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A word carries far – very far – deals destruction through time
as the bullets go flying through space.
Joseph Conrad, 1900, *Lord Jim*, Ch 15.

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It was two years ago that we introduced the online solving initiative from Roy Low called **ACCOLADE** which stands for **Australian Crossword Club On-Line ADjudication and Evaluation**. What a successful sensation this has been for the ACC. A large percentage of puzzle solutions are now submitted via ACCOLADE and we sincerely thank Roy for his valued assistance in making this system available to us all and making it so popular and rewarding.

Our prominent Puzzle Editor — **Ian Williams** — has selected another variety of excellent and challenging puzzles and quiz for you this month. The slot 1 is titled *Patpourri of the Street* compiled by *Stroz*. Favourites like *Pentangle*, *Manveru*, *Valkyrie* and *Blue King* are there for your ongoing delight plus a skilful offering from *Betelgeuse* in Slot 6 titled *Coming Down!* The inventive *Zinzan* has contributed another challenging cryptic in the Slot 7 spot called *Eightsome Reels*. *Brian Symons* has given us another one of his enjoyable Quizzes titled *Thingamybob*.

Michael Kennedy has provided the results of the Clue Writing Competition No 2/2017 together with his expert Comments on the clues submitted. See p16. Sincere thanks to Michael for the outstanding quality of his comments.

Vale Alan Walter. We are sad to say that our original Treasurer and *Crozworld* editor Alan Walter passed away suddenly on 24 April 2017. His Memorial Service will be held on 1 May at Ann Wilson Chapel, Mona Vale at 12 noon. We will write about his valued contribution to the ACC in the next *Crozworld*.
—Patrick

Hello again to my *Crozworld* 'family'.

With only 22 manual entries correction was much easier than last year – thanks ACCOLADE.

Slot 1: Errors for this puzzle were mainly HEAVENS (x6) for HYADES and a variety of offerings for CORRS – CARTS (x6), CORRS (x2), CORDS and CARES.

Slot 2: This was a much easier puzzle with the least errors – 4 clues stumped solvers. 2x DOODADS and 2x SUPPLE. Still there are transcription errors – IIFORMS.

Slot 3: This slot caused the most grief. 17 incorrect answers were offered and the only duplicated one was ERASES for ERASED.

Slot 4: ZERIBA was entered incorrectly in 4 ways – XERIBA, ZEBERA, ZEBIRA and SERIBA. The only other hiccup was for JANGLE – JARGLE, JAGGLE and JANGEE

Slot 5: Apart from 5 incorrect offerings for APATETIC – APETETIC (x4) and APATITED – there was just a smattering of incorrect answers including EMOLLESSENCE (x2).

COTM: 29 different words were nominated for COTM. Slot 5 was a runaway winner with 10 nominated words and gained 6 nominations for PETROLEUM. However, ON REFLECTION in slot 2, also gained 6 nominations – a tie for *Penobscot* and *Crowsman*.

It is with a sad heart that we learn of the passing of Alan Walter on Monday 24th April.

Wishing everyone the best for the remainder of 2017.

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	98	96	89	97	83	463
Correct entries	76	87	78	85	73	399
Success rate (%)	77.6	90.6	87.6	87.6	88	86.2
Prizewinners	Peter McDonald	Arthur Barrett	Sonia Roulston	Sam Howat	Helen Perrow	from 105 members

Prizewinner: April 2016 Slots 1-5: Doreen Jones. Congratulations!

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Apr 2-2017

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Apr 3-2017

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MEMBERS RESULTS for Slots 1-5 April 2017 & Slots 6 & 7 March 2017

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

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Hagan R.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Hambling C.		•	•	•			
Harper K.		•	•		•	•	•
Hearn R.		•				•	
Hemsley D.		•	•	•	•		
Heyes N.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Hocking A.		•	•	•			
Howard V.		•	•	•			
Howat S.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Howells S.						•	•
Ibbott B.		•					
Jones D.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Kennedy L.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Kennedy M.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Knight S.		•					
Lankshear J.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Lee C.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Leeds G.						•	•
Leigh J.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Lobsey V.		•	•	•	•		
Lord P.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Mackay-Sim C.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Martin A.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Martin F.							
Mason I.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Matthews S.			•	•			
McClelland C.		•	•	•	•	•	•
McDonald P.		•	•	•	•	•	•
McKenzie I.		•	•	•	•	•	•
McKenzie R.		•	•	•	•	•	•
McKindlay Y.							•
McPherson T.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Meek D.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Miles A.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Millard A.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Moline R.		•	•	•	•	•	•
O'Brien E.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Parsons D.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Patterson A.		•	•	•	•	•	•

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Pearce J.		•	•	•			
Perrow H.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Pinder S.		•	•		•	•	•
Potts M.						•	•
Procter D.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Procter M.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Pyc M.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Roddick M.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Rolfe G.			•	•			
Roulston S.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Ryan W.						•	•
Shapiro R.							

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Patpourri of the Street by Stroz


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Across

- 6 Japanese art of paperwork! (7)
- 7 Vibrate part of ear everyday (7)
- 9 Hair of very French soprano (5)
- 10 Random record takes gold long after (3-2-4)
- 11 Bowler is Nietzsche's superman (7)
- 13 Noisy cow in the river! (6)
- 15 Horse fencer! (13)
- 19 Removalist arranged house arrest down South (6)
- 20 Brave tomato!? (7)
- 23 Sound speed of early riser in irregular sanction (9)
- 24 Greek character fit to weave plain clothes (5)
- 26 Smoker from church: "I am marshal" (7)
- 27 Best to choose one parent (7)

Down

- 1 Agreeable (4)
- 2 Free with money! (6)
- 3 Fumble (9)
- 4 Overhead protection (8)
- 5 Complete disaster (5,5)
- 6 Beat by cunning (6)
- 7 Detest (4)
- 8 Call for no tricks (6)
- 12 Mercy killing (10)
- 14 Rural protection? (9)
- 16 Uniform chant! (8)
- 17 Feverish (6)
- 18 Sick, but popular business (6)
- 21 Kick downstairs (6)
- 22 Begrudge (4)
- 25 Renown (4)

