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

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Some of you will remember **Alan Eason** who began publishing a monthly magazine in 1988 called *Crossworder*. This continued until April 1990 when the ACC came into existence. Alan recently announced on our Forum DEEF that he has started on a history of the *Sydney Morning Herald* crosswords. He said: "On recently establishing a website I thought I'd use what I had as the basis for some notes on my crossword page, but who knows, if I get enough good material, I might pitch it as a book to another publisher, although realistically I can't see it being a commercial proposition for any publisher. I vowed in 2002 I wouldn't self-publish again, but might consider this option with the right financial support – as a purely non-commercial venture. Otherwise I'll be content to write it all up on my site." For further details click on: <http://www.crosswordclub.org/deef/viewtopic.php?t=2530>.

Our outstanding Puzzle Editor, **Ian Williams**, has selected another variety of excellent and challenging puzzles and quizzes for you this month. Favourites like *Timid Terrier*, *Pindar* and *Betelgeuse* are there for your ongoing relish plus a skilful offering from the talented *Kaeila* in the Slot 5 Slot titled *Snail*. We extend a warm welcome to another new compiler *Isla* (Rob Moline) with a Slot 2 Cryptic. *Bogeyman* has devised another beauty titled *First Broadcast* in Slot 6. In addition we have quizzes from *Both Sides* and the Bonus Quiz is the final offering from *Neir B'Odet* (Ted O'Brien) titled *Watch the Birdie* (p9). Plus another brilliant offering from *Crowsman* in the Slot 7 spot titled *Articles Aplenty*. Michael Kennedy has provided the results of the Clue Writing Competition No 2/2013 together with his expert Comments on the clues submitted. See p16.

Hope you can make the Christmas in July this year. We hope to welcome all crossworders especially those who might like to visit us from interstate. See p9 for further details. I will be taking a short break in May and hope the publication of the next *CroZworld* will not be unduly delayed. Best of Luck with your solving this month. —Patrick

Greetings from the West and many thanks for your kind communications and to those who still remember *Red One*.

Slot 1: There were a lot of mistakes in this Slot of which many were slips of the pen. EFFIE stumped a few solvers as did RIPE, SLEEPER, STEED and RACEHORSE where two solvers put "packhorse" – close!

Slot 2: The two main problems here were "psalm" for PLASM which was used in 22 cases. The anagram was correct but not the definition. Nine members entered "serial" for STREAM and there was one "spread". Also incorrect were "bide" for CITE and "kinder" for Milder.

Slot 3: This one claimed heap big scalps. Six solvers had "right line" and "right time" for RIGHT SIDE, 12 had "slate" and "slake" instead of STALE and there were various answers for POTHEAD. The most errors were for PLIMSOLLS when 20 entries had PLIMSOLLES which does not fit the cryptic part of the clue. This would require "skirts" to do double duty to show P E and to also provide the letter "S" at the end of the word.

Slot 4: VOCODER was incorrect 4 times when "vocodex" was entered and "xeres" was used for XEBEC on three occasions.

Slot 5: TURGIDLY was incorrectly entered as "ruggedly" 3 times and "turgedly" once by my niece, who shall remain nameless. Three entered "Thebes" and one "Taipey" instead of TAIPEI.

COTM: One man's meat is another man's poison and so it is with clues: some of those chosen as the COTM are the very same ones as those with many mistakes. Some solvers wanted two or three bites of the cherry (even half and half) when they were undecided about which clue they liked best. This only goes to show that we have some very good clue writers in the club which makes choice difficult. Unfortunately, folk, you are only allowed one vote – the Wicked Witch of the West has spoken. Congratulations to the winner of this month's COTM - *Crowsman* for PICNIC with 10 votes and TAIPEI with 9. Most votes went to Slot 3 by *Ann Ass* but they were spread over 15 clues. Best wishes to all. —Doreen Jones

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Entries received	107	107	99	108	96	517
Correct entries	89	73	56	95	84.4	394
Success rate (%)	83.2	68.2	56.6	88.0	93.4	76.2s
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Prizewinner: April 2013 Slots 1-5: Trish McPherson.

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Apr 1-2013

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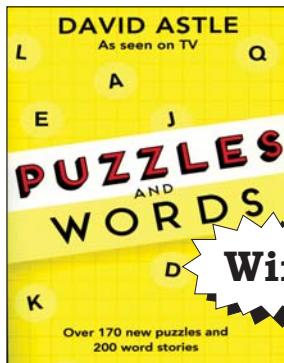
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Half 'n Half
by
Timid Terrier

Prizes: \$75



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Across

- 1 A fiction or myth (5)
- 4 To settle, clear up (5)
- 9 A rug (3)
- 10 Torment (5)
- 11 Chocolate substitute (5)
- 13 Uneven, rugged (5)
- 14 US President (5)
- 15 S. African antelope (5)
- 16 Interior (5)
- 17 Anger (3)
- 18 Hide, rind (4)
- 19 False statement (3)
- 20 Self-confidence (3)
- 22 Title (4)
- 24 A flower (5)
- 26 A ruler, noble (4)
- 28 A young horse (4)
- 29 Precious stone (5)
- 31 Insects (4)
- 33 To employ (3)
- 34 A tree (3)
- 36 To scorch (4)
- 38 Chest or coffer (3)
- 39 The clear, upper air (5)
- 41 Long for (5)
- 42 Large bird of prey (5)
- 43 To lure into a trap (5)

- 44 Weird (5)
- 45 A trophy (5)
- 46 An age (3)
- 47 Swift (5)
- 48 A silk voile fabric (5)

Down

- 1 Reality for one working play (7)
- 2 Peer infertile I heard (5)
- 3 To stop first of Koreans to board ship (6)
- 4 Twisted strand that is tense? (8)
- 5 Bacall has no name for lake tree (6)
- 6 Spiritual element of set here always (8)
- 7 Show about to ban alien (7)
- 8 Summon initially suspect easily named during forensic operation recently (4,3)
- 12 Grossly restyles ebony back in (7)
- 21 Male information model? (4)
- 23 Mimics monkeys (4)
- 25 Shock disorderly starlet (7)
- 27 Shrub bare in river (8)
- 28 Crazy bird spotted (8)
- 29 Monsters head off back under Navy yacht in Philippines sea (7)
- 30 Royal privileges: a big cigar (7)
- 32 A great wave in the direction of fish (7)
- 35 Hothead's barmy headwear (6)
- 37 Initially Atlantic encounters gentle eddy approaching North Sea (6)
- 40 Idol's new bird (5)

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Closing mail date: Friday 14 June 2013.

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Across

- Said to smile for cameras and tip hat politely when very annoyed (7,3)
- Several of you and I return pursuing a female (1,3)
- Confiner of dog, open unbounded construction (5-5,5)
- Failing seen to embody acceptable result (5)
- Caught pitch inflexions in an eastern language (9)
- Searched, thus ugh boot finally appeared (6)
- Teetered and tottered making witnesses fearful (8)
- Timber interior infested with insects upset simpleton (8)
- For instance chess, but not the last part? (6)
- Greeting start of November, holding small festival (9)
- Demanded to be given job after ousting leader (5)
- Know-it-all offering unwanted advice: footballers worry clubs (4-4,7)
- Register for work (4)
- Brain cell gets numb in the middle when taking beer drunkenly (10)

Down


- Old blokes fish, say going up banks of rivers (7)
- Seabirds inhabit saltier nests (5)
- My son has to score he boasts (5,3,5)
- Make movie that's awful and oddly cut (6)
- Wallow and sink crossing lake (8)
- Flying Nun flew? Starts from excruciating bite, from this (6-3)
- Wander slowly around to stretch out a couple of days off (7)
- Sweet box cast aside in state of blissful ignorance (5,8)
- Supply bulimic a litre from tube of nourishment (9)
- Isolate deception in article on brewing tea (8)
- Stop AC/DC wearing fashionable clobber (7)
- Considerable money to clear up problem (4,3)
- Tense as study in self-esteem set up (2,4)
- On-line clip joint left mournful toll (5)

COMPILER PROFILE: Isla (Rob Moline).

As a teenager taught to do the cryptic crossword in the Melbourne *Herald*, later stepping up to the weekly puzzle in Saturday's *Age*. Then after a short solving hiatus of about 30 years started doing the daily *Times* (of London) crossword. Solving stirred creative juices; a crossword resulted. After entirely necessary severe criticism, editing and rewriting it was published on Big Dave's *Telegraph* website, followed by a couple more. Recently discovered the Australian Crossword Club leading to an Australian-language effort, in the not-quite-strictly-Ximenean style of *The Times* (hint, hint). Chose the name (after the brilliant Chilean fullback Maurico Isla) for Big Dave's website just to be contrary as everyone would guess: Scottish and woman, of which I'm neither. Now kicking back in Perth trying to make a go of an engineering company, with golf as alternative stress relief.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- The *Oxford Book of Quotations* arrived safe and sound and what a marvellous book it is. Thank you for your efforts in the presentation and the chore of getting it to me. At my age and after a lifetime of collecting there is little space for another book, however, there was no trouble in replacing the old edition with this beautiful brand spanking new one. *Doreen Jones*
- I occasionally have a go at the crosswords but rarely get round to sending them in, so it was pleasant surprise to find that when I did finally submit some entries, I won a prize – a magnificent Atlas. Thank you. *Michael Vnuk*

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Across

- 1 Matrimonial games (7)
- 5 Keep quiet about poor photocopying practice (5,2)
- 9 With changed ratings, unknowns become main dangers (9)
- 10 Spoken voice to deliver final words (5)
- 11 Encourage or face embarrassment? (3,2)
- 12 Wear mufti, say, and get reprimand (5,4)
- 14 Uninhibited Irish nation faster in developing close relationships (14)
- 17 Streaming groups of students as measure of social inequality? (5,9)
- 21 Phone me and shortly produce amazing things (9)
- 23 Very attractive, like China, say (5)
- 24 Be back and alright about old reading material! (5)
- 25 Abstract record is in book about writer (9)
- 26 He rears frenetic stripper (7)
- 27 Some play the guitar as a remedy (7)

