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Dictionaries are like watches: the worst is better than none,  
and the best cannot be expected to go quite true.  
Samuel Johnson, 21 August 1784, letter to Francesco Sastres.

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The ACC is thriving and astonishingly successful. How can this be one might ask? Well, we have Australia's Best crosswords whether it be the straightforward cryptics or the challenging ones or the unorthodox ones or the ... So the List goes on ... And the Quizzes are individual and varied and provide the Quiz enthusiasts with plenty to offer. Michael Kennedy our Adjudicator of the Clue-Writing Competition said that 23 members devised a clue for the last Competition which must be something of a record: it looks like we have some budding compilers coming our way. So thanks to all our keen members and compilers and our loyal and efficient Adjudicators. Not to forget our hard-working Secretary Bev Cockburn and Ian and Kay Williams who do so much for the ACC. Thank you all for making the ACC Number One!

Our consummate Puzzle set-up person, **Ian Williams**, has selected another variety of excellent and challenging puzzles and quizzes for you this month. Favourites like *Penobscot*, *Pindar* and *Manveru* are there for your ongoing relish plus a skilful offering from the talented *Crowsman*. We welcome back *Daintree Lady* with the popular Half 'n Half and the challenging *InGrid* has devised another beauty titled *Ahead of the Rest* in Slot 6. In addition we have quizzes from *Tobi* and the Bonus Quiz titled *Prepare for Action! Clear the Decks!* has been craftily set by *Sinbad* (see p9). Plus another brilliant offering from *zinzan* in the Slot 7 spot titled *Blankety Blank*. Michael Kennedy has provided the results of the Clue Writing Competition No 2/2012 and challenged clue-writers to devise a clue for the word FRAGILE (7). See p16.

The Victorian *Christmas in July* Get-Together will be held in the comfortable Dining Room at the Royal Oak Hotel, North Fitzroy on Sunday 29 July commencing at noon. Last year's was a stunning success and we would like to match it this year. We hope to welcome all crossworders especially those who might like to visit us from interstate. See p9 for further details. Best of Luck with your solving this month. —Patrick

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Greetings from the West. **Slot 1:** Members have noticed that there was a problem with the clue and the answer to 21dn AMANUENSIS/AMENUENSIS; either answer is accepted. There were quite a few mistakes with this Slot – a lot of “one-offs” but the most errors occurred when pulsate and pulpate were used for PALPATE on seven occasions. Orange was put in for oracle by two solvers.

**Slot 2:** Webbed Foot was replaced with Webbed Feet, Wobbly Foot and Wilburcoot! which made the surrounding answers incorrect also. Tasman was used for tasted on three occasions, tinc for zinc (I suppose a slip of the pen), iron for grin and several other errors of various spellings.

**Slot 3:** 16dn was one of those which led to two acceptable answers – ICONISING and IDOLISING. However, what was not acceptable was the use of Z in the spelling as this did not fit in with the part of the clue “I confess” which is *sing*. Other mistakes were the use of tinia for tinea, embeds for embody on three occasions, and again the use of z in the word unauthorised which did not fit the clue “dies sadly”.

**Slot 4:** This is probably a record for mistakes for one word when sixty-one members put quinine for quinone. The former is such a well-known word and the latter not so and I feel that many did not check it out carefully when it really did not fit the cryptic part of the clue. Aperitifs was misspelled 10 times (aperatifs) and lasagne for lasagna 17 times. Pleasing was used for pleasant on four occasions and 6 solvers mucked up the spelling of gerenuk by transposing the “r” and the “n”. This puzzle was certainly a trap for young players!

**Slot 5:** Members either hated this one or loved it to bits, the great majority being in the latter category. Many (dare I say scaredy-cats) just did not even attempt it but of those who did very few had errors – just 4 in fact.

**COTM:** There were many and various votes for the Clue of the Month. The winner is WEBBED FOOT at 16dn in Slot 2 by *Virgo* which attracted 15 votes. Slot 2 and 3 got many votes spread over many clues. Second place went to the “D” clue in Slot 4 DECEITFUL.

Thank you for your cards, letters and greetings. This is a very nice way to keep in contact with other members of the Club whom I feel that I know well having done this job for quite some years now, although I have not met a lot of them. —Doreen Jones

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| Puzzle No.       | 1                       | 2                   | 3                      | 4           | 5            | Total               |
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| Entries received | 138                     | 135                 | 134                    | 136         | 76           | 519                 |
| Correct entries  | 102                     | 115                 | 118                    | 55          | 71           | 461                 |
| Success rate (%) | 73.9                    | 85.2                | 88.1                   | 40.4        | 93.4         | 88.8s               |
| Prizewinners     | S Taylor<br>R Whitehead | H Zucal<br>J Baylis | G Campbell<br>G Fuller | Greg McAdoo | Peter Dearie | from 126<br>members |

Prizewinner: April 2012 Slots 1-5: Iain MacDougall.

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## Apr 1-2012

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## MEMBERS RESULTS FOR Slots 1-5 APR 2012 & MAR Slot 6

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| BATUM C     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| BAYLIS J    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| BENNETT B   | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| BENNETT D   | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| CAINE R     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| CALLAN A&D  | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| CAMPBELL G  | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| CARROLL L   | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| CHAMPION G  | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| COATES D    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| COCKBURN B  | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| COLE G      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| COLGAN L    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| COLLINS M   | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| COPLAND F   | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| COULTON L   | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| COWAN M     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| CROMER H    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| DAVIS M     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| DEARIE P    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| DE GRYS A   | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| DENNIS M    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| DINHAM V    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| DOBELE T    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| DORRELL R   | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| DUCKER R    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| DYER A      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| EGGLETON B  | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| EVANS Jean  | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| FREELAND J  | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| FREEMAN H   | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| FULLER G    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| GLISSAN B   | . | . | . | . | . | . |

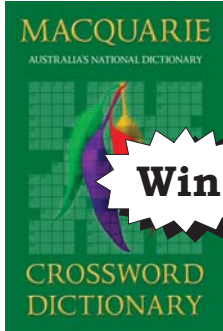
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| HAGAN B       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| HARPER K      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| HATCHUEL D    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| HAZELL N      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| HEENAN C      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| HEMSLEY D     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| HOCKING A     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| HOWARD V      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| HOWELLS S     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| JARMAN L      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| JERMY A       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| JONES C       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| KNIGHT S      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| LEE C         | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| LEEDS G       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| LEMON G       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| LOYD G        | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| LOBSEY V      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| LORD P        | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| McADOO G      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| McCLELLAND C  | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| MacDOUGALL I  | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| McGRATH J     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| McKENZIE I    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| McMANUS D     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| MARTIN F      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| MARTIN John   | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| MAUNDER M     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| MAY S         | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| MEEK D        | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| MERCER P      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| MILES A       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| PATTERSON A    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| PEARCE J       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| PERROW H       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| PINDER S       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| PROCTER D      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| QUINN C        | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| RENDELL A      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| RYAN WG        | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| SHIELD A       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| SIEGMAN B      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| SIMONS A       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| SKINNER R      | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| SMITH J        | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| SPICER L       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| STEINBERGER M  | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| STOCKS J       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| STOREY N       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| SYMONS B       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| TAYLOR R       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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| TICKLE B       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| TOFONI B       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| VILLIERS W     | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| WAITES L       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| WALTER A       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| WATT K         | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| WEBBER B       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| WENHAM J       | . | . | . | . | . | . |
| WHITEHEAD R    | . | . | . | . | . | . |
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by  
**Daintree**  
**Lady**

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**Across**

- 1 Cots (4)
- 3 Male deer (4)
- 6 Blades (5)
- 10 Tells (9)
- 11 Rope loop (5)
- 12 Pasta shapes (7)
- 13 To cut (7)
- 14 Accomplice (4)
- 16 Game (6)
- 18 Freakish (3)
- 21 Cycle (3)
- 22 Made breeding place (6)
- 23 Polish (4)
- 25 Malevolent (7)
- 27 Soup (7)
- 29 Very much colder (5)
- 30 Exercise (9)
- 31 Glances sideways (5)
- 32 Ease forward (4)
- 33 Spoilt child (4)

**Down**

- 1 Thought supporter had trendy hairstyle (9)
- 2 Animal wrong-doing (5)
- 4 Stores darts and springs (4,5)
- 5 Blows from mad neurologists (non loonier!) (5)
- 6 Strip with one attempt – it's highway robbery (8)
- 7 This is one grumpy line-up of top drivers (9)
- 8 Hears about crop (5)
- 9 Bedding replaced last night with top layer for old writer (5)
- 15 Not the smartest at any rate (9)
- 17 Ideal roads for mooning around? (9)
- 19 Discourage man creating cleaning solution (9)
- 20 Nets seen around so rushed back in to school (8)
- 24 Vehicle cleaned. Removed top of plug but ... (5)
- 25 ... not moving yet (5)
- 26 Listen, enter for some spice (5)
- 28 One often found under the main bridge road, I've realised (5)