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Cryptic by Pentangle



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Across


- 1 Rage about Elvis' opening band (6)
- 4 Disciple's head mangled and torn (8)
- 10 Get better swallowing acid mixed thoroughly (9)
- 11 Unusual roots and trunk (5)
- 12 Hector's uninitiated relatives (5)
- 13 Stopping and starting (7,2)
- 14 Let disturbed remains inside frame (7)
- 16 Blockbuster is showing in the pictures (4)
- 19 No time for duties and appeals (4)
- 21 English do make an impression (7)
- 24 Two people who work in movies sharing a certain type of fan (9)
- 25 Symbol for cold spell (5)
- 26 Slice pastry and cake with the middle cut out (5)
- 27 We hear the apartment and the room upstairs may be a bit creaky (9)
- 28 Cosmetic initially increased tenfold for Charlie (8)
- 29 Mess up unfinished sell out by mistake (6)

Down

- 1 Battle rages with authorities (8)
- 2 Risk death with needle (8)
- 3 Fixes charges by the sound of it (5)
- 5 Senior member is finished wrapping the money (7)
- 6 Causing alien thing (not his head) to explode (9)
- 7 Provoke terrible anger following eye-opener (6)
- 8 Crazy opportunity arising without consensus (6)
- 9 Fly below island resort (6)
- 15 Will prepare statement (9)
- 17 Boisterous young women dealt roughly with setback (8)
- 18 Writer heard to take on another name for the setter (8)
- 20 Mocking dancing acts involving short flower girl (7)
- 21 Beginner failing to start profitable business (6)
- 22 Stockpiled potential energy in can (6)
- 23 Way to look up Oscar-winning actress (6)
- 25 Small role for actor came to nothing (5)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Please thank the Easter Bunny for my prize for February Slot 6. More welcome than his usual offerings – better the bank balance getting fatter than other places that don't need his help! *Eileen O'Brien*
- Thanks very much for my prize for last month. Very encouraging. *Fay Copland*
- Thank you to the Club for my March Slot 4 prize. It was a lovely surprise waiting for me on my return from holidays. *Claire Batum*
- Happy Easter to all at Crozworld. Long may you prosper. *Richard Skinner*
- Was very sorry and sad to hear about the passing of Margaret Davis; she was a lovely lady and will be missed by many, especially at the luncheons. *Marian Procter*
- Congratulations to the ACC on its 27th Anniversary on 8th April 2017. May its success continue. Note 324 issues = 27x12. *Alan Walter*
- Thank you so much for the \$75 cheque for Quiz 2. It has inspired me to try harder with the crosswords. *Rosemary Dorrell*
- I wish to thank ACC for my March Slot 5 prize. I was delighted to receive the beautifully written cheque! I had thoroughly enjoyed that particular puzzle, so that made the award even more special. *Julie Crowe*

M A Y 2 0 1 7 S L O T 3
<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic by <i>Manveru</i></h2>



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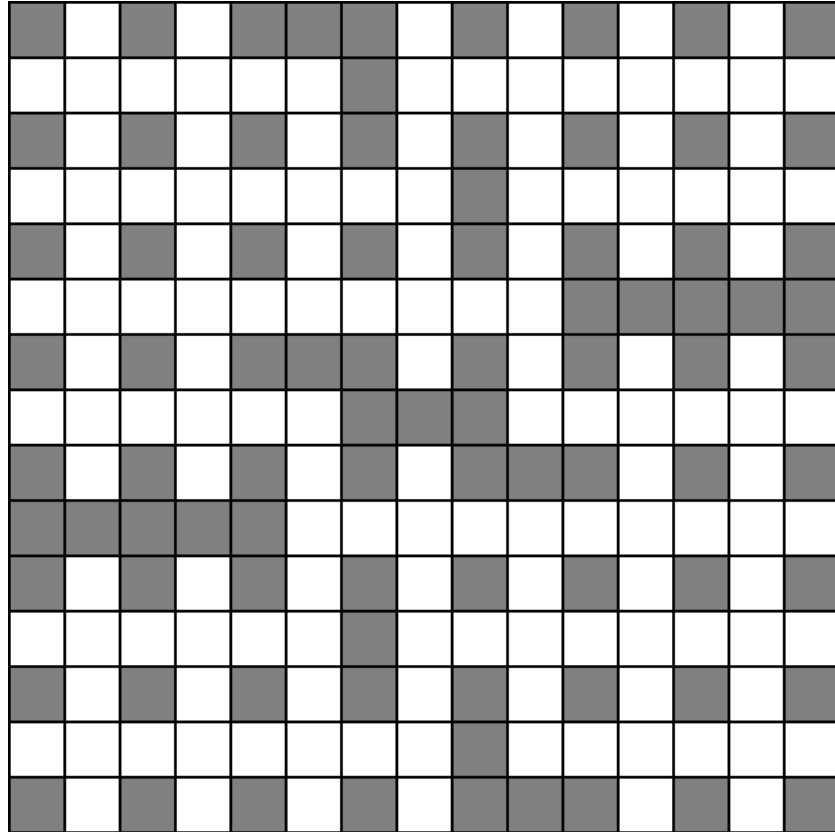
Across

- 1 Hint – party game (6)
- 4 Drunk smuggling cocaine at liberty is unpunished (4,4)
- 10 Seafood is a cold and ordinary meal without starter of fries (7)
- 11 There are many ways to read this! (4,3)
- 12 Besieged in holy ancient city (4)
- 13 Scenario in chess trapping bishop with its fellow piece? (10)
- 15 Authorised to go after drug and extort (6)
- 16 Condiment is an essential with clarified fat left off (7)
- 20 Showy flyer depicting Crown's takeover of company with one cent (7)
- 21 Cancer, for instance, found in regular torso image (6)
- 24 Old Glory is Unionist and Republican following reassessment in a thorough manner (10)
- 26 Storyteller rejecting censure (4)
- 28 Listening to high explosive, say, with noise contained (7)
- 29 Illegal lockdown is holding up construction in parts (7)
- 30 Ballerina is unseasoned, sadly, and fails to hold on (8)
- 31 Anagram I'd stashed in the middle! (6)

Down

- 1 Plant sprayed head of cabbage, namely Chinese to start with (8)
- 2 Rude ref in trouble and is being severely criticised (5,4)
- 3 Make a splash with plunge into river – on the contrary! (4)
- 5 A distilled spirit served after cold brewed beer – it's all in the head (8)
- 6 Flight path displaying weird arc with jet being overtaken by right winger? (10)
- 7 Sport with a degree of dance (5)
- 8 Saw secreted into detainee's pie dish (6)
- 9 Snow-covered caps from Welsh highlands inspiring tree-hugging ecowarriors (5)
- 14 Wandering hell-hounds exist to decapitate (10)
- 17 Lecture and send back into custody without prison – no issue (9)
- 18 Bravery on board ship has no answer to whips (8)
- 19 Cluedo's leading starlet, perhaps! (8)
- 22 New character in 1-across is a fictitious monster disguised (6)
- 23 Prefer locum's original drug over shocking treatment (5)
- 25 Fresh lime (5)
- 27 Feather – mostly a purplish colour (4)

