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A mild answer turns away wrath: sharp words stir up anger.  
The Bible, Proverbs 15:1 (Jerusalem Bible)

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The ACC Executive Committee is more than delighted to announce that the ACC membership for 2012 exceeded 265. This is a record number of members. The renewal rate and the level of donations to the 2013 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 not to mention we have some excellent prizes to give away.

Given the impressive renewal rate of subscriptions, it is worth mentioning the huge workload of our tireless Secretary/Treasurer **Bev Cockburn** who has had to carry out the many admin tasks of banking etc but also the paperwork necessary to keep the membership records up-to-date. Not to mention her inspiring puzzles and quizzes! And the work done by our Puzzle Editor **Ian Williams** in the process of checking and selecting the puzzles and quizzes each month deserves to be quietly applauded and his skilful e-lodgment adjudication every month. 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 brilliant puzzleman **Ian Williams** has selected a first-class range of puzzles and quizzes to keep you fully occupied during March. Ian has selected a Half and Half by *Timid Terrier* and challenging cryptics by *Virgo* and *Crowsman*. We are pleased to publish *Fortuna 48* with the ever-popular AJ and in Slot 5, we welcome back one of our favourites – *Praxis* – with another one of his fine puzzles. In Slot 6, *Betelgeuse* challenges all solvers with another of her admirable cryptics and in Slot 7, we have the 'newbie' *Flowerman* with an engrossing cryptic. We have 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.

Many thanks to all who sent me beautiful cards and comments: it made the task so much easier as I sit here in my yurt in Outer Mongolia whence I was sent by members some years ago munching mangoes. But all is not lost as I fear I shall have some company there soon!

**Slot 1:** Not too many problems here although a number of members expressed concern that this was a cryptic puzzle rather than an orthodox or a Half and Half puzzle. One blank square, one PATIBLE for POTABLE and a RETURN WATER PUMP for a ROTARY WATER PUMP.

**Slot 2:** Always difficult to get onto a new compiler's wavelength. Slots 2 & 3 were no exception. One typo with SHHP for SHOP, SQUAB managed to get a SPUAB and an EQUIB also a DIED for DYED the definition being "coloured" =DYED, sounds like DIED.

**Slot 3:** A fair number of errors in this one. STRIKE for STRIFE, DILL for PILL, WELDED for WEDDED and TIMELY for TUMULT. The PILL clue attracted some please explains. Everything diminished = ALL – A = LL after constant = PI +11

**Slot 4:** As usual the AJ is everyone's favourite: not too many mistakes. XEROGAGA for XEROMATA, UTIS and URET for UNIT also OEMETTE for OECISTS were the main offenders. OIKIST would also fit the definition but not the clue.

**Slot 5:** Main problems were with DIETHOL for DIETHYL, CHICCOUGH and CRYOCOUGH for CHINCOUGH (Old Scots for WHOOPING COUGH) also PALOU for PALAU.

**COTM:** "P" clue Slot 4. Congrats *Wet and Dry*.—Col Archibald

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Entries received	97	89	86	90	88	450
Correct entries	81	75	65	72	70	361
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**Prizewinner: February 2013 Slots 1-5: Drew Meek, Congratulations!**

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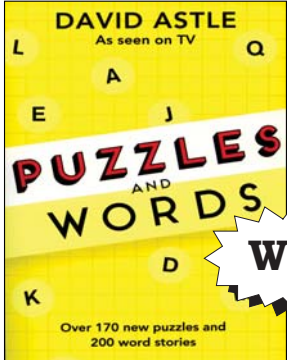
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**Half 'n Half**  
by  
*Timid Terrier*

**Prizes: \$75**



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**Across**

- 1 Carton (4)
- 4 Racing toboggan (4)
- 7 Soft pulp (4)
- 10 Accurate (4)
- 11 Worships (6)
- 12 Man's name (4)
- 13 Sparkling wine (4)
- 14 Stumble (4)
- 15 Water grass (4)
- 17 Engraved (6)
- 19 Live next to (9)
- 22 An outcast (5)
- 24 Monotreme (7)
- 26 Portable phones (7)
- 29 A Baghdad resident? (5)
- 31 Hosiery (9)
- 33 Densely populated slum area (6)
- 36 Object of worship (4)
- 38 Acute fever (4)
- 39 Shocked (4)
- 40 King of the beasts (4)
- 41 Smear, soil (6)
- 42 Rock to sleep (4)
- 43 Infants (4)
- 44 Fruit of the blackthorn (4)
- 45 Affirmatives (4)

**Down**

- 1 River man (8)
- 2 Asteroid's principal angle (8)
- 3 Bird starts off early raiding nests eagerly (4)
- 4 Guide the French air defence (4)
- 5 Rich cake for afternoon meal in territorial district of ancient Germany (6)
- 6 Revise some high-priced items (4)
- 7 Married before lake (4)
- 8 Exhausted united services editor in an excited state (4-2)
- 9 Lt. Hare repairs rope for hanging criminals ... (6)
- 16 ... and Dr Heep modified popular drug for hay fever (9)
- 18 Foolish Demi roasted (4-5)
- 20 Work one hour initially scaling kingfish (5)
- 21 Casanova reported to rue without me (5)
- 23 Sheep in sewer (3)
- 25 Holden in race return (3)
- 27 Daffodil man initially took to lady (4,4)
- 28 Swings puss awkwardly on tips (8)
- 29 Divulge devil craft (6)
- 30 Imposing month (6)
- 32 Cloth covering right tool (6)
- 34 Tangled mesh edges (4)
- 35 Marks a GST unwisely (4)
- 36 Dead fish around lake (4)
- 37 Cooking pot in school laboratory (4)

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## Cryptic by Virgo



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### Across


- 1 Cover for animal is one step from vehicle (8)
- 5 Thanks to poet in the Cape (6)
- 10 Prize-giver takes pop star Simon aback (5)
- 11 Composer with ancient fur coating (9)
- 12 Uncover bend – not very easy, inviting little starts (6)
- 13 Old English sportsman in Western horse Derby (1,1,5)
- 16 Terror tongs conceal fraud (4)
- 17 Knowledgeable regarding *Ode to Spring?* (4-6)
- 19 Study of numbers in refurbished Lyon morgue (10)
- 21 It is the French Reunion! (4)
- 24 Dried-up Buddhist type in wide disturbance (7)
- 25 Free holiday for worker (6)
- 28 Box eccentrics for some gags (9)
- 29 Instrument starts to play in park every Sunday (5)
- 30 A Smily – distressing to lose (6)
- 31 Heavenly body material's a body-building substance (8)

### Down

- 1 Trick dog clique into agreeing (10)
- 2 Polish our verb delivery (3,4)
- 3 What Mill may do with paper on the rostrum! (6)
- 4 A man in the bay (4)
- 6 Sign by enclosed bird cages (8)
- 7 A wild chorus of beasts (7)
- 8 Run for deserted remains (4)
- 9 Delicacy of depressions in brick stages? (5,4)
- 14 Frenzied Zulu detailed, "Be thrice a devil!" (9)
- 15 The aforementioned composer's date's actively promoted (10)
- 18 The preferred beverage of the Environment Minister? (5,3)
- 20 No runs in these – try some misses (7)
- 22 Fake bear with no tail or hair treatment (7)
- 23 E.g. is finally more than enough (6)
- 26 Racket when he sculpted before noon (4)
- 27 When an afterthought brings on snakes (4)

### GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Surely not THE prize for the month? Gracious thanks. *Gabriel Fuller*
- I offer my sincere appreciation to the members of the ACC for the annual award. But special mention must go to Patrick for the superb job he does in forwarding the book prizes. *Len Colgan*
- Thank you so much for my prize – the *Reader's Digest Reverse Dictionary*. It will be perfect for my editing work and I expect to do far better in *The Age* general knowledge crosswords. *Alison Shield*
- Welcome to *Blue King* (Roy) and *Flowerman* (Ian) and many thanks to all compilers and adjudicators. What a mob! I enjoyed Slots 2 and 3 and look forward to many more. At least this time I noticed the 11 or so "OUGH"s in Len and Bev's crossword but that was happenstance apparently. The "E" endings passed me by completely last month! *Robyn Wimbush*
- Nice to wrestle with two new compilers in *Blue King* and *Flowerman*, although I found the latter rather challenging. I tossed up between these two compilers for my COTM. As to the Bev Cockburn/Len Colgan duo, it's a case of the whole being greater than the sum of the parts. *Nea Storey*
- Thanks for the prize last month. *Rob Moline*
- The new setters required some extra concentration – it's great to see the variety and growth in this aspect of the Club. *Jeremy Barnes*
- Good stuff again this month. There would be a massive hole in my list of things I enjoy doing without the monthly dose of puzzles. Good to see 2 new starters on the grid. *Jim Fowler*
- Your selections this month caused me to delve deep. All good and challenging – thank you. *Trish McPherson*

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Crowsman apologises for the three consecutive unchecked letters in the grid.