Down

- 1 Spray titled person! (6)
- 2 Get right rig prepared to set off (7)
- 3 Only \$100 bills for the Sopranos? (4,5)
- 4 Everyday looks, say, make everything even (11)
- 5 Businesses in the salad days? (3)
- 6 Six points or opinions (5)
- 7 Artist picking up instrument cut squares of food (7)
- 8 Moving Ponting a disaster (8)
- 13 A limit in one random killing (11)
- 15 Bitter sweets in noxious downpour! (4,5)
- 16 One vessel overcomes another, each sinks (8)
- 18 Rather few sound fabulous (7)
- 19 No right initially to restrain delinquent becoming more violent, say (7)
- 20 In regular ploy, screw up my college (6)
- 22 Local Elvis impersonator, perhaps, loses his head (5)
- 25 Some fear attention (3)

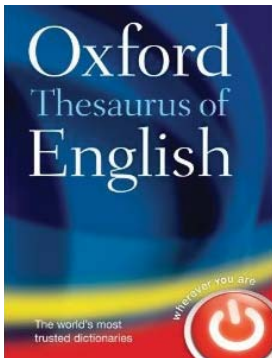
GENERAL COMMENTS (cont'd):

- What a lovely surprise to receive the book prize for February Slot 6. Thank you very much. *Sandra May*
- It was such a lovely surprise to win the quiz and to receive another book for my library. Thank you so much to the club for the reward for what was a rewarding task in itself. I'm afraid the book stores in Launceston are a bit limited when it comes to crossword references so I'm always glad to have something new. *Barb Ibbott*
- I got quite a surprise to see my name in bold print for the March slot 1-5 prize. Thank you very much to the adjudicator and the ACC. *Shelia Taylor*
- I just wanted to say that the last couple of months crosswords have been in every way the reason we joined the ACC. A mixture of fun and frustration that brightens our day. Well done all. Some really good clues this month and many worthy contenders for COTM. A special (SA) mention for slot 5 11ac (PICNIC), and 5dn (PEEPSIGHT) was a great anagram. However, my vote goes to slot 3 14dn (HIDEBOUND). *Richard Skinner*
- Runners up for COTM were from *Crowsman* TURGIDLY and AUTUMNAL but my choice is *Ann Ass* for her 4dn RIGHT SIDE. *Ian Thompson*
- Thank you so much for the lovely surprise inside my April magazine of my Prize cheque for \$75. I get so much joy out of trying to solve all those fascinating and clever clues: it helps to pass many delightful hours away. Congratulations on your 23rd Anniversary too: may there be many more. *Nancy Hazell*
- Thanks so much for my prize last month: what a thrill! *Sally Knight*

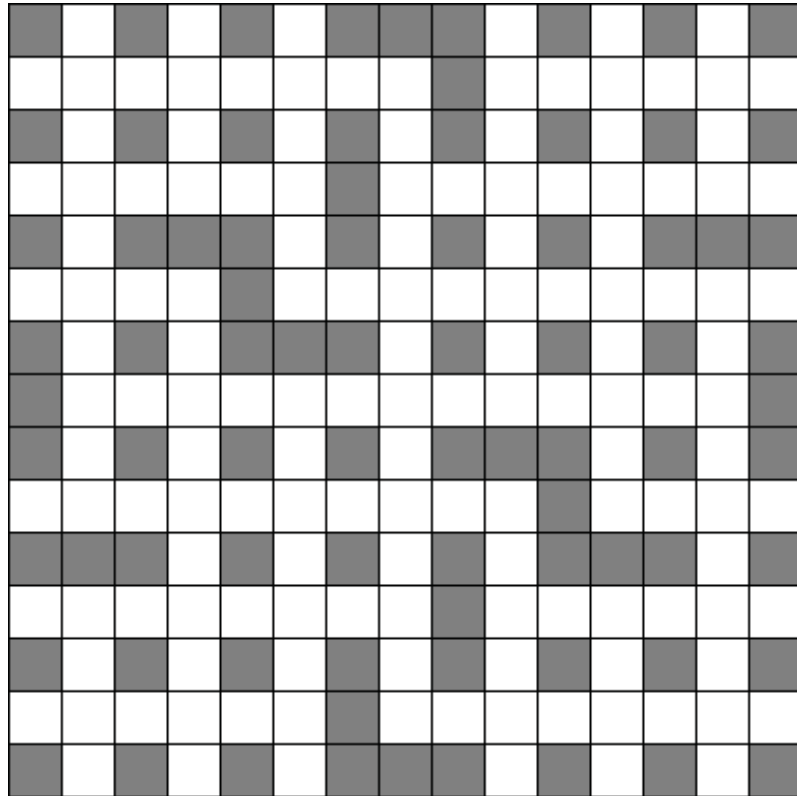
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by
Betelgeuse

Prize:



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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>A One boat capsized on the water at the tide gate (8)
 B Pertaining to life history of the immature parasite (6)
 C Smudged trace of make-up merits a red card? (5,5)
 D Study short literary form of roster (4,4)
 E The last bit of burnable rubbish is rank (4)
 F Escaped oral contagion (4)
 G Important people have money invested in horses (8)
 H Underground needle set once (8)
 I Each Scot's almost alike, strop (4)
 J After first half of the month, one clothes the pit-bull perhaps in fighting costume (6)
 K Inlay work frequently good in wood, we hear (8)
 L God, John's back to immature stage! (6)
 M Opera fan typically makes us climb over, missing opening of Bohème (5,5)
 N No iron, no gumption about aborted river crossing (10)</p> | <p>O Upended content of emu v. duck egg (4)
 P Friend has short comment on sex appeal before giving a ring (10)
 Q Court heard you ignored current magistrate (4)
 R Leave again to repay ancient! (6)
 S Sunstroke for one in the river after noisy night (8)
 T Teaches shooting along the lines as a hobby? (13)
 U Without scanning, one french male, cut up, laid charges (10)
 V Violently outdo disruptive love? Turn to quick burial practice (13)
 W State move into uncertain mode of progress (4,6)
 X Walk by unknown way (4)
 Y Regularly belted one dividing youths (6)
 Z Compound of zinc or mineral (6)</p> |
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Explanations to April Grids where provided by compilers. Thanks to Jenny, Joan and Len.

Slot 3 Ann Ass: Across: 1 T-RO-OPER (RO=run out), 5 DD (ref Diana Ross), 9 *LEAST, 10 G+IFIE in LORD, 11 PRESENT + ED, 12 rev REENS, 13 T[h]RASH, 15 IM+PULS-IV-E, 18 A-MEN-D-MEN-T, 21 L&R in BUB, 23 *METEOROLOGISTS - loo eg, 25 anag RUMERASES, 27 NAME + DAY. **Down:** 1 TO+S+SPOT, 2 ON + AGE outside AVER, 3 PE EVE , 4 *SIGHT in RIDE, 5 S-WORD, 6 P(oodle)+L-IMSO-LL+S(kirts), 7 (carm)ELITE(s) >>'scram' bled, 8 ENDOR+S(pac)E, 14 BIDE HOUND, 16 PI-TE-OUS+L(iturgy)Y, 17 *REALIGNMENTS -mrs, 18 BUM in *LEAN, 20 CD, 23 SEE+D(and)Y, 24 MA-G-MA.

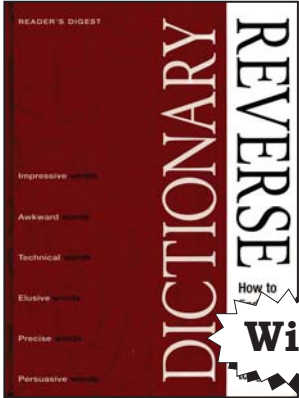
Slot 4 Timid Terrier: Alter + native, Best + seller, C anag, D anag, Egg + on no, F DM (double meaning), Good + i + e, Hot + potato, In + carnation, Jo + cu + l + a + r, K hidden, L anag, Master + ful(l), Nip + pies + t, O initials, Pot + roasts, Q Hidden, River + horse, S anag + up, T DD. Un + winds, <, Vo(code)r (Shakespeare), W(ron)g, X Ex < xe + bec, Ye + lp + in + g, Z + uni.

Slot 5 Crowsman: Across: 8 us(rev) + rest; 9 anag; 10 (dig rut)(rev) + l(a)y; 11 homophone; 12 on + set; 13 pen + insula(r); 15 plain(clot/he)smen; 18 s(t)imulate; 20 ye(me)n; 23 s(h)ifted; 24 c inside "oil into" anag; 25 tear + in + to; 26 be + at it **Down:** 1 (p)LAN MUTUA(l) (rev); 2 double def; 3 E + anag; 4 anag; 5 anag; 6 ale + costs; 7 lifer(rev)/L; 14 O/c/(ex)cluding; 16 I'm + Mature; 17 Er(time(rev))ic; 19 homophone; 21 Eli/haj(rev); 22 s + Cuba.

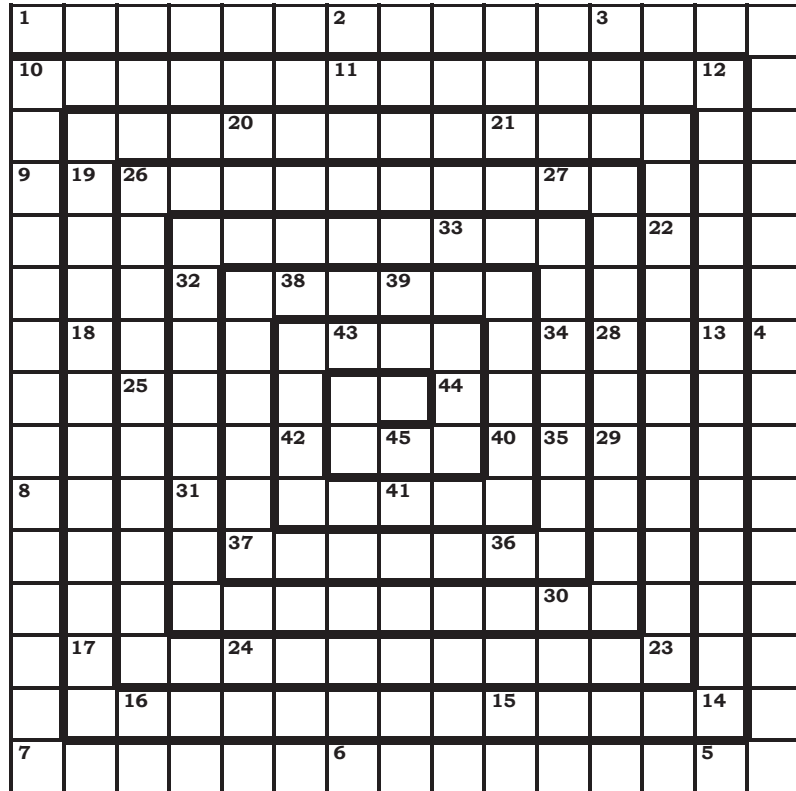
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Snail
by
Kaeila

Prize:
Reader's Digest



Win!