<p> M A Y 2 0 1 7 S L O T 4 </p>
<p>AJ by <i>Valkyrie</i></p>




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

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| <p>A Used in hearing, false accusation withheld a name (8)</p> <p>B He, being involved in money with model, became most cocky (8)</p> <p>C Dogs run in fuel yard in a carefree manner (9)</p> <p>D Query is after check material (6)</p> <p>E England fears to lose maiden matches (6)</p> <p>F Articulate "flush" without a fricative start (6)</p> <p>G Tan used up by female to cover old footwear (4,4)</p> <p>H Female church for a bit of theatre in the future (10)</p> <p>I Top paper edition (5)</p> <p>J Judge hotel by Sunday spirits (5)</p> <p>K Tender fish sticks (8)</p> <p>L Back spin? Why? Sounds unsure (5)</p> <p>M Old boy's turn with a student guide (6)</p> <p>N After deoxygenation, only measles treated anonymously (10)</p> | <p>O Rune teller stood at fault, so left (3,6)</p> <p>P Only half of award to Southern Italian after disqualification of the Italian doctor (9)</p> <p>Q Subdue Queen with introduction of ultraconservative measurement (5)</p> <p>R Former tennis player spun around, limiting attempted recovery (9)</p> <p>S I hosted hot Continental perhaps (5)</p> <p>T Triple time topless whores: vile looseness (3,5)</p> <p>U A great many boundless leaps by 15 year old, maybe (7)</p> <p>V Fight about clone error resulted in injury (8)</p> <p>W Servers fight over information technology possessing electronic section (7)</p> <p>X After five, US chopper returned to base line (1-4)</p> <p>Y Barked, pruned tree, oddly lopped, died (6)</p> <p>Z God's son starts to turn heretical, taken in my revolutionary channel (6)</p> |
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From Reading the OED by Ammon Shea, 2008:

- **Pathopoeia** (n.) *A passage designed to affect or arouse the emotions.*
The single greatest example of this I can think of is the first movement of Igor Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*, which provoked a riot at its first performance in Paris in 1913 among the largely upper-crust attendees.
- **Patrizzate** (v.) *To take after one's father.*
It seems that whether this is viewed as a good or a bad thing varies from generation to generation.
- **Pavonize** (v.) *To behave as a peacock might.*
Which either means to flaunt one's appearance in a vain fashion, or to peck at the ground in the hopes of finding bits of food and to clean one's hindquarters with one's mouth.
- **Peccability** (n.) *Capacity for sinning.*
It feels inappropriate that *impeccable* (not liable to sin), which is far more rare an occurrence, should so exceed in popularity the word that connotes the converse.

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Cryptic <i>by</i> Blue King


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Across

- 1 Formally dressed way to get Royal award (5)
- 4 Takings left by a Catholic fish catcher returning (9)
- 9 Slow leaking under stuffing inside (9)
- 10 Cash hit name or a daughter perhaps (5)
- 11 I miss mutants changing money collectors (12)
- 14 Joining procession for a suitable composition (7,5)
- 17 North American design or dandy? (6-6)
- 20 Calgary event organisation for moving assistance (6,6)
- 23 Unusual house interior replaced by a religious administration (5)
- 24 Door notch hacked in an early column (9)
- 25 Show bottom function head first in home brew! (9)
- 26 Musician gets cold for street song (5)

- 2 Without feeling dull (6)
- 3 Line-up listens again to chap's dry-runs (5,10)
- 4 Unfortunately I loved draconian polymath (8,2,5)
- 5 Cultivate oil nuts and treasure a lucky shot! (7,8)
- 6 Area for sporting elite's first leads second rational description of knowledge-theory (15)
- 7 In retrospect much of what's nice is this month (4)
- 8 Look, look my first! (4)
- 12 Every now and then bicarbonate may be seen in her cups! (3)
- 13 Novel centre of wide-angle lens (3)
- 15 Loose ball, good on leaving (3)
- 16 Top to bottom family tattoo (3)
- 18 Burning upside-down cross within (6)
- 19 Business representative or evil detective on record (6)
- 21 Cheat that is to say in the morning (4)
- 22 Ship's load carbon-free (4)

Down

- 1 Whinge about identity file at last (6)

From Reading the OED by Ammon Shea, 2008:

• **Tricoteuse** (n.) *A woman who knits; specifically, a woman who during the French Revolution would attend the guillotins and knit while the heads were rolling.*

What I've learned from reading the *OED* has not been confined to vocabulary. I've also learned a good deal about the history of the unpleasantness of the human race, including the portrait of this unsympathetic character, the knitter who attends beheadings.

• **Trumpery** (n.) *"Something of less value than it seems." (Samuel Johnston, A Dictionary of the English Language, 1755)*
Like your car.

• **Turkish** (v.) *To transform something, especially for the worse.*

I'd assumed that the *OED*, having been largely written in the 19th and early 20th centuries, would be filled with all sorts of racist and otherwise offensive words. There are very few of them, however, and it is not clear whether this is due to the editors not wanting to offend or if they merely didn't think the words were qualified for inclusion. For instance, *frenchified* is listed, but without the sense that is given in a number of other dictionaries: "to be afflicted with a venereal disease."

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Coming Down! by Betelgeuse



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Seven perimeter words of lengths 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 9 and 3 12 (not in that order), run from the top left hand corner of the grid clockwise. Each one has a closely associated word concealed in the grid. The associated words have secondary indications but no definitions.