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### Across


- 1 and 7 5 down's rendering of eight bleeps (3,3,5)
- 5 Amend the plan. Maritime flag lacking the end of pennon (8)
- 9 Farewelled by 5 down. short book returned in my (English) see (2,6)
- 10 In your .... ? But not in 1,7! (6)
- 11 Complicated as recipe upon fish (3,9)
- 13 Row from heartless feline (4)
- 14 In what north tundras can produce would these creatures survive? (8)
- 17 Two cats to be avoided in a collision (8)
- 18 PM in OZ! (4)
- 20 You, we hear, soused in gin cocktail. Crafty! (12)
- 23 Some played it hard for old English saint (6)
- 24 Elsie ran wildly close by (4,4)
- 25 Con man weltered in a mess (8)
- 26 Oddly enough a 5 down character could use one to put the chill on someone (6)

### Down

- 2 Cloudy cover we hear but does this while the sun shines (4)
- 3 Expresses disapproval about the leader on net. Means of elevation? (9)
- 4 Rested after ego trip, sets upon (4,2)
- 5 Cherry and almond pie for writer (7,8)
- 6 Consecrator diced. Diced in front of soldier (8)
- 7 See 1
- 8 I'm negative about doubling up (10)
- 12 Most of 5 down's work found in attic (4,6)
- 15 Bottle tree from Asia and no mistake (9)
- 16 Would this cup hold Lara's gin fizz? (8)
- 19 He was chased but he was chaste. Jumping Jehoshaphat! Well, partly! (6)
- 21 and 22 Knit a heel, artfully, 5 down lady. Where to find her? (2,3,4)

### GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Many thanks to ACC for my prize for April, Slot 5. *Chambers Dictionary* – the ultimate authority! Much appreciated! *Arthur Barrett*
- I have just received a most wonderful surprise – a cheque from the ACC. It was a most unexpected prize, especially as it was the only 'dot' I managed to get. My thanks to whoever pulled my name out of the hat and also to Patrick for his beautiful calligraphy. My best wishes to all at ACC. *Yvonne McKindlay*
- I am only a recent member of the ACC and I am greatly enjoying the monthly challenges and all the other contributions. I think I must be a Lexophile! *John Baylis*
- Thank you for last month's Slot 4 prize. *Bob Hagan*
- Many thanks to the Club for my Slot 3 prize last month. *Doreen Jones*
- Thank you for my wonderful \$75 prize for February's Slot 1. I have been at a low ebb waiting on a hip replacement and it cheered me up immensely. AND the monthly set of puzzles keeps me busy for many hours. PS – I found this month's Slots 5 and 6 extremely difficult. *Pat Lord*
- Thank you for the Slot 3 prize: it was most welcome at a time when a lot of bills were needed to be paid. *David Procter*
- Thanks for the prize of the *Chambers Biographical Dictionary*, won for February slot 6. Sure glad I didn't win the lobotomy offered to Max Roddick, although after successfully navigating my way through a *Raoul* crossword and all its crypticity, I felt like I'd already had one. *Dave Parsons*
- Another prize! I couldn't believe it. Last time it converted into books. This time, books and chocolates. I love both. Many thanks to the Adjudicator and the Club. *Joan McGrath*

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**Across**

- 1 Container with badly made, crumbling bagel (6,3)
- 9 A firm glow, say, in candle holder (7)
- 10 Heartless, they controlled a great metropolis in time of oppression (7)
- 11 Food, perhaps, for entertaining soldier (5)
- 12 Pale freesia that glows? (9)
- 13 All but fixed case (7)
- 15 Surpass forty in Rome, say (5)
- 17 The disturbed foreign character (5)
- 18 Meddling with yes/no tussle (5)
- 19 Pindar is in a tangle of tall grass (5)
- 20 Appears to change drink (5,2)
- 23 Be in the majority to expel anaesthetist (9)
- 25 Allude to joint out east, once (5)
- 27 Working girl took energy out of novelist (7)
- 28 A novice Valentino in every respect (3,4)
- 29 Leaving with no right to return (9)

**Down**

- 1 Little girl from Kansas will shortly broadcast plug (6)
- 2 Meet chaplain about troops, say (10)
- 3 Twice unsettle arches in church vaults (8)
- 4 “Dedicated car space”. Where? In “Nice swampy area” (5)
- 5 Soldier hangs around outside a base for something fruity... (9)
- 6 ... in a sweet red suit! (6)
- 7 Fancy a newly discovered colour? (4)
- 8 Have a ball giving birth! (8)
- 14 Reason to fight about small rampaging bullies (5,5)
- 16 Calmness and tranquillity benefit stable (9)
- 17 In the everlasting unknown, foreign (8)
- 18 Vague common sense about backward means of overcoming friction (8)
- 21 Tried hard to switch Right’s vote (6)
- 22 Drill a hole for a very unlikely par 10! (6)
- 24 Express disapproval or give instruction (5)
- 26 Groped and left flustered (4)

**COMPILER PROFILE: Daintree Lady (Daphne Titus-Rees).**

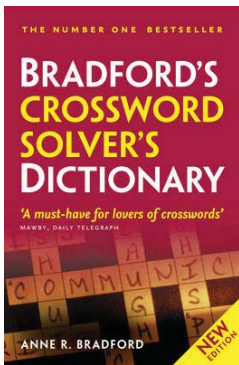
[Many long-standing members will recall Daphne’s compiling skills, but for the benefit of the more recent, Daphne has prepared the following introduction.]

Born in Cheshire, England, but I have been a true-blue Australian since the 1970's. Peter and I met at sea in 1969 when the 'normal' roles were reversed – I was an officer (Woman Assistant Purser – how PI-C that sounds now!) and he an Aussie passenger on P&O's *Orcades*. Three years later we were married in England and I joined him on his tiny island off the coast of PNG where Peter was a coconut plantation manager for Burns Philp. Later we moved to Brisbane where, over time, we owned and operated several small businesses before semi-retiring in 1997 and hitting the road in a caravan to find our new home away from the city. I had always loved cryptic crosswords, to which my father introduced me in my teens, so with our laptop and my first download of *Crossword Compiler* my compiling hobby began on our travels. We eventually found our Paradise here in beautiful Daintree and are the happy owners of *Daintree Valley Haven*, 30 acres of rainforest and gardens where we enjoy hosting visitors from around the world in the three bungalows we installed in 2000. Early on I helped out on a lovely Daintree River cruise boat named the *Daintree Lady* (sadly no longer operating) hence my pseudonym!

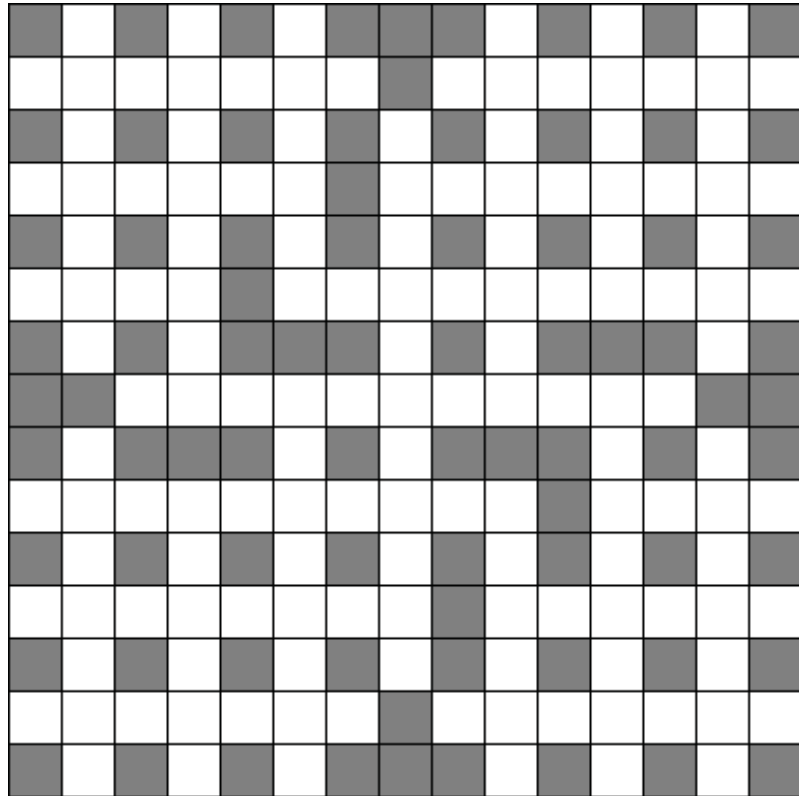
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Solutions begin with the given letter. Solve the clues and place the solutions in the grid, jigsaw-wise, where they fit.

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| <p><b>A</b> Acknowledged a State before the foundation of democracy (8)</p> <p><b>B</b> This landlocked republic uses rubles built around Russia, ultimately (7)</p> <p><b>C</b> Anger after brief revolution with no US backing gets daring (10)</p> <p><b>D</b> Spend term at new offices (11)</p> <p><b>E</b> US anthem is remastered with passion (10)</p> <p><b>F</b> Little bud is a fellow with wisdom and time (6)</p> <p><b>G</b> Impossible Target with nought right – the answer is STRANGLER (8)</p> <p><b>H</b> Hot and soil-like – not a river in sight when describing uncultivated land (6)</p> <p><b>I</b> Explains toss result – tails! (11)</p> <p><b>J</b> Penalty is due to drug (7)</p> <p><b>K</b> I'll not get involved with violent peacenik – it's torture (7)</p> <p><b>L</b> Profession where the head position is replaced by a learner – whereabouts? (8)</p> | <p><b>M</b> Noiseless computer accessory needs a variable attachment (6)</p> <p><b>N</b> See plane travelling from a lofty Asian place (8)</p> <p><b>O</b> A person of influence, figuratively, is well armed? (7)</p> <p><b>P</b> It's natural to take cash out to go shopping (8)</p> <p><b>Q</b> Desert is utterly endless (4)</p> <p><b>R</b> Living in the country is magic – it surprises some when they go back (6)</p> <p><b>S</b> Rule – subtract the final time to produce figure (6)</p> <p><b>T</b> Send a message to Daniel, for one, exactly as planned (8)</p> <p><b>U</b> Rosy is out of Bed and Buffet (6)</p> <p><b>V</b> Hypnotic drug found in Dover on a liner (7)</p> <p><b>W</b> A rugby player to fight a rejected bowler, perhaps (7)</p> <p><b>X</b> Code word or a picture? (4)</p> <p><b>Y</b> Sailed around low island to find the scuttled bow of "Dunbar" (7)</p> <p><b>Z</b> Laze about on duty when noon expires? How strenuous! (7)</p> |
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## WORDS TO SLIP INTO CONVERSATION OCCASIONALLY ...