Solutions are all of a kind and are not defined: some are plural.
Enter them clockwise in the snail.

Each solution starts with the final letter of the preceding word.

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| <p>1 Scattered red opal (7)</p> <p>2 Bradman, the Legend (6)</p> <p>3 Chicken drumsticks? (10)</p> <p>4 He uses worm compost (10)</p> <p>5 The plane crashed (8)</p> <p>6 Gets bored taking force on the Sabbath (7)</p> <p>7 Relation is holding a large mass (6)</p> <p>8 The induction, not popular, is organised (7)</p> <p>9 Bad back (3)</p> <p>10 Part of the rabbit ternion (7)</p> <p>11 Grandma Waterhouse? (8)</p> <p>12 In the manner of Emperor first (6)</p> <p>13 Broken, one plate - ... (8)</p> <p>14 ... in trouble, Gretel (5)</p> <p>15 Otis tore around madly (8)</p> <p>16 Marvin returns (3)</p> <p>17 Stagger to the queen (7)</p> <p>18 Gerald Durrell held it back (4)</p> <p>19 Shoved accidentally, but not hard (5)</p> <p>20 Mrs Hip exploded (6)</p> <p>21 Capulet III stands by Romeo! (6)</p> <p>22 Retired Raider! (9)</p> <p>23 Troll trailing cut-throat (9)</p> | <p>24 Careless hen-washer, missing the last Wyandotte (8)</p> <p>25 We captured Prince (5)</p> <p>26 Coarse cotton bedspread, lacking down in the beginning (5,4)</p> <p>27 Feign aikido backflip inwardly (5)</p> <p>28 Exploding gun (3)</p> <p>29 Curses almost audibly (5)</p> <p>30 Thus common Viet citizen gets frog disease (10)</p> <p>31 Reporter has no directions! (5)</p> <p>32 Found his recipe, lacking egg (7)</p> <p>33 The first two hyacinths outside the hotel (5)</p> <p>34 It's at the end of the kayak! (3)</p> <p>35 The box variety can fly (4)</p> <p>36 Great golf score at the first tee (6)</p> <p>37 Within sight, it lingered (7)</p> <p>38 Untidy edge - trim the point off (3)</p> <p>39 Dutch medal (6)</p> <p>40 Tattered rags (7)</p> <p>41 Unhappy, Henry entered (4)</p> <p>42 Losing lira, could change (4)</p> <p>43 Over-confident? Not half (4)</p> <p>44 Unfrocked priest at the centre (3)</p> <p>45 One that pulls Santa's sleigh without restraint! (4)</p> |
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DIGGER DIALECTS [edited by JM Arthur & WS Ramson, OUP, 1990.]

Zig-Zag (pidgin French) — Drunk. [Originally French, but in use in English from the 18C. See OEDS. In this sense it is a WWI borrowing of a French colloquialism.]

Ziff — A beard. [The earliest recorded uses are Australian WWI slang.]

Yallah (Arab.) — Quickly. [Literally 'let's', as in 'let's go'.]

Work the Ticket — Feign madness. The phrase *to work one's ticket* 'to obtain (by scheming) one's discharge (from service, prison, etc.)' dates from the turn of the 19th century.

Woodbine (n.) — An English soldier, so called from the name of a cheap brand of cigarettes favoured by Englishmen.

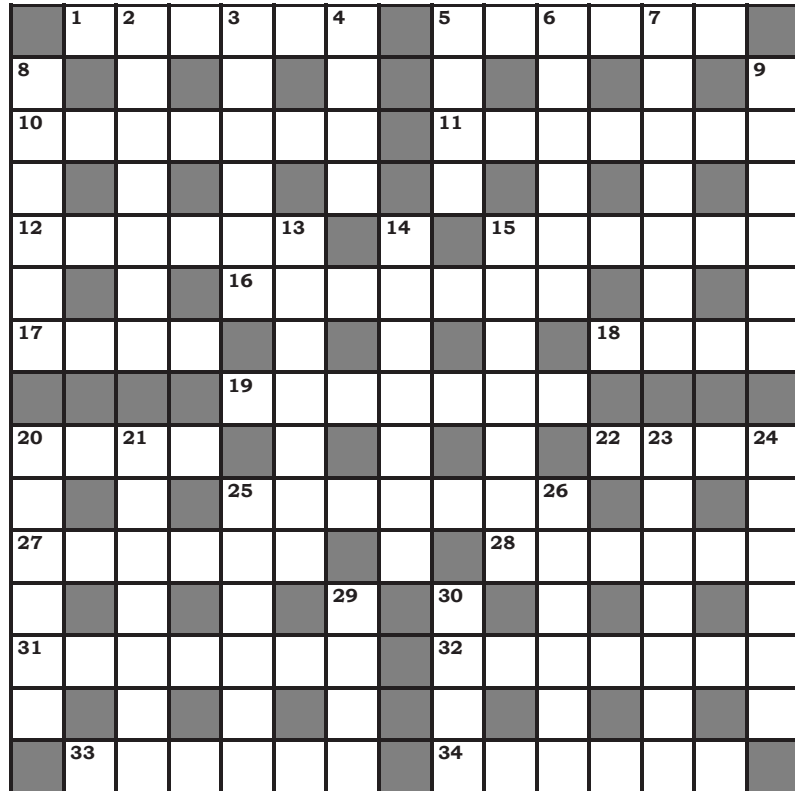
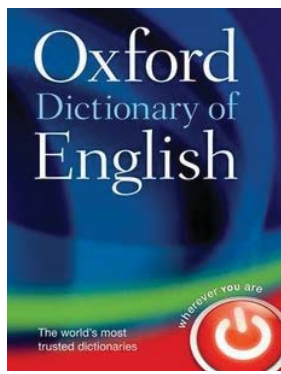
Whackle out (vb.) — Consider deeply.

Washout — (1) A failure; (2) an empty, useless or ineffectual thing; (3) a miss, in shooting at a target. **'To signal a washout'** — wave from side to side. [Figurative use of *washout* 'the removal by flood of part of a hillside, road, etc.']

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First Broadcast by *Bogeyman*

Prize:



Eight clues are associated in a consistent way with the theme. They are not defined and the nature of the association is not clued. A further five clues are closely associated with the theme and are defined.

Across

- 1 Lay out odds on time (6)
- 5 Analysed one (6)
- 10 Excited, alliterated lines it missed (7)
- 11 One with grand little bird (7)
- 12 Back-slap boy in plaits (6)
- 15 What will shortly be said to be pendulous skin (6)
- 16 Played contemptuously, one with contralto (7)
- 17 Clean twisted stud (4)
- 18 Queries first of all serving knights and soldiers (4)
- 19 Gathered one with force (7)
- 20 Kiss spot without introduction (4)
- 22 Resorts to disembowelling trespasser! (4)
- 25 Leaves one with model (7)
- 27 Lair for one of 20 back in Colorado (6)
- 28 Cockney remarked little Hector's mother's skin condition (6)
- 31 RA model scrambled for noble rank and title (7)
- 32 Rumoured to be after-hours price of compound (7)
- 33 Saved one (6)
- 34 One town in the Pyrenees (6)

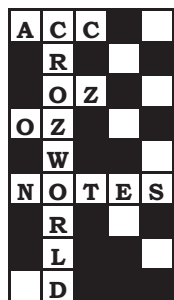
Down

- 2 Shows one with article (7)

- 3 Praises former partner getting pistol shot "inner" (6)
- 4 Act twice though reputed to be dead (4)
- 5 Flower arrangement displayed in Expo sylviculture (4)
- 6 Roused stern journalist (6)
- 7 Takes in measure of coastal indentation (7)
- 8 One grated (6)
- 9 One poses gracefully (6)
- 13 Mark each run ... (7)
- 14 ... for Border, for example – mad individual! (7)
- 15 Temporary accommodation in river with relaxed relations (7)
- 20 Sky pilots' one (6)
- 21 Able to fall into piece of mischief (7)
- 23 Get ready to cut material inside (7)
- 24 One implement (6)
- 25 Cook adored cedar tree (6)
- 26 Ian, perhaps took State as poet's Scotland (6)
- 29 Friend died in the middle of ... (4)
- 30 ... break in recital of *Sleep* (4)

Post
Solution
to:

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email: ianw@webone.com.au
Closing mail date: Friday 14 June 2013.



The Dandenong Ranges Writers Festival

This fascinating Festival is being held in Victoria over four weekends in May 2013. It is described as "a series of exciting literary events that will bring budding writers, avid readers and professional writers together in settings that showcase all that is best about the Dandenong Ranges: a beautiful environment, amazing venues and fabulous food." The star attraction for cruciverbalists is 'DA' who many crossword-lovers swear stands for "Don't Attempt". **David Astle** will be the speaker at a lunch Country House Retreat on Saturday 25th May from 12.30 – 2.30pm. So if you fancy a relaxed meal in the mountains with a crossword as a distraction with DA kindly click on this link: <http://www.autumnauthors.com/events/david-astle/>



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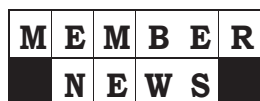
Charles Storey proudly informs us there is something special about ABC Radio National's Sunday morning between 7.30am and 7.45am. This programme has been hosted by Jonathan Green for the past few weeks running a segment with a cryptic crossword clue supplied by DA (David Astle), complete with "helpful" hints and tips. First emailed correct result gets a warm and fuzzy feeling and Australia-wide recognition on the radio. The clue is usually repeated after 8am. The solution is announced approx. 9.30-9.45am, together with an explanation and the name of the first correct entry received. The definition is always someone – or, in this instance, something, – that was in the news during the week.

