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The etymologist finds the dearest word to have been once a brilliant picture.  
Language is fossil poetry.  
Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1844, *The Poet*, in *Essays: Second Series*.

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The ACC Executive Committee is delighted to announce the winner of the Annual Cumulative Slots 1-6 with an outstanding score: **Andrew Miles**. Congratulations!  
The winners of the Quizzes Jan-Dec 2016 are: **Ulla Axelsen** and **Bob Hagan**. Congratulations!

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 a quiz 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. We would like to mention the brilliant invention of **Roy Low**: ACCOLADE. It has been very successful. And where would we be without the loyal assistance of our brilliant Adjudicators? They are simply THE BEST!!!

Our masterly puzzleman **Ian Williams** has selected an outstanding range of puzzles and a quiz to keep you fully occupied during March. Ian has chosen a Half 'n Half by *Valkyrie* and challenging cryptics by *Jesso* and *Isla*. We are pleased to publish *Manveru* with the ever-popular AJ and in Slot 5, we welcome one of our favourites - *Flowerman* - with another one of his fine puzzles. In Slot 6, the popular *Crowsman* tests all solvers with a brilliant cryptic and in Slot 7, we have *The Mythics* with an engrossing and stimulating cryptic. And there is a Quiz for your delectation by *Crowsman* 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

Only 15 entries this month via snail mail, none with comments. It looks like technology has caught up with us!

**Slot 1:** A variety of errors – NEEPS (turnips) was proposed by 3 members instead of NEAPS (low tides) but the main error was in 36dn PUMAS instead of PUMPS – perhaps some thoughts of running shoes rather than dancing shoes?

**Slot 2:** 7dn: Some members referred to a classical confusion between Psyche and Echo in the wordplay to create PSYCHE and a number of members submitted the alternative spelling of colourfully as PSYCH-O DELICALLY instead of PSYCHEDELICALLY.

**Slot 3:** A very well-received puzzle with many references to the alcohol content devised by Bev and Len. Mostly typos accounted for missed dots (do, please, use the spell-check in ACCOLADE!) NANOBIT for NANOBOT and ALLCOSTS for ALECOSTS caused lost dots also.

**Slot 4:** This traditional AJ by *Pentangle* featured two 15-letter solutions – perhaps a first! Very few systematic errors in this one other than TWEE provided in place of TOEY by three members.

**Slot 5:** A tough slot 5 from Mr Accolade, Roy Low, although with a good success rate of over 70%. A failure to parse 4ac left a number of solvers with the fodder of the clue "clip-clop" in place of the required, defined thong as FLIP-FLOP. DETACH was submitted in place of DEPICT and WRITHE instead of GROYNE.

**COTM:** Nominations were made for clues in all slots this month. With seven nominations for the ingenious UNDER THE WEATHER in slot 3 and no less than 13 nominations for different clues in slot 5 it was a rich month for our solvers. However, the late Audrey Austin (*Virgo*) was the outstanding winner of the Clue of the Month with her clue for 26ac in Slot 2. The clue was: The charge of The Light Brigade? (11,4) Answer: ELECTRICITY BILL.  
—Col Archibald

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	106	106	99	102	84	497
Correct entries	80	73	78	85	61	377
Success rate (%)	75.5	68.9	78.8	83.3	72.6	75.9
Prizewinners	Hilary Cromer	Valerie Howard	Alison Hocking	Catherine Hambling	Frank Martin	from 110 members

Prizewinner: February 2017 Slots 1-5: Gary Lemon, Congratulations!

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## MEMBERS RESULTS FOR Slots 1-5 FEB 2017 & JAN Slot 6

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Abbott P.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Allen W.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anderson C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Archibald C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Audrins K.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Axelsen U.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Barbour J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Barnes J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Barrett A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bennett D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Blake M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Caine R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Callan D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Carpenter R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Carroll L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Coates D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cockburn B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cole G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Colgan L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Collins M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Copland F.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Coulton L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cowan M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cromer H.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Crowe J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Davis M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dennis M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dobele T.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Douglas R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Ducker R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Evans J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fowler J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Freeland J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Garner P.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Glissan B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Gooderick R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Grainger D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Greenberger O.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

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Hagan B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hagan R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hambling C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Harper K.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hearn R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Heyes N.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hocking A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Howard V.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Howat S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Howells S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Ibbott B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Jarman L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Jones D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kennedy L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kennedy M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Knight S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lankshear J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lee C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Leeds G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Leigh J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lemon G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lord P.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Low R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mackay-Sim C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Martin A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Martin F.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mason I.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McAdoo G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McClelland C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKenzie I.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKenzie R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McPherson T.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Meek D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mercer P.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Miles A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Millard A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Moline R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
O'Brien E.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

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Parsons D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Patterson A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Pearce J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Perrow H.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Pinder S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Procter D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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Randall J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Roddick M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Rolfe G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Roulston S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Ryan W.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Schulz J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Shield A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Siegmán B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Simons A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skinner R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Smith J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Steinberger M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Storey N.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Symons B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Taylor R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Taylor S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Thompson I.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Tickle B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Tofoni B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Webber B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wenham J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wilcox C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Williams I.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Williams K.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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**Half 'n Half  
by  
Valkyrie**



Across solutions are anagrams of the clues. One down solution is a valid term that has not yet made it to the standard references.

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**Across**

- 9 Caterer (7)
- 10 Traipse (7)
- 11 Nor'east (7)
- 12 Starred (7)
- 13 Narcotine (9)
- 15 Canoe (5)
- 16 Verbose (7)
- 19 Instead (7)
- 20 A teen (5)
- 21 Metronome (9)
- 25 Rewards (7)
- 26 Gateman (7)
- 28 Rattles (7)
- 29 Teacher (7)

**Down**

- 1 Sea lavender, endlessly unvarying (6)
- 2 Doctor first removed egg (4,2)
- 3 Review plans for junk mail (4)
- 4 Serf bears new knight's flag (6)
- 5 Social climbers turn quiet on introduction to shameless, loose women (8)
- 6 Problem is about an inverted list by one health clinic (10)
- 7 Support following southern plague is most costly (8)
- 8 Mature offspring includes a son (8)
- 14 Reps acquired some paper, reportedly for contracts (10)
- 16 Too much cocaine on top of work starts to subdue everyone (8)
- 17 I heard gossip after broadcast of search for small hunting boat (3,5)
- 18 Caught intoxicated men starting to evacuate workshop (8)
- 22 Beautiful young women even, only speed with extreme fastidiousness (6)
- 23 Headgear from Austria lacking upper-class finesse (6)
- 24 Gave a startled squeal after top Riesling had a bad bouquet! (6)
- 27 Rubber disc, good for soft unpleasant matter (4)

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Closing mail date: Friday 14 April 2017.

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## Cryptic by Jesso



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### Across


- 1 Onlookers notice Royal Society (9)
- 6 Good to deliver square crossword frames (5)
- 9 Advancing with one foot in the heather (7)
- 10 Old worker I question briefly (7)
- 11 Master left WA river (4)
- 12 Elder unknown at church court (10)
- 14 Settles as oddly insipid (9)
- 16 Diminished with return thanks in plot (5)
- 18 Snob not initially involved in smut (5)
- 20 Wicked English VIPs sure to control (9)
- 22 Sense about promise given to female for some fencing (5,5)
- 24 See a fellow to take it easy (4)
- 26 Pot-herb some preacher vilified (7)
- 27 Radium instrument the writer used for food (7)
- 28 Spring poles for bridges (5)
- 29 Sedate old characters may be left lonely (9)

### Down

- 1 Anoint the clergy's waterproofs (9)
- 2 Hunting trips in state on remote island (7)
- 3 Clear about a swoop by police (4)
- 4 Impatience sees anger out of control (9)
- 5 Long naps of southern witches (5)
- 6 J. Paul takes digs back to get place of address (10)
- 7 Looking for an inquiry (7)
- 8 Run-down to observe deathly extremities (5)
- 13 Actress arranged date with girl in punts (5,5)
- 15 Is perhaps out for jewels (9)
- 17 The sea was hot. Cooked! (4-5)
- 19 So a rope can be made into a fishy float (7)
- 21 Settle in club at the far end (4,3)
- 22 Tears up old signaller's first letter on board (8)
- 23 I had casually shown the way and ticked over (5)
- 25 Mischievous English opposed to the Italian (4)

### GENERAL COMMENTS:

- I was thrilled to receive my prize for December slot 1. A great start to 2017! I so enjoy being a member of the ACC community and look forward to each edition of *CroZworld*. Many thanks.  
*Patricia Abbott*
- What a wonderful surprise to not only achieve 5 dots last month but to receive the prize as well. Thank you so much.  
*Lynne Coulton*  
*Marian Procter*
- It was a lovely surprise to receive \$75 for No 6 crossword. So thank you.  
*Margaret Dennis*  
*Laurence Kennedy*
- Thanks to ACCOLADE for my Slot 4 prize. Its return email showed me an error that I could correct & re-submit.  
*Norma Heyes*  
*Gabrielle Leeds*  
*Anne Young*
- Thanks to all compilers for great puzzles.
- Quite a challenge this month. Lots of guesswork in this one. Hoping for the best. Thanks anyway.
- Thank you, Roy, for ACCOLADE. So easy to use.
- Fun first puzzles for a new member!