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**Across**

- 6 Shook up bold men shielding Roman beauty (8,6)
- 9 Sovereign rejected booze (5)
- 10 Drinks provide support for crazy puzzles (9)
- 11 and 17-across Tarzan returned to identify father (6)
- 12 Led out through live wiring over one's head (11)
- 13 Incomprehensible person cut by director (11)
- 16 Request about primitive old Ireland is beyond me (11)
- 17 See 11
- 18 I left serving in the army for 5 (9)
- 19 Dines in early evening without a rush (5)
- 20 Not once turning, desperately flees guns – it's spiteful! (14)

**Down**

- 1 Catches up with an old citizen (7)
- 2 Upset jackfish? (6)
- 3 Face being bedridden (4)
- 4 Burning slowly without first wasting away (10)
- 5 Head-shaking over group joining (8)
- 7 Baffling buzzer rings out of control on telephone (11)
- 8 Our group has time for practice (5)
- 10 Hard-to-understand playwright is sea-bound (11)
- 12 We led bride out, stunned (10)
- 13 Confuse order to act less restrainedly (8)
- 14 Embarrass a party (5)
- 15 Odorant nettle (7)
- 17 Spray vacant Manor (6)
- 19 Healthy marine creature lost weight (4)

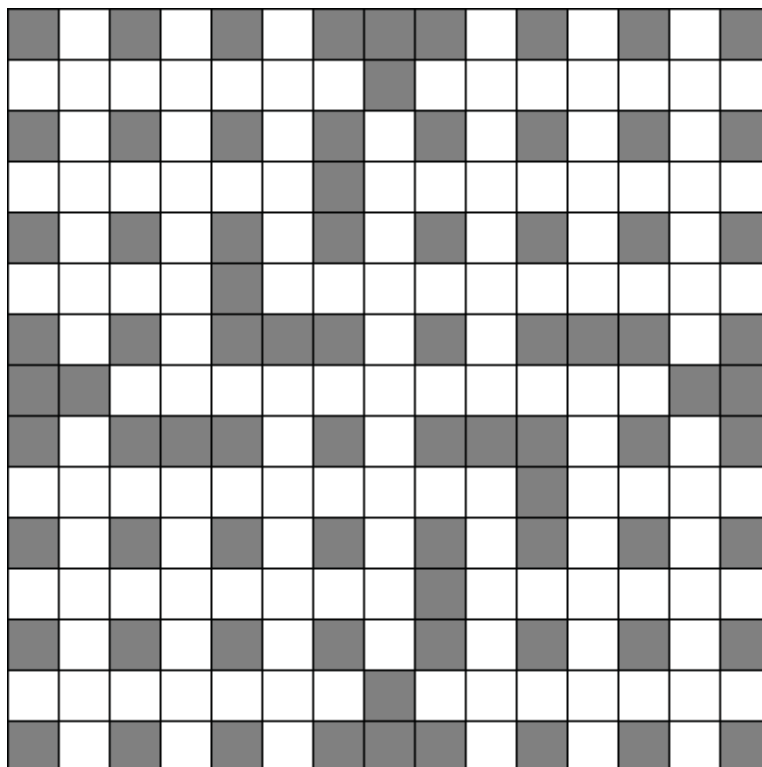
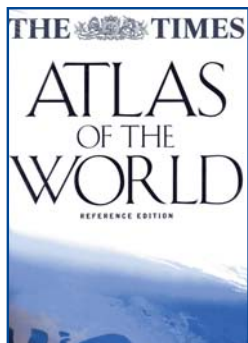
**GENERAL COMMENTS (contd):**

- Many thanks to the Club for the *Times Atlas* (January Slot 4). It is a great reference work and now I'll have the names of all the longest rivers and highest mountains ready for the next trivia night. *Ron Carpenter*
- The February lot was not an easy collection. I couldn't quite come to terms with CRUX or EHIZ in slot 5 or RESTORED in slot 3, also 27ac in slot 5 seems to be ambiguous, SHINING or WHINING! It depends on how you read the clue. A tough one! *Bob Hagan*
- As usual, the 4 letter words were the cleft sticks in which I was stuck. Thank you Croz team for extending my vocabulary, if I could but remember half of the new words I learn each month. Expecting further insanity from Bev and Len, too many cute clues contend for COTM but I'll send an e mail! *Dale McManus*
- Herewith my bumbling effort for this month: not confident. Enjoyed the "maiden" voyages of the new compilers – just as devious as the oldies (not in age of course!). Had trouble choosing COTM. *Eileen O'Brien*
- Quite a difficult bunch of crosswords, especially with the new compilers – nevertheless some very clever clues: hard to pick COTM. Quite a few answers not sure of: too many to mention and no doubt I will see the explanations next month. (I look forward to that also Marian! **C.**) *Marian Procter*
- There were some real head scratchers this month – perhaps because of the welcome new blood of our first time compilers. *Brian Tickle*
- Thank you for my prize of \$75 for the January slot 3 puzzle; gratefully accepted. *Ann Jermy*
- Was delighted when 2013 started with a cheque from the ACC for Jan slot 2; how wonderful. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- I was absolutely delighted to receive my January Slot 3 prize. Unfortunately it seems to have affected my puzzle solving abilities – a very poor strike rate for February I have to say. Thank you to all who continue to put together an amazing range of puzzles and quizzes for us – I never cease to be amazed by the new words which are discovered from month to month. *Frank Martin*

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**AJ**  
by  
**Fortuna 48**

**Book Prize:**



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

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| <p><b>A</b> A big explosion of kinetic energy powering farm transport (2-4)</p> <p><b>B</b> <i>Outback Hut</i> may be George's song (4,6)</p> <p><b>C</b> Voluptuous sound of dealing with Count (7)</p> <p><b>D</b> Doctor imbibes essence of double ecstasy in sweet drink (7,4)</p> <p><b>E</b> They screen peepers when peepers surround screen (10)</p> <p><b>F</b> Sack guy who extinguishes blazes (7)</p> <p><b>G</b> Sign of model Holden (6)</p> <p><b>H</b> Sleuth reconstructs fraud (6)</p> <p><b>I</b> Treats and after-dinner tipple associated with skiing or skating (3,5)</p> <p><b>J</b> Gardner stalks Junior to Indonesian island (4)</p> <p><b>K</b> Resistance of George Bernard to trinkets (8)</p> <p><b>L</b> Around Massachusetts Institute of Technology, art-song is restricted (7)</p> | <p><b>M</b> Sorcerer embracing Irish illusion (6)</p> <p><b>N</b> The finest following immediately after runner-up (4,4)</p> <p><b>O</b> Timber poles collapse at mass. OK? (3,5)</p> <p><b>P</b> Oriental fruit devoured by nanny, after composing poem (11)</p> <p><b>Q</b> Medical Pretender to Queen Duck (7)</p> <p><b>R</b> Polish the French coins (6)</p> <p><b>S</b> Trained fish with Edward (8)</p> <p><b>T</b> Experiment with Aralia on vaulted roof (7)</p> <p><b>U</b> Last month, first officer was the greatest (8)</p> <p><b>V</b> Disgusting convict lives in small settlement (7)</p> <p><b>W</b> Friendly greeting encountered at water source (4,3)</p> <p><b>X</b> Photograph of artist in unknown surroundings (1-3)</p> <p><b>Y</b> Royal House for Queen's Ball (6)</p> <p><b>Z</b> Zebras scattered around acres of stockades (7)</p> |
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**Forthcoming Event:** Melissa Chipp from *Autumn Authors* is helping to coordinate a new event: a Writers Festival in the Dandenong Ranges in Victoria next May. One event they will be running is with **David Astle** who is well-known to us as *Mr Dictionary* on SBS and is "DA" in the world of crosswords for Fairfax publications. David will be talking during lunch at the beautiful Country Place Retreat. Further details about this exciting event in the next *Crozworld*.

**Aussie Word of the Week** from the *Macquarie Best Aussie Slang*, editor James Lambert.

**"go":** 1. an attempt. I'll give anything a go. Hence the great Aussie barracking cry: Have a go ya mug! 2. a fight. When the rival fans met in the pub, boy, then you'd see some goes. Commonly found in that great Aussie challenge to fisticuffs, Do you want a go, mate? Hence, as a verb, to attack, as in I was itching to go him. 3. an opportunity fit for taking. Here's a go! A fair chance, as in There's no chance of getting a go here. 4. to say, as in So I go to him, 'Shut your face!' Used mostly by schoolkids, but also common in the speech of ethnic Australians. Kylie Mole of the 1980s hit TV show *The Comedy Company* was a past master at this idiom: Mum went to me that Dino went to her to go to me that he isn't wif Amanda anymore. 5. to eat or drink with pleasure. I could really go a beer right now. 6. a goanna. You should have seen that go go! A great example of the Aussie penchant for abbreviation.

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**Cryptic**  
by  
*Praxis*

Prize:



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**Across**

- 1 America rejected alien yoghurt initially; it's like fat! (5)
- 5 Civil engineer resisted having trees (7)
- 10 Dodge a cabbage with a half-turn? (8)
- 12 Soccer pro sees old queen holding upset maid (6)
- 13 Our new crew, heading off to a place in France (5)
- 14 Poet, being terribly stubborn errs endlessly (11; 2 words)
- 15 Poor empty lady ate the bird (5)
- 18 One time mother left Runyon at church (4)
- 19 They modified girl's exercises; 6 shortened (8)
- 21 Shrieked aloud call of the yellowhammer (8)
- 23 Place the officer when lessee's gone (4)
- 26 Foul smell has Farrow returning document (5)
- 28 In a way holy Indians are accommodating people (11; 2 words)
- 30 I struggled to describe walls of some US universities? (5)
- 31 Hail UN's reversal on Eastern scheme (6)
- 32 Spenser's sweetheart demands the expensive fish (8)
- 33 Sean's after the issue with poetry (7)
- 34 Is cultural attaché Patterson in Hawaii perhaps? (5)

**Down**

- 1 Cabbage is served around the Spanish sausage (7)
- 2 World body pressed but it's not yet smoothed out (8)
- 3 Support partners accepting new work (5)
- 4 Terrible mud's dislodged with laundry aid (11; 2 words, hyphenated)
- 5 Senator's given time on satellite with auto equipment (8; 2 words)
- 6 18 with rest disturbed (4)
- 7 Joan's partner, Doris brought around rubidium (5)
- 8 Mickey's about to take our knight (6)
- 9 Crammed study course (5)
- 11 With stateliness, train sits on tracks heading to Sydney (11)
- 16 Sri Lankans and yanks misbehave (8)
- 17 Journalists rue bending to coercion (8)
- 20 They added lintels (7)
- 22 She's 51 secure in retirement (6)
- 24 Lies for Jock about widths depleted by time (5)
- 25 Oar's quietly removed to confuse (5)
- 27 The moon rose around Northern void (5)
- 29 Lupino stood, taking time in the mine entrance (4)

**Magnum Opus**

John Stevens, author of the program *Crossword Express*, has announced its replacement called *Magnum Opus*. The program is said to run on Windows, Macintosh and Linux computers. No payment is required and a free copy can be downloaded from the *Magnum Opus* web-site.