This week's clue was – Revolutionary mattresses spring up as declared (6,5).

Hints – a thing in the news during the preceding week, a reversal and a homophone.

Answer – STELLA PRIZE (the Annual Australian prize for a book written by a female author awarded last week in Melbourne)

There was jubilation in this house as *Fortuna 48* (Nea Storey) collected the secondary prize on the radio!!!! Well done! Nea.



Member Renewal: Welcome renewal of subscription from **Shirley Wills** of NSW. Sincere thanks to **Bhavan Kasivajjula** for his generous donation to the 2013

ACC Prize Fund.

Puzzle Adjustments:

Alison Hocking received a dot for the March Slot 5 puzzle.

The Executive Committee has allowed an appeal to substitute the combination of CHEYENNE and ALAN for 1dn and 12ac in March Slot 1. Accordingly **Caroline Mackay-Sim, Mike Potts, Joan McGrath** and **Verna Dinham** are awarded dots for that slot.

The adjudicator, Veniece Lobsey, advises that the submissions of **Lorna Waites** and **Anne Rendell** were received after the closing date. Please post in good time or use e-lodgment.

Quiz 4/2013. Our apologies. The word length indicator of clue 16 of the Anniversary quiz is (4,7,3,6-4).

CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2013

Our Annual Victorian Get-together this year will be **Christmas in July** and will be held at noon on Sunday 28 July at the Royal Oak Hotel, 442 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy. The Dining Room has given us some food and service in the past few years and we are looking forward to renewing acquaintances again in July. So let's do it again. Make a note in your Cruciverbal Diary now!

DIARY NOTE:

Our charming Mine Host **William Ryan** has announced that the Annual ACC Get-Together at his sumptuous *Harold Park Hotel*, cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW will be held on Sunday 24 November 2013 commencing at 11:30am. This is a function which is not to be missed! Make a note in your Diary now.

Bonus Quiz May 2013:

Watch the Birdie by Neir B'Odet

Each answer takes the form of two words, the first of which is the name of a bird. The second completes a common expression; for example: "Possess this for mastery", to which the answer is "Whip hand". The definite or indefinite article and the word "bird" have been omitted from some clues. Answers are in alphabetical order of the bird. Send your entry to Kay Williams 12 Lindrum Crescent Holt ACT 2615 e-mail: ianw@webone.com.au This is the final quiz by Ted O'Brien. We thank Barbara sincerely for permission to publish this and the earlier quizzes prepared by Ted prior to his death that have given our members so much pleasure. Closing date: 14 June 2013. Book prize.

- 1 One of twelve cuddle (7,5)
- 2 Trousers (4-7)
- 3 A device for catching the unwary (5,4)
- 4 Commercial development of London's docks (6,5)
- 5 Red north, say (8,5)
- 6 Internet environment (4,4)
- 7 Cowardly (7-7)
- 8 A device for levering (4,3)
- 9 A mad timepiece? (6,5)
- 10 Ballet and orchestral work by Stravinsky (8,5)
- 11 Marching style (5,4)
- 12 Having keen sight (4-4)
- 13 One's favourite topic (5-5)
- 14 The all-black Chinese gooseberry (4,5)
- 15 Vaughan William's composition (4,9)
- 16 Dickens novel (6,10)
- 17 By rote (6,7)
- 18 Copper pyrites (7,3)
- 19 British pedestrian safety measure (7,8)
- 20 DJ (7,4)
- 21 With feet turned in (6-4)
- 22 Self-propelled carriage (4-5)
- 23 Legendary benevolent bandit (5,4)
- 24 Last performance (4,4)
- 25 A dance (6,4)

April 1-2013: Semi Cryptic by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- With horses galore there was no mention of the Broncos to appease the Qld mob. *Jim Fowler*
- Good start to the month. I liked the horse theme for the across clues. The only comic TV schoolgirls I'm aware of are Kylie and Ja'ime. Effie was a hairdresser but is the only name that seems to fit. [*Quite right, Tony. Thanks for the correction. Adj*] *Tony Dobebe*
- Nice one, Audrey! All the across clues being a horse, or a word associated with horses. *Nea Storey*
- Obviously Virgo was just horsing around! For 26dn (CODES), codes are not really cyphers and cyphers are not really codes – but I do understand that common usage makes this a somewhat valid clue. *Alan Dyer*
- A clever equine puzzle but how would you find CAVALIA without Google? *Margaret Davis*
- A clever theme – I had to go to the Web for CAVALIA not to mention EFFIE, REINER and GUAVIARE. *Peter Dearie*
- Very enjoyable puzzle. *Roy Taylor*
- Enjoyable semi-cryptic, thanks Virgo. 26ac: CAVALIA = horse show, hidden in reverse. 35ac: E+QUIN+ES where QUIN = fifth. 14ac: Mary COUSTAS was EFFIE. *Alan Walter*

April 2-2013: Cryptic by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

- Nice satisfying crossword. Challenging, but not too much so, and always fair. *Nea Storey*
- Some interesting words here. I wasn't sure of the definition for 21ac (STRICKLAND) [*Fleet woman – Shirley of that ilk – Adj*] *Alan Dyer*
- I found no new words in this which is unusual for Jesso. *Margaret Davis*
- It took a while to solve 4dn as SERIAL lodged itself in my mind. Fortunately, light eventually dawned. A well crafted puzzle. *Peter Dearie*
- 18ac: MILD+ER where beer = mild + cherry extract = ER. 23dn: 'to' companion is 'fro'. 2dn: 'spoil the groom go' is an anagram of GEOMORPHOLOGIST. *Alan Walter*

April 3-2013: Cryptic by Ann Ass (Jenny Wenham)

- Several noteworthy clues, with 18ac (COTM), 4dn, 23dn at the forefront. Thanks Jenny! But I think 1dn should have a question mark, and I cannot totally reconcile 7dn. *Len Colgan*
- What with Tossplot, Pothead, Yeasted Grape, Seedy and Trash amongst others I wonder just what sort of life Jenny has in Comet. Assuming that 7dn is indeed Elite, I cannot fathom the clue. [*see explanations p6, Adj*] 9ac was migrated from Slot 1 no doubt. *Jim Fowler*
- Some very tricky clues – still not sure about 27ac, 6dn and 7dn. Could have been a slot 6. *Tony Dobebe*
- May I nominate PLIMSOLLS as Clue of the Month. Nice construction, lovely surface – I just couldn't go past the "poodle skirt" reference. *Roger Douglas*
- Took me a while to complete: "name day" and "reen" were not terms I immediately recognised. Not sure how 7dn (ELITE) fits the clue (nuns?) but I am confident with the definition. *Alan Dyer*
- At first I had LADY DAY at 27ac which was not helpful! *Margaret Davis*
- My difficulty was 4dn: I am not confident with that answer. *Bev Cockburn*
- 5dn had me puzzled until the S-WORD occurred to me. 6dn gets my COTM. I hope ELITE is correct for 7dn – I have not worked out how this clue relates to cloistered nuns. *Peter Dearie*
- 20dn is an educated? guess and 7dn, I'm not sure about – I don't understand the reference to nuns. *Bob Hagan*
- I liked 26ac GRAPE and 20dn POTHEAD. *Joan McGrath*

- POTHEAD made me smile when I worked it out! *Sonia Roulston*
- STALE to urinate was new to me! I nearly said the SWORD when I finally got 5dn. *Roy Taylor*
- 1ac: T+RO+OPER where RO = run out = dismissal and TOPER = drunk. 14ac: HIDE+BOUND. 6dn: since 'poodle skirts' = PE answer should be P+L+IM+SO+L+E+S {skirts originally = S} (not PLIMSOLLS). 'poodle skirts' 'skirts' being plural requires P+E in the answer (taking P only would require singular 'skirt'). 7dn: CARM+ELITE delete CARM to obtain ELITE. *Alan Walter*
- So many clues that I failed to understand there's little likelihood of a dot for this one. *Doug Butler*

April 4-2013: AJ by Timid Terrier (Joan Smith)

- I was tossing up between VOCODER and VOCODEX and decided to go with the older of the terms – I couldn't make the connection with "will" or "will to warn". *Alan Dyer*
- I had not met the card game SEVEN UP previously – thought SEVEN UP was an American soft drink! *Margaret Davis*
- An enjoyable slot with excellent clues. *Peter Dearie*
- Not too hard except GOODIE as I hadn't heard of Graeme Garden. *Roy Taylor*
- Thanks Timid Terrier for a pleasant AJ. In X clue I presume XE+BEC where EX = Exodus Book? *Alan Walter*

April 5-2013: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

- [*Note: many solvers identified the long-awaited Nina. Please forgive us for saving space by not mentioning the names of all the clever members. Adj*]
- Is there no end to Len's inventiveness? "15ac: Plainclothes Men have detected a Nina/ "A leopard cannot change its spots"/ "Will that get me extra dots?" *Jim Fowler*
 - Good to see some humour from Crowsman with PICNIC. A Nina! *Tony Dobebe*
 - My COTM is PICNIC because it made me laugh, as well as being extremely clever, of course. *Susan Howells*
 - Congratulations to Crowsman for the NINA. *Nea Storey*
 - Another challenging puzzle. *Alan Dyer*
 - I do enjoy Crowsman's puzzles and have given him my COTM this month. *Margaret Davis*
 - A leopard was spotted prowling around the borders of this puzzle. A challenging slot. *Peter Dearie*
 - 11ac PICNIC was about the last clue I found and it gave me a laugh after chasing ancient Greek history. *Betty Siegman*
 - All good, especially PICNIC, TAIPEI and IMMATURE. *Roy Taylor*
 - 1ac: SU+REST, 11ac: PIC+NIC, 20ac: YE+ME+N. Very clever clues overall, thanks Crowsman. *Alan Walter*
 - More corker clues from Crowsman: PICNIC, ONSET, but IMMATURE is my COTM. *Doug Butler*
 - A 'Nina' with 'A leopard cannot change its spots' around the outside. *Tony Dobebe*
 - Around the border of the Slot 5 grid one can read clockwise: "A leopard cannot change its spots". *Ian Thompson*
 - Around the outside of the crossword read A LEOPARD CANNOT CHANGE ITS SPOTS. *Nea Storey*