**Addubitation** (n.) *A suggestion of doubt.* My favourite kinds of words are not the grand and dramatic creations. Nor are they the short and brutish words that make up so much of our everyday speech. More than any others I love words like addubitation, words that describe a phenomenon about which you never even wondered.

**Cacotechny** (n.) *"Bad art; a hurtful or mischievous art."* (OED) Although both the etymology and the citations for this word would seem to suggest that the art referred to is of the mechanical rather than the cultural sort, I cannot resist the temptation to take this word literally, since, as any moviegoer, theater fan, or gallery trawler will attest, there is such a glorious profusion of bad art of all kinds.

**Esurient** (adj.) *Hungry, in a figurative sense; also, poor and greedy.* The OED states that this word is now "humorously pedantic", a designation it frequently gives to absurd or ludicrous words. This always leaves me scratching my head, since while the words are very frequently pedantic, there is nothing at all humorous about this word, in either of its meanings.

**Frauentdienst** (n.) *An exaggerated sense of chivalry toward women.* An example of the evolving notion of chivalry. *Frauentdienst* was the title of a 13C work by Ulrich von Lichtenstein, in which he details all the utterly remarkable things that he accomplished in the service of his preferred lady (defeating hundreds of opposing warriors, undergoing mutilation, and the like).

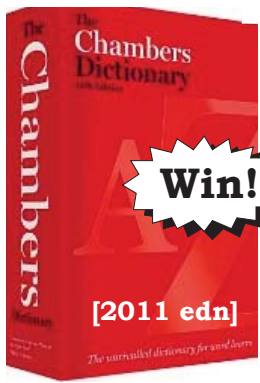
**Valentine** (v.) *To greet with song at mating-time (said of birds).* When birds open their mouths and let forth with song in the hopes of attracting a mate it falls into the category of "marvel of nature". When a man does this same activity it falls into the category of "grounds for a restraining order".

—Cheerfully appropriated from *Reading the OED* by Ammon Shea, Viking an imprint of Penguin Book, 2008, kindly supplied by Merv Collins.

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One solution, although a common word, is not in all standard references

**Across**

- 7 A female dog, perhaps, is glowing, but inconsistently (8)
- 8 Story about a big toe? (6)
- 11 Crazy person swallows except for spreadable foodstuff (9)
- 12 Those involved with cultural character and spirit (5)
- 13 Place for new community discharge (10)
- 14 From this land, what emigrants wanted (4)
- 16 New arrangements for payback actions – penny is included (15)
- 18 Bet with old money (4)
- 19 Where  $2330 + 3418 = 2880$  is decoded? (6,4)
- 22 Planet core experiences left-to-right movement (5)
- 23 Remain resolute and endure diet (5,4)
- 24 Small, readily available drink (6)
- 25 Match not in series? (8)

**Down**

- 1 They take off coats and trousers, including one group of holiday makers (5,9)
- 2 Liberal thinker, under pressure, becomes bore overusing trite sayings (15)
- 3 Person who deals in facts from union group elite (9)
- 4 A booze-up follows examination for a University certificate (8)
- 5 Party has crank turning up (5)
- 6 By use of industrial science, and with strict interpretation of the rules, admitted old record (15)
- 9 Drunk son got into dance not long ago, sadly (14)
- 10 Refugee's explanation of how he fled from here (4)
- 15 Sigmund, initially unable to distinguish musical pitch, is unable to hear anything (5-4)
- 17 Historic Crimean town dropped the French small desserts (8)
- 20 Dagger, with top to bottom remodelling, is a threat (4)
- 21 Carpet kept under wraps in church (5)

**DIGGER DIALECTS** [edited by JM Arthur & WS Ramson, OUP, 1990.]

**Almond Rocks** (n.). — Socks. [Recorded by Partridge as late 19C rhyming slang, gaining military currency during WW1.

**Answer is a Lemon** — A catchword; a meaningless answer to a foolish question. [This is the earliest recorded occurrence of the catchphrase. The use of *lemon* for 'something undesirable, or which fails to meet one's expectations' is originally American (1909) and probably refers to a symbol on a gaming machine (see OEDS *lemon*.)

**Back in one's Cart** — Interfere. [The phrase is not recorded elsewhere in this sense. Bazley adds a second meaning of 'to ask for more', and this survives in the Australian *back up*, used as a noun and verb.]

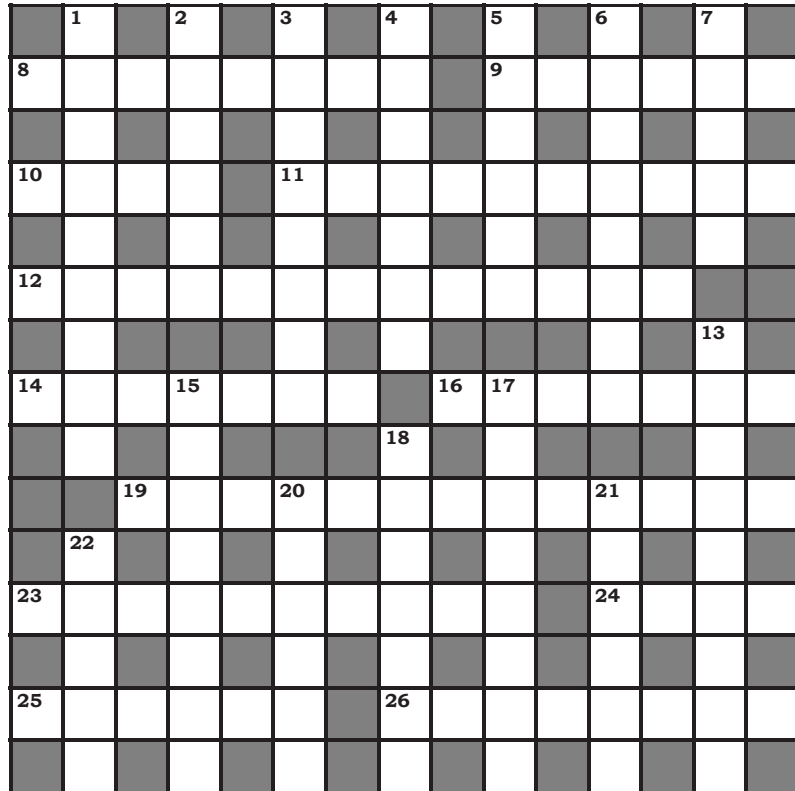
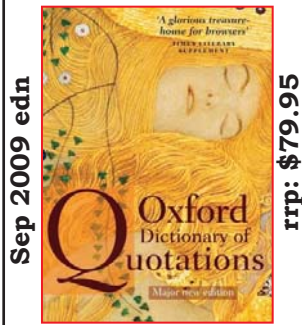
**Brasso King** — An officer who insists that his men should polish the brass-work on their equipment and uniforms. [Not recorded elsewhere, though the following quotation suggests some currency.]  
Polishing and cleaning gear entitles a Battalion to the appellation of Brasso's [*sic*]. *Waiting Times* 1 Mar. 1919, p21.

**Chop** — Share. 'To hop in for one's chop' — to enter in, in order to secure a privilege or benefit. [Special use of chop 'a slice or cut of something'. The colloquial phrase *to hop in for one's chop* is generally current in Australia and New Zealand. This is the earliest recorded occurrence.  
They tore into [the enemy] as if there were only a couple more days in the war left to go and they wanted their chop. *Listening Post* Mar. 1948, p24.

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Six solutions lack the same word, which is not to be entered in the grid. The corresponding clues comprise the secondary indication only, and the complete phrase in each case is well-known.