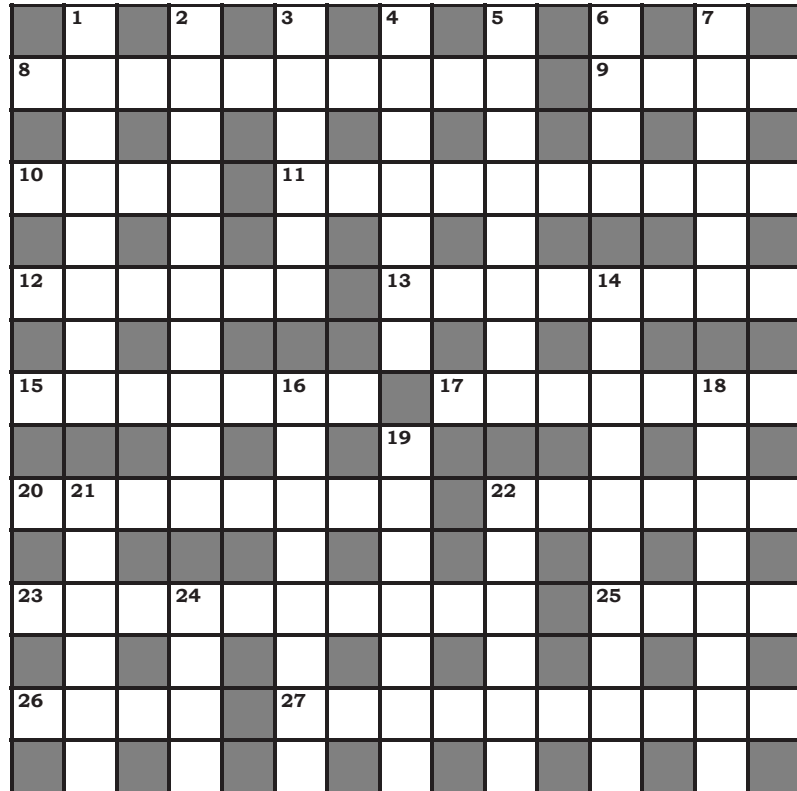
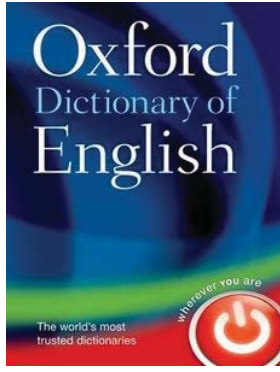
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John invites all interested individuals to check it out at [www.crauswords.com](http://www.crauswords.com). As this is a free offering, the author cannot undertake any support activities, but will accept bug reports and suggestions for new features, or improvements to existing ones.

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## Associates by Betelgeuse

Prize:



All across solutions are to be modified before entering them into the grid by exchanging a part of the clue for another word commonly associated with it. Eg if the answer to the clue is S(COO)ter (7), the word to be entered could be S(BILL)ter(8), the associates being "bill" and "coo". The first word length indicator following the across clues applies to the clued word and the second to the modified word to be inserted in the grid. The words across may not be proper words, as in the example above. All down clues are normal cryptic.

### Across

- 8 Male animal bits designed for defence (8) (10)
- 9 Unable to move bearing food (5) (4)
- 10 Initially Sanskrit Department welcomed pass rate (5) (4)
- 11 Eastern dock in river put to use (7) (10)
- 12 Arrival of French uniform (8) (6)
- 13 One left phone – seemed irregular start of drug production? (8) (8)
- 15 First class safe opener (7) (7)
- 17 Money sources have excellent backing for plant (7) (7)
- 20 Turn of century do is rural (11) (8)
- 22 Late shift of the market (8) (6)
- 23 Apply Choral Fantasy – long forgotten but fabulous (10) (10)
- 25 Type endlessly squiffy (3) (4)
- 26 Bloody bird is back – in, out and on edge (6) (4)
- 27 Took in island on the sea without protective cover (7) (10)

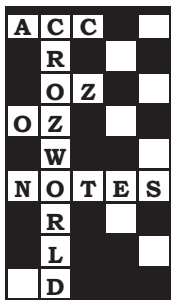
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- 1 Assists in removal of wee three act play (8)
- 2 Turn parking rank honest (10)
- 3 Wants more good animals returned to the yard (6)
- 4 Encrypted deep revolutionary message (7)
- 5 A person who shuns one who eats after following directions (8)
- 6 Biblical character concealed Joshua's early return (4)
- 7 Soft approach shows restraint about cultivating pot (6)
- 14 Made copies ahead after clients difficult (10)
- 16 Frisky pied mice – easily caught (8)
- 18 Loves back-storage facility in cautionary times (8)
- 19 Rising damp reaches birds (7)
- 21 Stick lime branches around parking area (6)
- 22 Embrace drug – curiously clean (6)
- 24 Cut name after name, we hear (4)

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**SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS FOR 2013:** Pam Abbott, Lynn Jarman, John Jenkins, Bhavan Kasivajjula, Judith Mitchell, Ian Ramsay, Anne Rendell, Michael Vnuk, Margaret Watzinger, Dallas Window and Stephen Young.  
**DONATIONS TO THE ACC PRIZE FUND 2013 ARE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FROM:** Lynn Jarman and Bhavan Kasivajjula and Anne Rendell.

**THE MACQUARIE DICTIONARY'S WORD OF THE YEAR 2012:**

**phantom vibration syndrome:** noun, a syndrome characterised by constant anxiety in relation to one's mobile phone and an obsessional conviction that the phone has vibrated in response to an incoming call when in fact it hasn't. Also, phantom phone vibration syndrome.

The Committee gave honourable mentions to:

**crowdfunding** (krowdfunding), noun, the obtaining of small donations from individuals contacted through social networks, as to fund a project, support a cause, etc. Also, crowd source funding. -crowdfunded, adjective.

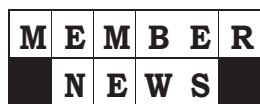
**technomite** (teknohmuyt), noun, (humorous) a young child who is adept in the use of digital media. [techno- + mite (a very small child)].

**marngrook** (mahngrook), noun, a type of football played by Aboriginal people of south-eastern Australia before European settlement, being characterised by large numbers of players covering a wide area of ground, a ball made from stuffed animal skin, and a style of play which involved dropping the ball onto the foot and kicking it, and leaping high above others to catch it; seen as an influence on Australian Rules. [in various Victorian Aboriginal languages: game ball]

**First World problem**, noun, a problem that relates to the affluent lifestyle associated with the First World, and that would never arise in the poverty-stricken circumstances of the Third World, as having to settle for plunger coffee when one's espresso machine is not functioning.

The Committee thought that *phantom vibration syndrome* (which they suggest should be abbreviated to PVS in the spirit of the times) was an indication of how attached we have become to this technology which has had such an impact on all our lives. They enjoyed the self-deprecating tone of *First World problem* and acknowledged that it is frighteningly true how adept small children (*technomites*) are with new technology. They thought that the origins of Aussie Rules in the Indigenous game marngrook should be recognised and observed the democratisation of knowledge and enterprising activity in the term *crowdfunding*.

The Macquarie Dictionary Word of the Year Committee comprises: Dr Michael Spence, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, The University of Sydney, Professor Stephen Garton, Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Sydney, Michael Wilkins, General Manager Operations NSW, News Limited, Les Murray AO, renowned Australian poet, Susan Butler, Editor, Macquarie Dictionary.



**New Member: Grenville Thynne** from Gold Coast Qld. Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworlding!*

**Dots Table Adjustment:** Bev Cockburn, David Procter and Peter Dearie gained five dots for the January 2013 Slots 1-5 puzzles. Marian Procter gained dots for Slots 1-3 and 5. Andrew Miles gained a dot for the December 2012 Slot 6 puzzle.

**TROPHY WINNERS:** Slots 1-6/2012: **David Procter**. 2012 Quizzes: Bev Cockburn. **Congratulations!** Our sincere thanks to **Brian Symons** for his skilful management of the Trophy awards.

Bev Cockburn writes: "Thank you so much for the quiz prize. I was delighted to hear that I was successful. I will definitely get the certificate framed."

David Procter writes: "My thanks to the ACC for the pleasure it gives in solving the puzzles in *Crozworld*, also to Patrick, Beverley, Ian and Brian for all they do in keeping the club running efficiently and Thank You for the trophy for being the most successful solver of Slots 1-6 in 2012."

**Vale**

• **Jacqui King:** We were saddened to hear of the death of **Jacqui King** from Higgins ACT in October 2012. Jacqui was a long-term member of the ACC and we send her family our condolences. Her partner Mark wrote: "I want to sincerely thank you and the other stalwarts of the ACC for the many years of enjoyment your efforts gave to Jacqui. She was always excited when a new edition of *Crozworld* arrived and she continued to enjoy the challenges until a couple of months before her death. Wishing you and the club all the best for the future."

• **Norm J Wilson** was a valued member of the ACC for many years and was an accomplished solver. His daughter Cindy said that Norm (known as John) "enjoyed belonging to your club for many years deriving much pleasure and mental stimulation from solving your puzzles."

**Results of Bonus Quiz Actors by Virgo (Audrey Austin)**  
 20 entries; all correct. Winner: **Robyn Caine**. Congratulations!

**Solutions:** 1. Kevin Spacey 2. Eric Roberts 3. Daniel Radcliffe 4. Albert Finney 5. Eric Idle 6. Ethan Hawke 7. Ugo Tognazzi 8. Liam Neeson 9. Kiefer Sutherland. **Part 2:** 10. Clint Eastwood 11. Valerie Hobson 12. Erik Estrada 13. Tyrone Power 14. Edmond O'Brien 15. Ian Holm 16. Romy Schneider 17. Ronald Reagan 18. Christopher Reeve.

**Bonus Quiz March 2013**

**It's raining.... by *The Busybodies*.**

The clues represent two subjects, and answers are not in alphabetical order.

Send your entries to Bev Cockburn 12 Norman Street, Merrylands West NSW 2160.

e-mail to [bevco4@bigpond.com](mailto:bevco4@bigpond.com).