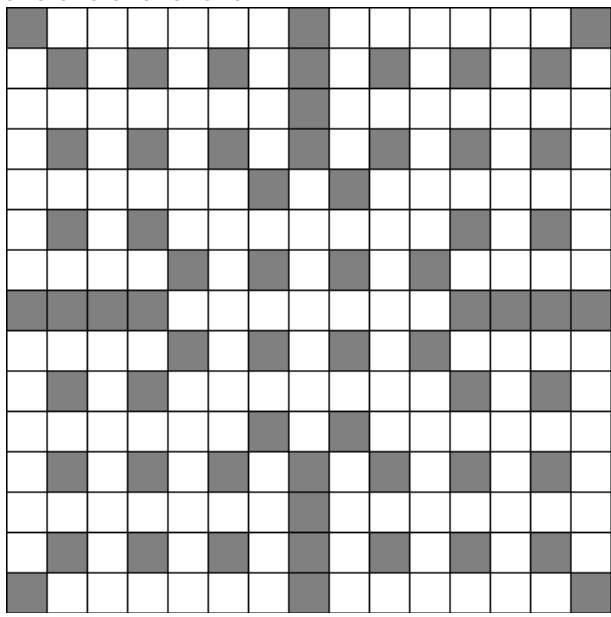
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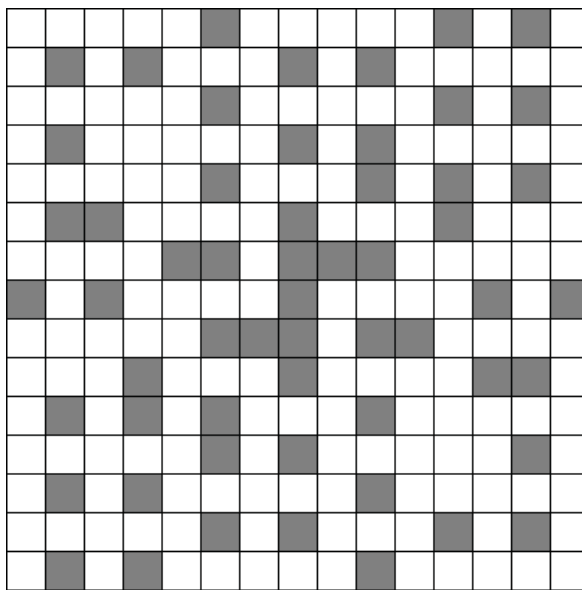
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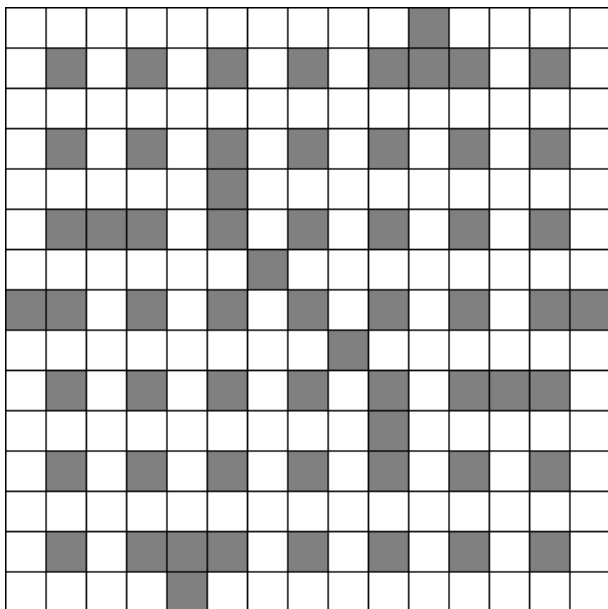


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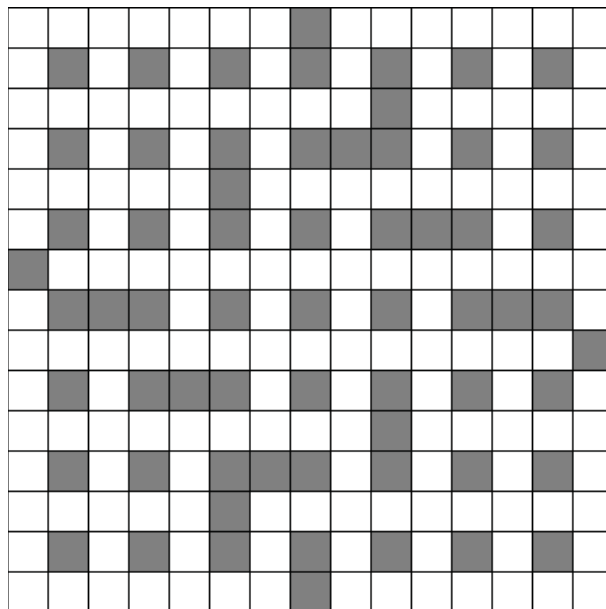


Clue of the Month

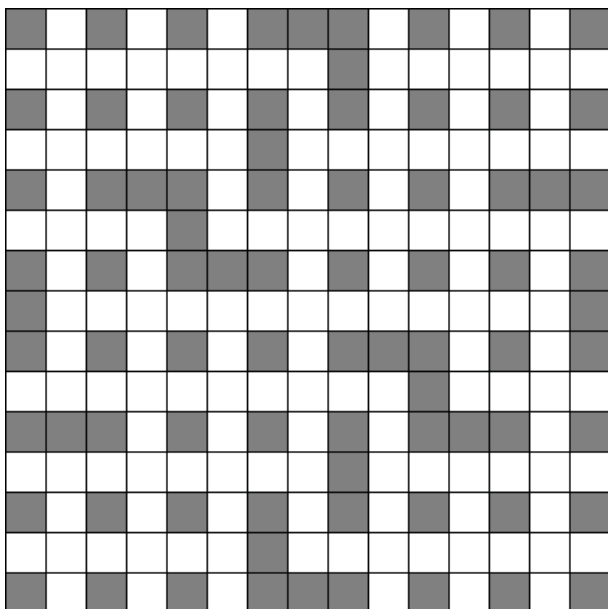
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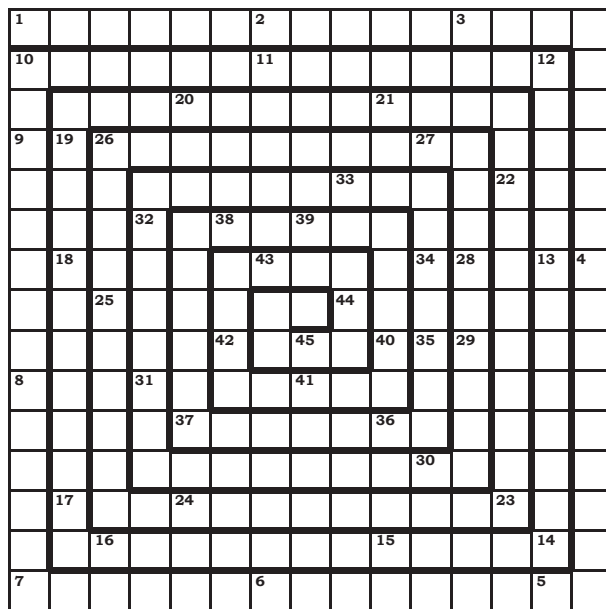
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|M|A|Y| 4| 2|0|1|3|



|M|A|Y| 5| 2|0|1|3|



March 6-2013: Associates by *Betelgeuse* (Gillian Champion)

Entries: 34. Correct: 17. Success rate 50%.

Prizewinner: Ray Gooderick. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments: Thank you for all of your cards, letters and feed-back which are always welcome. The main error that tripped solvers was 25ac. "Type endlessly squiffy" (3) =(e)LIT(e), the answer to which was L/GIN (GIN and IT) There were many L/BITS on offer (IT and a BIT?) and numerous other suggestions. The possibility of allowing "BIT" for the answer was considered, but finally rejected on the grounds that the expression strictly needed to be "A BIT" not "BIT" by itself (sorry about that!) The other clue that troubled some solvers was 17ac BRAES/IA (BANKS and BRAES) which perhaps was not as well-known as expected. Not everybody is into Scottish ballads apparently. **—Betelgeuse (Gillian Champion)**

SOLUTION: Across: The associated pairs were: 8. Part and parcel 9. Nip and tuck 10. Hot and cold 11. Cut and thrust 12. Stand and deliver 13. Hem and haw 15. Rack and ruin 17. Banks and braes 20. King and country 22. Chop and change 23. Hue and cry 25. Gin and It 26. Law and order 27. Bib and tucker.

ORIGINAL WORDS: 8. RAMPARTS=RAM+PARTS 9. STUCK=S+TUCK 10. SCOLD=S-D+-COL- 11. EXECUTE=-E+CUT- + EX-E 12. DELIVERY=DE =LIVERY 13. HEMPSEED=anag of PH(one)+SEEMED 15. double meaning 17. BANKSIA= BANKS+ -AI(rev) 20. COUNTRYSIDE=anag of CENTURY+DO+IS 22. EXCHANGE=EX-+CHANGE 23. APOCRYPHAL=anag APPLY CHORAL minus L 25. LIT= (e) LIT(e) 26. BORDER= RED ROB(in) rev 27. IMBIBED= I+M-ED+-BIB- DOWN: 1. CATHETER=anag of THREE ACT 2. UPSTANDING=U+P+STANDING 3. GREEDY=G+DEER(rev)+Y 4. DEPECHE=anag of deep+CHE 5. ESCHEWER=-CHEWER+ES- 6. ESAU(hidden word rev) 7. TIPTOE= TI-E+anagPOT 14. STENCIL/LED=-LED+anagCLIENTS- 16. EPIDEMIC=anag PIED MICE 18. IDOLISES= -OLIS(silo rev)-+ID-ES 19. TEWHITS= WET(rev)+HITS 21. IMPALE=anag lime IM-LE+-P+A- 22. ENLACE=E+NLACEanag clean 24 HEWN=HEW(homonym)+N.

Correct solutions from: Anderson C, Caine R, Carroll L, Champion G, Dearie P, Douglas R, Ducker R, Fowler J, Gooderick R, James V, Jones D, Kennedy M, Miles A, Patterson A, Procter M, Ryan W and Symons B.