**Across**

- 8 Period of protection (3,5)
- 9 Tell of popular grade (6)
- 10 Relay team! (4)
- 11 Tended before 500 small trees lost ... (10)
- 12 ...or diagnosed wort rampant in these sequoias (5,8)
- 14 Rubbish lacks point to bloke (7)
- 16 Timid about growth that's darkish (7)
- 19 Bean for red athlete (7,6)
- 23 Returned to power with the strap, as declared (10)
- 24 Rub at it, somewhat upset at the ban (4)
- 25 Colossus perhaps not the right height (6)
- 26 Dance the twist? No chance! (8)

- 5 The Mafia scoffed at hidden debacle (6)

- 6 From the bumper (8)
- 7 Beginner with cure treatment is heartless (5)
- 13 Sail to the corner at one knot (5,4)
- 15 A nice nut turned and hooked (8)
- 17 Earth turned endlessly awry (5,3)
- 18 Rented us talking vegetable (7)
- 20 Prefer rodent to that woman (6)
- 21 Anoint madly (6)
- 22 Are these Sessions insignificant? (5)

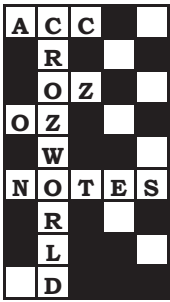
**Down**

- 1 Storehouses for ephemera? (9)
- 2 Filter for Indian between the poles (6)
- 3 She follows road to prayer (3,5)
- 4 Angered in a bad way by bomb (7)

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**A Message from our Puzzle/Set up Person Ian Williams:**

"A number of solvers identified a problem in April Slot 1, 21dn. Our apologies. This was due to your crossword editor's finger trouble and a more than usually helpful checking program. Either the correct word as defined or the word as constructed from the anagram has been accepted as a correct solution."

**CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2012**

Our Annual Victorian Get-together this year will be **Christmas in July** and will be held at noon on Sunday 31 July at the Royal Oak Hotel, 442 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy. The Dining Room does not usually open on Sundays, but last year we persuaded them to open specially for us if we could guarantee at least 30 persons. We did and it turned out to be a most successful occasion. So let's do it again. Make a note in your Cruciverbal Diary now!

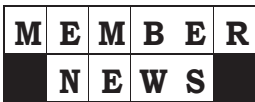
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**New Members:** Judith Woodford from Heidelberg Vic (a Gift Membership from Gabriel Fuller), Patricia Abbott from Lugarno, NSW and David Graham. Welcome to the Wonderful World of Crozworlding!

**One word riddle:** In our April *Crozworld*, p9 our Secretary Bev Cockburn asked what nine-letter word in the English language is still a word when eight letters are removed one by one? Answer: **STARTLING**. Starting, Staring, String, Sting, Sing, Sin, In, I.

**From Adjudicator Veniece Lobsey:** Entries from Nancy Hazell and Anne Rendell arrived too late for adjudication in the March puzzles.

**Tributes to the late Len Noble**



1. "Regarding the recent passing of Carole Noble's husband, Len: They moved up to the Central Coast when Bruce and I were living there, shortly after I joined the ACC. Of course Bruce and I made friends with them. They served us lunch on numerous occasions, and attended one of my famous 'afternoon barbecue-treasure hunt-cum quizzes'. Len also joined our fortnightly poker game. He represented the Crossword Club at Bruce's funeral as Carole was unable to attend. He didn't

stay for the wake as he wanted to get home to prepare Carole's lunch, although she said she would be alright and he should stay. The last time I saw Len was while I was preparing to sell up and move to Queensland. I gave him some spare reference books for Carole and asked him to take any novels he fancied for himself. He was a great reader — Science fiction being his favourite. I can't imagine how Carole feels without him; he was so devoted — and his protracted illness when she couldn't see him must have been devastating. So the above little tribute and a few fond memories from me."

—Audrey Austin

2. In the early years of the ACC, my wife Joy and myself used to have fairly frequent contact with Carole and Len at get-togethers or through emails. However, during the past few years we have lost contact both email and address-wise. So through *Crozworld* we would like to send our condolences to Carole in the sad loss of Len.

—David Procter

**Bonus Quiz May 2012 Prepare for Action! Clear the Decks! By Sinbad**

Write a nautical expression relating to the following clues. As an example, "Dismiss or reject" is "Give the heave-ho".

Send your answers to Graeme Cole, 114 Skye Point Road, Coal Point NSW 2283. E-mail: [coley@dragnet.com.au](mailto:coley@dragnet.com.au)

Closing date: 8 June 2012. Book prize.

- 1 Collapse suddenly
- 2 Take a risk
- 3 Prepare for a crisis
- 4 Keep well away from or avoid
- 5 Disclose a secret
- 6 Quieten down
- 7 Invent excuses to evade duties
- 8 Make things difficult or create trouble
- 9 Lose an opportunity
- 10 Accept onto a committee
- 11 Meddle with someone's affairs
- 12 Entertain or celebrate lavishly
- 13 Ruin
- 14 The final conclusive defeat or death
- 15 Quite full
- 16 Someone's appearance
- 17 Empty bottle
- 18 Description of an argument that has no flaw
- 19 Time for a drink
- 20 Totally disorganised
- 21 No problems
- 22 Cheers!
- 23 Time when one becomes rich
- 24 Camel
- 25 In a similar position

**April 1-2012: Half 'n Half by Jesso (Noel Jessop)**

[A number of solvers identified a problem in 21dn – see note on p9.]

- No new words which is unusual in a puzzle from Jesso. Margaret Davis
- Despite knowing full well that a Rosella is not a cockatoo, I still wrote it into the answer, causing me some head scratching for a while.

Peter Dearie

- 18dn: I hope ECHELON is right but is CHE another word for revolutionary? (It relates to Ernesto “Che” Guevara the Argentine Marxist revolutionary. DJ).

Tony de Gryz

- A totally straightforward and fair puzzle. Perhaps a little easy but some interesting words – a lot of words as well.

Jim Fowler

- I had ROSELLA for a while until I changed to CORELLA – this was a tricky clue.

Barb Ibbott

- OTHELLO had a nice extra twist to its clue.
- Good still to have more of Noel's enjoyable Slot 1 puzzles. Alan Walter

Max Roddick

**April 2-2012: Cryptic by Virgo (Audrey Austin)**

- 27ac: ARC and 25dn SATE: I am unable to verify my answers.

Graeme Cole

- How does Audrey find the time to generate all these puzzles and quizzes.

Margaret Davis

- Trying to find the answer to 1dn P\_O\_ nearly drove me crazy until I realised that the answer to 1ac was not PRESERVE!

Peter Dearie

- 28dn: “beam dropped right in (to) the drink” might be better grammatically because it was R(ight) that fell, not “beam”, also the word order: fell right should be reversed.

Tony de Gryz

- 26ac and 27ac were very clever clues.
- WEBBED FOOT is my COTM. 29ac (overact) kept me guessing.

Max Roddick

Barb Ibbott

- Good clues favourites were 1 and 26ac.
- So many good clues it was a delight to solve this puzzle. My favourites were 5ac, 19ac, 26ac, 33ac (my COTM), 15dn and 23dn.

Joan Smith

- Loved WEBBED FOOT.
- I've seen several clues that use 'ether' to mean 'number' (with the silent B) but 23dn is the cleverest yet. The 'Donald Duck' clue is funny and clever.

Brian Symons

- A pleasant cryptic puzzle, thanks Audrey.

Brian Tickle

Alan Walter

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

- I shall be sad when we run out of Shirl's puzzles. Always good and fair.

Margaret Davis

- 21ac: “nose broken by woman's Spanish maid(en) has inappropriate use of the genitive “s” which is also superlative in the formation of “senorita”. A sentence like “nose broken by woman becomes a Spanish maid” would solve this problem. Also the ambiguity of “become” as intransitive verb adds to the “crypticism” of the clue. 5dn: I like the construction of this clue – the hyphen in sea-horse doubles as a dash mark.

Tony de Gryz

- 21ac is my COTM. A great puzzle.
- A good puzzle – again totally fair. I should have got 6dn – Queensland a lot quicker than I did. Nice misdirection. I can recall having done 11ac – déjà vu – before but my 8ac – Attention Spans are such that I can't 24ac – make up ones mind.

Peter Dearie

Jim Fowler

- I am not keen on so many long words. Liked 4ac (bomb site).

Barb Ibbott

- 9dn: Queensland, reminds me that there was a time that, whenever the newspapers needed to hyphenate Queensland/s due to space restrictions, they would always put it between the 'n' and 's', This would make for some interesting reading in certain contexts, reading about the Queen slander or, even better, when the Queen slanders.

Dave Parsons

- Loved 14dn. The clue invites MERCENARIES which isn't the answer. A very smart misleader.

Max Roddick

- I started out with 'preserve' for 1ac and spent an aggravating 2 days with nothing fitting into 1dn and trying to fit nettle into 2dn and then the penny dropped, and it all slotted together nicely.

Lynn Spicer

- A pleasure to solve – loved 25ac, 4dn, 9dn (my runner-up for COTM), 14dn and 22dn.
- This puzzle was filled with so many clever clues and twists we have come to expect from Shirl.

Brian Tickle

- Hope there are more of Shirl's puzzles to come.

Alan Walter

**April 4-2012: AJ by The EmCee (Merv Collins)**

- Q: I don't properly understand QUININE. Y: YVETTE an inventive clue.

Graeme Cole

- I thought I had met all the different antelopes over the years but Gerenuk was new.

Margaret Davis

- I am fairly confident that the Y clue is YVETTE but have no idea what “online” has to do with the answer\*. QUININE does not fit the Q clue but being unaware of the existence of QUINONE, I had the former entered in the answer until about two minutes ago! \*Just realised that E-VET cryptically equals “online” (E) plus “old soldier” (VET), hence YVETTE.

Nea Storey

Brian Tickle

- The clue for QUINONE is a sneaky one! It pays to check the dictionary.