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<p><b>Cryptic</b> by <i>Isla</i></p>


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**Across**

- 1 Found in yobbo gang? (5)
- 4 Succeeded quietly in The Arts (one field of it) (9)
- 9 Next to godliness, cleanliness finally lost out after a... (9)
- 10 ...religious scholar's detailed talk (5)
- 11 Dislike university in eastern city (6)
- 12 Surgery is not too late? Perfect! (8)
- 14 Trim nude dancer gyrates lewdly at the end for pay-off (10)
- 16 Squandered money, sounded sad (4)
- 19 Film in which one might see gorillas? (4)
- 20 Public question damage under reef with introduction of mining (10)
- 22 Agents with covert role in revolution show stable hand (8)
- 23 Crafty, in more ways than one (6)
- 26 Lamina and animal, that produces eggs! (5)
- 27 Hey, dog, run furiously (9)
- 28 Litter on street – one almost vomits (9)
- 29 Delicate female submerges in ebbing river (5)

**Down**

- 1 Shouting, smash kettle, say? This'll help you stop (5,4)
- 2 A nit-picker will back out of parking space (5)
- 3 Denying first pair of nerds entrance (8)
- 4 Forego small nap (4)
- 5 Extraordinary exec punted, surprisingly (10)
- 6 Regular uproar, Sky item is a lie! (6)
- 7 Riotous, rude and blind drunk (9)
- 8 Start to eat low-fat cream (5)
- 13 Understanding what makes laser that colour (10)
- 15 Chop tail off rat scuttling round ancient city's ship (9)
- 17 Place famous for serving grass seeds (9)
- 18 I don't know what the policeman might do (6,2)
- 21 Strong drink produces bravado (6)
- 22 Habit of those jockeying for the best lawyers (5)
- 24 Fine fellow scoffs up almost complete trifle (5)
- 25 Large hairy creature in brook (4)

**ACCOLADE:** Some members have been disappointed that they have been unable to lodge ACCOLADE entries well into the final Friday of the month's competitions. We have spelt out the policy on page 9 of the January issue: as well as being necessary for our mail adjudication and publication schedule, the policy provides a degree of equity between those who enter by mail, who have to allow at least two clear days to have a reasonable chance of having their puzzles adjudicated, and those "blessed" with the internet who can submit their solutions almost up until the last trump. To clarify matters, although the computer understands precisely what is meant by 00.01 on the closing mail date we have now made it clearer for humans. The ACCOLADE puzzle page now indicates a closing time of midnight on the Thursday immediately prior to the closing mail date. The actual time is still one second beyond midnight. We hope that the new format will assist members to make their submissions on time.

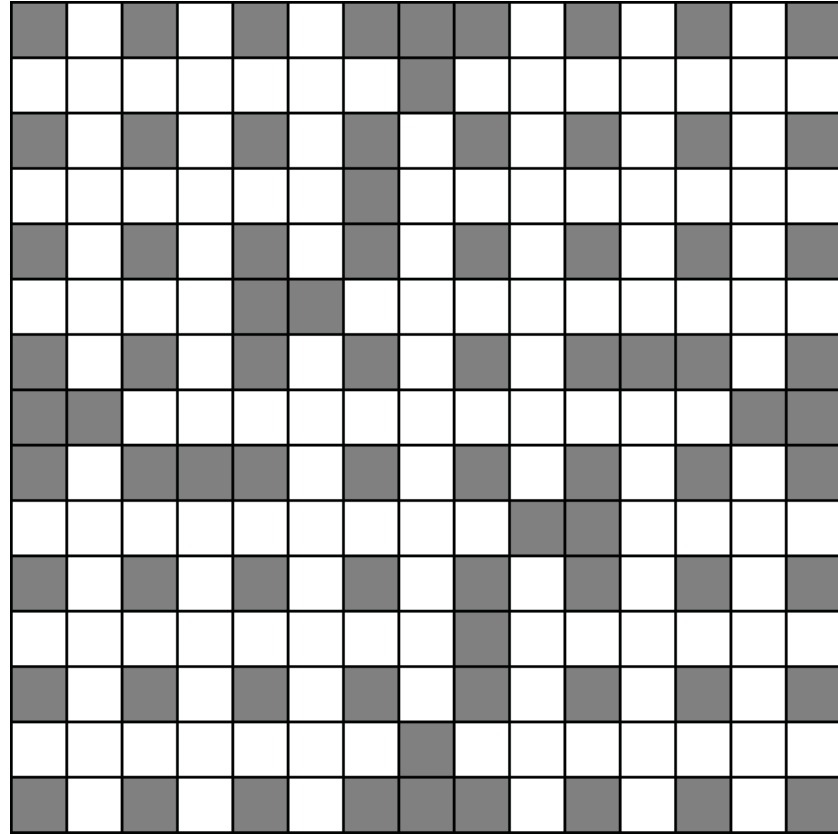
**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & NEW MEMBERS FOR 2017:**

Bryant R, Carroll L, Dyer A, Evans J, Galessi C, Horan P and Moline R.

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<b>AJ</b> by <i>Manveru</i>

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

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| <p><b>A</b> This deforests old mountains after American intel on trees primarily (5,6)</p> <p><b>B</b> Use blade to chop up T-bone stuffed with a yabbie's head (7)</p> <p><b>C</b> Bait fish escape line when surrounded (7)</p> <p><b>D</b> Madam, a gentlewoman is secretly suffering (6)</p> <p><b>E</b> Mobile notice taking a very short time to make ;- ) (8)</p> <p><b>F</b> Borders in France subject to rows (9)</p> <p><b>G</b> Group of aliens somehow storing oxygen for fuel (8)</p> <p><b>H</b> Altogether, Odysseus is somewhat like Achilles (4)</p> <p><b>I</b> Order of Dominicans, with day departing, is suffering from lack of sleep (9)</p> <p><b>J</b> Judge TV award popular with greenhorns, primarily trying to get a break? (8)</p> <p><b>K</b> The chief elements from clue – <i>street, love, and directions</i> (9)</p> <p><b>L</b> Listen and learn English perhaps (4,2,3)</p> <p><b>M</b> A small rope not long enough to get large fish (6)</p> | <p><b>N</b> Gangster, shaken up, takes time out to get the pests (7)</p> <p><b>O</b> Relating to the ear it's said! (4)</p> <p><b>P</b> Peaceful in the main? (7)</p> <p><b>Q</b> Mary, for example, on board a quarterdecker? (5)</p> <p><b>R</b> Harem at church! Enter and play again (7)</p> <p><b>S</b> Browse through advertisement around laundry's tip for dirty washing? (7)</p> <p><b>T</b> Article on tremor controversially incorporating rejection of measure with scientific instrument (11)</p> <p><b>U</b> Teaching Institution Congress for both genders (6)</p> <p><b>V</b> Roman sacker gained Hungary after short visit (8)</p> <p><b>W</b> She is one with sex appeal starting to charm husband (5)</p> <p><b>X</b> Six-shooter after firing – not hot and exhibiting unusual dryness (7)</p> <p><b>Y</b> The old priest joining a northern capital city in Asia (7)</p> <p><b>Z</b> Fantastic belt used by the stars? (6)</p> |
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**Members Comments cont'd from p10:**

**February 5-2017: Cryptic by Blue King (Roy Low)**

- Some tough but ingenious clueing; and some dodgy – a yorked batsman is not necessarily dismissed. Needed aids for TOADY then GROVNE became obvious. All very English in feel. Rob Moline
- Boy! This was a struggle. I liked the clever use of the heteronym 'resort' in the COSTA DEL SOL clue and the tricky reversals to get RAT ON and PINION. Brian Tickle
- Nice one Roy. Really shows your roots though. Rather liked 7dn Lithuania. Richard Skinner
- Took a while to get connection between MOLE and a breakwater (GROVNE). BLAKE MYSTICISM and PINION clever clues. Roy Taylor
- Lots of excellent clues Roy. I would interchange "with" and "keeps" in the 20dn clue. Len Colgan
- Enjoyable, but a couple of ??? clues. Still solvable because of checked letters. Liked clue for BLAKE. Ulla Axelsen
- This took me a while but so many great clues – very hard to choose. But I opted for 26ac because took me forever to work out why 'b' is one after 'a'! Definitely the hot weather!!! Eileen O'Brien



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**Cryptic**  
by  
**Flowerman**



Seven solutions have something in common and their clues lack definitions. Solutions to two of the defined clues when read together as a two word term provide a hint because of the association of this term with one of the thematic elements.