Across

- 7 Place in a jumble of settings (7)
- 8 Salad is extra (7)
- 9 Slumberwear that Spooner confuses with fitfully sleeping bird (9)
- 10 In pain, welcomes start of relief (5)
- 11 Add to expense before delivery? (3,2)
- 12 Country deporting a married woman (5)
- 15 White novel partly reviewed by short head of state (3)
- 16 The name of the game (3)
- 18 Tests by involving same conditions (5)
- 19 Settlements reached on inaugural Transylvanian snow trip (5)
- 21 Mostly worked back (5)
- 23 Game with tool held in palm perhaps? (9)
- 24 Let bird free (7)
- 25 Very difficult hair stood out – is cut (3,4)

Down

- 1 One of a group of elements, principally hydrogen, aluminium, oxygen, germanium and nitrogen (7)
- 2 Affected with dubious piety (6,3)
- 3 Setter in wagon finds a dated device for recording (3,6)
- 4 Makes water analysis of lakes (5)
- 5 Travelling back, islands lead to old port (5)
- 6 Mother's got a vehicle on the hoist with rattles (7)
- 13 Trendy bystander loses a shirt (9)
- 14 Container loses initial heat when placed in behind, right at the back. (9)
- 17 Scots give opening for highland guide (7)
- 20 One under structure (7)
- 22 Start to head off menace and shout (5)
- 23 If first and last change places, anthem becomes a symbol (5)

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Explanations for clues in April 2017 grids
 Note: cd = cryptic definition; dd = double definition; rev or < = reversal; homophones are noted as "homoph" and words from which they are derived may be shown in quotes; anagrams as anag. if straightforward, or (NNNN)*. "Heads" or Tails" are first or last letters of part of a clue; letters forming solutions are normally written as capitals and removals as lower case; hw or hidden = hidden word. Explanations provided by individual compilers may vary from this format.

Slot 1 by KA. Cryptic clues. Down: 2 in(dec)o(rum), 3 carr=boggy place(Chamb), 4 rev hidden, 5 o(pah)s , 6 un+bending, 7 amen(t), 8 end+(mice)*, 9 (Beowulf - B)*, 15 des+p(e)rado, 17 dd, 18 sere+ng+ (f)eti(d), 19 rose+hip, 21 h(y)ades, 23 r+radio(s), 24 l(gg)ey, 26 dd.

Slot 2 Penobscot. Across: 1 IN + DIFFERENCE, 8 dd, 9 anag, 12 hidden -ed do-, 14 RE + STATES, 16 MASS + IF, 17 cd, 19 dd, 21 SOCKET + TE, 24 (LAD + U)<, 25 PARENT COVERING MAIL<, 27 cd, 28 PED (RE) RO, 29 cd. **Down:** 1 IN + FORMS, 2 DI LL Y + DA LL Y, 3 anag, 4 notE (MEN) DShow, 5 cd, 6 CARE (sEx) RS, 7 cd (SQUAD)*, 10 cd ON<, 13 dd, 15 hidden, 18 DOLLY + TOP<, 20 PIA + NOLA, 22 hidden, 23 homop , 26 dd.

Slot 3 Lexi Conner. Across: 1 homoph "stalks", 5 (SAD TEENS)*, 9 BA + SIC + ALLY, 10 (gr)AM + BIT, 11 M(IS)S,

12 sill(Y ASSE)rtions<, 14 (TREKS + U)*, 15 AVID<, 17 WA + GEts, 18 TRIM(- a - ran), 19 ga(ME SH)ows, 20 OuNCE, 22 litTIE aMy, 24 SA + BRAS, 25 C + LOCK, 27 T + HAT, 28 dd, 29 ART + HR + IT + IS, 30 HATCH + WAY, 31 DU(GO) NG. **Down:** 2 (LAID INTO ART)*, 3 REIN + STATE, 4 STA(TIS) TIC, 5 AL(LEG)E + D, 6 pesticIDES ARE<, 7 (SUiTaBIE -ali)*, 8 aDdIcTs TrY, 13 (IN GARAGE GOT)*, 16 B(ET + ROTH) ED, 17 WHIt(S)TLING, 21 MA(LARK)Y, 23 S+ KETCH, 25 C + RASH, 26 OVER + T.

Slot 4 InGrid. A anag , **B** back+bench+er, **C** curt+yes rev +s, **D** dr+owns, **E** anag, **F** fine+sse, **G** homoph grew+pie, **H** h+o+lily, **I** is+o+late, **J** j+angle, **K** kick+back, **L** lich + en + in, **M** mi+sprint, **N** anag , **O** organ+ic, **P** pia+nola, **Q** quad+righ+a, **R** dd, **S** anag rIOTERSaN, **T** anag, **U** un+see+MiLkY, **V** dd, **W** wag+on+s, **X** x+anag lonely, **Y** (w)+y+elled, **Z** anag zebra+i.

Slot 5 Crowsman. Note that the unchecked letters from the second row to the fourth row down, reading across say "THIS YEAR EASTER IS IN APRIL". Across: 1 FIRST* + E, 4 APAThETIC, 10 (I EMERGE)*, 11 RIT(CHI)E, 12 LEN + (GoT HiS), 13 TOOT AT, with TOO delayed, 15 E + MOLL + homoph "essence", 19 READ(DRESS)ING, 22 CU + RING, 23 LOW + DOWN, 26 O + (ONAGER)<, 27 cd - USE LESS, 28 DI(LATIN) G, 29 ASSE(The)S. **Down:** 1 STEE(LIE)R, 2 (HORN IN AN)*, 3 FIRS + T, 5 PREY*, 6 T + CHARTERS*, 7 TA(HI)TI, 8 C + (LOSER)<;, 9 SE(ThiS)ASIDE, 14 PET + R(OLE)UM, 16 LIE + IN + W(Army)IT, 17 TI(MORE)S, 18 A(GO)NISES, 20 AC CORD, 21 OR + DEAL, 24 R in W,E,N,S, 25 dd.

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Sincere thanks to **Bhavan Kasivajjula** for his generous donation to the ACC Prize Fund 2017.

Response to Len Colgan's Article

Even though Len has been in the club considerably longer than me and is a popular compiler, I have to say I disagree with Len's concern about such constructs as 'first runner' or 'leading runner' = r. I think that if cryptic crosswords become too formulaic they lose their spontaneity and mental stimulation.

Len is worried that through precedence it will become the norm, but surely if compilers from the *Guardian* can use this construct then who are we to argue? I really liked *Penobscot's* Middlesex = e for example: it made the clue more interesting and it reads well. Also, we have a great club editor who keeps us to the rules and curbs our more exotic flights of fancy with a "that wouldn't be fair to the solver" comment.

I can think of another cryptic crossword convention that defies the laws of grammar but seems to be universally accepted: we use 'the French' to denote 'le, la or les' but grammatically shouldn't it be 'the in French' or 'French for the'? Both sound a bit silly to me. I am sure there are probably other examples where the rules of grammar are flouted.

I believe as a club we should be able to agree to differ and accept both conventions.