Alan Walter

The “Z” clue's surface reading sounds all right but in the solution doesn't. Zeus descend instead of rise from the canal? Tony De Gryz

• Although I liked Southern Cross's 'four-footers cleaning up six-footers', I'm voting for The EmCee's deceitful D clue in slot 4, with his e-vet a close second. Kath Harper

• There always seem to be new words with which to impress the dinner guests. Now I can add GERENUK. Barb Ibbott

• DECEITFUL – what a laugh! My vote for COTM. Max Roddick

• Challenging AJ especially liked the clues for B and I. Joan Smith

• As always Slot 4 my favourite puzzle, and some lovely new words, 'gerenuk', what a handsome creature, and 'xerasia' can't wait to throw that one in the conversation! My Clue of the Month is D deceitful – what a lovely play on words. Lynn Spicer

• For me, this puzzle really reinforced the need to check and double-check. I found three errors while polishing my final entry: WINED for WINES, QUININE for QUINONE and LASAGNE for LASAGNA. I hope there wasn't a 4<sup>th</sup> booboo lurking there somewhere. Brian Tickle

• For Q: QUINONE seemed the correct answer. QUININE didn't properly fit the clue. Much liked F: FAST BOWLER and M: MAD+GAS+CAR and D: DECEIT+FUL. Presumably Y+VETTE sounds like E+VET (online VETERAN) Thanks EmCee for your good AJ. Alan Walter

**April 5-2012: Left, Right and Centre by Praxis (Roy Wilson)**

• I found Slot 5 daunting in its complexity but an enjoyable task once I got my teeth into it. Jeremy Barnes

• I don't envy you marking Roy's puzzle. Bill Bennett

• This lot was a mixture of hard, quite hard and very hard, especially Slot 5. I'm sure many will find it impossible. Bev Cockburn

• Wow! Roy must have all the patience, apart from his skill, to set such a complex but fair puzzle; though many unusual words are required. Re central clue D, CATHOOD? I am unable to find a reference in Macquarie or Chambers (my editions). Graeme Cole

• I got into a muddle until I re-read the instructions and found the central words were jumbled. I do enjoy these puzzles from Praxis. A nice challenge but not too hard in the end. Margaret Davis

• It has been a while since one of these devilish puzzles has appeared. Very ingenious. Peter Dearie

• One needs to fill a full-length column to write a complete analysis or critique of this puzzle which is dazzling in its complexity even without the complication of the anagrammatic seven-letter words. I learnt a whole lot of new words, if I can remember them and there's the rub, as they say. Tony de Gryz

• Sharper minds than mine will no doubt unhesitatingly solve Slot 5. Verna Dinham

• Praxis gave my brain a real work out (which was still hurting from the AJ!) Praxis had lots of good clues, and I also liked “F” (Fast Bowler) in the AJ for COTM. In the end I think “4; 23” in Praxis's Slot 5 gets my vote. Alan Dyer

• An excellently hard puzzle. As the saying goes – RTFM – or in this case, the instructions. Overlooking the “jumbled” bit caused a bit of delay. My first thought for A – bad natured old US performer – was Groucho. But I would have got no marks. Jim Fowler

• Slot 5 was a real tussle – took twice as long as 1 - 4 combined! However a satisfying one to complete. Pat Garner

• Roy's Slot 5 was a headache. His clues are always very fair but his grids are another thing! It's always a relief and a pleasure to solve. His word down the centre almost gave me a hernia! Bob Hagan

• Never, in the history of cruciverbalism, nor in the science of cruciverbalistics, have so many previously unknown words been packaged up in such an obscure and almost indecipherable set of instructions as with Slot 5 from Praxis. I can only say it was just as well we had the Easter break available for dealing with this one! Frank Martin

• What a friend is Praxis. I weep with frustration. I'll plod along but await Saturday for the solution. Dale McManus

• I really loved Roy's Slot 5. Very clever, as Roy always is. Betty Siegman

• Love these puzzles as they really get the grey matter working. Great clues hope there are more to come please Roy. Joan Smith

• Too difficult to only be a Slot 5 and I am not sure I have got it all correct. SEYS, HAAR, AESC and ELCHI were new to me. My favourite clue 29dn C'MON. Nea Storey

• Wonderful. The central clues are very hard but fortunately don't have to be solved. AMENDS gets my COTM. Brian Symons

• The usual collection of weird and wonderful Praxis words which give Chambers a workout. The format was great fun. Roy Taylor

• This was brilliant, Roy. So challenging yet so much fun. Brian Tickle

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**March 6-2012: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)**

**Entries 79. Correct 71. Success rate 90%.**

**Prizewinner: David Hatchuel. Congratulations!**

**Adjudicator's Comments:** The clue for MOCCASIN had some members unimpressed. It was meant to be a "fun" double definition, where a moccasin is a reptile (a snake) and also must be something that wouldn't be suitable for it. However, I agree it's humdrum. A vastly superior clue would have been: "Mark time, but remove old shoe (8)". —**Crowsman (Len Colgan)**

**Explanations: Across:** 1 Slav(rev) around "and"; 5 m(o)os/cow; 8 b(lackey)e; 9 crime/a; 10 E/atone/shear/tout; 11 double def; 13 anag; 15 star(lings); 17 Serge(i); 19,6dn her(M)itage/m(um)/Saint Peter's/grub(rev); 21 faLANGISTs(rev); 22 (.as r.) (anag)/Putin; 23 he/Neva(rev); 24 gay/nose(swapped) **Down:** 1 almost a homophone; 2 roman inside (schoolivan(anag)); 3 I ex(p)el a (all rev); 4 step/hen; 5 double def; 6 see 19ac; 7 over using; 12 cat/her(o)ine; 14 bi(loath(anag))n; 16 ga(gar)in; 18 a/Muses; 20 (imp)unity.

**Solvers' Comments:**

- Another excellent and entertaining production. Loved the Russian theme. I think MOSCOW my favourite. *William Ryan*
- A fine puzzle. The Russian theme became evident early on but I was still held up by the Hermitage Museum as it was unfamiliar to me. 21ac SIGNAL was my favourite clue for its less than obvious containment and reversal indicator. *Michael Kennedy*

- The Russian motif is nice and credit to you for inserting so many entries. I especially liked these clues: 1ac, 5ac, 10ac, 11ac, 22ac, 18dn. *Bhavan Kasivajjala*

- While it was all fair and above board I must say that I didn't enjoy this one as much as your usual offerings. Some of the clues for the themed words lacked the flair that is part of the pleasure of solving your puzzles. I prefer the non-themed ones. *Jenny Wenham*

- Thank you for this most enjoyable puzzle. It was a great theme and the puzzle had plenty of theme words but, of course, we've come to expect excellence from you. *Roy Wilson*

- Thanks for another great puzzle with a Russian history lesson. *Roy Taylor*

- I'm simply "rushin" to tell you what a great puzzle I considered this to be. So many related words, and no clue given in the title. I especially loved 5ac MOSCOW and 8ac BLACK EYE. *Betty Siegman*

- Thanks for another beauty! Wonderfully clever. *Brian Symons*
- Just loved this ... but must share my serendipity with you ... I had "whispered" (i.e. "pencilled") in MOOCOW – but was delighted when it morphed into MOSCOW, after the Russian theme emerged. Thank you for yet another beauty. *Dale McManus*

- Thanks for the effort you put into composing this. It was ultimately very satisfying to complete it. *Pat Garner*

- Took some time for the kopek to drop. A challenge? Da! Easy? Nyet! *Maurice Cowan*

- Thank you for a challenging puzzle with great clues. Favourites were 5ac, 8ac, 4dn, 16dn, 18dn and 20dn. *Joan Smith*

- Nice work to get lots of Russian stuff in there. Only the MOCCASIN clue seemed a little below average but on the whole, top-notch stuff. *Andrew Patterson*

- Thoroughly enjoyed your cryptic. I realised that a few Russian connections were appearing, and then several more! These answers brought back memories of a trip my wife and I did in 2010. Almost 50% of your clues had something to do with Russia. A great effort to fit them all in! In 19ac and 6dn, I realised that Hermitage fitted and then, with the help of other across answers, could write in 6dn. I then went back to the clue to verify it. WOW! I also liked SCRAP and BLACK EYE. *Graeme Cole*

- Some clever clues. In 21ac, could you please explain why "notable"=SIGNAL? (As adjectives, they are synonymous in *Chambers*, *Macquarie* and *SOED*. LC). In 5dn, "it's hardly

suitable" is a rather unfair clue for MOCCASIN. Your Russian theme was quite challenging. *Alan Walter*

- You had me Russian here and Russian there. I'm exhausted. *Carole Noble*

- Very testing Slot 6. I needed to brush up on my Russian history. *Bob Hagan*

- Loved the Russian theme. Caused me to read heaps and refresh my memory. *Trish McPherson*

- Dear colleague – Spasibo!! (Спасибо!! LC) *Verna Dinham*

- Thanks for another thought-provoking puzzle. It brought back some fond memories of our trip to Russia 18 months ago. I particularly liked VANDALS and BLACK EYE. *Jeremy Barnes*

- Hope I have all the Russian references correct! I liked clues 12dn and 20dn. *Nea Storey*

- Things improved when I finally caught on to the extent of the Russian connection! *Denis Coates*

- 5ac gave me such a belly laugh. I thought originally it must have something to do with 'mooring' and when I twigged that the puzzle was essentially about Russia I looked at the word MOSCOW, to see how it might fit with the clue, and there it was, so very clever. 21ac I thought the answer had to be SIGNAL but once again could not see how. I toured many sites on the Internet learning about Falangists and Franco and then I saw it, spelt backwards (left-oriented) in the word. Easy when you see it! *Lynne Spicer*

