked 10, 11, 23 & 24ac and 5 & 6dn. *Joan Smith*
- Thanks for another great puzzle – not easy but very fair. I particularly liked CARIBBEAN RESORT – the pun on RESORT is very clever. *Jeremy Barnes*
- Good crossword, as always. No 'Spooners', no obscure words, no archaisms – all fair and square with clever clues. *Merv Collins*
- I reckon this is one of your best and you really are especially accomplished at clueing the long words. Sublime surface readings as well and I particularly enjoyed HYPNOTHERAPISTS, NO TRUMPS, CHESTNUTS, and THROUGH. Well done and keep them coming! *Michael Kennedy*
- I particularly liked 10ac clue for SUPPLEMENTARIES, also 25ac ATONE (or AT ONE). *Carole Noble*
- Great puzzle! I had not heard of DJERBA. AMEND was clever (sadly, not correct though – LC) *Roy Taylor*
- Thank you – another classic! Loved the clue for 'C' – surprised you refrained from a 'budgie-smuggler' reference. *Andrew Miles*
- Lots of good and amusing here – hard to pick one, but I did like TIP-OFF and NO TRUMPS. *Audrey Austin*
- I thought the C in the clue for 5dn was a typo – until I got the answer – then it all made sense! *Nea Storey*
- Definitely not pedestrian! In 1ac, why is BA the baby's "top half" in an across clue? (The baby was lying down horizontally. LC). In 16ac, I'm not massively keen on "Roger possibly" = "MOORE". 5dn is the clue I really liked – it's good to see a bit of mathematical/scientific symbolism. Just a small query tho' – shouldn't it really be small c? (See comment above – compiler's prerogative! LC). *Jim Fowler*
- What a fun and challenging puzzle. It always amazes me how much you can learn from doing a crossword. This puzzle I learnt about hemp seeds, the lovely isle of Djerba and that plumbago is not always a plant. As always, a number of clues had me stumped for a while but then somehow the penny manages to drop and I

wonder why I hadn't got the answer ages ago. *Lynne Spicer*

• Thanks, Len, for another great puzzle. Enjoyed it a lot. Particularly liked 10ac, 5dn and 17dn. There were a lot of other very good clues, but too many to pick out. *Gillian Champion*

• Great puzzle: 5dn is a mystery – can't work out how the clue relates to the solution. Especially liked 25ac ATONE. *Fay Copland*

• Some really fantastic clues but how you can think of them amazes me. Too many to list my favourites, but 10ac – SUPPLE+MEN+T+ARIES and 5dn – THE+SPEEDO(S)+FLIGHT really stood out for me. *Graeme Cole*

• A challenging puzzle. It took ages to "re-sort" the answer to 7dn – very clever! I have visited Martinique on several occasions many years back while working on cruise liners – didn't help me to get to the answer any quicker! *Peter Dearie*

• You must have been oozing benevolence when setting this puzzle. Didn't tear (too) much hair out. Wonderful clue for THE SPEED OF LIGHT. The one that gave the most trouble: DJERBA. Never heard of the place before. No wonder it took 8 words to define a 6-letter solution. *Jack Stocks*

• Thanks for another excellent crossword. This was a tough grid with so many initial letters unchecked. The SE corner held me up for quite a while with DJERBA and LEBANON giving me the most trouble. My favourite clues are 1 & 25ac and 5 & 15dn. I was almost undone by 11ac, initially entering HIT-OFF but I'm sure it should be TIP-OFF. *Jenny Wenham*

• Thanks for an enjoyable puzzle which I felt was quite a bit 'kinder' than some of your previous. Picks were 10ac, 25ac, 17dn. *Tony Dobele*

• Challenging but fair – a good mental workout! It took a bit of searching to find DJERBA. *Kath Harper*

• Loved 5dn which took ages. Also 10ac. A lot of 'fun' to do. *Robyn Wimbush*

• I especially liked 22ac DJERBA. Had me stumped for ages! *Valerie Howard*

• Djerba! It held me up for about 6 weeks until I finally picked up on DJ. The rest was done ages ago. Anyway, good puzzle and I'm glad I finally got there. *Andrew Patterson*

• At first I thought you were being kind and gentle with us, but I learned the error of my ways. You do like your 15-letter answers, don't you? Not that I mind. I usually find them easier than the short ones. Keep those puzzles coming please! *Margaret Davis*

**Solution to January 2012 Slot 7**

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**Answers to January Bonus Quiz: Christmas Pastimes by Fortuna 48 (Nea Storey)**

- 1 Rudolph 2 Ivy 3 Winter 4 St. Stephen 5 While shepherds watched their flocks by night 6 Away in a manger 7 The 12 days of Christmas 8 Away in a manger 9 Mary's boy child 10 Once in royal David's city 11 O little town of Bethlehem 12 Angels.