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**Across**

- 1 A contemptible person interrupting tight duel (8)
- 5 Antelope about to cross river (6)
- 10 Put up with miserable man on diet (9)
- 11 Irritate husband in eatery (5)
- 12 International territory untouched (6)
- 14 See 26dn
- 15 Half-pulverised – so suffer! (7)
- 18 Largely open space in central Pretoria (7)
- 20 Horse manure loses pong finally (3)
- 21 Showed original episode after head of ITV became cross (7)
- 23 Salesman enthralled by flavour of sea cucumber (7)
- 26 China securing brief meeting with Egypt's leader (8)
- 27 Roughly throwing away a peg that's no good (6)
- 30 National flag almost concealing a column, reportedly (5)
- 31 Courts involved in brutal interrogations finally reformed (9)
- 32 Appear at base to join forces (6)
- 33 Noted American rider at first not deemed worthy of respect (8)

**Down**

- 1 Bold European pinching American's bottom/ass (9)
- 2 Invited politician interrupting head of French delegation at summit (7)
- 3 99 – chasing one more producing tension? (5)
- 4 Fruit for the 25th of December, say (4)
- 6 Rolled dice with utter integrity (9)
- 7 Musician, with some backing, puts in A1 performance (7)
- 8 Completely unarmed (5)
- 9 Teen had right to abuse fan (8)
- 13 Dress almost too grand (3)
- 16 Issuing of new regulations not overly appreciated at first (9)
- 17 Scraps with exceptional soldiers extremely torturous (8)
- 19 Went downhill on run, say, over shortened course (9)
- 22 Share proceeds below normal (7)
- 24 Reptile decapitated bird, according to legend (3)
- 25 Bent Australian clergyman has rector promoted (7)
- 26 and 14 Best marine prepared to guard papers (5,8)
- 28 I tend to ignore son's condition (5)
- 29 Climber disheartened by course (4)

**Members Comments cont'd from p6:**

- 'DERRIERE' was brilliant.
- Very difficult – I arrived at some answers by sheer guesswork. FLIP-FLOP was my runner-up for COTM.
- I found this crossword quite hard to solve and I'm not sure of some of my answers.
- Quite a few clever clues in this.
- A tough one – quite a few guesses. At least 3 contenders for COTM.
- Roy, this was so difficult. Some really excellent clues; e.g. for CLIP CLOP.
- 12: Poor anagram. 24: Query no-one = no 1 = i. Dodgy. 6: Poor grammar 'Milan pay'; pays surely. If it mucks up the anagram then rewrite the clue. 25: I can only assume the mention of 'road hog' is a very oblique reference to Toad in *Wind In The Willows*. Is there some other meaning?
- Just finished. Took ages but some clever clues. Thanks Roy.

Ian Mason  
Nea Storey  
Marian Procter  
Ian Thompson  
Anne Simons  
Gabrielle Leeds  
George Rolfe  
Robyn Wimbush

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## Cryptic by Crowsman



Eighteen clues each contain a definition, but their secondary indicators are incomplete in one of two contrasting ways. The other fourteen clues are normal.

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### Across

- 1 Ex-cricketing great dries out (6)
- 4 Non-northern African country limits pH, for frogs (8)
- 10 Scratch a dish (5)
- 11 Correct alarm losing time (9)
- 12 Group of insects darts behind can (8)
- 13 Class is over! (6)
- 15 Relocate fourth from home of birth to last resting place (5)
- 17 Downfall of king lacking a partner (8)
- 20 Person in party returned a contribution from star comedian (8)
- 21 Young city careerist stated why little dog's initially disappeared (5)
- 23 Further commit fellow caught by cardinal (6)
- 25 Earth reveals sword (8)
- 28 Hard-hearted Frenchman's acknowledgement of gratitude (9)
- 29 A love in Rome (5)
- 30 Anxious for others ... (8)
- 31 ... except for one in France (6)

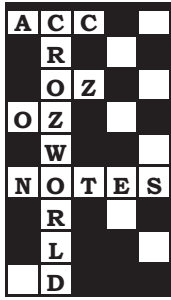
### Down

- 1 Tree is reportedly in worse health (8)
- 2 Drew perhaps one of the Bee Gees (9)
- 3 Raised bet with gold sovereign (5)
- 5 Extra! (4)
- 6 Shenanigans if cooks shop early (9)
- 7 Anoint bishop (5)
- 8 Agree when addressed (6)
- 9 At no future time is nerve broken (9)
- 14 Lacking nationality, say (9)
- 16 Small bird is beginning to threaten larger one (9)
- 18 Undergraduate has hoops spinning (9)
- 19 Lebanese city without covering on wheels (8)
- 22 Detonator textbook? (6)
- 24 Southern customs (5)
- 26 Long time heading north (5)
- 27 Not so much! (4)

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**Explanations for clues in slots 1-5 for February 2017**

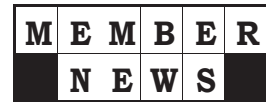
**Slot 1 *Timid Terrier*. Cryptic clues. Down:** 1 hail + storm, 2 Mia<, 3 Blank + et, 4 hidden, 5 initials, 6 sea + l, 7 assess + or, 8 trip + anag oil, 9 s(a+t)ay, 12 id + o, 14 gee(k) + long, 21 DD, 22 a + stir, 23 tr + ain, 26 bed + u + anag sin, 27 see + d + mon(k)ey, 29 ir + ani + init ( a n s), 31 hidden, 33 atte(st) + mp + t, 35 hidden, 36 pum(a) + ps, 39 ode(on) + s, 40 DD, 41 (l)edge(t), 44 ai + r.

**Slot 2 *Virgo*. Across:** 1 TUT + O + R, 3 cd OWNER'S HIP, 8 anag, 10 E + RR (O) R, 11 tails, 12 SIGHt, 14 hidden, 16 GLUED\* with R for L, 17 anag, 19 DEE + JAYS, 21 O + INK, 22 ENID<, 24 IL + I AC, 26 cd/pun, 27 (YOU MANSON)\*, 28 MAR (R) Y. **Down:** 1 cd [John Gay], 2 TEN + SURE\*, 3 bOTHER, 4 (AN + TEMPLE + A)\*, 5 cd & triple def, 6 dd, 7 PSYCHE + DELI + C + ALLY, 9 StURGEONS, 13 (I MAY HUNT)\*, 15 AND + ANTI + NO, 18 (NOT MORE)\*, 20 SHIN (I) ER, 23 (SIDER), 25 hidden.

**Slot 3 *The Lady and the Scamp*. Across:** 1 C + I(VIC)S, 4 ALE + COSTS, 10 UNDER(THE)WEA(THE)R, 11 TRA(N)CED, 12 Cricket + ALL OUT, 13 REGION\*, 16 SUBLEASE\*, 18 N(A NOB)OT, 20 RES(IS)T, 23 Lne + homoph of "queuer", 24 LoRdS intermittently in OOOO, 26 S(PARK)LING + SHIRAZ, 27 M(A HOG)ANY, 28 melODISTS. **Down:** 1 CRUS + TA, 2 hidden reverse, 3 homoph of 'you are' in CACAO, 5 W replaces U in LAUNCH + AIR, 6 CHA + BLISs, 7 dd, 8 RITZ in REPS<, 9 SHE-Devil, 14 SING\* + QUASH, 15 EX + ROT< + INTO\*, 17 MASCULine\*, 19 BE(REEK\*)G, 21 S(SOL<)HED, 22 B + OOZES, 24 pORGY, 25 pROGRESSs.

**Slot 4 *Pentangle*. A** AND + (ASIANfLU)\*, **B** BI(GAP + P)LE, **C** CAMEL + tAIL<, **D** cd + (MEDICAL)\* + FoR + ACTION, **E** EIL(DING) S\*, **F** FIELDS\*, **G** GOT + O + WARn, **H** Hidden, **I** IN(TOn)NING, **J** JA(S)PE, **K** KETCH + sUP, **L** LIE + G + (MODE)<, **M** MAIGREt, **N** (SIMON< + M, **O** (RAID ON)\*, **P** PAT + RIOTS, **Q** eQUIP, **R** RATIO + N(ALIS)ATION, **S** SCRAP + E, **T** TO(E)Y, **U** UTTER + S, **V** VAT(I)CAN, **W** WAG + ONTo + RAIN, **X** XEN(I)A, **Y** "DEAR YACHT", **Z** (ZEBRA)\* + A.