—Ulla Axelsen

CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2017

Our Annual Victorian Get-together this year will be **Christmas in July** and will be held this year from 11:30am to 3pm on Sunday **30 July 2017** at the Royal Oak Hotel, 442 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy. The Dining Room has given us excellent 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!

Vale Colin Dexter

Derek Harrison from UK announced that **Colin Dexter** died on 21 March 2017. Colin was famous for his Inspector Morse novels which were made even more famous when televised. He had walk-on appearances in the TV series and it is interesting to see if you can spot him.

He was an expert at composing crossword clues and it is worth reading through his archive on the & lit website http://www.andlit.org.uk/azed/by_cluer.php?series=B&cluer_id=10

Just a week prior to Dexter's death, Derek came across an extremely informative article on Dexter's first Morse novel, *Last Bus to Woodstock*. It was known that Dexter had used the names of other *Ximenes* competitors for his characters but this article on the Clue Clinic website gives details of all the references:

<http://www.clueclinic.com/index.php/2017/03/16/clues-woodstock-bus/>

Dexter recalled how he started writing the book in 1972: "We were in a little guest house halfway between Caernarfon and Pwllheli. It was a Saturday and it was raining – it's not unknown for it to rain in North Wales. The children were moaning. I was sitting at the kitchen table with nothing else to do, and I wrote the first few paragraphs of a potential detective novel."

He won first prize over 40 times in *Ximenes* and *Azed* competitions. Here are some of his memorable clues.

- This degree makes nudism shivery (5)
 - Item gran arranged family slides in? (12, 2 words)
 - What use a 650cc model here? (8)
 - It's this Littlewoods could make you (8)
 - By it 'truth' and 'lie' looked alternately interchangeable (11)
 - Coach covering the last fatal trip (9).
 - The dodderly can't shy me (9)
- [Solutions can be found on p14.]

April 1-2017: Half 'n Half by KA (Karl Audrins)

- Some real obscurities made this impossible to finish. Some guessable; some not. Bah! Obahs aren't fish. [*but OPAHS are - Adj*] Liked 1, 2, 9. 6dn perfectly illustrates Len Colgan's passionate plea in the same issue. *Rob Moline*
- Baffled by obscure meaning of SERGE: it's not in the *OED* and it took me ages to track it down in *Chambers* as an alternative spelling of CERGE. *Roger Douglas*
- Many clever clues; particularly ENDEMIC; but SERENGETI puzzles me: SERE = dry; (pu)NGE(nt) =borderless smelly; but TI to me = Thursday Island — a tropical island but a bit far-fetched. Or have I missed something? [*The tropical island is NG (New Guinea) - pl see p9 for the explanation - Adj*] *Max Roddick*
- Again thank you to KA for new words learned. And RUMP STEAK and NAAN BREAD; yum. Prefer not to think of my girth though! *Eileen O'Brien*
- My favourite clue was the one for RADIO. *Brian Tickle*
- Thank you. A great start to the month. *Ann Millard*
- This puzzle contains some very interesting words – INDECORUM, EXTRINSIC and DISCOMBOBULATE for example. *Beverley Cockburn*
- 26dn helped me find an error in the 13th edition of *Chambers*. Serge 2 says see cerge; but it is not there. Luckily I still have the 11th edition in which it appears. *Claire Batum*
- Once again my vocabulary has been extended! *Cheryl Wilcox*
- For a Half 'n Half this was quite a challenge. *Kath Harper*
- SE corner a bit tricky. I would have liked to have seen 1ac clued cryptically! *Ulla Axelsen*
- I tossed up between HYADES and HEAVEN for 21dn. I think both are equally acceptable but of course could only choose one. *Barbara Ibbott*
- A challenging first puzzle. 11ac: answer seems repetitive, NAAN + Indian bread so the answer NAAN BREAD = Indian bread bread! 26ac: '?' is not satisfactory to indicate a homonym. Material = SERGE Candle? = CERGE, a homonym of SERGE! 18dn: SERE+NG+ETI where ETI is borderless F+ETI+D = smelly. *Alan Walter*

April 2-2017: Cryptic by Penobscot (Maurice Cowan)

- Nice puzzle – in the true sense of the word. *Gabriel Fuller*
- 22dn Theresa with an "h"? Cf. Saint Teresa of Avila; Mother Teresa of Calcutta. *Ian McKenzie*
- I thought the clue for ON REFLECTION was really clever. *Brian Tickle*
- Done after the AJ; so pianola went straight in ;-) *Rob Moline*
- An enjoyable puzzle with some interesting solutions. *Ian Thompson*
- Great puzzle! An inverse anagram (7dn), inverse reversal (10dn) and inverse homophone (23dn) all in a single puzzle. Not to overlook the excellent clues for 19ac, 25ac, 28ac and 2dn (COTM). Congratulations! *Len Colgan*
- Loved 'dilly dally' and was amazed at how quickly that old song came to mind. *Maureen Blake*
- Liked WORRY BEADS, MASSIF, THERESA and NAYSAY. *Max Roddick*
- Some great clues in this one. Several contenders for COTM. *Jenny Wenham*
- Nice one – more food! Noticed a Pianola in a different puzzle – funny how that happens. Liked the references to the songs; but showing my age by knowing them? *Eileen O'Brien*
- Enjoyed plus two new words for me – UDAL and PEDRERO. *Trish McPherson*
- Another great puzzle from PENOBSCOT. Thank you. *Beverley Cockburn*
- Liked this puzzle – many ingenious clues. *Catherine Hambling*
- Liked the clue for PARLIAMENT. *Nea Storey*
- A very enjoyable slot two. Not sure how 25ac Parliament works though; always assuming that's correct. *Richard Skinner*
- Gave ON REFLECTION cotm. *Roy Taylor*
- There's always a pleasurable dash of quirkiness in *Penobscot* puzzles. *Kath Harper*
- Lots of clever clues. Very enjoyable. *Ulla Axelsen*

- 19, 25 & 29ac were good clues. Loved the clue for 7dn – it almost was my cotm! *Anne Simons*
- Lots of lovely clues in this slot including my COTM 'on reflection'. *Hilary Cromer*
- A clever set of cryptic clues. Liked 23dn: NAY+SAY = Neigh. Deny. 18ac: DOLLY POT normally DOLLY TUB. *Alan Walter*