## Results of the Clue Writing Competition: No 1/2012.

### Write a clue for GREMLIN (7). Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.

Definition of **GREMLIN** from *Chambers* (11<sup>th</sup> Edition)  
*n orig* a goblin accused of vexing airmen, causing mischief and mechanical trouble to aircraft; any imaginary mischievous creature [Origin uncertain; RAF slang, with a poss connection with *Fremlin's* Ale; prob modelled on **goblin**]:

I have a particular fondness for words that have an uncertain origin. For *gremlin* the theories vary from an Old English derivative – GRĒMIAN (to vex) to a word derived from *goblin*. No one knows, but perhaps the answer to the mystery lies in one of the clues listed below. There were twenty entries this time round and the quality was quite high. Many couldn't resist the *malinge*, *mingler* or *Merlin* anagrams and I reckon I too would have gone with one of those. There are two clues in particular that are exceptional. In the end I've gone with **Andrew Patterson's** clue for his smooth Soviet combination of fiction and non-fiction.

#### Bug's found in Russian HQ after Konstantin's leadership was taken over by Gorbachev's (7) \*\*\*\*½

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

#### Airline's concern about lack of midday work unit \*\*\*

This is a very original clue in both its definition and overall construction. 'About' is a reversal indicator as the remaining elements (NIL – lack of, M – midday, ERG – work unit). How does MIDDAY equate to 'M' I hear you ask? From what I can interpret it comes from NOON which is 2 Ns together as there is nothing (OO) between them! It's either very devious or I've read it the wrong way.

#### Brownie force Merlin cultivated \*\*\*½

This is G (force) + anagram of MERLIN as indicated by the word 'cultivated'. 'Brownie' is given as a synonym for 'gremlin' in several sources. However, it's worth noting that a brownie is generally associated with a benevolent being, unlike the gremlin, which is seen universally as a mischief-maker. Force for 'G' is not always easy to spot. G is acceleration due to gravity – a force. It's essentially an indirect initial but one that I have seen used before. I like the surface reading of this clue.

#### Bug's found in Russian HQ after Konstantin's leadership was taken over by Gorbachev's (7) \*\*\*\*½

Two clues used the KREMLIN/GREMLIN device. In this one 'Kremlin' comes from 'Russian HQ' which loses its K for G, as subsequently directed. The definition is a gem as the surface reading implies a hidden recorder. Even if you were clever enough not to be caught, there's a high chance you would then be thinking of an insect, rather than a fault or a snag. It's true that *Chambers* doesn't list this definition of 'an unexplained problem or fault' but it is in the *OED*, which is hard to argue against. The other winning element to this clue is that Konstantin Chernenko was actually replaced by Mikhail Gorbachev in 1985. To be pedantic, Konstantin would more likely be referred to by his surname but of course that doesn't start with a K.

#### Devious maligner lost a little imp \*\*\*

This is an anagram of MALIGNER minus the letter A. A clever and accurate clue that also carries an extra layer of depth, given a devious maligner could also define a gremlin. Nicely done.

#### First rate mangle by mischief maker on flight \*\*\*

R + anagram of MINGLE. 'First rate' for the letter R is inaccurate, although I know this indication is used widely. The definition is ace and to my surprise 'mingle-mangle' is a real term and refers to a jumble or a confused mixture.

#### Good Merlin confused irksome sprite \*\*\*

An anagram of G (good) and MERLIN. I think the surface reading is the standout for this clue as it has that mythical enchantment about it. It's worth noting that 'irksome' is part of the definition, and as it's a 7-letter word, could possibly be a red herring. This compiler also suggested some alternative 'unpolished' ideas including one involving an anagram of MEN and GIRL, which would have some potential.

#### Grand wizard Merlin, mischievous troublemaker \*\*\*\*

G + anagram of MERLIN as indicated by 'wizard'. The compiler points out that 'wizard' is used here in an adjectival sense of 'fantastic'. The surface reading is excellent and there are no superfluous words. Great clue!

#### He allegedly sabotaged Spitfires, wrecking Merlin gears initially \*\*\*\* ½

This clue is worth the price of admission and is virtually flawless. The secondary indicators are simple enough – an anagram of MERLIN and G (gears initially). As you will know from the definition above a gremlin can be some mischievous creature interfering with the mechanics of an aircraft. The definition of this clue specifies the 'Spitfire' but uses the word 'allegedly' to indicate 'supposedly' or 'perhaps'. What gives this clue the x-factor is that the Rolls Royce Merlin engine was in fact a real engine used especially in the Spitfire. Therefore the clue in its entirety could define a gremlin. Just for the sake of criticism, perhaps an anagram indicator less obvious could have been used. Still, a wonderful clue!