**Slot 5 *Blue King*. Across:** 1 cd DE + PICT) , 4 FcLIP-FcLOP, 10 M(a)Y + ST(o)ICISM, 11 (NO TAR)<, 12 (OLDEST COALS)\*, 14 cd, 15 ENVELOP(e), 17 M(eerka)T around OMEN, 19 F + LEER + S, 21 RIG inside (BAD\* + E, 23 dd (town on Kyushu, Japan), 24 YORK + MIN(i)STER, 26 B + LAKE, 27 AS around MUG + GAME, 29 BA(n)K + ELITE, 30 G (Roy) NE. **Down:** 1 DAM + (CLOSE)\*, 2 tails, 3 C + HI, 5 L (UMPS) UM, 6 PAR + (MILAN PAY)\*, 7 (AI NAU (H) TILus) all <, 8 NO = I + NIP, all <, 9 dd, 13 "ALL VERY WELL BUT" minus "but", 16 V (ILL) A + PARK, 18 Homoph (London) DERRY AIR, 20 SE (RV) AN + T(ime), 21 BUM + PUP, 22 HUB + BUB, 25 cd ref: *Wind in the Willows*, 28 S(t)IR.



**New Member: Carmen Galessi of Mitcham SA** (a Gift Subscription from Danielle Galessi). Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworling!*

Our sincere thanks to **Maurice Cowan** and **Rob Moline** for their most generous donations to the ACC Prize Fund 2017.

**ACC PRIZE WINNERS for 2016:**

Slots 1-6/2016: **Andrew Miles** with an Outstanding Score. **Congratulations!**

ACC 2016 Quizzes winners: **Ulla Axelsen** and **Bob Hagan**. **Congratulations!**

Our sincere thanks to **Bev Cockburn** and **Brian Symons** for their valued assistance with the management of these awards.

**The New York Times celebrates 75 years of its crossword puzzle.**

On 15 February 2017, *The New York Times* celebrated the 75th anniversary of its crossword. The crossword puzzle became a national and then a worldwide craze in 1924-1925. *The Times* debuted its crossword puzzle two months after Pearl Harbor. The first crossword had a World War II theme to play off the day's headlines. *The Times* was the last major metropolitan daily newspaper to start a crossword and ran an editorial saying that crosswords were a waste of time and predicting their swift demise. There have only been four puzzle editors at the paper in the last 75 years. Will Shortz took over in 1993. "Crossword is the best variety of puzzle ever devised. It's just a very versatile puzzle that appeals to people," Shortz said. "Is *The New York Times* crossword puzzle going to be around in another 75 years?" *Axelrod* asked. "I think the crossword is here to stay," Shortz said. Each month, 1.5 million people try to tackle this crossword. You can read more about it and watch a video at this link:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/new-york-times-crossword-puzzle-will-shortz-75th-anniversary/>

**Macquarie Dictionary News**

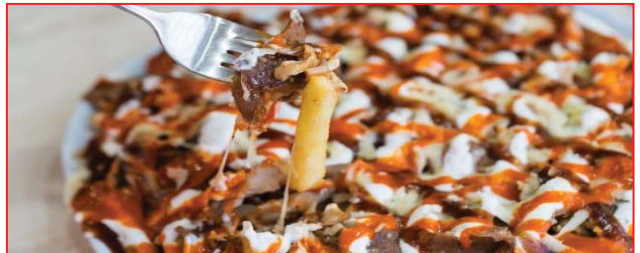
"Halal snack pack" has been named people's choice word of 2016 by *Macquarie Dictionary*. It's meaty, cheesy, and incredibly saucy, and it was the word on everyone's lips in 2016. The popular vote went for food first of all, and then politics.

Last year was a momentous one for the Halal Snack Pack but now the people have spoken. Halal snack pack (HSP), "a fast food comprising layers of hot chips, grated cheese, halal doner kebab meat, garlic sauce, barbecue sauce and chilli sauce", has been named People's Choice *Word of the Year 2016* by *Macquarie Dictionary*.

"The significance of halal snack pack is that it tells us about something once confined largely to the Muslim community that is now surfacing throughout the broader Australian community," the Macquarie committee said.

*Macquarie Dictionary* editor Susan Butler said she had devoured her first HSP in honour of the occasion. "I think it is the duty of lexicographers to, as much as is humanly possible, eat the food items that they put in the dictionary," she said. "How can you write the definition of HSP with enthusiasm if you have never sampled it? So today I ate my first HSP. "I can understand why this dish has become the fast food item of the day. It is carbo-loaded, calorific sinfulness. Once started on it, you cannot stop."

At the height of its popularity, in July last year, Melbourne's Viva Kebab shop had lines around the corner of people hankering for the dish.



**February 1-2017: Half 'n Half by Timid Terrier (Joan Smith)**

- Chambers should be banned! *Rob Moline*
- I liked the clue for PUMPS. *Brian Tickle*
- Sweltry and hailstorms; two words that described our summer. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Enjoyed this thank you. Wondering is 27dn for 43ac! *Eileen O'Brien*
- Great to get started again on a good Slot 1. Thank you. *Ann Millard*
- Congratulations on a puzzle containing very few unchecked letters. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Liked BLANKET, ASTIR and SEED MONEY. *Max Roddick*
- How clever to fit so many words into one puzzle! Well done! *Lynn Jarman*
- Liked clues for 28, 46, 48ac & 12, 26dn. Sweltry was a new word for me. *Anne Simons*
- Thank you Joan. Most enjoyable. *Robyn Wimbush*

**February 2-2017: Cryptic by Virgo (Audrey Austin)**

- 5dn: Interestingly, TRON [viewed as (TORN)\*] perfectly fits both the definition & wordplay though not the intersecting across solutions. 7dn: Is the Greek mythology confused here? Psyche is Cupid/Eros's love whereas Echo's association is with Narcissus. *Ian McKenzie*
- That was quirky and interesting. Loved OINK and ELECTRICITY BILL; no idea why psyche (or Psyche?) echoes love. Had to Google never-heard-of *The Beggars Opera* and its composer, Gay. *Rob Moline*
- I did like 21ac! *Julie Crowe*
- I like the clues for several of the shorter words: OINK, RENT and STAY. *Brian Tickle*
- Loved 26ac. *Trish McPherson*
- Can't quite work out 7dn. Is it E or O? Hate it when I can't work them out but no time!! *Richard Skinner*
- Gave ILIAC COTM. ELECTRICITY BILL close second. 7dn can be spelt with E or O; but Psyche is the nymph. I thought a love of Eros not Echo. Also, Echoes is not possessive so I am confused. *Roy Taylor*
- Several inspired clues; such as 14ac, 26ac, 5dn. However, I do not agree that "front bench" is the letter B. *Len Colgan*
- It's always those 4-letter words that are the most troublesome. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Some very worthy clues in this puzzle. Thank you. *Eileen O'Brien*
- Enjoyable. Some great clues. I liked ELECTRICITY BILL. *Ann Millard*
- PSYCHEDELICALLY for COTM! *Max Roddick*
- Loved DRIES & ELECTRICITY BILL! *Nea Storey*
- In the interests of fair play no answer should contain more than two consecutive non-checked letters; nor should an answer begin with two or more unchecked letters. See 1dn, 7 and 21. 11: Is a hyphenated word one or two words? 16: L = Left R = Right LH and RH = left and right hands. 26: An oldie but a goody. *George Rolfe*
- I needed to be vigilant to make sure letters were not entered incorrectly. There were many clues worthy to be COTM. Thank you *Virgo*. *Lynn Jarman*
- 1dn last done. Loved clue for 21ac – almost COTM. *Anne Simons*
- Enjoyed this puzzle – good clues particularly ELECTRICITY BILL (my COTM). *Hilary Cromer*
- I particularly liked clue 26 ELECTRICITY BILL. *Anne Young*

**February 3-2017: Cryptic by The Lady and the Scamp (Bev Cockburn and Len Colgan)**

- Excellent puzzle. Quality clues with fine surface and varied constructions. Includes my COTM nomination. *Ian McKenzie*
- This was thirsty work! I counted 16 clues related to the excellent theme and so many good clues. My favourites were UNDER THE WEATHER and LAWN CHAIR. *Brian Tickle*
- Brilliant grid; hic. Great fun; liked RESIST most of all. *Rob Moline*
- Looks like Len and Bev celebrated the Festive Season in style! *Pat Garner*
- I do enjoy the themed crosswords. They must be much harder to compose. Thank you. *Julie Leigh*
- Enough with the booze puzzles! *Merv Collins*
- Fun theme. *Trish McPherson*