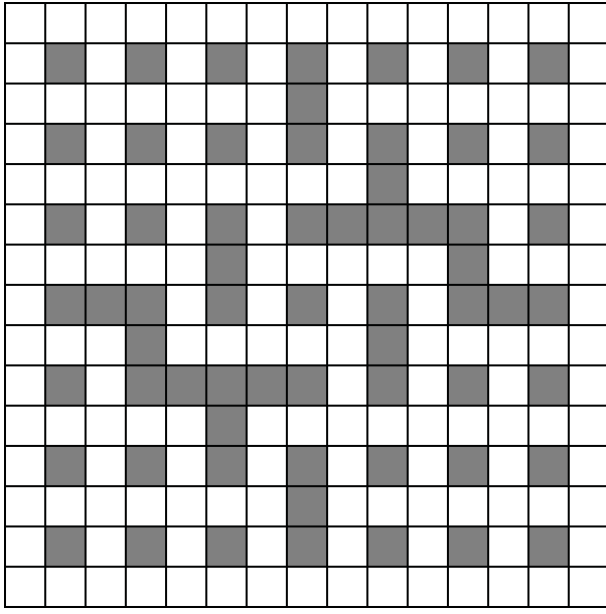
April 3-2017: Cryptic by Lexi Conner (Ron Shapiro)

- [A number of members commented on the lack of a definition in 9-across: individual comments thereon have not been published. This was due to an editorial omission]
- Liked ESSAY, ITEM and DITTY. *Max Roddick*
 - Fingers crossed for a couple of answers. *Eileen O'Brien*
 - Some VERY complex clues; and I found the puzzle very difficult and a real test. *Ann Millard*
 - Interesting grid. Where was the definition in 9ac? My favourite was WHISTLING. *Beverley Cockburn*
 - Good puzzle – especially enjoyed 17ac, 31ac and 13dn. *Catherine Hambling*
 - Despite being an arthritis sufferer, it took me ages to get 29ac; so I am giving it my vote for COTM. *Nea Storey*
 - Could not work out 9ac at all. Straight guess on this one based on friend (ally) and bachelor (B or BA) giving basically. Sic is short for sick? I'm mostly fed up looking at it! *Richard Skinner*
 - Many great clues. My favourites were for ESSAY, SABRAS and ERASED. *Brian Tickle*
 - Very nice. *Rob Moline*
 - 1: Noisily is a dubious homophone indicator. *George Rolfe*
 - Took me a while to realise 'noisily' in 1ac indicated a homophone; will add it to my list. Not sure of 9ac; with my answer there seems to be no definition. *Ulla Axelsen*
 - 29ac & 21dn very good clues. *Anne Simons*
 - 9ac clue doesn't appear to have a definition. ie Friend follows bachelor, mostly fed up (9) ie ALLY follows BA+SIC (K) giving BASICALLY (undefined). 29ac: ART+HR+IT +IS ART=expertise, HR=Human Resources (dept), IT=Information Technology (dept) +IS making the common disease. *Alan Walter*
 - Discouraged by clues which seem to be unnecessarily obscure. *Arthur Barrett*
 - A midnight inspiration finally gave me 18ac – very neat indeed! *Kath Harper*
- April 4-2017: AJ by Ingrid (Jean Barbour)**
- My favourite clue was for GROUPIE. *Brian Tickle*
 - Lots of unknowns all guessed correctly. Embarrassingly, failed on a known: the pipe-like Pipnell instrument. Remembered zeriba for getting it wrong last time. Liked B, C, G and K. *Rob Moline*
 - Slot 4 remains my firm favourite in *CrOZworld*. Thank you. *Julie Leigh*
 - The QUADRIGA/ZERIBA combination is a masterpiece! *Max Roddick*
 - Getting harder to choose COTM. Think I am going to go for "G". *Eileen O'Brien*
 - Always learning! ZAREBA and ZERIBA caused me some problems. Thank you *InGrid*. *Ann Millard*
 - Misprint on misprint last entry. *Helen Perrow*
 - I had a lot of trouble with this one! *Nea Storey*
 - Solved all the clues except the eleven letters; and could place none. Then got BACKBENCHER and it all fell into place. *Roy Taylor*
 - I enjoyed the clue for organic. *Robyn McKenzie*
 - The many 6, 7 and 8 letter answers made placing words a bit tricky. Good fun though. *Ulla Axelsen*
 - Quadriga was a new word for me. Good fun as usual. *Anne Simons*
 - I always enjoy the alphabetical. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
 - O 99% = ic?? What is the authority for IC = 99. All my sources give XCIX or in some cases LXXXIX. *George Rolfe*
 - A pleasing AJ puzzle. Answer PIANOLA occurs in both Slot 4 & 1. Y clue: Please explain the rationale for the answer. *Alan Walter*

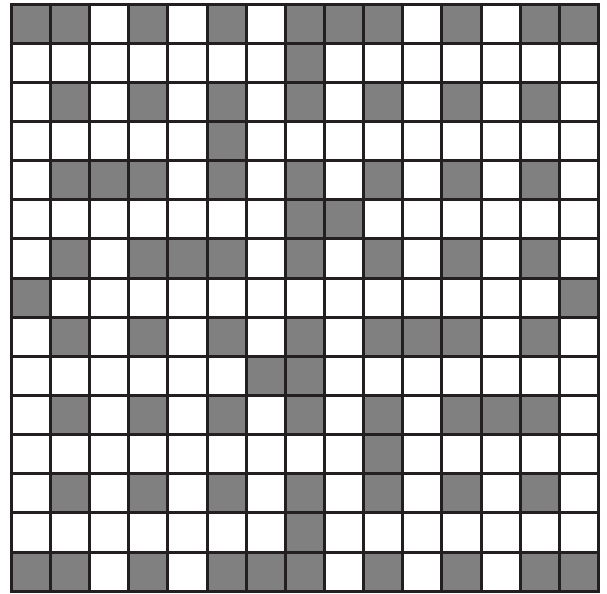
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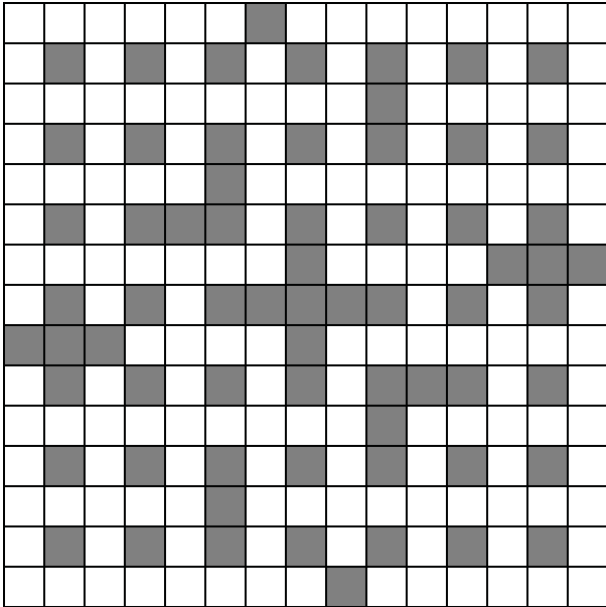
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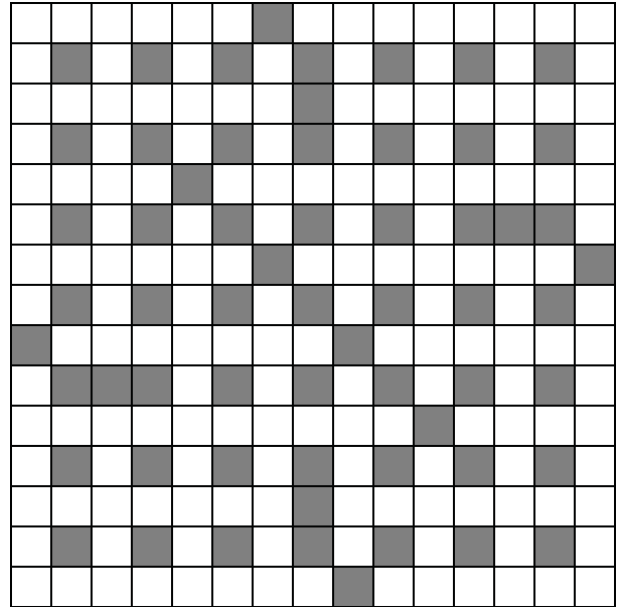