#### Imp mangled mingler \*\*\*

'Mingler' proved to be quite popular as anagram fodder, and 'mangled' also makes a couple of appearances. This is the simplest of clues that would serve well in a first-timer's crossword.

#### Linger over male mischief maker \*\*

This is meant to be an anagram of 'linger' over 'm' (male). However, there is no

anagram indicator, as 'over' is indicating the containment of 'm'. 'Mischief-maker' is an accurate definition, although it is generally hyphenated.

#### Malingerer, shaken after losing hearing aid, turns mischief-maker \*\*\*½

This is an anagram of MALINGERER as indicated by 'shaken'. You then are required to subtract EAR (hearing aid) to get to GREMLIN. Subtractions are okay, but not when they're indirect. Admittedly, this is a relatively simple one but strictly speaking EAR should appear as EAR in the anagram fodder.

#### Mingle mingler little star, how I wonder what you are? Up above the world so high, making mischief in the sky? \*\*\*

Just when you think you've seen everything someone sends you a clue dressed up as a nursery rhyme. In this case you need to sing along to *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*. 'Gremlin' is an anagram of MINGLER as indicated by 'mingle'. The second line is to be treated literally – as in 'searching for the clue'. The clue's definition then comes from the last two lines and is based on the original meaning of the word – 'an imaginary creature causing havoc to an aeroplane in flight'. Very nice work although it could never appear in a 'regular' cryptic crossword. This would make a very clever Wordwit type conundrum rather than a classic cryptic clue. Still, a very amusing and clever little ditty!

#### Mingler mangled mischief-maker \*\*\*½

A short alliterative clue that is an anagram of 'mingler'. I love the alliteration as it gives this otherwise regulation clue a little extra zing.

#### Mischievous elves caused smiles about email, not first-class \*\*\*

GRINS 'smiles' about 'EMail' minus AI (first-class). Unfortunately, this clue is for GREMLINS, rather than GREMLIN. The idea of associating gremlins with e-mail was a good one, although in my experience I tend to grimace rather than grin when gremlins are at play.

#### Mischievous type of girl messes with rough men \*\*\*½

An anagram of GIRL and MEN as indicated by their respective indicators (messes and rough). Somewhat surprisingly, this was the clue only that used this particular anagram fodder. The surface reading is quite smooth and the two anagram indicators have been well chosen.

#### Pesky creature with good dreamy sleep gets nothing in return \*\*\*½

G+REM (as in Rapid Eye Movement) + NIL (turned). Terrific definition and solid indicators. In particular, using 'dreamy sleep' for REM, which is the phase of sleep during which we dream, is quite clever. I guess the creature is pesky because he is not benefiting from his sleep?

#### Rampant germ scores a half century not out becoming an unseen wrecker \*\*\*

Anagram of GERM + L (a half century) + IN (not out). Mechanically this is a sound clue and all the elements fit together nicely. I especially like 'scores a half century' as 'gets an L'. The definition is also quite original. However, it's the surface reading that needs some work as it would be unlikely to refer to a cricketer as a 'germ'. In addition, someone rampant scoring 50 runs is hardly going to be 'unseen'. We'll discuss later Dad.

#### Troublemaker mixes green lime with Tooheys Lite? \*\*\*½

This intriguing and amusing clue was e-mailed by someone using the pseudonym A. Gentling. At least, I have assumed it's a pseudonym! There was also no explanation so forgive me if I have interpreted the clue incorrectly. It's an anagram of GREEN LIME as indicated by 'mixes'. This leaves two Es, which are removed with 'Tooheys Lite (2 Es lighter!)'. Very cute, and despite the fact that it's missing a homophonic indicator for 'TOOHEYS', I kind of like it. The '?' does indicate an extra level of duplicity. The surface reading is excellent. Not sure what I would have done had it won.

#### Troublemaker switched \$1000 for krona at the front of citadel \*\*\*\*

A lovely clue that uses the same method as the winner. The direction is clear – swap G (\$1000) for krona (K) at the beginning of Kremlin (citadel). The surface reading not only makes sense but also evokes an image of something a 'gremlin' may actually do. There are also a couple of old citadels in Sweden so all the elements work.

#### We're barring Mel, however – he causes trouble \*\*

Anagram of barRING MEL as indicated by 'however'. While the surface reading is adequate the secondary indicators need some work. The first three letters of 'barring' need to be removed before an anagram of 'ring Mel' can be discerned. The initial 'we're' is superfluous.

	Poor	Satisfactory	Excellent
Definition	0	1	2
Secondaries	0	1	2
Fairness	0	1	2
Surface Reading	0	1	2
x-factor	0	1	2

Star Rating: No star; 1-2 \*; 3-4 \*\*; 5-7 \*\*\*; 8-9 \*\*\*\*; 10 \*\*\*\*\*

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