- In *Puzzled* DA says 'the magic number of themed answers that elite setters can fit into a 15 x 15 grid is 13; with more entries a bonus'. I count 16 in this – great effort! *Tony Dobebe*
- That's a lot of alcohol! I particularly like 26ac Rockford. *Richard Skinner*

- Great puzzle but it made me thirsty! *Patricia Abbott*
- A most enjoyable puzzle but can't quite understand clue 21dn. *Catherine Hambling*
- Had to check twice that this was not compiled by *Raoul*. Good fun. *Ulla Axelsen*
- A thirst-inducing puzzle indeed! *Maureen Blake*
- It seems that the setters were, if not 21dn, certainly 10ac; probably from 6dn when they compiled this intoxicatingly enjoyable puzzle. *Ro Ducker*
- Lovely, but felt a bit 10ac & 21dn after finishing this! *Eileen O'Brien*
- Some very funny clues! I loved 10ac. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Of offerings of this kind I would say the more the merrier. *Ian Thompson*

- Cheers! to *The Lady and the Scamp*. Obviously drinking alcohol improves brain power! *Lynne Coulton*
- Felt light in the head after all those drinks. Challenging puzzle thank you. *Joan Smith*
- And I am on Febfast! Great array of drinks. Auslese: will have to look into that. A few clues here that could have been my COTM. Loved under the weather. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Always learn some new words and some great clues, especially (MEL)ODISTS. *Ann Millard*
- A lovely cocktail: thank you! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- I imagine a lawn chair is similar to a deck chair – in which case I certainly wouldn't be able to get out of it after sampling all the alcohol mentioned in this puzzle! *Nea Storey*
- Definitely over the legal limit – but what a party! *Kath Harper*
- I raise my glass to you. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- I really needed friends, the dictionary and a drink or two to complete this puzzle. *Lynn Jarman*
- Was a tad thirsty after finishing this! *Anne Simons*
- The compilers have taken a leaf out of William Ryan's alcoholic book! *Margaret Davis*
- I needed a stiff drink after this. Enjoyable. *Judy Schulz*
- Some old memories rekindled! *Robyn Wimbush*

**February 4-2017: AJ by Pentangle (Brian Tickle)**

- Lots of unknowns; 2 guesses wrong on post-solve check: Zabera and Eildents. Couldn't spell CAMELLIA. Never heard of a DECIMAL FRACTION, even with 4 years of maths at university. Liked TOEY; great surface. *Rob Moline*
- I love these. Thank you. *Julie Leigh*
- Pretty good AJ. I thought with a grid just that bit tougher to sort out. On Ya *Pentangle*. *Richard Skinner*
- The D clue warrants a special mention. *Len Colgan*
- Some clever clueing. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Once again astounded at what our compilers come up with! Blue chook and Scottish fuel! *Eileen O'Brien*
- Great clues. Thank you for a great puzzle. *Joan Smith*
- Found this hard work but enjoyable. Stretched my vocabulary; loved toey. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Some of the clues were a little tricky and I'm not sure about my answer to the T clue but I can't come up with anything else. *Barbara Ibbott*
- A very enjoyable puzzle. Thank you *Pentangle!* *Caroline Mackay-Sim*

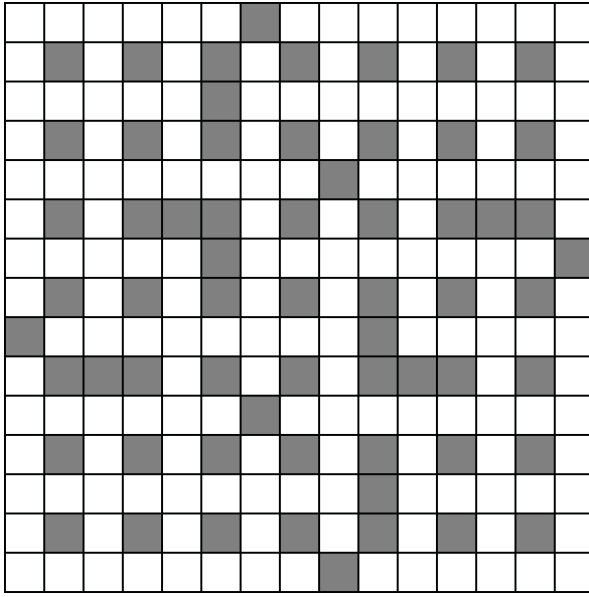
- Difficult, with several words new to me: jaspe, hansel, eildings and felids. *Nea Storey*
- An enjoyable puzzle. *Ian Thompson*
- I found it hard to see the connection between the clue and the answer; for example: 'rationalisation' and 'jaspe'. Not too confident with my answers. *Lynn Jarman*
- D and R were great clues. *Anne Simons*
- Thank you for this puzzle. There were some words which were new to me. I like HANSEL and can't wait to use it. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- A tricky Slot 4 this month. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Needed some help to grasp JASPE but think I managed. *Judy Schulz*

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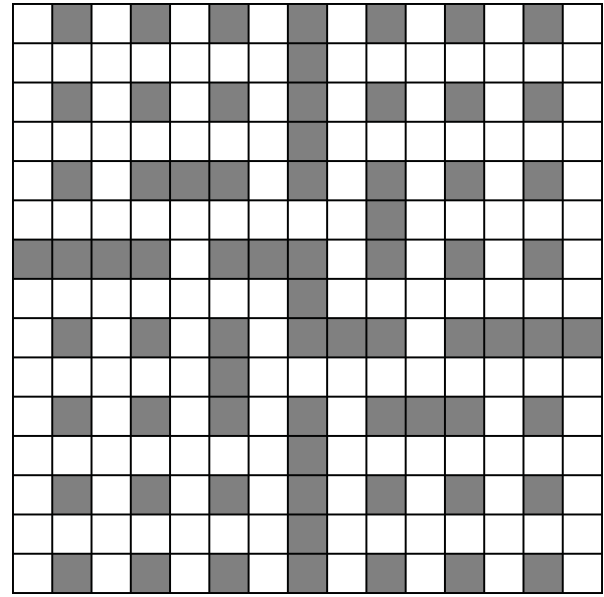
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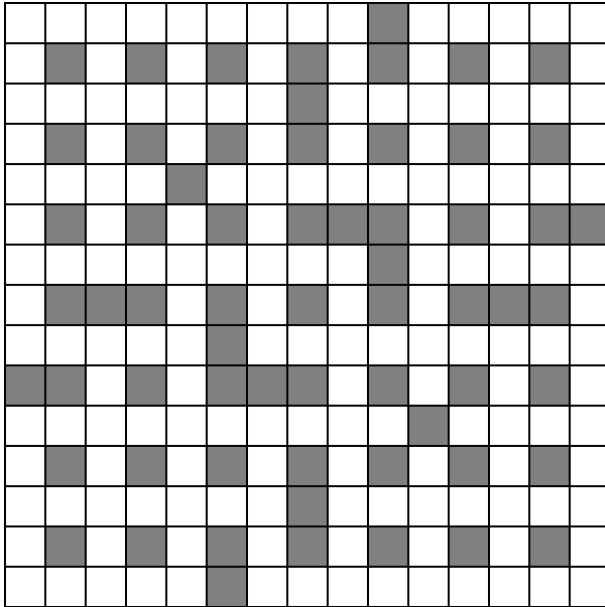
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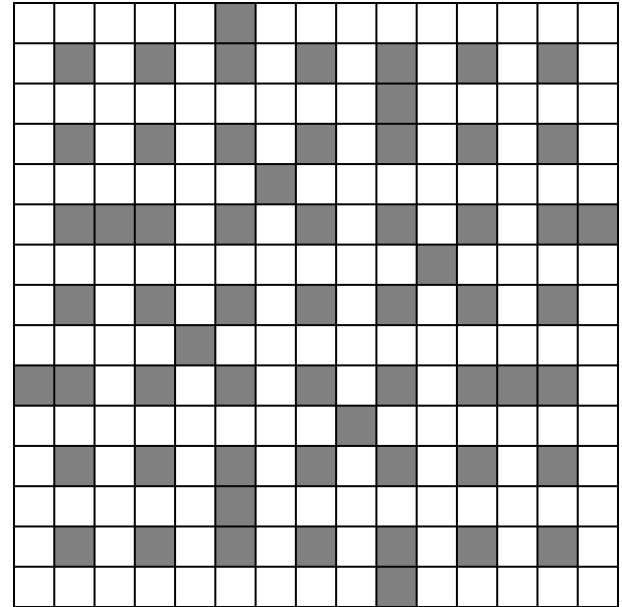
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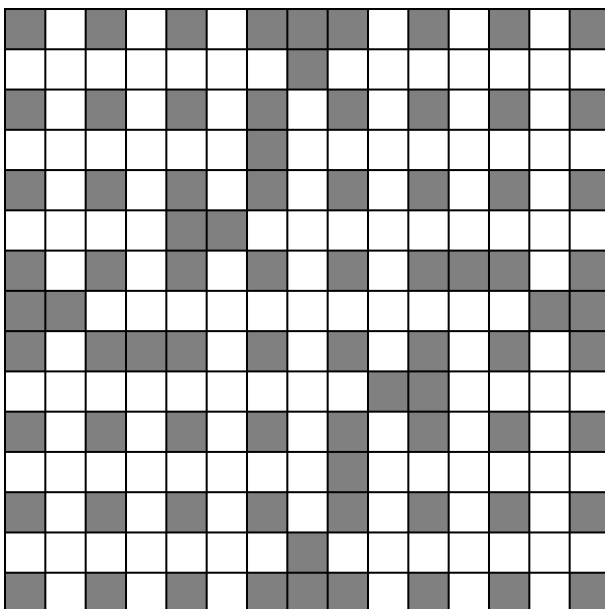
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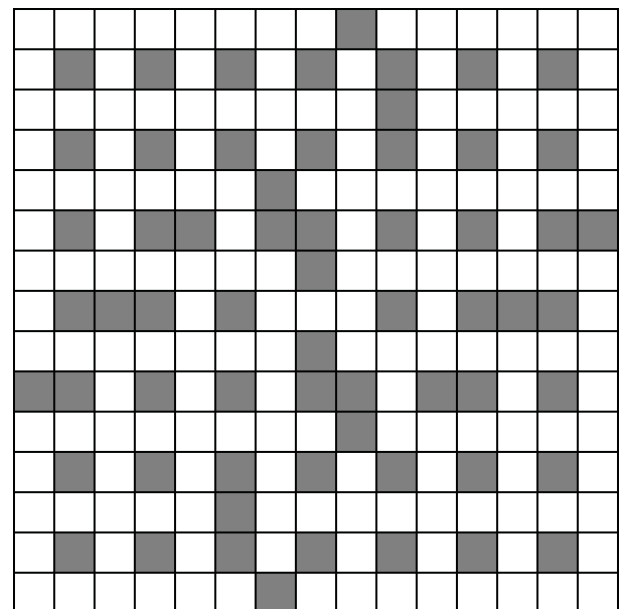
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Clue of the Month .....