- Thank you Len for a most enjoyable tour through Russian history. All that and an excellent puzzle to boot! *Gillian Champion*

- Thanks for the Geography, History and Cultural tour. Many memorable clues. Particularly liked CATHERINE and EAT ONE'S HEART OUT. *Jack Stocks*

- Greetings Tovarich! (Спасибо Товарищ! LC) An interesting themed puzzle, and quite a challenge. *Peter Dearie*

- I haven't enjoyed a puzzle so much – so many great clues. I think your MOSCOW clue was the best I have ever solved. Sadly, COTM only operates on Slots 1-5. Keep them coming mate! *Bill Bennett*

- Congratulations! I'm sure you have set a record. In over twenty years as a member of the ACC I'm sure I've never seen a 30-letter answer before (19ac & 6dn). This was a great puzzle with many theme words cleverly fitted into the grid. I never noticed Putin's name in RASPUTIN before. *Brian Tickle*

- Thank you for your Russian infused puzzle which I enjoyed very much – so clever to include so many relevant words and the clues are so honest – I love them all! – though I'm not too keen on clues like 5dn (MOCCASIN). It's clear when you get the answer, but only from the letters from other answers. *Bev Cockburn*

- I really enjoyed your challenging puzzle – made easier once I discovered the Russian theme for a number of the clues. 5ac was a delight! *Susan Howells*

- You disappoint not. Another excellent puzzle that had me rushin' around a bit but in the end, was no tRouble. I even learnt a bit eg Hermitage Museum in Saint Petersburg. I particularly liked 22ac – RASPUTIN. Very clever. *Jim Fowler*

- Another feast of *Crowsman's* well thought out clues, all good thinking-fodder, but 10ac stands out. *Max Roddick*

**Explanations of April Slot 5. Thanks to Roy**

**ACROSS:** 1 A+VENUE; 9 t(SA)r; 13 MARI(N)A; 14 anag; 15 Act after F; 16 anag; 17 anag+C; 18 homophone (dude)/(po)le; 19 SLY + anag; 22 E + meets<; 26 pun; 27 anag; 28 DIRECT(-or); R + oar; 33 E in anag + A; 34 A = BET; 35 R + anag; 36 ALE + GAR; 37 SEYS: S(YE<)S 38 RE + DOES; **DOWN:** 1 anag; 2 V + anag; 3 CAIN< + IN; 4 UN(CASE)D; 5 anag; 7 DEAD + END; 8 anag; 10 SH(AD)ES; 11 AIR + LESS; 12 REMEMBER = ERS; 20 anag/E 21 HAST(AT)E; 23 S (EE)ABLE; 24 REV< + DO + Y; 25 SP@EED; 29 CM + ON; 30 HA + RA<; 32: A LA + E; **A** anag; **B** CAULINE: anag + NE(w); **C** homophone; **D** CAT + HOOD; **E** H(anag)E; **F** ENS + NARE; **G** DEP + ENDS; **H** WATCH (tow) ER; **I** A + MOE + BA + E; **J** LAT(ROB)E; K DER in anag. 6dn RUPTUREWORT is the longest word that can be made from the top line of letters on a QWERTY keyboard.

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The "blank" has the same meaning in each clue

**Across**

- 1 Caught sight of the girl listening to the rest in pool (6)
- 5 A disaster if her bus has broken down (4,4)
- 9 Were \_\_\_pers heard to be loyal? (8)
- 10 Having lost kin, distressed peaceniks jump \_\_\_ (6)
- 11 Keep some animals around a large 25 across animal - we hear it's too soon to tell (5,5)
- 12 Repaired \_\_\_ is ridiculous! (4)
- 13 Mostly, a sleep follows - an indication of being drunk more than others (8)
- 16 \_\_\_ that may be found in the garden (6)
- 17 Grave sounding \_\_\_ in 1788! (6)
- 19 The most stupid Australian \_\_\_ cutting through top of wave (8)
- 21 \_\_\_'s held over by waywardness (4)
- 22 Case ID's misplaced outside most of the same meetings? (10)
- 25 A day away from cooking mixture he serves on \_\_\_ (6)
- 26 Parent's tense about popular part of \_\_\_ (8)
- 27 Urgently remove from \_\_\_'s wharves, point out it's happening (8)
- 28 \_\_\_'s grand passage (6)

**Down**

- 2 Parking Australian \_\_\_s next to a Hindu force (5)
- 3 Sees fruit on \_\_\_'s bow (5)
- 4 Increase the available money - it's why the game's delayed! (7)
- 5 Phone guy nearly tied up in London museum \_\_\_ (7)
- 6 \_\_\_ that can be used for dim sims! (7)
- 7 Spooner may regulate the speed of electronic transmission of cosmetic preparations (4,5)
- 8 Take back frayed rope, the bit last of twine is joining two \_\_\_s (9)
- 14 Move around, as computer trainee moves around (9)
- 15 A spray is given by doctor if pints are messed around (9)
- 18 Sweden's tennis legend on small \_\_\_s (7)
- 19 One in company of \_\_\_ boasted lots, endlessly (7)
- 20 Having a go at a module of syllabus in geometry (7)
- 23 Caught Zinzan having boarded a large \_\_\_ on the sand (5)
- 24 Follow us back in a particular direction (5)

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## Quiz No 5/2012



by Tobi

## Quiz 5/2012.

### A Hush-Hush Quiz by Tobi.

Send your entries to Barb Ibbott 29 Boiton Hill Rd, Norwood, Launceston, Tasmania 7250: e-mail to [bjibbott@hotmail.com](mailto:bjibbott@hotmail.com).

Closing date: 8 June 2012.

Book prize.

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| 1 Be quiet (5)              | 12 Grind the teeth (5)         | 23 It smoothes the tresses (9)          |
| 2 Ruthless creditor (7)     | 13 Japanese cloisonné ware (6) | 24 Sounds like dessert from the sea (9) |
| 3 Slogan or catchword (10)  | 14 Military governor (6)       | 25 Stew (7)                             |
| 4 Veil (7)                  | 15 Kids' favourite store (7)   |   |
| 5 Adoration (7)             | 16 Large brown mushroom (8)    |   |
| 6 Indian songbird (5)       | 17 Lobster (8)                 |   |
| 7 Pillow (7)                | 18 Melee (8)                   |   |
| 8 Detective (7)             | 19 Shy (7)                     |   |
| 9 Does he rule the see? (6) | 20 Mountain guide (6)          |   |
| 10 Edible fungus (8)        | 21 Armed vessel (7)            |   |
| 11 Illicit liquor shop (7)  | 22 Senseless talk (10)         |   |

### Quiz 3/2012. *By their colours ....* by Neir B'Odette (Ted O'Brien):

Entries 47, Correct 26.

Prizewinners: Al & Dave Callan. Congratulations!

**Solutions** 1 Black Maria 2 Blue Peter 3 Bronze medal 4 Brown study 5 Charcoal burner 6 Cherry Ripe 7 Coral reef 8 Cream tea 9 Emerald Isle 10 Ginger Meggs 11 Green belt 12 Grey nomad 13 Jet plane 14 Lemon squash 15 Lilac Time, 16 Mustard plaster, 17 Olive Oyl, 18 Peach Melba, 19 Pink Elephants 20 Plum duff 21 Primrose path 22 Red neck, 23 Scarlet pimpernel 24 Strawberry tomato 25 Yellow Pages.

**Finishers: 25:** Allen W, Anderson C, Callan A & D, Cockburn B, Dearie P, Dinham V, Hagan R, Harper K, Ibbott B, Jermy A, Jones D, Lord P, Martin A, Martin F, Martin J, McGrath J, McPherson T, Miles A, Noble C, Shield A, Simons A, Symons B, Waites L, Walter A, Wenham J, Wimbush R. **24:** Caine R, Cole G, Colgan L, Collins M, Cowan M, Garner P, Glissan B, Howells S, Leeds G, Lemon G, McClelland C, Meek D, Siegman B, Steinberger, M, Stocks J, Storey N, Wilson N. **23:** Howard L, Roulston S. **22:** Heath P. **21:** Perrow H.

**Adjudicator's remarks:** Thanks for all the nice comments, which make adjudication such a pleasant task. Many members said how much they had enjoyed the quiz and how nice it was that Ted's quizzes have been made available to the Australian Crossword Club by his family. A number said that it was more difficult than it first appeared – and so it turned out. "Mustard plaster" caught out no less than 8 solvers: "Olive Oyl" also caused the downfall of a further 6 (perhaps too young to have suffered mustard plasters or enjoyed Popeye?). Nevertheless, a number of "Oatmeal"s were allowed, provided that the application had the correct number of letters and was convincing as a skin application. "Magenta unguent" definitely did not appeal! Unfortunately, neither the reasonably popular Green zone, area or band appear in the standard references. Stretching a point, perhaps a chestnut seller would have to enter the forest to collect the fruit so that would have been allowed, had he been in the right alphabetical order! Stretching another point, Grey Friar (a member of a peripatetic order) just squeaked in as an elderly traveller with the correct number of letters – he sounds old enough to qualify!