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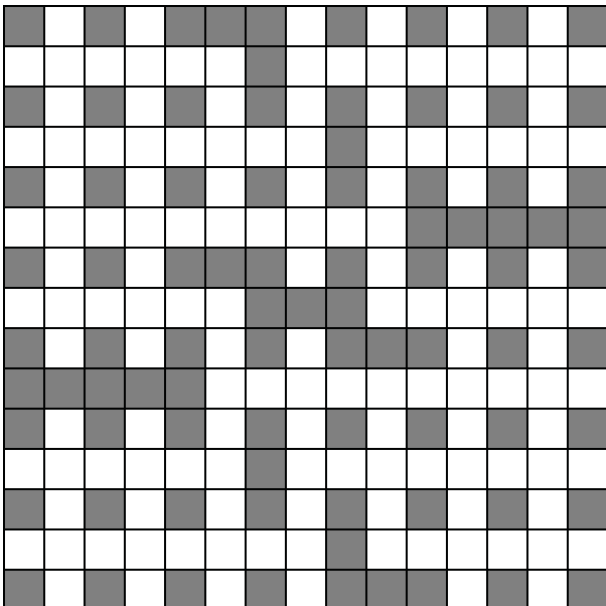
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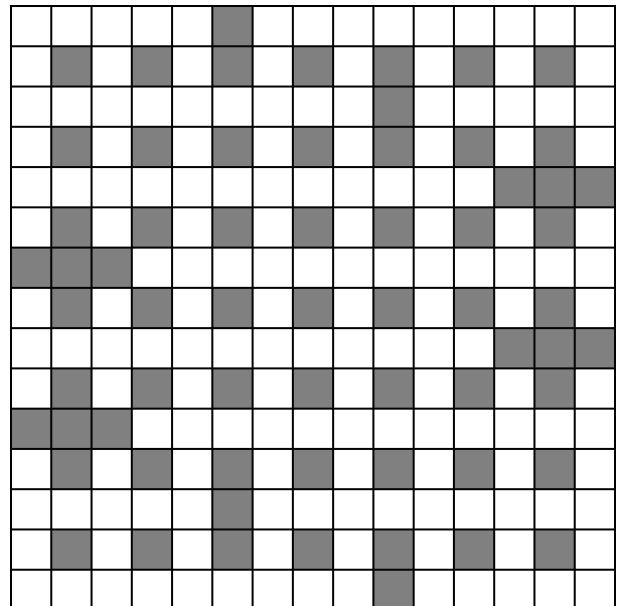
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March 6-2017: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

Entries 77. Correct 68. Success rate 88%.

Prizewinner: Pat Lord. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments:

A couple of entries queried the ROOST clue. "Home of birth" is ROOTS, and then relocate fourth letter to last. Many amusing comments were received regarding the theme with witticisms involving "more or less". They were much appreciated.

—Crowsman (Len Colgan)

Explanations:

Eight clues have secondary indicators requiring the insertion of **MORE**, and ten clues have secondary indicators requiring the insertion of **LESS**, as shown in bold italics.

Across: 1 dd; 4 (n)AM(PH)IBIA; 10 dd; 11 (t)ERROR**LESS**; 12 MAY + FLIES; 13 **LESSON**; 15 ROOTS with T moved to end; 17 MATE**LESS**; 20 hidden reverse; 21 homophone + (p)UPPY; 23 RE(MAN)D; 25 CLAY**MORE**; 28 MERC**ILESS**; 29 **AMORE**; 30 REST**LESS**; 31 UN**LESS**.

Down: 1 homophone + **MORE**; 2 BARRY**MORE**; 3 (LAY + OR) rev; 5 **MORE**; 6 anag; 7 **BLESS**; 8 AS + SENT; 9 NERVE* + **MORE**; 14 STATE**LESS**; 16 T + HORNBILL; 18 HOOPS* + **MORE**; 19 TYRE**LESS**; 22 dd; 24 **MORES**; 26 YEAR + N; 27 **LESS**.