**January 6-2017: "After me!" by Hot and Cold (Jenny Wenham and Ian Williams)**

**Entries 52. Correct 40. Success rate 77%.**

**Prizewinner: Pat Garner. Congratulations!**

**Explanations: Across:** 1 IR in homoph "Cannes" + S, 5 anag (long-suffering - fling), 9 DAMP + IE + R, 10 S + Y (DEN)\* Y, 12 BOD + DIN + G + TON, 13 RU + S + E, 14 KINGS + NOT<, 17 DRAP + ER, 18 Ref to Harvey Norman, 20 anag, 22 CO + EN, 23 HUNGER + FORD, 26 CATANIA, 27 WI + CK + HAM, 28 LA + VERT + ONe, 29 M + ORGAN. **Down:** 2 A LA MOde, 3 RAP + ID, 4 SHE + A + NUT, 6 RO (SINE) D, 7 anag, 8 (PEELS REV O)<, 11 NUTS>, 15 IN + AM + OR + AT + A, 16 G (I + VENN) AME, 19 (THIS WAY)\*, 20 homoph, 21 U (RED) I + UM, 24 Heads, 25 (I ARIAT)\*.

**Setters' Comments:**

Many thanks for the compliments, cards and comments. We enjoyed setting it, although construction of the grid probably occupied more time than any previous joint or single efforts criss-crossing between the postcode file and Google to confirm or otherwise the "eponymy" of feasible solutions. We nearly gave up at "all but one across" but eventually managed to make all across solutions fit the theme. Most solvers seem to have enjoyed it, even if not all recognised the 2<sup>nd</sup> common feature. Initially we thought that the clue might simply have a secondary indication constructed from the first name of the eponymous founder of the places, but are now glad that we didn't add that extra layer of complication (and in how many different ways can one clue John?). Sometimes it's a fine line between challenging and potentially impossible. The relatively low number of entries in this one might be a reflection of the level of difficulty so perhaps our next joint effort will be a little less complicated ... but then again, perhaps not.

**Solvers' Comments:**

[Please forgive the fact that comments that only identified the common link have been omitted to save space]

- Merry New Year! Thanks for a tough workout! Only connection I can think of is town/cities all named after people – eponymous!? *William Ryan*
- Herewith your *very* challenging Slot 6. I got Wauchope first to get me on the first pattern. The second characteristic is a different problem. I thought perhaps 4 letters from each place name could be changed to form another word. Coen -> cone or once got me started in that direction. All the best for 2017. *Bob Hagan*

- With the title being "After me!" and noting that several of the across answers are crooks or criminals (even a pirate – DAMPIER), the only conclusion I can come to is that the common characteristic is that all the across answers are people of ill-repute. Re the clues: 1ac: I can't see why 'succeeded' is there. [The S at the end of the French city is not pronounced so, as a homophone clue, the S (succeeded) was required for accuracy - H&C] 10ac: If the answer is SYDNEY, S comes from Section and DNE is anagram of den, why does leaders of Yard give Y and another Y? Surely leaders of Yard are Y&A! 2dn: If the answer is ALAMO, how is it obtained? 6dn: My answer is RO+SINE+D. I assume it means "ready to play"? *Graeme Cole*

- Well done! What a lot of towns you found. Your title "After Me!" made sense when I learned that all the place names were indeed named for real people. What a great start to the CrOZworld year. *Gabrielle Leeds*

- I actually finished this one weeks ago and thoroughly enjoyed it. Your clues are so well constructed – devious but so obvious when read the right way. I particularly liked 6dn and 16dn – never met a Venn diagram in a crossword before – I was a mathematician. Still no further with the missing 'link'! I have plotted on a map, looked at postcodes, checked the birthplace of cricketers and politicians. I await the revelation! *Jill Freeland*

- Thank you for "After Me". 12ac proved the most difficult. As

well as being Oz towns/cities, I feel the across clues are names of those who have achieved notability in various fields?

*Odette Greenberger*

- Having determined that not all are shires or wine-producing areas, I am opting for eponymous names of Australian places as the shared characteristic. *Len Colgan*
- Had trouble with 16dn until I found out Venn is a diagram. *Roy Taylor*
- We found this one really difficult only having lived in Australia for six years; great fun though; thank you. All the places were named after people i.e. Ruse was first Australian farmer etc. etc. *Julie Leigh*
- All the across solutions are Australian places or settlements. The other shared characteristic appears to be an association with the name William or Williams. I couldn't link all of them though even after using Ian & Jenny/Jennifer as well. *Andrew Miles*

- More Australiana; more fun. *Ulla Axelsen*
- All the across solutions are names of places in Australia. I am not sure of a further common link but all possibly linked to William and Williams in various ways. *Ian Thompson*
- They are all the name of a sporting identity. *Ro Ducker*
- Each across clue contains a four-letter anagram of another word. *Pat Lord*
- 17ac \*had\* to be Dramer; but it's not an Australian town – the theme. Eventually found drap/Draper. *Rob Moline*
- Towns named after pioneer men. *Doreen Jones*
- BODDINGTON was tricky and YAHWIST was elusive. *Beverley Cockburn*

- Cairns and Ferguson took me ages to fill in! I'm not sure of the shared characteristic but they all seem to be named after pioneers in one field or another and mainly Great Britain in origin: though with the odd Italian, Dutch East Indies etc thrown in to confuse the issue! A good puzzle: many thanks. *Julie Crowe*

- Lots of guesses. *Andrew Patterson*
- All Australian places named after someone's given game. Thanks for another great puzzle. *Brian Tickle*
- Most enjoyable. *Jim Fowler*

- As well as all being places in Australia, the across clues are all real life persons after whom the places were named. (I started off thinking that you were going to perform as a duet, a new verse of 'I've been everywhere, man' boasting about all the places to which either or both of you had travelled.) *Susan Howells*

**READING THE OED by Ammon Shea, Viking, 2008:**

- **Essoiner** (n.) A person who offers an *essoin*, or an excuse for the absence of another.

*Essoiner* is a legal term, and properly designates a person who is officially authorized to present an excuse. I would not mind having one myself, and I am certainly prepared to officially authorize anyone who would care to make excuses for me.

- **Finifugal** (adj.) *Shunning the end of anything.* Many things in life deserve being finifugal about: the last 20 pages of a good book, a special meal that someone has just spent hours preparing for you, a slow walk in a light rain.