Solvers' Comments:

- What a mental workout! All of my aspirin is gone! I'm not totally sure of 17ac. Thanks Gillian. *Len Colgan*
- In all of my 80 years I can't say I have enjoyed any puzzle more. It is up there with the best! I admire your ingenuity. *Ray Gooderick*
- Very clever and enjoyable thanks, Gillian. Loved CATHETER. *Roy Taylor*
- Another great effort from *Betelgeuse*. A worthy Slot 6. *Andrew Patterson*
- What a cracker! Toss up between doing this and having wisdom teeth drilled out – close call on which one causes more grief! *Raoul*
- I just love this style of crossword, but there was a time when I thought this one had got the better of me. Who knows, it still may. I was initially thrown by the instruction "....exchanging a part of the clue", as to me it seems to be more a part of the solution...well at least the initial solution. Anyway, it didn't take long to get the gist. 'Stand and Deliver' tricked me as I was dead set on finding an associate for 'live' or 'liver'. There were a couple of associates that I had to research due to their unfamiliarity – Gin & It, Banks & Braes. Thanks again for a great workout! *Michael Kennedy*

- Ohhh – what fun! NOT! This is what the Labour Day long weekend was meant for – keeping one's mind in your gear for as long as it took. For a start I decided I couldn't even try to sort out your logic; then I decided to give it a go; and then I spent the rest of the time ignoring conventional use of linking letters because the letters didn't work in the first solutions of the across clues, only in the second solutions! You see my dilemma? Thanks for an incredible mind exercise which hopefully is correctly solved – answers attached. By the way, I don't see how the judge's decision can be final on this one – correspondence may be entered into! *Frank Martin*
- A very enjoyable puzzle that took some time to get out. The toughest ones for me were TEWHITS as I didn't know this bird, and BRAESIA as I was not familiar with the phrase Banks and Braes. *Ian Thompson*
- Thanks Gillian for another beauty. *Brian Symons*
- 25ac took ages and I'm not sure it's correct. I used LITE for type and took off the E to get lit – a bit tipsy! Then the best I could do was to use the tig or it. It doesn't match the other however. *Bob Hagan*
- Sulked for two weeks when I read the instructions for this. How the **** can I do it. Then my 'terrier' brain kicked in and I drove my poor husband crazy as I yelled with glee when I "got one"! But "Imtuckered" out! Not 100% sure of 25ac though. Well done *Betelgeuse* – brilliant setting. *Eileen O'Brien*
- Tough puzzle! *Roger Douglas*
- My head still hurts. *Ro Ducker*
- A real beast, very difficult; but enjoyable nevertheless – otherwise I wouldn't have stuck at it. Much harder than most crosswords as you need to get every single answer from its clue – crossing letters can't help you. *Rob Moline*
- You have a very devious mind. Your puzzle was pretty hard to solve. I cannot comprehend how difficult it must have been to compile – so many things to juggle. Many thanks for a superb puzzle. *Jim Fowler*
- Anyone looking at the grid would wonder what all the strange words are! 20ac: I had Town and Country which threw me for a while. Strangely enough 25ac GIN and IT had me stumped for ages. Keep up the good work. *Marian Procter*
- It's hard to know what to say about this mind-bending puzzle – how you manage to devise such crosswords is quite remarkable. It was a battle to solve right to the end with LGIN at 25ac and HAWPSEED at 13ac being among the last to get. RAMPCRAFTS fitted in nicely at 8ac (Arts and Crafts) but left me clueless over 4dn DEPECHE until "PART and PARCEL" occurred to me. Although it was tough I thought the clues fair. Hope you get a good response to your challenging puzzle. *Peter Dearie*
- An excellent crossword. *Doreen Jones*
- Another corker! Both challenging and entertaining. I particularly liked "ramparcels" and "imtuckered", the latter being how I felt when I completed the puzzle. *Robyn Caine*
- Thank you for such a challenging puzzle. I enjoyed the exercise. *Lesley Carroll*
- Congratulations! This was a **fendish** crossword and I have no idea what mental agility you needed to compose it. It was bad enough trying to solve it! I hope that my struggles were fruitful; if not, at least you stretched my brain into shapes previously unknown or unexplored. *Susan Howells*
- Thanks Gillian for a great puzzle. *David Procter*
- Wow! This one was real challenge. I took a while to get into the right "zone" for this puzzle, but even then progress was episodic. I eventually stalled on my last clue, and it was more than a week before I realised that IMTUCKERED was the most appropriate answer! Challenging but most enjoyable – thank you again. *Mike Potts*
- I have no confidence that this is entirely correct, but am so pleased with myself to be able to conquer some of it that I am sending it in anyway. What a marathon! *Maureen Blake*

M A Y 2 0 1 3 S L O T 7
Articles Aplenty by Crowsman
Book Prize

The construction of all answers has something in common. Place them in the grid, jigsaw-wise, where they fit. The two 3-letter answers are interchangeable, as is one other pair. Reference to *Chambers* or similar is essential for a few answers.

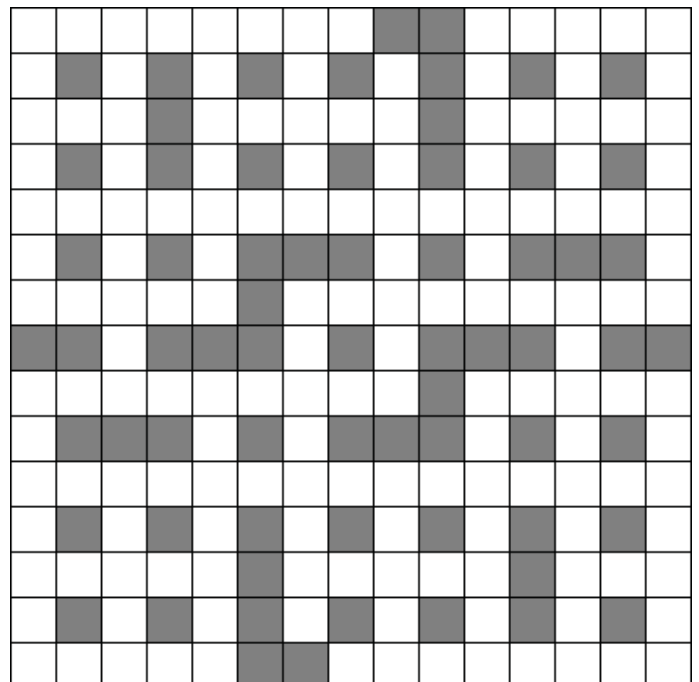
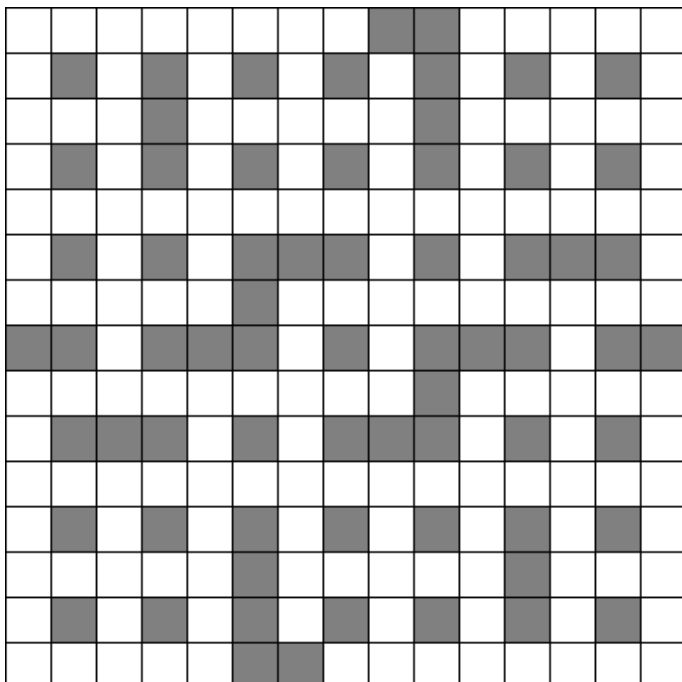
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Clues:

- Ruling West African president abandons mother (3)
- Initially, old vegetarian ate eggs (3)
- Ute components are removed from strict African capital (5)
- Code word for a star of the brightest order (5)
- Pineapple fruit has top cut off (5)
- Caesar, for example, cut short nose (5)
- Five hundred and fifty outsiders abandoned by right? More! (5)
- This carnivore's laughter partly conceals hunger (5)
- Gear used by cyclist contributes to ugly crash (5)
- Type of whisky linked to a republic (5)
- The boundaries of Papua yield a herbivore (5)
- Rising, has last bit of sauce (5)
- Chinese society joined a kingdom (5)
- Extreme blue has marine leaving (5)
- State has its port, oddly enough, written up intermittently in articles (7)
- Complaint! I intend returning split articles (7)
- Opposed to expelling Frenchman from one island to another (7)
- Where photographic model looks, without hesitation, in a desert (7)
- I escaped from hanging with a sword (7)
- Passover ritual is drawn without right artist initially (7)
- Blackout under the French university creates a problem with sight (7)
- A cold environment fruit? Not right! A vegetable! (4,3)
- Roman general cooked gar with one drink (8)
- Open a histrionic amateur retrospectively to a princely role? (8)
- Prospect for gold in republic (8)
- Mallow mixes aid scale (8)
- Play's opening in a festival involved breastfeeding problem (9)
- Pine for song about "Gold Cadillac", perhaps (9)
- Sally raised flightless bird carrying old disorder (9)
- The president has run out briefly for a source of chocolate (9)
- Summarise and garble a complicated branch of mathematics (8,7)
- Individual soon confronted heartless major, a rejected outcast (7,3,5)

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Quiz No 5/2013

Quiz 5/2013.

2013 In The Main? by *Both Sides*



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All answers have a common definition.