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- 1 Raggedy Ann (7)
- 2 From Rangoon (7)
- 3 Cold cut King (5,3)
- 4 Early Iranian (7)
- 5 Cheesy smile (8)
- 6 From Thailand (7)
- 7 Soft grey fur (10)
- 8 Formerly Ethiopian (10)
- 9 Now Ankara (6)
- 10 Male kiss (4)
- 11 Crossword compiler (6)
- 12 Hoarse (5)
- 13 Sausage dog (9)
- 14 One of 101 (9)
- 15 Coach company USA (9)
- 16 Queen's favourite (5)
- 17 Fetcher (9)
- 18 Darwin's craft (6)
- 19 Jump jet (7)
- 20 Pugilist (5)

## February 1-2013: Cryptic by Penobscot (Maurice Cowan)

- I haven't seen this spelling of OCTETTE in 9ac before. 14ac - THEREFORE - gave me quite a headache. *Nea Storey*
- A good start to the month. *Tony Dobebe*
- 9ac: is 'octette' some betting format? [Various spellings for the eightsome are given by Chambers - Adj] 19ac: 'sinister' could've been better hidden as 'on the left' is the same sense. 23ac: 'half full' is -UL-? It should be either the front half or back half. 20dn: somewhat strange clue. It doesn't fit any usual format. *Andrew Patterson*
- 15dn EAGER. Should the clue have said "first two" or am I missing something? [Bore = eagre, changing last two letters to EAGER: Adj] *Ian Thompson*
- Slot 1 was a little harder than usual: liked the clues for 7 and 21dn. *Joan Smith*
- Not an easy slot 1 puzzle to start with. Was looking for our normal orthodox clues for half this puzzle. Seems we are now the ACCC! *Alan Walter*
- A very good but tough slot 1. *Brian Symons*
- So many light bulb moments I looked like a blinking Christmas tree. *Carole Noble*
- Is this slot more difficult than it used to be? Still a good way to prepare for more testing ones later. *Margaret Davis*
- Not a pushover by any means - 26ac was the last one solved "DI" leaving "DISPLAYS" to give "turns out" i.e. SPLAYS. *Peter C. Dearie*
- 12ac: SCRATCHES UP is a new phrase for me. (Me too Doreen! C) *Doreen Jones*

## February 2-2013: Cryptic by Blue King (Roy Low)

- Several delightful clues here: 18ac, 23ac (my COTM), 3dn, 6dn and 18dn in particular. *Nea Storey*
- Quite tricky, some good clues. I especially liked BACKACHE and ARACHNID. *Tony Dobebe*
- 18dn: I in France maybe. Europe is too broad. 3dn: is E and F meant to be lower classes? Could B thru Z then be 'lower classes'? Some of the surface readings were a bit clunky as the answer components were patched together. *Andrew Patterson*
- 24dn RARE. At end of clue there appears to be a typo - a full stop where a t should be. [Whoops: Adj] *Ian Thompson*
- COTM is 17ac ABUSE. Succinct, to the point, and nice surface - having just spent a few weeks on a boat I can confirm sailors do employ bad language. *Rob Moline*
- I found this to be a good puzzle but I have to query "Whore Marts". Wholesale I am familiar with but that? An interesting anagram with Earthworms. *Jim Fowler*
- Challenging puzzle favourite clues were 10, 23ac and 15dn. *Joan Smith*
- Surprise anagram of 15dn. EARTHWORMS gives 1dn as WHORE MARTS! 13dn. S+QUA+E, QUA=AS, BS= Bachelor of science (US) Thanks *Blue King* for your first published puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- Enjoyable puzzle. I gave CHEROKEE COTM. *Roy Taylor*
- Wonderful to have talented new compilers. Welcome *Blue King*. *Brian Symons*
- It's always good to welcome a new compiler to the club. I think it may take me a while to get on your wave-length but I look forward to trying. *Carole Noble*
- Welcome to a new compiler. If WHOREMARTS is correct I cannot find it in any of my references but it is the only anagram I can make from EARTHWORMS. *Margaret Davis*
- A new compiler whose clues were quite a challenge for me. I am still puzzling over 7dn, 13dn and 20dn. In 17dn an "elementary species" was an interesting way to define "actinium". For 1 dn I have not come across the phrase "Whore marts" before. In 18dn "je" equals in Europe "J". Hmmm! *Peter C. Dearie*
- Good straightforward cryptic. *Doreen Jones*

## February 3-2013: Cryptic by Flowerman (Ian Thompson)

- WEDDED was my runner-up for COTM. *Nea Storey*
- Exemplary surface readings indicate a compiler willing to

make that extra effort. But, in addition, several superb clues, of which 27ac RESTRAINED warrants COTM, closely followed by 21ac, 7dn, 23dn. Congratulations! *Len Colgan*

• Another good tricky slot. Several good clues including STRIFE, and PSST brought a smile. *Tony Dobebe*

• 6ac: 'shifted during play' is not 'prop'. [But a prop (property) may be shifted during a play: Adj] 14dn: 'trifle with this' is not 'sponge'. 15ac, 5dn and 23dn were nice and neat. *Andrew Patterson*

- Surprised to learn that a SPONGE was an animal. *Rob Moline*
- An excellent puzzle and on the hardish end of the scale. Some very good clues. I liked 7dn reignite and 8dn Palisade was a great groaner of a pun. *Jim Fowler*
- Found this puzzle quite hard. Not sure of a few of my answers. 14dn was my pick of the clues. *Joan Smith*
- I would like to commend *Flowerman* for a well-concealed definition in "Reproduce art prints with carbon copy" = TRANSCRIPT. It took me rather a long time to arrive at the "Eureka" moment that finally unlocked that corner of his puzzle. *Ron Carpenter*
- 16dn: S+PU+RI(OT)OUS -OT = (occupational) therapist. Quite a challenging puzzle. Please explain 21ac. REST+ORED. 6ac. PROP = LEG (slang) 13ac. AC+COUNTS, VACUOUS = Airy+SPREADER= AC+TELLS. 27ac. RE+STRAIN+ED uses BRE+ED -B. Thanks *Flowerman* for your introductory puzzle (Please explain *Flowerman!* (C.) *Alan Walter*
- I liked PSST and PALISADE. *Roy Taylor*
- I couldn't separate PSST and SOCIAL STIGMA for my COTM, but please explain 13ac. *Brian Symons*
- Welcome to you too *Flowerman*. MOSQUITOES and PALISADE were my favourite clues. *Carole Noble*
- Welcome to another new compiler. I found this quite difficult. At 10ac I thought of PILL but it took me a while to work out why. And I still have not fathomed the clue for ACCOUNTS, assuming it is correct of course. *Margaret Davis*
- I loved the humour of 23dn PSST. *Joan McGrath*
- Some very ingenious clues (e.g. 3dn). Some are still puzzling me (13, 21 and 22ac). It took ages to connect PALISADE (8dn) to Queens assistant = Palace aide. *Peter C. Dearie*
- 10ac: PILL - not a great clue. 13ac: ACCOUNTS - I cannot understand this one at all. *Doreen Jones*

## February 4-2013: AJ by Wet and Dry (Graeme Cole and Ian Williams)

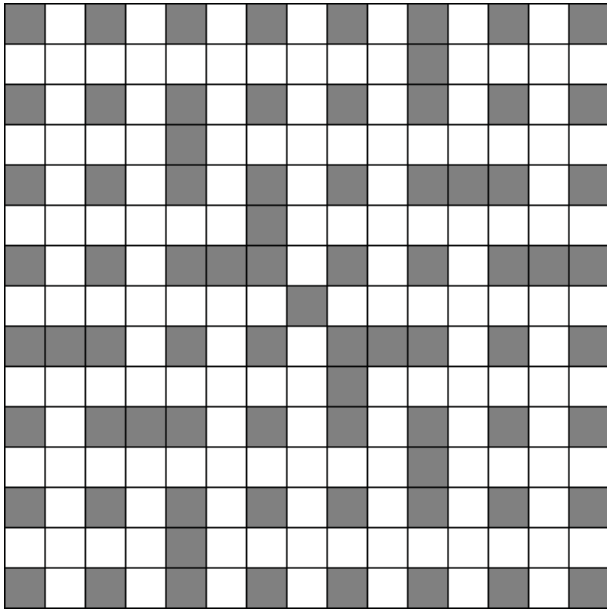
- A consistent mix of quirky words and quirky clues from *Wet and Dry*. PHILANDER made me chuckle, and six answers related to mathematics made me ponder. *Len Colgan*
- Was there a glitch with H where the anagram seems to be missing a T [It's a long story, but the short answer is "Yes" - Adj] Quite a lot of obscure words detracted from the enjoyment a little for me but a well-crafted puzzle. *Tony Dobebe*
- I enjoy the AJs and this one was no exception. I have a problem with a missing T in the H word clue for Hectometres. *Jim Fowler*
- Enjoyable AJ favourite clues F and P. *Joan Smith*
- The O clue for OECISTS was not easy to solve, similarly for XEROMATA. Thanks *Wet & Dry* for a testing AJ. *Alan Walter*
- Some concern over "O". Have placed OEMETTE. Old English for "OUT" is ARMETTE! Am I on the wrong track? (Afraid so Ian. OE = Old English CISTS = STONE TOMBS, OECISTS = Colonial founders! C.) *Ian Mason*
- I think OECISTS can be OEKISTS. I think the H clue is a slightly imperfect anagram. *Brian Symons*
- A few too many obscure words and spellings to make this enjoyable, YLKES QUARES, JILLET, OSCISTS, ESKAR and DURESSSE for instance. *Carole Noble*
- I always enjoy the AJ and this was no exception. I have given my COTM to the M clue. *Margaret Davis*
- It is my ambition to make "QUARES" during a game of Scrabble! An enjoyable and challenging AJ. *Peter C Dearie*

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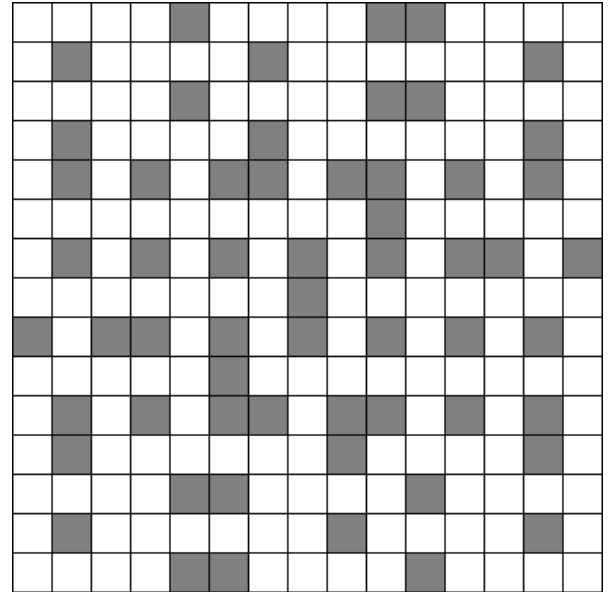
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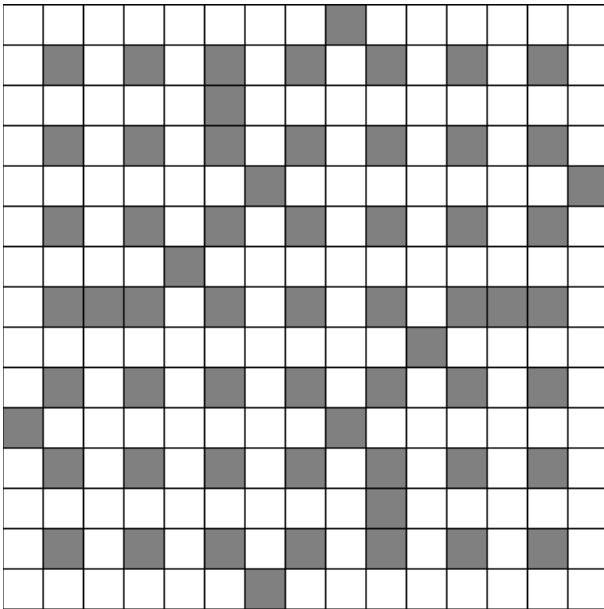