- **Grinagog** (n.) A person who is constantly grinning. Perhaps this should have also been defined as "one who deserves to be poked in the eye with a sharp stick."

- **Illutible** (adj.) *Unable to be washed away.* A word that suits a wide range of subjects, from bicycle grease to adultery.

- **Matutinal** (adj.) *Active or wide awake in the morning hours.* Perhaps the only thing more annoying than someone who does well with mornings is the person who wants to tell you what the word for this is.



## Quiz No 3/2017

## Quiz 3/2017. Alternates by Crowsman.



by **Crowsman**

All answers comprise ten letters, alternately consonants and vowels, such as ERADICATED, LEGITIMATE and DEMORALISE (or DEMORALIZE).

Send your solutions to Len Colgan, 1 Ailsa Avenue, Warradale, SA 5046 or by email to [len.colgan@unisa.edu.au](mailto:len.colgan@unisa.edu.au)

Closing mail date: 14 April 2017. \$75 prize.

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| 1 Indigenous                              | 11 Converted type for emphasis                 | 22 Get well                                  |
| 2 Full of regret                          | 12 The administration of justice in the courts | 23 Breathe new life                          |
| 3 Treat with asphalt                      | 13 Become horn-like in composition             | 24 West African                              |
| 4 Take-off                                | 14 Written matter, books                       | 25 Killing of one's sister                   |
| 5 Serving mainly to adorn                 | 15 Railway engine                              | 26 Below par                                 |
| 6 Avoiding waste or extravagance          | 16 Pull the strings                            | 27 Filming device for TV                     |
| 7 Those who manage an organisation        | 17 Malignant skin tumours                      | 28 Lacking knowledge                         |
| 8 Assist the progress of                  | 18 Confer citizenship upon                     | 29 One-sided                                 |
| 9 Make a sweeping assumption or statement | 19 Secret agents                               | 30 Lacking intellectual activity, plant-like |
| 10 In the past                            | 20 Introduced, began                           |  |
|   | 21 Disparaging                                 |  |

### Results of Quiz 1/2017: Mystery Quiz by *The Eager Beaver* (Bev Cockburn).

**No of entries: 19. Winner: Robyn McKenzie. Congratulations!**

**Results: 25:** Axelsen U, Colgan L, Garner P, Hagan B, Howells S, Leeds G, Lord P, Mason I, McKenzie R, Miles A and Symons B. **24:** Glissan B, Cole G and Crowe J. **23:** Procter M. **20:** Grainger D. **17:** Leigh J. **15:** Wimbush R. **14:** Millard A.

**Answers:** 1 ANYTHING, 2 APOCALYPSE, 3 BIRTHDAY, 4 CHEMISTRY, 5 COUNTRY, 6 CYCLONE, 7 DUMPSTER, 8 EARTHQUAKE, 9 EMPTY, 10 FRIENDSHIP, 11 GANGSTER, 12 GYMNASICS, 13 HEALTHY, 14 HYDROGEN, 15 LIGHTNING, 16 MARSHMELLOW, 17 MYSTERY, 18 NAUGHTY, 19 NIGHTMARE, 20 PHYSICAL, 21 RECYCLE, 22 SYLLABLE, 23 THOUGHTS, 24 TWELFTH, 25 WORTHLESS.

#### Adjudicator's comments:

Happy New Year! My apologies to those who found this quiz too difficult. It was never my intention to make it so – just words with four consonants in a row as in the word MYSTERY. Some entrants gave excellent answers but without the 'four in a row consonants'. Others had the 'four in a row consonants' but the word didn't fit the clue, eg 'schmooz' for No 22 and 'reapply' for No 21. 'Restyle' for 'recycle' was accepted as was 'syllabise' for 'syllable'.  
—*The Eager Beaver* (Bev Cockburn)

#### Solvers' comments:

- It took me quite a while to get the connection – then had to go back and re-do some. I hadn't realised that syllable is also a verb so that threw me out for a while too. A very clever idea!  
*Julie Crowe*
- What a brain teaser this was. Even after sussing the common thread, it was not easy. I daresay I have some wrong (only one B) but after all the effort I was compelled to send in this solution.  
*Barbara Glissan*
- I had most of the answers soon after obtaining the magazine but could find nothing that they had in common. I looked at the title of the quiz which made me think of: Agatha Christie novels, Sherlock Holmes mysteries, the unsolved mysteries of the world. But alas there was nothing. I looked for mysterious hidden words (elf in twelfth, angst in gangster but there were none in empty or hydrogen), duel words (friend/ship, birth/day but once again too many words didn't fit this pattern). I looked

at phonetics (always a mystery to me when I went to school) and finally a letter structure. I then found that most of my words had 4 consonants placed together. With a little readjustment and a bit of dictionary flicking I found 25 words that had this commonality. What it has to do with mystery is still a mystery, although it is one of my answers.  
*Ulla Axelsen*

- There was no way I would have solved this without the additional clue in this month's *Crozworld!* After all the angst, it wasn't too bad once the four-consonants-in-a-row was known. RECYCLE was hard to identify and the last one found.  
*Andrew Miles*

- WOW! What a challenging quiz to start the year – which explains my late Entry. (Not too late. B)  
*Brian Symons*

- I was most relieved when we were given the "additional hint" to help us with this quiz. I had found a number of words that included the letter Y and thought, perhaps, Y could be read as 'Why' – a Mystery! I couldn't, however, complete the quiz using this theory and came up with nothing better. Thank you for the brain workout.  
*Susan Howells*

- Thank you for the Mystery Quiz. I believe the "Four in a row" refers to the four consonants in a row in each word.  
*Gabrielle Leeds*

- I was very pleased when I worked out all the answers had 4 consecutive consonants. To start with I thought they had to have a Y in them but then I got to twelfth. Number 8 was especially meaningful to someone living here (NZ) after Nov 14.  
*Robyn McKenzie*

- I don't like starting the new year with an incomplete quiz but that's what I'll be doing. I have no idea what the 'something in common' is (except for a brief flirt with the letter Y).  
*Robyn Wimbush*

- I cannot fathom this quiz and am submitting an incomplete solution, despite considerable effort. You have completely befuddled this quizzier.  
*Ann Millard*

- Found it challenging to say the least!  
*David Grainger*

- It took me a while to get the connection: at first I thought they were all going to end in Y and then Y as the second letter but some answers didn't fit this and when I got to 'lightning' I realised it was 4 consonants together! So the 'Mystery' was solved.  
*Marian Procter*

- Number 15 I have put lightning, no y because I can think of nothing else. It is this one that makes me question the y as the common factor. I have to admit I'm absolutely stumped.  
*Julie Leigh*



**January 2017 Slot 7:**

**As easy as BCD by Flowerman (Ian Thompson)**

**Results: Entries 43. Correct 28. Success rate 65.1%.**

**Prizewinner: Ian McKenzie. Congratulations!**

**Adjudicator's comments:**

Thanks everyone for your entries and comments. The four different series of letters involved in the solutions, FGH, LMN, RST and XYZ represent all four possibilities found in words when the series does not contain a vowel. The title hinted at the absence of vowels; I am not sure if, or how soon, solvers were helped by this. The main errors were with PUPA and LENT, with most other errors appearing to be accidental.

**Solvers' Comments:**

- I enjoyed the challenge but the expected DEF did not appear! 5dn and 18dn particularly appealed. A few clues took a while to reconcile; e.g. 1dn. *Len Colgan*
- Loved it. *Trish McPherson*
- Mmm – well that really was a challenge! *Julie Leigh*
- An outstanding set of clues which were concise, correct and clever. Top job. *Andrew Patterson*
- Lot of cluing wizardry in that! *Roy Taylor*
- This one crossword took me longer to solve than the other 6 combined! A great challenge. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Not sure of a tick on this – definitely a Slot 7! Neat tie-in between 1dn and 25dn. *Nea Storey*
- A tough one. 3dn is a guess. *Anne Simons*
- The imagination and prowess of setters continues to surprise and delight. *Rob Moline*
- An interesting theme and an enjoyable challenge. I like the clues for PETER, LENT and DECEIT. *Brian Tickle*
- Great clues, difficult but fair and no lauGHIng matter! *Beverley Cockburn*
- I am always grateful when I tackle a puzzle by Flowerman that I have a reasonable knowledge of biology. *Susan Howells*
- Really enjoyed the challenge. *Marian Procter*
- Thank-you for this really difficult puzzle. I am not sure about PREGGERS without some indication that it is informal. Looking forward to lots more of your work. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- A good challenge to start the year. *Robyn Caine*
- An interesting and challenging crossword. I can't see how PETER comes from the clue [Adj. Safe is the def. Remove S (last letter of wolves) from PESTER (badger)]. *Graeme Cole*
- A very interesting concept and a good workout. *Bob Hagan*

**Solution to January 2017 Slot 7**

A	P	L	H	C	I	A	P						
F	O	R	G	E	R	Y	A	N	N	U	L	A	R
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**The Language Police**

Lovers of language and literature, especially those with children or grandchildren still in Grades K-12, will find *The Language Police* by education historian Diane Ravitch riveting, revelatory, and extremely disturbing. *The Language Police* is an exposé of the practice of systematic self-censoring by textbook manufacturers to avoid offending either the political right or the left.