—Kay Williams

### Solvers' comments

- Perhaps Ted should have used Rainbow Warrior as his pseudonym for this quiz. I didn't realise how many colourful phrases we have. The list goes on... *Carole Noble*
- I learned something from this quiz, thanks to Ted. Several were completely new to me. *Andrew Miles*
- It's amazing the variety of quizzes that our clever quizpersons compile. This one was certainly a challenge but nevertheless

enjoyable. A much better type of quiz where one uses one's noggin, rather than letting Google do the work! *Graham Cole*

- I'm not happy with "oatmeal mudpack" but can't come up with anything else. I think the oatmeal skin application was called a "facepack" but this has the wrong number of letters so I didn't take the risk [*wisely, Joan – see remarks above. Adj.*]. Anyway, it was a good quiz and I enjoyed doing it. *Joan McGrath*
- Some Purple Patches here! *Maurice Cowan*

### March 2012 Bonus Quiz "Serves You Right" by Ann Ass (Jenny Wenham)

**Results: 20:** Bev Cockburn, Verna Dinham, Pat Garner, Barbara Glissan, Susan Howells, Barb Ibbott, Ann Jermy, Frank Martin, Joan McGrath, Drew Meek, Andrew Miles, Carole Noble, Sonia Roulston, Joan Smith, Margaret Steinberger, Robyn Wimbush. **19:** Peter Dearie, Kath Harper, Alan Walter. **18:** Marian Procter **Winner:** Barb Ibbott. **Congratulations!**

**Answers:** Albert, Alice, Baldrick, Benson, Brabinger, Cadbury, Carson, Friday, Jeeves, Kato/Cato, Lurch, Manuel, Maria, Max, Mildred, Niles, Parker/Kyrano, Passepartout, Poole, Rosie/Rosey. **Adjudicator's comments:** Thanks for the entries. Although not a huge response, the success rate was very high with only a few small spelling errors and one blank answer. The answers were intended to be in alphabetical order but as this wasn't stated alternatives have been accepted (see answers above).

—Jenny Wenham

### Solvers' comments:

- I really enjoyed doing this quiz remembering watching some of these shows with the family. Thanks Jenny. *Joan Smith*
- I was surprised at how many of these I actually knew, although I had to delve deep into my past to come up with some, like Cadbury, the Rich family's butler! *Susan Howells*
- I think the hardest bit was working out exactly what answers were required. *Pat Garner*
- Lots of old friends to remember in this quiz. More please. *Carole Noble*
- What a fabulous list of servants! In 8 the full title of Robinson Crusoe's helper is MAN FRIDAY. Thanks for all you served up. *Alan Walter*
- Thank you, Jenny. CATO/KATO FONG is one of my favourite movie characters – I still chuckle when I think of the various traps he laid for Clouseau and how the bumbling detective always managed to escape them through blind luck! *Andrew Miles*
- Most enjoyable. *Ann Jermy*
- An interesting quiz which I think I have solved although I am a little doubtful about my answer to 13 as I'm not sure I would count Maria as a servant, but I can't think of an alternative. *Barb Ibbott*

[Comments continued on p15]

**March 7-2012: Going Bananas**  
by **Buzzer (Bhavan Kasivajjula)**

**Entries: 63. Correct: 48. Success rate: 76.2%.**  
**Expert dodger of the banana skins: Ann Jermy. Many congratulations Ann!**

**Explanations: Across:** 1 (INN HAD PASTRAMIS)\*; 9 triple def; 10 OX + FA(-r)M; 11 alternate letters of cOnNeCtEd; 12 double def; 13 SOT + O + SPEAK; 16 E + PIG + RAM; 18 P(-)UMP + KIN; 19 (REPLIES)\*; 20 SE(BY + SS)A<-; 22 PER + S(I + MM) ON; 23 (-t)(+M)ANGO; 26 double def; 28 (SOLO)\* + E; 29 Hidden in olymPIA Fields; 30 (PAIRING RECEIVER)\*  
**Down:** 2 acrostic; 3 NOTHING + NESS; 4 ~SLOW; 5 (FELT)\* + ON; 6 M((BUM)\*O + JUMBO; 7 ROO(-k); 8 N((REACT)\*INE; 14 PIP + E + STAP(P)LE; 15 (L + WORM-EATEN)\*; 17 PEPPER + ONI(-on); 21 OP<- + MONA(-lisa); 24 G + RAP + (-y)E(-s); 25 ~PAIR; 27 Hidden in catFIGhts.

**Correct Solutions:**

Balnaves J, Barnes J, Bennett B, Caine R, Carroll L, Cockburn B, Cole G, Colgan L, Collins M, Cowan M, Davis M, Dearie P, Dinham V, Ducker R, Fowler J, Gillis J, Grainger D, Harper K, Howells S, Jones D, Kennedy M, Leeds G, Lord P, McGrath J, McKenzie I, Meek D, Miles A, Noble C, Parsons D, Patterson A, Perrow H, Potts M, Procter M, Roulston S, Ryan W, Simons A, Smith J, Steinberger M, Stocks J, Storey N, Symons B, Taylor R, Taylor S, Tofoni B, Walter A, Wilson R, Wood J.

**Adjudicator's Comments:**

It has been a wonderful experience interacting with, and getting to know, the club members. Thanks Ian for nudging me into adjudicating this. A few mentioned that this is the first time they were hearing of a SPANISH TAMARIND. All I can say is me too:). SLOW for SLOE, TANGO for MANGO and JOJOBA for POMONA have been the 3 most common wrong answers. Some members rightly pointed out that VIRGINIA CREEPER is not a fruit. I admit I could have done a better job with the instruction for undefined clues. Pumpkin seems to have been a favourite among most solvers. Credit for that should go to Ian for asking me to rework that clue. A few were doubtful about pumpkin being a fruit since it is a well-known vegetable. I did consult the *Oxford Dictionary of English* before using it as one of the undefined answers, so no Virginia creeper type fiasco there. Pumpkin (noun): A large rounded orange-yellow fruit with a thick rind, the flesh of which can be used in sweet or savoury dishes. Thanks to all of you for your time and interest. PS: The original clue: Tickled pink by line taken from Wodehouse (7). —**Buzzer (Bhavan Kasivajjula)**

**Solvers' Comments:**

- Some clever clues here. *Maurice Cowan*
- This was a challenge. Many thanks. *David Grainger*
- You must have a very prolific orchard – or perhaps it's all just a lovely dream! *Nea Storey*
- This was tough but fair. A beauty *Buzzer!* *Roy Taylor*
- Congratulations on such a great puzzle. A real fruit salad. I hope to see more of your puzzles in future. *Betty Siegman*
- Thanks for a challenging & clever cryptic. *Brian Symons*
- Good on ya *Buzzer!* *Merv Collins*
- Thank you Bhavan – most enjoyable! *Andrew Miles*
- Thanks *Buzzer* for a challenging puzzle containing many fruits that are undefined. Your 12<sup>th</sup> undefined answer VIRGINIA CREEPER is a plant NOT a fruit. THE VIRGINIA CREEPER FRUIT does not equate to VIRGINIA CREEPER. Trying to establish VIRGINIA CREEPER as a

fruit almost sent me 'Bananas'! Your cornucopia of fruit is appreciated.  
*Alan Walter*

- A fruitful exercise, I hope. *Carole Noble*
- Thank you for your puzzle. I enjoyed doing your puzzle and look forward to many more from you. *Margaret Davis*
- Thanks for a fun workout! Liked Pumpkin! Never eaten a Virginia Creeper though! *Raoul (William Ryan)*
- This had me a bit confused there seem to be 13 answers that fit the theme. *Jill Freeland*
- Enjoyed this puzzle very much – juicy fruit by gum. Good mojo *Buzzer*. keep them coming. *Bill Bennett*
- A very apt title, especially as I searched (fruitfully!) for the last few answers. *Kath Harper*
- This was a well clued, enjoyable puzzle. *Peter Dearie*
- Never thought I'd finish this but not confident. *Glenda Lloyd*

- Thank you for your 'fruity' puzzle which I enjoyed very much. Please keep up the good work. *Bev Cockburn*
- Thanks for doing this! *Daphne Greening*
- I really enjoyed the puzzle. Just hope I was on the right wavelength. *Robyn Caine*
- Superb and entertaining puzzle with clues exhibiting praiseworthy surface reading. There are several clues that I would have been proud to compile, such as 10ac, 12ac, 16ac, 18ac, 20ac, 22ac, 21dn. You even added a bonus, POMONA, the goddess of fruit. Congratulations! *Len Colgan*

**Solution to Going Bananas March 7-2012 by Buzzer**

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**March 2012 Bonus Quiz Results continued from p14**

- This was a lovely bit of fun ... and warm memories! *Sonia Roulston*
- Thank you for your clever quiz. At first glance, I had no idea what was required and was really at a loss and then the penny dropped and I was off! I used to watch 'Soap' regularly (Benson and Manuel, Niles, Baldrick and Brabinger are old favourites. *Bev Cockburn*
- I was appalled at how many of these I actually knew! Thank you for the effort. *Peter Dearie*
- Thank you for this educational quiz. It seems my ignorance knows no bounds! I must admit I had to resort to Google, although I had actually heard of some of them. *Robyn Wimbush*
- I thought I knew a little about pop culture, but had to enlist my daughter and son-in-law, who are serious aficionados. *Kath Harper*
- Another clever quiz. How do you all come up with such variety? *Marian Procter*

**Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 2/2012.**

**Write a clue for PEDIGREE (8). Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy**

Definition of PEDIGREE from Chambers (12<sup>th</sup> Edition)

*n* a line of ancestors; a scheme or record of ancestry; lineage; genealogy; distinguished and ancient lineage; derivation, descent; succession, series, set  
*• adj* of known descent, pure-bred, and of good stock. ORIGIN: [Appar Fr *ped* de *grue* crane's-foot, from the arrowhead figure in a stemma]

Some of you no doubt lose sleep at night wondering how I come up such delectable words to clue. Without giving away too many secrets, the wonders of randomness should not be underestimated. There were a total of 23 clues producing stories about pigeons, archaeology, pigs, singing, urination, travelling and even beer. Tough to pick a winning one but **Andrew Miles'** clue is definitely derived from good stock. See below for explanation.