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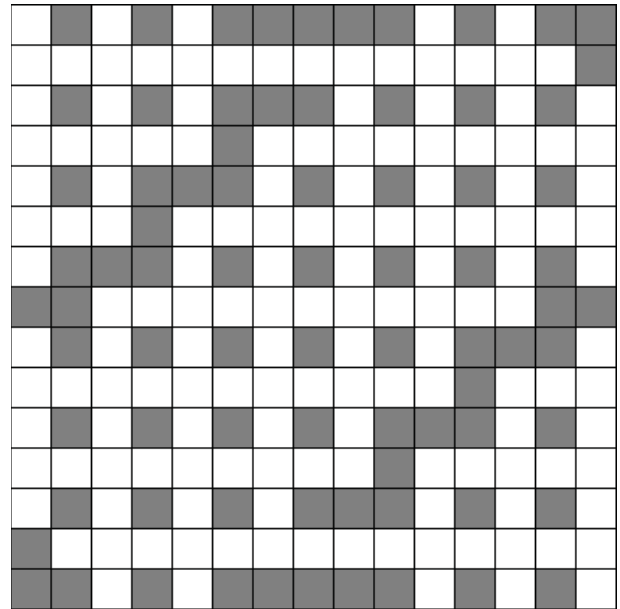


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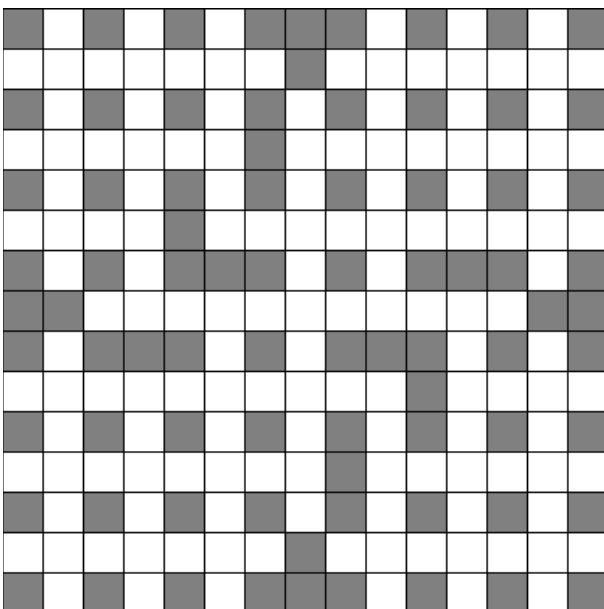
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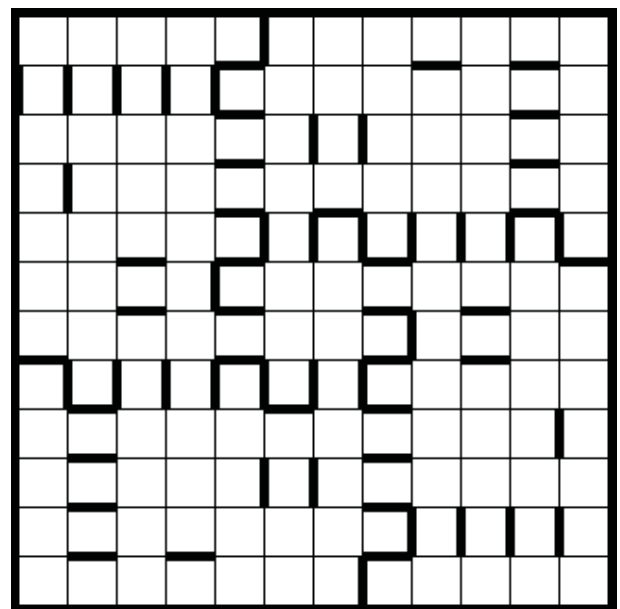
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**February 5-2013: Cryptic by *The Lady & the Scamp* (Bev Cockburn and Len Colgan)**

- Lots to wrestle with here, with so many words ending in OUGH. I just hope I get a tick for my efforts! *Nea Storey*
- Nice steady cryptic with good surfaces. *Tony Dobele*
- Several really nice clues, 11ac, 18ac and 5dn among them. *Andrew Patterson*
- Loved 11ac ENOUGH. *Rob Moline*
- Ough, ough, enough already. Good puzzle. *Jim Fowler*
- Like *The Lady and the Scamp's* offering – all those words ending in OUGH!! *Trish McPherson*
- Challenging puzzle with good clues, especially liked 8, 9, 11, 12, 18 ac and 3, 5, 16 dn. *Joan Smith*
- For COTM I'd like to nominate "Reconcile with Nature" = MAKE-UP. I think it would have been valid to add an exclamation mark to that clue! *Ron Carpenter*
- FURLOUGH, ENOUGH, THOROUGH, TURLOUGH, TROUGH, SOURDOUGH, CHINCOUGH, FALL THROUGH all surprisingly ended in OUGH: what a clever theme! You OUGHT to be congratulated for nothing TOUGH. TURLOUGH and CHINCOUGH were challenging. *Alan Walter*
- Pity there were so many words without OUGH. *Roy Taylor*
- Tough but ought to be thought through. *Brian Symons*
- I'm OVERWROUGHT at the THOUGHT that I FOUGHT over the bargain I'd SOUGHT, the BOUGHT I OUGHT to return what I BROUGHT home, it was NOUGHTS and crosses. Too TOUGH THOUGH!! *Carole Noble*
- What a lot of words ending with OUGH and nothing in the title to indicate this. But how would you? *Margaret Davis*
- O! UGH! The most inconsistent letter group imaginable when it comes to pronunciation "Take a bough" *the Lady and the Scamp* for including so many "OUGH" answers. *Peter C. Dearie*
- Clever use of OUGH words. *Doreen Jones*

**January 6-2013: Cryptic by *zinzan* (Andrew Patterson)**

**Entries received: 80; Entries correct: 58; 72.5 % correct.**

**Prize-winner: Roger Douglas. Congratulations!**

**Setter's comments:** Thank you for a generally positive response. It's great when a whole spread of clues are singled out. It seemed that the problem area was 30dn (IRON)/33ac (EMO). I admit EMO is unusual and I'm surprised how under-referenced it is – a broodily EMOTional teenager. I didn't want to clue EGO again, so EMO it was. In hindsight, the secondary should've been a bit more accessible. IRON is defined by Fe. I thought that solvers would wonder why on earth Santa Fe? There had to be reason for picking that. I worked backwards from there. DHAKA brought a few variations. Back to the clueing-board for me . . . **—zinzan (Andrew Patterson)**

**Solvers' Comments:**

- I found this a most absorbing puzzle with many intriguing clues, which kept me guessing right until the very end. *John Baylis*
- Another good puzzle. I particularly liked the clue for 'Oedipus Rex'. *Robyn Caine*
- Your clue "Introduce trailers of litter into the middle of Santa Fe" had me looking up on-line maps of the central district of Santa Fe searching street names and places of interest. All very educational, until I eventually realised how the clue had been constructed. What a very cleverly disguised definition! *Ron Carpenter*
- A genuine Slot 6 – not at all easy but as usual clever and fair. My favourite was IRON (30dn) and I also liked TAD (9dn). *Bev Cockburn*
- I have never, ever tackled a puzzle with so many sensational clues. Beyond being clever, exceptional clues were 11, 14, 17, 27, 29, 35ac and 1, 5, 6, 7, 9, 30dn. The few problematical

usages involved "full of women" as the adjective equivalent of "hen" in 22ac, "covers up" implying "replacing" in 32ac, and the obscure word "emo" in 33ac coupled with a multi-interpretational secondary. I had not seen "unrestricted" meaning "without R" before (in 10dn). What a smörgåsbord! Well done *zinzan*! *Len Colgan*

• Thank you for a challenging puzzle. I found 22ac eluded me for some time. ['full of women' is HEN, adjectivally. AP] Quite a number of ingenious clues. I do like 23dn. *Margaret Davis.*

• A long time was spent finding a solution for 33ac. Not one word in the clue made any sense to me. By contrast all other clues were 'doable'. *Tony de Gry*

• As usual, some absolutely brilliant clues from *zinzan*. Loved 27ac and 30dn (my LOI). *Tony Dobe*

• Nice one, Andrew, particularly 'mountebanks'! *David Grainger*

• There were some great clues – I liked the 'iron' and 'nineteenth hole' clues particularly. *Bob Hagan*

• Thank you for this most intriguing, difficult and satisfying (if I got it right!) crossword. My pick of the clues was 30dn – the 'Santa Fe' bit very tricky! *Catherine Hambling*

• Cunning, clever, challenging – typical *zinzan*. Especially liked 13ac and 30dn. *Kath Harper*

• I have a couple of answers, like 22ac, about which I am not confident because I can't quite justify them. But I did really enjoy some of your clues, such as 30dn. *Susan Howells*

• I know you probably have your favourite clues, but for me it was MOUNTEBANKS, PERMAFROST, SWORN and AZOIC (this one because I would deem this a difficult word to clue). I didn't know UNITARD but I like it. *Michael Kennedy*

• I started your puzzle with my usual attitude to a *zinzan* puzzle – 'I can't do this'. But now I've finished, I can only hope. [All good! AP] *Joan McGrath*

• Well done – lots of good clues. I liked especially 'sworn', 'mountebanks' and 'iron'. *Ian McKenzie*