Send your solutions to:

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Closing date: 14 June 2013. Book prize.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Bream cooked by sailor (9) 2 Fool found in British railway (6) 3 Policeman gets drugs back (7) 4 Extend building (6) 5 Unruly Poles (5) 6 French finish wee drop (7) 7 Dug around George at noon ... (7) 8 ... as rash developed (6) 9 Infirm, dodderly nun (7) 10 Israeli troll (7) 11 Cable reported "1ST JAN OUSTED UGANDAN NATIVES" (9) 12 The French female leading a French Church (6) 13 Somewhat amused (6) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14 Look after the sick beagle (10) 15 Very big trees uprooted (7) 16 I appear in organised parades for Pisces (8, 4) 17 One in five natural (7) 18 Tess turns back mid-way (9) 19 Frighten the French within (7) 20 Not right to ditch (5) 21 Greek letter concealed in vase (7) 22 Choreograph VE Dance (7) 23 Potpourri of Southern wares (6) 24 Team wrecks a ship (7) 25 Cowardly end (10) 26 The last English supporter of quiet old boat (5, 5) |
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Quiz 3/2013. Fun with Homophones by Brian Symons

Entries 37. Winner: Frank Martin. Congratulations!

Solutions: 1 alter altar, 2 blew blue, 3 callous callus, 4 chauffeurs shofars, 5 damn dam, 6 fought fort, 7 heard herd, 8 knew gnu, 9 loot lute, 10 minor miner, 11 pare pear, 12 phlox flocks, 13 praise preys, 14 right wright, 15 rough ruff, 16 rum rhumb, 17 sent scent, 18 tacks tax, 19 taught tort, 20 timber timbre, 21 towed toad, 22 trussed trust, 23 waive wave, 24 wholly holy, 25 wrought rort.

Results: 25: R Caine, B Glissan, A Jermy, F Martin, M Procter, W Ryan, J Smith, N Storey and J Wenham. 24.5: A Austin, B Cockburn, B Eggleton, J Fowler, P Garner, R Gooderick, S Howells, G Leeds, J Leigh, D Meek, A Miles, C Noble, Eileen O'Brien, B Siegman, I Thompson, A Walter and R Wimbush. 24: B Hagan, C McClelland and A Simons. 23.5: G Cole, P Dearie, V Dinham, C Jones, D Jones, J McGrath and R Taylor. 21.5: C Wilcox.

Adjudicator's remarks: Oh dear! How to lose friends and irritate people. My intention was each two-word answer made some sense and alphabetical order referred to the first word of the answer not the clue. However most members answered number 12 as flocks phlox and pointed out it was out of order. No marks were lost for this. Actually all entrants seemed to enjoy the quiz which is the main thing. However, marks or half marks were lost for (1) wrong answers of which there were very few (2) spelling mistakes esp rhumb (3) Wrong word lengths eg shophars (4) not realising or at least mentioning that number twelve was not the only answer out of order if number twelve was.

—Brian Symons

Solvers' comments

- What an interesting quiz. I thoroughly enjoyed it.
Joan McGrath
- Thanks for the fun.
Brian Eggleton
- Always at least one mindbending clue in your puzzles. This time it was chauffers shofars.
Andrew Miles
- Not too hard, not too easy, just right.
Carole Noble
- You have a knack of producing something interesting and different for the brain to ponder.
Jim Fowler
- Enjoyable and thought-provoking with not the usual run-of-the-mill examples.
Bev Cockburn

March 2013 Bonus Quiz: It's Raining ... by *The Busybodies* (Bev Cockburn and Carole Noble)

Winner: Eileen O'Brien, Congratulations!

Results: 20: Patricia Abbott, W. Allen, R. Caine, P. Dearie, V. Dinham, R. Dorrell, J. Fowler, P. Garner, B. Glissan, K. Harper, S. Howells, A. Jermy, D. Jones, G. Leeds, J. Leigh, C. Mackay-Sim, F. Martin, C. McClelland, J. McGrath, T. McPherson, A. Miles, E. O'Brien, J. Pearce, M. Procter, A. Rendell, B. Siegman, A. Simons, M. Steinberger, N. Storey, B. Symons, I. Thompson, A. Walter, J. Wenham, C. Wilcox & R. Wimbush. 19: H. Freeman, R. Gooderick, B. Ibbott, C. Jones, G. Lemon, D. Meek, S. Pinder, M. Potts & S. Roulston. 18: M. Blake & G. Cole.

Setters' Comments: An excellent response for a Bonus Quiz. Thank you to all who entered. The two clues which caused problems were #7 and #19. Several of you put Ragamuffin for #7 which has soft fur but comes in many colours. Two of you had Lurcher for Harrier (#19) and we couldn't find a matching jet plane!

Members' comments:

- My cat Razy is "From a Mountain Range" Guess! (Himalayan – I've had two of those. I have a Birman now. **B**) *Audrey Austin*
- Amazing how many cats have geographically linked names, while dogs have a broad base for naming. *Frank Martin*
- Once I cottoned on to the clue in the title I found the research interesting. I knew there were many types of dogs but was surprised at some of the cats! *Cheryl Wilcox*
- A delightful quiz. I wonder how one could possibly devise a clue for my Miniature Schnauzer. *Susan Howells*
- What's worse than raining cats and dogs? Hailing taxis! *Warren Allen*
- Cats and dogs huh? I wonder why – why not Cows and Horses or Frogs and Toads? *Jim Fowler*
- I wish it was raining here (Bealiba, Vic). My husband does the Rain Chart for the Weather Bureau for Bealiba, and he had no entries for January. *Claire McClelland*
- Really enjoyed this once I got my second brain cell working and looked at the heading! *Eileen O'Brien*
- Good fun! All I could think of was Parma Ham but couldn't believe it was an animal (other than a pig) or where the King fitted in... Have to confess I looked it up. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Lily (my cat)...is back in my care and I love her, even though she thinks she's a dog and follows me everywhere...at least she doesn't bark! *Joan McGrath*
- This was an enjoyable quiz, thank you *Busybodies*. 10 cats followed by 10 dogs, quite a remarkable chase! *Alan Walter*

March 7-2013: Cryptic by Flowerman (Ian Thompson)

Entries: 36. Correct 24. Success rate 67%.

Winner: Doreen Jones. Congratulations!

Correct entries: Warren Allen, Lesley Carroll, Gillian Champion, Graeme Cole, Len Colgan, Margaret Davis, Peter Dearie, Ro Ducker, Jim Fowler, Ray Gooderick, Bob Hagan, Val James, Doreen Jones, Michael Kennedy, Julie Leigh, Roy Low, Frank Martin, Andrew Miles, Eileen O'Brien, Andrew Patterson, Sonia Roulston, Nea Storey, Brian Symons and Jan Wood.

Setter's comments

I have enjoyed my first stint as an adjudicator, and thank-you to those submitting entries for all your encouraging comments. The highlight for me among all the entries was the identification by one eagle-eyed member of the informative yet inadvertent Nina spanning the second last row of the grid. The only incorrect solution, apart from one caused by errant spelling, that was offered multiple times was PHI (Its homophone 'fie' may be uttered by certain members once they see the solution). The clue was a double definition with PSI (pounds per square inch) being the imperial unit of pressure that corresponds to Pa (Pascals) in the SI system, as well as being a letter in the Greek alphabet. Another clue that caused headaches, 1ac, had the solution FRISSON. The cryptic second definition is FR (father) IS SON – essentially, according to the Trinity, they are one and the same. 23ac IMPAIRMENT elicited extremes of opinion about the quality of the wordplay. Apart from the above and other errors, due probably to spelling/typos/brain fades, etc., were PRAYSE, TOUGHT, DALMATION, SCANNER, SHREW. Several clues (in retrospect too many) required doing something with a *synonym* of a word rather than the word itself. Obviously this extra requirement made the wordplay more difficult, and was employed by me because I didn't want to concede letters too easily. Most members I think would be used to taking the end letter from a synonym, e.g., in 20ac shortened offering gives you ALM(s), but not as many used to doing other things to a synonym. In 17ac 'critical limits' are K(e)Y (key a synonym for critical), in 25dn 'athlete endlessly' is (r)UNNE(r), and in 14dn 'stop discarding essence' is S(ta)Y. I have noticed DA occasionally makes his clues tougher this way, and I have basically followed his lead. I think this level of complexity is fair, and once a solver is aware of the possibility, then solving is not so difficult. On the other hand, it appears I unwittingly used this clue-toughener too often in this puzzle, and I will avoid its overuse in the future. Finally, I apologise to anyone I may have been misled into thinking their entry was dot-worthy; I should have sought out the club policy on spelling errors/typos before making statements to this effect. —**Flowerman (Ian Thompson)**

Explanations: Across: 1 F(athe)R IS SON; **5** S(TOW)AGE; **10** S[PARR(y)]OWS; **11** Hidden; **12** S + COW; **13** (un)EARTH(LING) S; **15** Anag.; **17** PIN + K(e)Y; **20** PS + ALM(s); **21** DE(FORM)ITY; **23** IM(PAIR)M(in)ENT; **25** (w)EL(l) + MS; **26** &lit., ODD(IT)Y; **27** Cryptic def., TH(e) + INNING; **28** ...S + CAN + anag. NED; **29** SER(I)OUS. **Down: 2** RA + (s)PACIOUS; **3** S(h T)REW; **4** Rev. O(anag. ROGENI)C; **6** Homoph.; **7** Anag. (incl. abbr. MIC); **8** G(_U_L_)AG; **9** Anag. EST(RANGEMEN)TS; **14** S(ta O) Y; **16** Double def.; **18** KATH + MAND (homoph. y U); **19** CON + TRITE; **20** Double def.; **22** Homoph.; **24** MEDIC(ation); **25** Rev. (r)ENNU(r) + I...(west end of Indian).