**Look interminably over broken ridge line (8) \*\*\*\*½**

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

**A hamper of Indo-German pigeon of good stock \*\*\*\*½**

Three things I learnt from this clue. A 'ped' is a hamper, 'Indo-German' (actually Germanic) is IG, and a 'ree' is a pigeon. The compiler has gone for the valid adjectival sense with the definition. All the elements are there although it is a relatively difficult clue given the obscure synonyms. The surface reading is excellent, although Indo-Germanic pigeons are not my strong suit.

**After excavating, hope dig re-establishes status \*\*\***

This is a containment clue that's well disguised. I love the use of 'excavating' or 'digging out' as an indicator and I plan to use it one day. 'Status' seems to be a little vague as a definer, and the surface reading could be smoother. I perhaps would have capitalised Hope Dig to give the impression that that's the actual name of the excavation.

**Ancestors hoped I greet them inside \*\*\*\*½**

Here's another containment clue. This one is indicated by 'inside'. The answer is cleverly hidden, although I reckon 'family' would have been a better read than 'ancestors'. Still, a very nice clue!

**Descent of unusually pied Grand Sandpiper \*\*\*\***

Anagram of PIED plus G + REE (a name for a Sandpiper). A perfectly accurate clue with a nice avian theme. Admittedly, knowing a sandpiper is a ree would be the realm of an ornithologist, but it could just be because I didn't know. A Grand Sandpiper isn't the name of a real bird as far as I can tell. This doesn't mean the clue doesn't work but it's a great result if you can meld fiction with the fraud.

**Drill to cultivate top of register and to ease vocal strain \*\*\*\***

The compiler has put a lot of work into this one. DRILL is PE (as in exercise) + DIG (cultivate) + R + EE (to ease - two Es) with 'vocal' serving as the homophonic indicator ('vocally' would have been more accurate as an indicator at least). 'Strain' is a lovely deceptive definition as it has several meanings. Here, the 'unstrained' surface reading evokes an image of a singing lesson. I think 'drill' (a training exercise) for PE (Physical education) is acceptable. However, it's worth being mindful that, when it comes to synonyms, while A may equal B, and B may equal C, it doesn't necessarily follow that A=C. Capiche?

**English pig and deer mated is not this! \*\*\*\***

Anagram of E PIG DEER. The clue is a semi &lit as the surface reading provides the definition of 'pure-bred', i.e. mating a pig with a deer isn't! The secondary indicators are relatively straightforward, which I believe is important in a clue where the definition isn't used in the traditional sense.

**Family pride e.g. is generated by earliest experiences \*\*\*\***

An anagram of PRIDEEG next to E as indicated by 'earliest experiences'. This is a lovely read. The definition is well disguised in a clue that makes perfect sense.

**Geel! Pride (pried!) goeth before descent \*\*\*\*½**

This is an anagram of 'GEE PRIDE'. The surface reading is very pithy and while 'goeth before' may seem superfluous, they actually serve the clue well. That is, you have to mix up these words before you get to the answer. I am intrigued by the use of 'pried' as an anagram indicator. To me, it doesn't suggest a direct mixing up of the letters. However, it does mean 'examined with impertinent curiosity', which I guess could work at a stretch.

**In respect to a long descent from rocky ridge, stopping to take a leak \*\*\*\***

The definition here is lengthy and in its adjectival form. The answer is then derived from an anagram of RIDGE literally plugging PEE (to take a leak). Clever hey? You can see how the long definition works well with the clue's storyline too.

**Lineage traced through pig, deer and Eve originally \*\*\*\*½**

This is an anagram of PIG, DEER, and E (Eve originally) as indicated by 'traced'. I love the surface reading! My only concern is 'traced' as an anagram indicator. Chambers does define 'trace' as 'to move' but it's archaic. I'd be interested to learn more.

**Look interminably over broken ridge line \*\*\*\*½**

Look interminably [Pee(k), or Pee(p), or even Pee(r)] over an anagram of RIDGE. The cleverly disguised definition of 'line' fits seamlessly with a perfectly readable and descriptive surface. There are no superfluous elements. Its also quite novel that 'Look interminably' works for three synonyms. The winning clue!

**Peru study bird's descent \*\*\***

Peru (PE) plus DIG plus REE. PE for Peru (It's in Chambers) was new. All the elements are accurate but I think the surface reading could do with some tweaking as an entire country studying a bird is difficult to imagine.

**Physical activity's not exactly a qualification for breeding! \*\*\*\*½**

PE (physical activity) + DIGREE (i.e. not exactly DEGREE - qualification). Of all the clues, this one gave me the best laugh for its comical procreative surface reading. It's also commendable that the compiler has thought outside the square with using the 'not exactly' indicator. While it's an acceptable leap between 'qualification' and 'degree', there are at least 30 synonyms for 'qualification' in Chambers. The solver not only has to determine the correct one, but then determine what 'no exactly' refers to. Quite the challenge, although I do then think that in this clue, the answer is gettable.

**Pier edge interfered with line of descent \*\*\*\***

Anagram of PIER EDGE as indicated by 'interfered'. An original anagram that integrates nicely with the misleading 'architectural' surface reading. Very good!

**Pride, mingled with glee, not literally about one's thoroughbreds \*\*\***

An anagram of PRIDE and GLEE minus L (literally). I couldn't find 'L' for 'literally' anywhere, and I don't recall seeing it before. I'd love to know where the compiler found it. The surface reading suggests that pride and glee can't be taken seriously, but I don't think it's as smooth as it could be.

**Pure-bred black sheep may be found here \*\*\*\*½**

This is a double definition, with the latter one alluding to the proverbial 'black sheep' that can be found in one's family. Of course, it would be unusual to hear someone quip: "She's the black sheep of the pedigree", but I do get the clue. The surface reading cleverly melds the two definitions.

**Red pig brews "Tooheys Extra" from pure stock \*\*\*\***

This is another entry from the mysterious A. Gremlin who has quite a penchant for the Tooheys brew. This one is an anagram of RED PIG with two Es added on as indicated by TOOHEYS EXTRA. The inverted commas or quotes are used as a homophonic indicator. Is this enough? As someone with more experience than I pointed out - quotation marks are normally accompanied by 'he said', 'she says' etc. I guess the difficulty is that quotation marks can be used for something other than signifying speech (e.g. titles). The surface reading is as smooth as the ale, although my in-depth Google searching tells me that Red Pig is the name of a beer (Mexican), and not a brewery sadly. Of course, it could literally be a red-coloured pig moonlighting as a brewer.

**Sprinkle royal wee; dig in to roots \*\*\*½**

An anagram of ER (royal) and PEE (wee) as indicated by SPRINKLE, around DIG with 'in' serving as a containment indicator. While the clue could have been taken from George V's *Gardening Guide*, there are a couple of weeds that need to be pulled out. WEE for PEE is okay, but in this clue it then becomes an indirect anagram. The indicator 'in' is not quite specific enough as it is. Look at it as a direct instruction to the solver.

**Stock a hybrid Eastern pig breed (Not black) \*\*\*\***

This is an anagram of E+PIG+(b)REED. Another excellent anagram with a topical related indicator. The subtraction of 'B' is clear and also fits nicely with the surface reading.

**Stock-whip daguerreotypes without gold story \*\*\***

This snappy clue is an anagram of DAGUERREOTYPES minus AU+STORY. AU is essentially an indirect anagram. While it may seem pedantic, 'gold' could also refer to OR which could exasperate some solvers. 'Ye olde photos of stock-whips needing a gold story' - now that would make some tale.

**Strain line \*\***

A straight double definition. While the surface reading could suggest tug-of-war maybe, the two words have essentially the same meaning. A proper double definition should bring together two distinct meanings of the same word.

**Strange pied colour is lacking breeding \*\*\*½**

Anagram of PIED + GREEN without 'N'. All the elements are there with the one exception of a specific indicator for the letter 'N' which needs to be removed from GREEN. I was surprised GREEN wasn't used more but shortening a word and maintaining a sensible surface reading is not always easy. '.....is lacking name and breeding' is one suggestion.

**Well bred type Di greedily ensnared \*\*\*\***

This is a straightforward and accurate container clue. 'Ensnared' refers to the answer literally being 'trapped' inside the clue fodder. The compiler was adamant that this clue has no reference to any real people. More's the pity - I would have given it another half-star if it had.

|                 | Poor | Satisfactory | Excellent |
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| 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 3/2012**

For the next competition, please write a clue for the word **FRAGILE (7)**, that would be suitable for either an across or down clue, 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 8 June 2012. Book prize.