• Thoroughly enjoyed your puzzle. Some tough ones in there. *Trish McPherson*

• A couple of crackers here including 'packs it in' and 'oedipus rex' but I could not quite get 22ac/18dn [See clue notes. AP]. *Andrew Miles*

• This was quite a challenge but I've persisted and managed to fill all the squares. Some of your clues were brilliant. I hadn't heard of a few answers. Anyway, it was most enjoyable to solve. *Carole Noble*

• Reckon there a few COTMs here. Did enjoy this but sadly not confident of 30dn and 32dn. *Eileen O'Brien*

• Wow, this one was a challenge! Bottom left corner was the last to fall. 29ac SEPTICAEMIA and 28dn OFOLD were my favourites. *Mike Potts*

• Many well-contrived clues, especially SEPTICAEMIA and OEDIPUS REX. *Max Roddick*

• Great challenging puzzle with good clues. Esp liked 1, 11, 27, 29, 32ac 3 and 30dn. Thanks Andrew. *Joan Smith.*

• What a great puzzle. Just as well I was not allowed to vote for your puzzle for COTM as I had two clues that I would not be able to pick between. 27ac – SWORN and 28dn – Of Old. *Lynne Spicer*

• I loved a lot of these clues – 'iron', 'roost', 'two', 'Friedrich' etc etc. As heady as a good Christmas champagne! *Roy Taylor*

• I found it be a good challenge. I thought 27ac SWORN and 23dn ISLAND-HOP were very clever, and found 28dn and 31dn tricky. *Ian Thompson*

• Thanks *zinzan* for a very challenging puzzle. 26ac – the clue for 'flatter' was brilliantly deceptive. *Alan Walter*

• 14ac had me scratching my head until my new *Chambers* revealed under SCENT a series of clues. 35ac – I have just now twigged – reference = OED, and I love how you clued X as *wrong*. Many clever clues, my favourite was TITLE. *Jan Wood*



## Quiz No 3/2013



by **Brian Symons**

### Quiz 3/2013. Fun with Homophones by Brian Symons

Each clue is for a two word answer. The two words are homophones (eg harness egg part — yoke yolk). Answers are in alphabetical order of the first word. Most words are of 4, 5 or 6 letters. There are a few of 3 or 7 letters and one of 10.

Send your answers to Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Place, Grays Point NSW 2232 e-mail [bms65@bigpond.com](mailto:bms65@bigpond.com).

Closing date: 13 April 2013. Book Prize.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Change shrine</li> <li>2 Missed opportunity to win fight</li> <li>3 Unfeeling corn</li> <li>4 Drivers instruments</li> <li>5 Curse barrier</li> <li>6 Battled the garrison</li> <li>7 Sensed cattle</li> <li>8 Recognised animal</li> <li>9 Steal instrument</li> <li>10 Junior digger</li> <li>11 Peel fruit</li> <li>12 Congregations of flowers</li> <li>13 Eulogise quarries</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14 Rectify carpenter eg</li> <li>15 Approximate trump</li> <li>16 Strange curve</li> <li>17 Dispatched cologne</li> <li>18 Charge for nails</li> <li>19 Coached a wrong</li> <li>20 Wood tone</li> <li>21 Dragged amphibian</li> <li>22 Bound faith</li> <li>23 Forego dumper</li> <li>24 Completely divine</li> <li>25 Formed a melee</li> </ol> |
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### Results of Quiz No 1/2013.

#### Four Letter Words by InGrid (Jean Barbour)

**Winner: Doreen Jones. Congratulations.**

**Correct:** Warren Allen, Maureen Blake, Bev Cockburn, Robyn Caine, Graeme Cole, Peter Dearie, Tony DeGrys, Rosemary Dorrell, Jim Fowler, Barbara Glissan, Ray Gooderick, Bob Hagan, Kathleen Harper, Susan Howells, Barb Ibbott, Ann Jermy, Doreen Jones, Gabrielle Leeds, Claire McClelland, Trish McPherson, Drew Meek, Andrew Miles, Carole Noble, Eileen O'Brien, Marian Procter, Sonia Roulston, Betty Siegman, Anne Simons, Joan Smith, Margaret Steinberger, Jack Stocks, Brian Simons, Cheryl Wilcox and Norman Wilson.

#### Solution:

I ONCE TOOK **AN OATH** NEVER TO **BE ARMED** WITH A **PEN** AGAIN. I **SCARPERED** AWAY FROM THOSE WHO HAD **A CERTAIN TALENT** FOR PUZZLES. **EVER NERVOUS** OF THOSE BLACK AND WHITE SQUARES, **OFF I SHOVED** WHEN THE CROSSWORD PAGE APPEARED – TOO SCARED TO HAVE A **GO AT** THEM.

THEN, WITH **A REALIZATION** THAT FROM THE **CRIB I SOUGHT** THOSE TRICKY WORDS, I BEGAN TO **HIJACK** THE PUZZLES FROM MY PARTNER. HE SAID, “**LOOK I WISH YOU'D GET YOUR OWN** AND STOP **FOOLING** WITH MY PAPER!”

THAT WAS WHEN, FROM **A REFERRAL**, I FOUND A **NEW TREAT**, WITH THE **ACC**, **OR CAN** IT BE AN **OBSESSION?** **UPON YET** ANOTHER **UNIQUE YEAR** OF PUZZLING I FOLLOWED **CRYPTIC TRAILS** AROUND **LOST AGENDAS** THAT **YOUR VACANT SQUARES** CREATE. **WE TAKE** HOURS WITH THIS **CRAZE**, **BUT** WHAT A GREAT TIME WE HAVE.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IN MAKING THIS CLUB SUCH A PLEASURE.

### Some Unusual Words ...

- **abaction** *n.* cattlestealing.
  - **abliguration** *n.* extravagance in cooking and serving (*obs.*)
  - **acutiator** *n.* in medieval times, a sharpener of weapons.
  - **amadelphous** *adj.* gregarious.
  - **barabara** *n.* an underground hut (Aleutian Islands, Russian dialect).
  - **benthopelagic** *adj.* inhabiting the ocean deep.
  - **cheeseparings** *n. pl.* cheese peels, saved only by the very poor or the tightwad, worthless scraps. *adj.* miserly economizing; scrimping.
  - **chopin** *n.* 1. a ceramic cup. 2. a liquid measure varying from a half pint to a quart (Scottish).
  - **demurge** *n.* 1. a secondary god who (a) created evil; (b) created the material world. 2. an old Grecian magistrate.
  - **epilegomenon** *n.* an added remark.
  - **equilibrist** *n.* a tightrope walker.
  - **farkleberry** *n.* a multiseeded blackberry bush.
  - **fissilingual** *adj.* having a forked tongue.
  - **gharnao** *n.* a raft made of inverted ceramic pots (Ganges Valley).
  - **gyrovagues** *n. pl.* monks accustomed to wander from monastery to monastery.
  - **haecceity** *n.* that which makes something different from anything else; individuality. see quiddity.
  - **icosian** *adj.* of or relating to twenty.
  - **jussive** *adj.* expressing command. *n.* a word or mood (or tense or case) expressing command.
  - **kakorrhaphiophobia** *n.* a fear of failure.
  - **lallation** *n.* unintelligible baby talk.
  - **lexiphanic** *adj.* using pretentious language.
  - **mogigraphia** *n.* writers' cramp.
  - **morpunkee** *n.* a long, paddle-powered Indian barge.
  - **nikhedonia** *n.* pleasure derived from anticipating success.
  - **orthotetraldekahedron** *n.* the truncated octahedron.
  - **packinko** *n.* a Japanese slot machine.
  - **quiddity** *n.* the essence or nature of a thing. (that which answers the question, *quid est?* = what is it?). 2. a subtle distinction; cavil, quibble. 3. something intangible.
  - **rakehelly** *adj.* dissolute, debauched.
  - **serrurerie** *n.* highly wrought wrought iron.
  - **tanquam** *n.* someone educated enough to go to college.
- Cheerfully appropriated from *Mrs. Byrne's Dictionary of Unusual, Obscure and Preposterous Words*, Josefa Heifetz Byrne, Granada, 1974.

**January 7-2013: Cryptic by Buzzer (Bhavan Kasivajjula)**  
**Entries 63; Correct 49; Success rate 77.77%.**  
**Winner: Robyn Caine. Many congratulations!**

**Explanations: Across: 5** HEART\* + N; **7** JAM + BORE + E; **9** SP + LATTE + R; **10** GLIDES with U for L; **11** (SPELL I SERVE)\* + Y; **13** BE(-fo)GGED; **15** Hidden in aRE A LIAbility; **18** (PLAN FOR OSSIE)\*; **21** SHR(I)EK; **22** UP + HE + (c-)AVAL(-ry); **23** RE + DC + LOUD; **24** ALAS<- + A + M **Down: 1** WR(EA + K)ING; **2** IN + S + PET<-; **3** SMUGG(L)ER; **4** HO(MI)LY; **6** (RISE LEAP)\*; **7** JER(-k) + YES<-; **8** (f-)EWER; **12** H + I + RAG + ANA; **14** Cryptic def; **16** ROAD\* + ABLE; **17** FE + CU + (a-)ND; **18** ~PRINTS; **19** S(CH + IS)M; **20** THEE Acrostic.

**Adjudicator's Comments:**

My last two puzzles have been a huge learning experience in terms of what to expect from solvers. While the enumerations of abbreviations in previous month's Half 'n Half puzzle cost quite a few members their dots, this puzzle came under criticism for what some members termed as non-standard indicators. 20dn SHOE for THEE has been the most common wrong answer. The indicator for this acrostic was "floors" which many solvers mentioned as never seeing before. Same with a few single letter indicators in 10ac - U for uniform and L for long and in 12dn H for hand. Hereafter I'll stick to what is present in *Chambers Dictionary* alone.

Robyn Caine, Marian Procter, Jim Fowler, Jan Wood and Richard Skinner were the only people to have spotted the Nina "BEST WISHES ALL MEMBERS" around the completed grid's perimeter. No one cottoned on to the first part of this seasonal greeting: "HAPPY NEW YEAR TWENTY THIRTEEN" which was formed by the first letters of all the clues.