Ravitch, an education historian who has worked in the administrations of both political parties, says she learned only gradually that educational materials are now governed by an intricate set of rules to screen out language and topics that might be considered controversial or offensive.

The systematic censorship Ravitch describes stems from “bias and sensitivity” guidelines provided by state textbook selection committees and other groups. Such guidelines proscribe words, phrases, images, and concepts that someone—anyone—might consider sexist, religious, elitist, ageist, regionalist, or unhealthful.

Here are a few of the words and phrases writers are warned to avoid or to exclude outright when writing for the educational market:

- able-bodied seaman, actress
- boatman, busboy
- cabin boy, cameraman, caveman, cult
- devil, dogma, dwarf
- Eskimo, fairy, fanatic, fat, fisherman
- God, gringo, gypsy
- heathen, hell, heroine, hut
- jungle, junk bond, juvenile delinquent
- Middle East, maniac, myth
- night watchman, nobleman, normal
- old, old wives' tale
- pagan, papoose, past one's prime, polo
- Satan, schoolboy, schoolgirl, seamstress, Sioux, slave, snow cone, snowman, soul food, stick ball, swarthy
- tomboy, tote bag, tribal warfare, tribe, turn a deaf ear to
- un-American, uncivilized
- victim, yacht.

Published in <http://www.dailywritingtips.com/the-language-police>

For a detailed description of *The Language Police*, read the review by science teacher Anne C. Westwater in *The Textbook Letter*, Vol. 12, No.4 of the Textbook League. Better still, read the book.

**Clue Writing Competition No 1/2017**

**Unstable irate US loon not a progression from discord to concord \*\*\***

I wonder whom this clue could be related to? Putting that to one side, it's a simple anagram of IRATE, US and LOON without the letter A. The definition is the musical one and is taken straight from *Chambers* (see above). It fits the topical theme well.

**Will power involve oil? Not sure \*\*\***

Here we have an anagram of OIL, NOT and SURE with a wonderfully disguised definition. It still works as a noun, but the surface reading suggests a verb in the form of a question. The anagram indicator is not the correct tense, but it does add to a topical surface sense.

**Clue Writing Competition No 2/2017**

For the next competition, please write a clue for the word **PHOENIX (7)** complete with explanation. 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 14 April 2017. Prize \$50.

**Results of the Clue Writing Competition: No 1/2017.**  
**Write a clue for RESOLUTION (10)**  
**Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.**

Definition from *Chambers* (12<sup>th</sup> edition):  
**n** act of resolving; analysis; separation of components; melting; solution; the separation of an optically inactive mixture or compound into its optically active components (*chem*); the definition of a graphic or text image on a computer monitor, fax printer, TV screen, etc often measured in dots per unit area; the smallest measurable distance, or separation, or time interval (*phys, electronics and nucleonics*); resolving power; state of being resolved; fixed determination; that which is resolved; removal of or freedom from doubt; progression from discord to concord (music); a formal proposal put before a meeting, or its formal determination thereon; substitution of two short syllables for a long; the making visible of detail; the disappearance or dispersion of a tumour or inflammation.

The first clue writing competition of the year is off to a solid start with 17 entries. While, for the most part, I'm not one for earnest New Year's resolutions, I have set myself to strive for more interesting competition words. For *resolution*, there was a mixed bag of clues, mostly made up of anagrams. While I don't favour one style of clueing over another, perhaps toying with a non-anagram clue would help develop your arsenal of clueing tools. **Brian Symons**, who is no stranger to taking out this competition, has again delivered with a seamless subtraction anagram. Well done Brian!

**Determination to prepare a solo routine that lacks nothing (10)**

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

**A fix about a fix \*\*½**

This pithy clue is attractive to the eye. It's a simple charade with RE and SOLUTION. The main problem is that the chief secondary indicator is virtually identical to the definition (i.e. *solution* has the same meaning as *resolution*). A traditional cryptic clue provides two completely separate ways to arrive at the answer, so one should try and avoid this doubling up, as tempting as it may be.

**Analysis about the sun, uranium, and tritium particle \*\*\*½**

This is a neat charade with various elements of the scientific variety (RE,SOL,U,T,ION). They meld together quite well and, to my untrained eye at least, the amalgam seems chemically possible. For those who are interested, tritium is an isotope of hydrogen of triple mass.

**Backed winner apparently, with reportedly you and I involved in outcome \*\*\***

This clue had me referring back to the form guide for an explanation. The tricky part is associating *winner apparently* with NOT LOSER, which is then reversed. The remaining parsing accounts for the letters U and I. It nearly works, but strictly speaking *not a loser*, would appear to be closer to the definition of a *winner*. Still, it's refreshing to see an attempt at something more elaborate.

**Church to answer formal proposal \*\*½**

This charade-like clue joins RE (church) to SOLUTION (answer). RE (Reformed Episcopal) for church is not one I've come across before, but indeed it sits alongside *royal engineers* and *religious education* as a valid abbreviation for RE. The rest of the secondary indication (*answer* – solution) runs into the same problem as a previous clue, as it's synonymous with the actual definition – *proposal*.

**Clarity in reference to answer \*\*\*\***

This clue also connects RE with SOLUTION, but here the

definition relates to the 'definition' option. It's parsed simply but effectively, and I could easily insert it into a clue analysis write-up.

**Determination of failure to return to University starts off term independently overcoming nervousness \*\*\***

This charade clue reverses LOSER (failure) with U and the initial letters of the last four words. It's parsed accurately and fairly, and the 'loser' returning presents plenty of potential. The clue's surface sense is somewhat strained but I get the gist of it.

**Determination to prepare a solo routine that lacks nothing \*\*\*\***

This a seamless subtraction anagram with O removed from an anagram of ASOLOROUTINE. All the elements work and the surface reading makes perfect sense.

**Determined 'loser' returning to University with no IT backing \*\*\*½**

This clue's parsing is based on a reversal of LOSER and NOIT with U in the middle. It's quite clever and one could imagine a non-IT student struggling at University. I perhaps would have gone with a synonym of *loser* so as not to give away the game too early.

**Firm decision about Sir Elton's house – shes are excluded! \*\*\***

This clue is parsed with a subtraction anagram, with SHES taken from SIRELTONSHOUSE. Technically it works, even if *shes* grates on the ear a touch. While the ACC has no problem with using well-known people in the clue, *The Times* actually wait until they're deceased. Lucky for Sir Elton that this clue isn't appearing there!

**First you French, then the Spanish queen back the declaration \*\*\***

I have to admit that I couldn't solve this without referring back to the compiler's explanation. In hindsight it's a relatively simple premise – all the elements are reversed (*backing* would be a preferable indicator) – NOI,TU,LOS,ER. The clue as a whole does paint an image of a some sort of royal decree being passed, but the *First you French* tarnishes the surface sense a little. It's still a valiant attempt.

**For starters read everything, sleep often, love uninhibitedly, then intercept obstacles with new courage \*\*\*\***

This is an admirable attempt at taking the initial letters of ten words to make a more than readable surface rendering. It could easily have been taken out of a self-help book. As always with this style of clue, they can be difficult to disguise, but otherwise I think this is a fine clue.

**I turn loose change into grit \*\*\*½**

This is a simple anagram of I, TURN and LOOSE as indicated by *change*. It's concise and manages to disguise the definition nicely.

**Is lone tour walkabout with no fixed purpose? Quite the opposite! \*\*\***

This anagram of IS,LONE,TOUR is indicated by *walkabout* – an excellent indicator. The remaining nearly two-thirds of the clue makes up the definition, which fits the overall theme of the clue.

**Lone suitor driven by determination \*\*\***

This is a neat anagram of LONE and SUITOR. However, I'm not convinced *driven* is a suitable anagram indicator. *Driven* can mean many things, (e.g. compelled, pushed, urged and hurried), but it doesn't directly suggest a 'mixing of letters'.

**New tonsure oil is working out \*\*\***

The simplest of anagrams TONSURE OIL as indicated by *new*. The definition is a fitting choice, and I'm picturing a monk most content with his smooth bald spot. One of the better anagrams.

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