Solvers' Comments [Most solvers' questions are answered in the Explanations of the clues, above]

- Tough workout! But thanks! *Raoul/William Ryan*
- Thank-you Ian – an enjoyable puzzle. FRISSON was very clever, as was DALMATIAN. *Andrew Miles*
- Thanks Ian for a superb and superbly difficult cryptic – challenging and fun. *Brian Symons*
- I really enjoyed it apart from 1ac, FRISSON, which was a wild guess! *Ray Gooderick*

- I couldn't decide whether to put PHI or PSI for 20dn, until my husband explained about pounds per square inch and Pascals. Certainly a challenging puzzle! *Nea Storey*
- Another remarkable puzzle from *Flowerman* who has achieved exemplary surface readings, albeit long. Best clues are 27ac THINNING, 9dn ESTRANGEMENTS, 18dn KATHMANDU. He will become a great addition to the ranks of ACC compilers. *Len Colgan*
- Thanks for an interesting puzzle. *Roger Douglas*
- Took me a while to work out 23ac IMPAIRMENT, close was imminent and home in left out. I loved the two girls Kath and Mandy. I hope 20dn is PHI (Pa = P. Hi is start of correspondence) *Roy Taylor*
- Thanks for your puzzle – it was a challenge, but some clever clues here. Particularly liked 1ac. FRISSON when I got it, which was the very last answer! *Frank Martin*
- It was tougher than I anticipated but as usual, once the answers revealed themselves, I wondered why! I loved FRISSON and PSI especially – cleverly done. I look forward to more offerings from you. *Michael Kennedy*
- Thanks for a great puzzle. Not very confident though! Looking forward to explanations. *Eileen O'Brien*
- Attached is my entry for your time consuming and very enjoyable slot 7. Favourites were SPARROWS, SERIOUS, DALMATIAN, and had it been eligible, my COTM would've been IMPAIRMENT. I have a few question marks – no doubt all will be revealed in May. *Jan Wood*
- One answer has defeated me as far as understanding of the clue is concerned ... pinky ... where does the KY come from? Hope you get a good response to this enjoyable challenging puzzle. *Peter Dearie*
- Thanks, Ian, for a challenging and enjoyable puzzle. Particularly liked 21ac DEFORMITY and 29ac SERIOUS and 16dn DALMATIAN. *Gillian Champion*
- I enjoyed your puzzle very much and can find no pearls of wisdom, criticism or comments. It was good. *Jim Fowler*
- Tough puzzle. Liked PINKY, DEFORMITY, IMPAIRMENT, THINNING, CONTRITE, ESTRANGEMENTS. Did not understand wordplay fully on FRISSON, SPARROWS, ENNU. *Roy Low*
- Thank you for your fine puzzle. A couple of my answers worry me a little – 21ac DEFORMITY, I don't quite get this clue, it seems a little convoluted. Also 17ac PINKY – I do not understand the "critical limits" in the clue. *Doreen Jones*
- I'm not sure about some of the answers but I really enjoyed your puzzle. Thank you very much. *Lesley Carroll*
- What a platter of goodies! DEFORMITY was the best, I thought, but hard to pick among ROAD SIGNS, IMPAIRMENT, SERIOUS, KATHMANDU, and THINNING (2 ball games in one clue!). FRISSON took awhile before the penny dropped. Thank you *Flowerman!* *Max Roddick*

Solution to Cryptic by Flowerman March 7-2013:

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**Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 2/2013.
Write a clue for METEORITES (10). Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy**

Definition of **METEORITES** from *Chambers* (12th Edition)
n a meteor that has fallen to earth as a lump of stone or metal

In setting this challenge, I acceded to the wishes of several members to finally set a plural word. There were plenty of anagram opportunities with this one, and five versions (one of them six times!) were exploited well. However, I have been relatively strict on the definition, as a meteorite is specifically a *type* of meteor that falls to the earth as a stone, hence the -ite (i.e. mineral or rock) suffix.

The winning clue (this one actually arrived Bob!) comes from **Bob Hagan: Down to earth types meet to rise in revolt (10)**

I received 21 clues. The clues are listed in alphabetical order and the definitions, where appropriate, are *italicised*.

Aerolites sourced from this strange remote site *½**

This clue is the first of several to use *remote site* as an anagram. This one is well integrated into a sentence that makes sense. *Aerolites* (literally sky-stones) is a new one for me and while there is nothing wrong with this definition, one should be wary of using synonyms that bear a too similar phenotype (i.e.ites). I would also add that *this* is really superfluous and could have easily been omitted with no detriment to the clue.

Crash remains are recovered from remote site ***

This is an anagram of *remote site*. While *recovered* on its own doesn't literally suggest a mixing of letters, in the context of the entire clue it could just get by as it is literally the *crash remains* that are being recovered. I am, however, a stickler for direct anagrams. *Crash remains* does go some way to separating meteors from meteorites, but I think some reference to them coming from space would have really nailed the definition.

Down to earth types meet to rise in revolt **½**

This is an anagram of *meet to rise* as indicated by *revolt*. The definition is a beauty and fits seamlessly into a clue that, on the surface at least, has nothing to do with space rocks.

Eastern Tories blazed after having encountered rocks from above ***

This is an anagram of *E + Tories* as indicated by blazed after *met* (encountered). This clue is parsed properly (except that *Tories* is always capitalised) and the definition is fine. I can't imagine how a bunch of Eastern Tories have ended up with rocks coming down on them, but stranger things have happened.

Fallen rock stars seem to tire badly ***

This is an anagram of *seem to tire* as indicated by *badly*. The definition has been embellished slightly to fit the wonderfully disguised surface reading. However, while I'm no space expert, *stars* does seem to be a bit of a stretch, since meteorites come from asteroids, not stars.

Falling rocks shake remote site *½**

The simplest of clues, with another anagram of *remote site* as indicated by *shake*. There are no superfluous words and the surface sense is sound. My only criticism really is that the definition is not well disguised.

Fans of the Max Merritt band like "Great Balls of Fire" **

Here's a compiler that caters for his audience as I am reliably informed that most of the ACC demographic would remember Max Merritt and the Meteors. However, even after a thorough search I could find no reference to the fact that the band's fans were known as *meteorites*, even though I don't doubt that they were. I don't mind popular culture cropping up in clues but *popular* is the key word here. While I love the worked musical theme, the definition relates to meteors rather than meteorites.

Fragments from a remote site *½**

In this clue, we have another anagram of *remote site* as indicated by *fragments*. The difference in this clue is that the entire clue serves as the definition, and is essentially a &lit style clue. Meteorites are not necessarily just found remotely so while the definition is good, it's not perfect.

Great Balls of Fire! Rock survivors emit stereo broadcast *½**

This clue uses a different anagram with *emit stereo* as indicated by broadcast. The definition makes up most of the clue but does take into account we are talking about *rocks*. The clue's surface reading suggests a humpy of hippies have survived some holocaust.

It is fitting, I hear, to have no funeral service for remains of bright sparks **

This is a homophone of *fitting* (i.e. mete) with *o rites*. I think the definition works well as meteorites are the remains of the flashing meteors. I can also see the effort gone in to disguising the definition, but the surface sense is still a little awkward. I'm also unsure of the direct relationship between *fitting* and *mete*.

More substantial ceremonies announced for visitors from outer space *½**

This is the only complete homophone clue with *meatier rites*, which is understandable given how difficult it is. It's an excellent attempt, although the auricular pedant may argue that *meatier ites* would actually be the perfect homophone. The compiler has managed to incorporate the homonyms into a seamless surface reading. A visitor can be defined as someone or something coming to stay, so the definition works well.

"O Mister Tee – catch those falling stars"! **

This is quite a whimsical clue. It's meant to be an anagram of *O Mister Tee* as indicated by *catch* (as in a difficulty or hiccup). *Catch* can mean a *concealed difficulty or disadvantage* (*Chambers*), but this does not adequately indicate a rearrangement of the letters. Meteorites are not falling stars, although a poet may get away with this description.

Overhead shower participants? ***

Get it? It's obviously a straight cryptically defined clue that leads one (or more as it were) into the bathroom, rather than the sky. It scores high on the quirkiness scale, but really needs to be more specific, as there could be other perfectly valid solutions, such as *hailstones* or *snowflakes*.

Primarily, many extra-terrestrial eoliths or rocks inbound to Earth's surface *½**

Wow! This takes the first letters of all the words after the indicator, *primarily*, to spell out *meteorites*, while at the same time defining them. These are very difficult clues to write even for short words, let alone ten-letter plurals. It's almost the perfect definition too, but *eoliths* are ancient stone implements used by man, so not quite what we would expect to fall from the sky. Extrusions, rocks formed by the cooling of lava, may have been an alternative.

Remote shape bites head off leaving remains to fall to Earth **½

This is an anagram of *remote* as indicated by *shape*. You then just take the head off *bites* and voila! The definition would work better if *to* was replaced by *that*, otherwise okay. I'm not quite sure what the surface sense is trying to say but maybe a voracious UFO has taken a liking to a North Korean nuke.

Reset timer to see fireballs falling to earth as stones ***

A clever anagram that uses the fodder *timer to see*. The definition is dictionary-accurate and the surface reading is also perfectly sensible. The imagery is of someone setting an alarm so as not to miss a meteor shower perhaps. Excellent clue!

Rise to meet celestial visitation **½

This is an anagram of *rise to meet* accompanied by a terrific definition. However, the indicator was deliberately omitted because "*the brevity of the clue makes it sufficiently obvious*". That may be so, but anagrams *always* require an indicator. Sometimes, what appears simple to the compiler's eyes is not necessarily so for the solver. I do like the potential of *celestial visitation*, but I would have thought *visitors* would be more accurate, as the former really just describes the event of a meteorite shower.

Space travellers found in remote site **½

This clue is also an anagram of *remote site*. However, *found* is not a suitable indicator as it doesn't tell the solver to rearrange the letters. It's a pity as there are so many terrific options (eg. *crash*, *travel to* etc.) that would make this clue so much better. The definition is a little vague but would have been helped with a fairer anagram indicator.

Stars in security drama? *

This is a reference to the recent Bond flick *Skyfall*. All you need to do is interpret *security drama* as *bond film*, associate that with stars of the celestial variety, and you're done. Of course, I've already pointed out that meteorites are not stars so you would be hard-pressed in solving this clue.

Tumbling stars seen in wild remote site **

Another *remote site* anagram – this one indicated accurately by *wild*. Unfortunately, despite their appeal, *tumbling stars* are not meteorites (except in the sense that everything originates from star dust).

Visitors from outer space satisfied with Earth for unstarted site for redevelopment ***

Last, but not least! Here we have *met* (satisfied) + an anagram of E (earth), f(or) and SITE. Nice definition with accurate parsing. I didn't know E for Earth, and I was even a little unsure on the validity of *unstarted*, which does not appear in *Chambers*, but does elsewhere. However, the surface sense at the end is a little clunky, as one wouldn't normally redevelop a virgin site.

Scoring System

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

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

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