—**Buzzer (Bhavan Kasivajjula)**

**Solvers' Comments:**

- Thank you for the most challenging puzzle. *Maureen Blake*
- What a very clever puzzle with a Nina, even yet!! *Robyn Caine*
- I particularly liked UPHEAVAL and the anagram for ELVIS PRESLEY. A tough but fair puzzle. *Ron Carpenter*
- I really enjoyed working on it. My favourite clue was 11ac. It took a while (and some down answers) before the penny dropped. *Lesley Carroll*
- Another challenging but enjoyable puzzle by Buzzer. I particularly liked the succinct clue for JAMBOREE. A few less common abbreviations made 10ac and 12dn tricky to resolve. *Len Colgan*
- Great puzzle. Thanks. *Ken Davis*
- Thanks for an enjoyable and challenging puzzle. *Peter Dearie*
- Another nice work-out from Buzzer! *Tony Dobebe*
- Thank you for an engaging puzzle with many fun clues - loved IN STEP and ADORABLE. *Jean Evans*
- It's a Nina! Excellent puzzle - with a bonus. *Jim Fowler*
- This was very good but I got stuck on 20dn. I have never seen floors used like this before. *Jill Freeland*
- Thank you for the effort you put into composing for our enjoyment. *Pat Garner*
- Nice one Bhavan - 20dn almost fooled me. *David Grainger*
- A very enjoyable exercise. *Bob Hagan*
- Tricky but enjoyable and eventually solvable! I particularly liked your 22ac and 16dn clues. *Kath Harper*
- Thank you for your excellent crossword. 11ac had me fooled for ages trying to think of Kings of England not good old Elvis. *Doreen Jones*
- This was good solid clueing, and I can see that you work hard at creating surface-sense. I particularly enjoyed SMUGGLER and ADORABLE. *Michael Kennedy*
- THEE very tricky! Had me stumped for days! *Pat Lord*
- Took me quite a while to get into it and a couple of new words for me. Thanks for the challenge. *Trish McPherson*
- Thanks Buzzer. I enjoy your puzzles. Please keep them coming. *Andrew Miles*
- SMUGGLER and SHRIEK were my favourite clues in this excellent cryptic. *Carole Noble*

- It was a lovely puzzle. *Andrew Patterson*
- Really enjoyed this crossword and there is a NINA in it. *Marian Procter*
- Thanks Buzzer. Excellent slot. Tough, but fair! *Raoul*
- Sneaky one! Pretty good crossword, I particularly liked the Elvis clue! *Richard Skinner*
- Thanks for an excellent cryptic. Loved FECUND & THEE. *Brian Symons*
- Tricky puzzle. I liked ELVIS PRESLEY, SALAAM + lot of others. *Roy Taylor*
- I found it to be a good challenge and quite tricky in parts. *Ian Thompson*
- Enjoyed this a great deal. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Is this the much anticipated unannounced Nina? I really enjoyed your puzzle, so many brilliant clues, my favourites ADORABLE, BEGGED, SHRIEK, SPLATTER - too many to mention. *Jan Wood*

**Solution to January 2013 Slot 7**

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**Clue Writing Competition (cont'd from p16):**  
**Some title made up for a parasite found hanging around at Christmas \*\*\*\*½**

Anagram of SOME TITLE as indicated by 'made up'. The definition is thorough and the whole clue reads very smoothly.

**Taking a stance under this will get you a good smack on the mouth \*\*\*\***

Last, but certainly not least, is this clever cryptic definition. The clue's surface reading steers you along a false path, but once you reset your cryptic-GPS, the clue is a perfectly accurate description of mistletoe. The only thing missing is a reference to Christmas.

	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 \*\*\*\*\*

**Clue Writing Competition No 2/2013:**

Write a clue for the word **METEORITES (10)**.  
 Note: only one clue per person. Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Michael Kennedy, 27 Hennessy Lane, Figtree NSW 2525 or by email to: [manveru@bigpond.com](mailto:manveru@bigpond.com)  
 Closing mail date: Friday 12 April 2013. Book prize.

**Results of the Clue Writing Competition: No 1/2013.**

**Write a clue for MISTLETOE (9)**

**Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy**

Definition of MISTLETOE from *Chambers* (12<sup>th</sup> edition):

A hemiparasitic evergreen shrubby plant (*Viscum album*) with white, viscous berries, growing on the apple, apricot, etc (very rarely on the oak). Extended to other species of its genus or family (Loranthaceae). ORIGIN: OE *misteltān*, from *mistel*, *mistil* mistletoe, and *tān* twig; see missel.

I have learnt quite a bit about this plant over the last couple of months. Not only does the custom of kissing under the mistletoe date back to the early 17<sup>th</sup> century, but the druids had a particular hankering for mistletoe when it was found on an oak. In searching for my own 'oak' mistletoe clue, I was struck by the quality of several cryptically rendered clues making use of 'smack, face to face meetings, suspended etc.' They were all contenders for the ultimate kiss. However, by the barest of margins, **Jenny Wenham's** clue takes the top prize.

**Christmas hangover (9)**

I received 18 clues in total. The clues are listed in alphabetical order and the definitions, where appropriate, are *italicised*.

**Apply a fine spray of water to allow start of offshoot on English shrub \*\*\***

This is a charade clue made up of MIST+LET+O+E. 'Apply' is being used in a literal sense and is not a superfluous word. The surface reading is slightly thorny in the middle but I do appreciate the attempt at a botanical surface reading here.

**At the proper time, drizzle tonne of oil equivalent, admit the French: it helps your chances with the ladies! \*\***

This is a charade-style clue with the elements MIST + T.O.E (tonne of oil equivalent) literally admitting LE. While the secondary indicators are accurate, I think T.O.E might be a little too obscure for most people even if it does appear in the *OECD*. It's also preferable to use as little punctuation as possible. The definition is actually at the beginning *and* end of the clue, and is at the very least, unorthodox.

**Christmas hangover \*\*\*\*½**

Oh, I wish I had thought of this. It's the simplest of cryptic definitions that reflects the fact that mistletoe hangs over one's head. However, the clue just needs either a question mark or 'perhaps' added to indicate the misleading-ness of 'hangover', as by itself it is not 'dictionary' defined as *something above*. The surface reading of the clue obviously portrays the overindulgence of Christmas, although it would have been a bonus had the clue managed to incorporate the 'kissing' aspect of mistletoe as well. Nevertheless, a worthy winner!

**Confused mite stole parasitic plant \*\*\***

A simple anagram of MITE STOLE as indicated by 'confused'. It might be difficult to imagine a mite stealing a parasitic plant, but then again it is a confused mite. This is quite a good clue actually as the surface reading at least adheres to a theme.

**Found hanging in a gum tree at a neglected motel site \*\*\*\***

An anagram of MOTEL SITE as indicated by 'neglected'. Until now I never knew that mistletoe was found in Australia, but indeed it is. Check out this link if you want to learn more: <http://www.anbg.gov.au/mistletoe/index.html>

Even so, as the definition here is *an example* of a mistletoe, it should be indicated as such. Despite this, the excellent surface sense and resulting imagery makes this a fine clue.

**Here's an opportunity for kissing, reportedly missed by the French legend \*\*½**

Sounds like 'missed' (MIST) + LE + TOE. While it's true that the letters MIST are the first four required, together they are not pronounced as 'missed' in 'mistletoe'. This is important to remember when using homophones. I think the definition is borderline acceptable, as technically the opportunity is 'being under the mistletoe, not just 'mistletoe'.'

**Liberated motel site overlooks Noels kissing \*\*\*½**

Another anagram of MOTEL SITE. In this one, 'it' is accepted as understood in reference to the definition, in the same way as a similar clue below with the same anagram works. (I have provided a more detailed explanation of this method of defining with the other clue). 'Noels' should be apostrophised but otherwise this is a fine effort.

**LIE!! The theory of everything using transcranial magnetic stimulation can create a parasite \*\*\***

This is an anagram of LIE + TOE (Theory of everything) + TMS (Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation) as indicated by 'can create'. Technically, these acronyms are indirect anagrams, but I have seen them used before (although not usually two in the one clue!) I was none the wiser about the Theory of everything, but it does give the clue a certain mad-scientist feel.

**Most elite fancy Christmas decoration \*\*\***

Anagram of MOST ELITE as indicated by 'fancy'. This is a simple but accurate clue with no superfluous words. The surface sense is a little awkward as it really needs an 'and' between 'elite' and 'fancy'. However, this would corrupt the indication.

**Noel's trick is to let me treat \*\*\***

This is an anagram of IS TO LET ME as indicated by treat. I like the use of small common words in the fodder as it disguises the anagram. Mistletoe does provide the opportunity for 'Noel's trick', but there's not quite enough in the definition to adequately define 'mistletoe'.

**Parasitic plant fibre found by Tom in Moe \*\*½**

Fibre ISTLE by T (tom) inside MOE. The explanation provided indicated ISTLE came from 'plant fibre', but this would mean 'plant' would be doing double duty. However, I think 'fibre' is fine by itself. I haven't seen T for TOM, and it certainly doesn't appear in *Chambers*. The clue's surface sense is fine (Moe is a town in Victoria in case you were wondering).

**Plant a weapon for the auditor to examine at the end \*\*\*\***

This is a charade clue with MISTLE (sounds like Missile) + TO + E (examine at the end). As long as you accept the American pronunciation of 'missile', this is a well-constructed clue, particularly as the definition is disguised.

**Plant net material between maiden and legend? It's a licence to liplock! \*\*\*½**

Place ISTLE (plant net material) between M and TOE (legend) and you get MISTLETOE. I like the use of maiden and legend in developing the clue's surface sense, which sets a scene where one could imagine mistletoe coming into play.

**Plant stole time drastically resulting in face to face meeting! \*\***

This is a tricky clue because the definition is essentially broken into two with 'plant' and 'face to face meeting'. Otherwise it's a simple anagram of STOLE TIME. Ideally, the definition should be at one end or the other, not both, as the solver would understandably think they were missing something. Perhaps 'Plant's face to face meeting...'

**Sanction for face-to-face contact suspended for Christmas \*\*\*\***

Another excellent cryptic definition, misleading the solver into a scenario involving a business meeting or something similar. The placement of 'suspended' is quite brilliant.

**Sleazy motel site is exploited for smack production? \*\*\*\***

This is an anagram of MOTEL SITE as indicated by 'sleazy' (i.e. corrupt). I love the surface sense and it does evoke a picture of a drug den in a dodgy motel – a long, long way from a Christmas kiss! No doubt the astute will notice that 'is exploited for smack production' is lacking 'it' to make it a noun. While this is normally required, the exception is where 'it' is taken as understood. That is, '*Mistletoe is exploited for smack production*' (See *Chambers Crossword Manual* for more info on this). Does sleazy serve well as an anagram indicator? I'm not sure to be honest. While it does mean 'corrupt', it does so in its 'depraved' sense, rather than 'rotten'. Still, a classy clue!

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**January 8-2013: Blue-Collar Worker? by stroz (Patrick Street)**

**Entries: 26. Correct: 18. Success rate: 69.2%.**

**Prizewinner: Brian Symons. Congratulations!**

**Correct:** Robyn Caine, Gillian Champion, Len Colgan, Jim Fowler, Bob Hagan, Kath Harper, Valerie James, Gabrielle Leeds, Claire McClelland, Iain McCulloch, Ian McKenzie, Drew Meek, Andrew Miles, Andrew Patterson, David Procter, Marian Procter, William Ryan and Brian Symons.

**Solutions: Across:** 1 SENNET: Sounds like Senate; 7 DEARY: Ready (anag); 12 HASTE: make; 13 ENURES: ee + runs; 14 ENSEAR: ens + ear; 15 PHONS: Hidden; 16 BYGONES: 2 defns; 18 PUCE: E + cup rev.; 19 SEAPORT: Proteas (anag); 21 NOUS: Where = out + ns; 22 CONTINENTAL: 2 defns; 25 DESS: Initials; 27 NEUROMA: ea + mourn; 30 BRIT: Cereal Vita-Brit; 31 TANAGER: Ter + a nag; 33 ELOPE: Quotation; 34 INCHES: 24ins in 2 feet; NUMERO: Numerous minus US; 37: COCAO: Co + Co + a; 38 START: 2 defns; 39 NULLAH: Null + ah.

**Down:** 1 TENSE: E + nets; 2 SHE: cf. Sir HR Haggard/Rumpole; 3 YEAN: Hidden; 4 SAGOIN: SA + go in; 5 RETRO: 2 defns; 6 SENTENTIOUS: Sent + ten + ious; 7 NEESES: Knees less k + es; 8 SUNNA: Sun god + n/a; 9 RANCOUR: Ran + cour (obs.); 10 RHEOLOGY: Archeology less A & c; 11 CUPPED: Cued + pp; 17 BANDIPUR: Drain pub (anag); 20 PTEROMA: Pte + roma; 22: OSTENT: OS + tent; 23: SNARER: Earns + r; 24 UNCOLT: Unco + lt; 26: BLETTS: Hidden; 28 ANCLE: An + cle; 29 MESON: men + so; 32 ACHA: Initials; 35 HAE: He + a.

**Adjudicator's Comments:** Sincere thanks for your charming cards and comments about my modest effort. The answer COCAO was not easy but it can be found in the *OED*: 1748 Anson Voy. ii. v. (ed. 4) 248 *Her load consisted of timber, cocoa, coco-nuts, tobacco, hides*. The word comes from the tree *Theobromia cacao*, native to tropical America from which cocoa and chocolate are made. I hope that your leisurely Festive time was not spoilt too much by my puzzle.—**stroz (Patrick Street)**

**Solvers' Comments:**

- What a diabolical puzzle. I'm not sure whether I've got all the answers correct, but at least I could identify Lawson's poem. *Robyn Caine*
- It's about time to stop mulling over this puzzle. It was a real challenge. I very much doubt that I'll get a dot for this effort, but have had a lot of enjoyment in gradually disentangling it (if I have). Still wondering how long it took you to compose this! *Gillian Champion*
- Phew, what an exercise! I was originally concerned about COCAO, because I was only familiar with CACAO and COCOA, but now I know there is that third word in the group. And I wrongly thought Evander was of the Holyfield variety, as he had lots of daughters. *Len Colgan*
- A bit of a snorter. It was hard and it was hard to enter the answers when found. But good fun. *Jim Fowler*
- This was diabolical but I did enjoy 30ac! *David Grainger*
- Herewith your very challenging puzzle. There were a few I finally took on trust: 7, 33, 18 and 37ac. The poem's title helped a lot in getting the right order. *Bob Hagan*
- Oh Patrick! You really put us through the wringer with this one. Solving your fiendish clues was hard enough, without having to then fathom how they should be inserted in the grid. I thought summer was supposed to be a time of rest and relaxation, not frantic brain cudgelling. *Kath Harper*
- I submit my entry to show that I have made a serious attempt at your difficult, but most engaging, puzzle. *Susan Howells*
- Thank you for your excellent puzzle – I really do enjoy themed crosswords as opposed to cryptics. I don't know why it was hidden away at the back of the magazine when it should have

had pride of place at Slot 6. Some of the clues/answers have me buffalooed (eg 18, 25 and 30ac) but perhaps I have not got them correct. So I am keeping my fingers crossed.

- Doreen Jones*
- Thank you for an interesting and challenging variant on the standard cryptic. It must have been even more challenging to create! *Iain McCulloch*
- Wow! Now that was some challenge. Once I got a foothold most of the answers fell into place but I certainly learnt many new terms. I'm always in admiration for people who can construct such mind-bending puzzles and this one is no exception. It must have taken you quite some time to finesse. *Michael Kennedy*
- Tough! *Ian McKenzie*
- TOUGH, OUGHT, HTOUG, HGUOT — Hard any way you look at it! *Andrew Miles*
- This puzzle was fabulous to solve. A trickle of answers turned into a flow, then a torrent. It had numerous educational moments as well. I dips me lid. *Andrew Patterson*
- Thank you for a very tough puzzle but I think I have solved it although I do not understand 25ac. Very hard to start but eventually got some of the longer words. *David Procter*
- If this is correct it will be a miracle – never thought I would finish it – feeling dizzy – and BLETTS! Not sure about 18ac PUCE or 25ac DESS – is it a pile? Loved the VITA - BRIT clue! *Marian Procter*
- The stroz voodoo girl has more pricks in it than a hedgehog! What a brain strain. But thank you. *Raoul*
- Wow! What fiendish fun – thanks Patrick. *Margaret Steinberger*

- Many thanks for this wonderful cryptic. How on earth do you design something like this? I cannot reconcile the intersection of 24dn and 37ac (?UNCOLT & CACAO) – I have opted for O instead of A. *Brian Symons*
- I finished this on Christmas Day, 7:30pm after a very merry meal. After the first champagne I got NEESED. After eight more I didn't give a CONTINENTAL whether I was in Dum-Dum or BANDIPUR. But I finished it after the meal, which says a lot for alcohol! Or did I get it wrong? Great puzzle! [Sorry Roy, when you see the solution you will need more of the Verve Cliché: stroz] *Roy Taylor*
- I found the puzzle very challenging and I learnt a lot, especially about Jock's vocabulary. Early on, I feared I wasn't going to get on top of it, so it was especially satisfying as I made breakthroughs in each quarter. 30ac was the clue I enjoyed most. *Ian Thompson*

**Solution to January 2013 Slot 8 by stroz  
The Greenhand Rouseabout by Henry Lawson**

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## NEOLOGISMS from *The Washington Post*

Once again *The Washington Post* has published the winning submissions to its yearly neologism contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternative meanings for common words. The winners are:

1. Coffee (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. Willy-nilly (adj.), impotent.
6. Negligent (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.
8. Gargoyle (n), olive-flavored mouthwash.
9. Flatulence (n.), emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
10. Balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
11. Testicle (n.), a humorous question on an exam.
12. Rectitude (n.), the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
13. Pokemon (n), a Rastafarian proctologist.
14. Oyster (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.
15. Frisbeetarianism (n.), (back by popular demand): The belief that, when you die, your soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.
16. Circumvent (n.), an opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.

**The Washington Post's Style Invitational also asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition.**

**The winners are:** 1. Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future. 2. Foreploy (v): Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid. 3. Cashtration (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period. 4. Giraffiti (n): Vandalism spray-painted very, very high. 5. Sarchasm (n): The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it. 6. Inoculatte (v): To take coffee intravenously when you are running late. 7. Hipatitis (n): Terminal coolness. 8. Osteopornosis (n): A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.) 9. Karmageddon (n): It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer. 10. Decafalon (n.): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you. 11. Glibido (v): All talk and no action. 12. Dopeler effect (n): The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly. 13. Arachnoleptic fit (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web. 14. Beelzebug (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out. 15. Caterpallor (n.): The color you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you're eating. And the pick of the literature: 16. Ignoranus (n): A person who's both stupid and an asshole.

## British diners have been shocked to find Horse meat in their burgers. Here are some recent 'Headlines':

- Q: What's for the mane course? A: Black Caviar.
  - A woman has been taken into hospital after eating horse meat burgers from Tesco. Her condition is said to be stable.
  - Not entirely sure how Tesco are going to get over this hurdle.
  - Waitress in Tesco asked if I wanted anything on my Burger. So I had a £5 bet each way!
  - Tesco Quarter Pounders: The affordable way to buy your daughter the pony that she's always wanted!
  - I had some burgers from Tesco for my tea last night ... I still have a bit between my teeth.
  - Anyone want a burger from Tesco? yay or neigh?
  - "I've just checked the Tesco burgers in my freezer ... AND THEY'RE OFF".
  - I'm so hungry, I could eat a horse ..."
  - Tesco now forced to deny presence of zebra in burgers, as shoppers confuse barcodes for serving suggestions.
  - A cow walks into a bar. Barman says 'why the long face?' Cow says 'Illegal ingredients, coming over here stealing our jobs!'
  - I hear the smaller version of those Tesco burgers make great horse d'oeuvres.
  - These Tesco burger jokes are going on a bit.
  - Talk about flogging a dead ... NO! NO NO NO!
  - Said to the Missus: "These Tesco burgers have given me terrible trots".
  - To beef or not to beef. That is equestrian.
  - Is it a coincidence that the word HAMBURGERS is a anagram of ... SHERGARS BUM?
- John Leigh

## Punography

- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
- When chemists die, they barium.
- Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.
- How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
- This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.
- Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.
- We're going on a class trip to the Coca-Cola factory. I hope there's no pop quiz.
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- Broken pencils are pointless.
- I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
- I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.
- All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. The police have nothing to go on.
- I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.
- Velcro — what a rip off!
- A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.
- Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!