Other members' comments:

- Thanks for another great puzzle – interesting twist. The instructions sounded rather vague, but once it all clicked, it was quite straightforward. *Jill Freeland*
- I really enjoyed this...more or less. *Michael Kennedy*
- I liked this puzzle; more or less. *Pat Lord*
- I think we "more or less" found the 18 clues. *Julie Leigh*
- Very clever construction. Once the linking idea became obvious it was more or less straight forward. Good fun. *Ulla Axelsen*
- What looked impossible at first flowed easily once the method was realised....well; more or less. *Roy Taylor*
- Some very clever clues there Len. I thoroughly enjoyed this one. It did take me a while to understand 15ac and 17ac though. 17ac very good! *Julie Crowe*
- Very good – hope the Easter Bunny rewards you well. Think I have "more or less" submitted this without typos. Hate checking. Wish that clever ACCOLADE man could devise a gizmo that would alert one to the fact that a booboo had occurred! *Eileen O'Brien*
- I got the drift – MORE or LESS! *Nea Storey*
- A lot of fun. MORE & LESS were my 1st answers; so the theme fell into place. *Anne Simons*
- Really enjoyed this puzzle. Too many wonderful clues to mention them all but I especially liked TYRELESS, SYCAMORE and THORNBILL – the latter because I am a mad birder. Thank you! *Ann Millard*
- I liked this puzzle: 'more or less'. *Yvonne McKindlay*
- Loved this puzzle. More please. *Betty Siegman*
- Got STATELESS and CLAYMORE first; that helped. Fittingly, went to ROOST last. Liked CURRY best. Lots of fun. Thanks, Len. *Max Roddick*
- I really enjoyed this puzzle. It wasn't obscure but it was fun to play with your missing mores and lesses. *Robyn McKenzie*
- We actually found this easier than slot 5. Once we discovered that more is less it became straightforward. Adroit clueing as ever but not so obtuse as usual. *Richard Skinner*
- Very clever themed clues. And enjoyable as always. *Jenny Wenham*
- Once again a great puzzle. Thank you Len for this intriguing puzzle. I do admire your work. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- This one's more or less completed. *Ron Carpenter*

- I'm more or less happy my answers to this puzzle which I thought was great fun. *Susan Howells*
- Another great puzzle *Crowsman*; more or less! *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Less puzzlement and more enjoyment after I tumbled to the theme! *Alison Martin*
- Loved the theme – it must have been a challenge to compile! *Michael Potts*
- Thanks Len. As usual a challenge. *Robyn Wimbush*

Members' Comments cont'd from p10.

April 5-2017: A Timely Reminder by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

- Another wonderful puzzle from *Crowsman* – with great clues and a nice neat NINA with now words spilling over into the next line of the grid. Favourite clues were for SETS ASIDE, PETROLEUM and ACCORD. *Brian Tickle*
- Couldn't make head nor tail of the title as I never see Ninas. Needed aids for petroleum, which is very much refined, not crude. Otherwise very enjoyable. *Rob Moline*
- This year Easter is in April. *Julie Crowe*
- This year Easter is in April. Having been caught out several times before I always check Len's work for Ninas! *Julie Leigh*
- PATETIC. A new word to me – and what a neat clue! *Max Roddick*
- Is there no end to this man's erudition (use that with my permission!)? Not only can he find a spot for "emollescence" or know that "anises" produce licorice, but he knows Fleetwood Mac and Guy Ritchie!!! Have heard of Guy but had to ask one of my kids for Rhiannon. Loved "useless". *Eileen O'Brien*
- So many wonderful clues but I did like 3dn FIRS which gave 1ac; and 28ac DILATING was a challenge. *Ann Millard*
- Thanks for the reminder so cleverly hidden. As ever, a great puzzle. *Beverley Cockburn*
- NINA – This year Easter is in April. A timely reminder indeed! *Michael Kennedy*
- Another challenging crossword from *Crowsman*. *Nea Storey*
- This year Easter is in April – very clever! *Christina Lee*
- This year Easter is in April. It is only six more sleeps until the Easter Bunny comes so I was told this morning! *Cheryl Wilcox*
- We did actually know that "This year Easter is in April" but thanks for the reminder. Looking forward to the explanation (or correction!) on 18dn agonising. *Richard Skinner*
- This year Easter is in April. *Doreen Jones*
- It took me a little while to understand the Timely Reminder but when I found the Ninas my day was made!! Happy Easter to you, Len. *Robyn McKenzie*
- A good challenge with lots of great clues. This year Easter is in April is the Nina. *Ian Thompson*
- A clever Nina – This year Easter is in April. Like clues for ACCORD and LOWDOWN. *Ulla Axelsen*
- A tough one.... liked the clue for lengths. *Anne Simons*
- An enjoyable puzzle with some good clues except for Ritchie for Guy at 1 1ac which I felt was a long stretch. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- There is a NINA "This year Easter is in April". *Marian Procter*
- Nina This year Easter is in April. *Robert Hagan*
- I found the Nina in lines 2, 4 and 6 – This year Easter is in April. I could make no sense out of the other "spare" lines. Good puzzle. *Jim Fowler*
- Three new words (to me at least) and a NINA – good work *Crowsman!* *Kath Harper*
- 'A Timely Reminder' was a very clever touch. *Laurence Kennedy*
- An enjoyable and clever puzzle. Thanks *Crowsman*. 27ac: Quite a humorous clue: "ineffective way to economise (7)" Answer USE+LESS> Brilliant! 10ac: EMIGREE was hard to find for "a female moving abroad". *Alan Walter*

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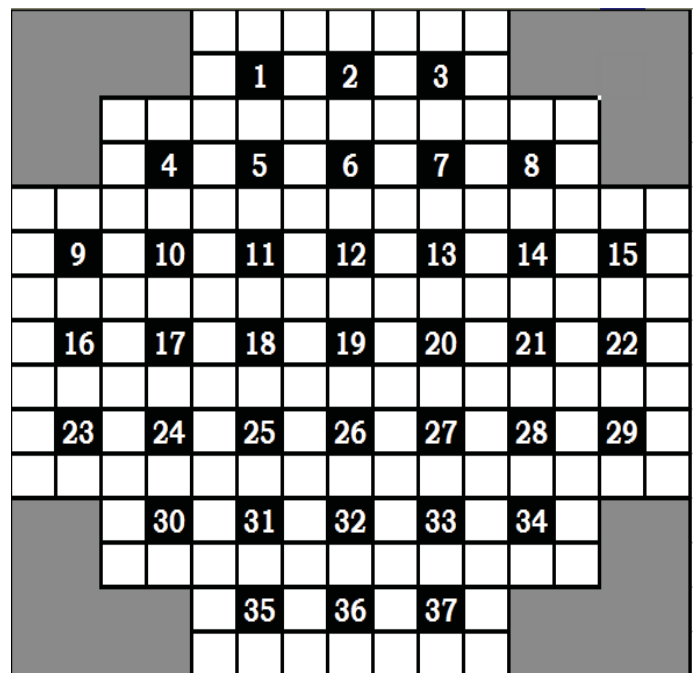
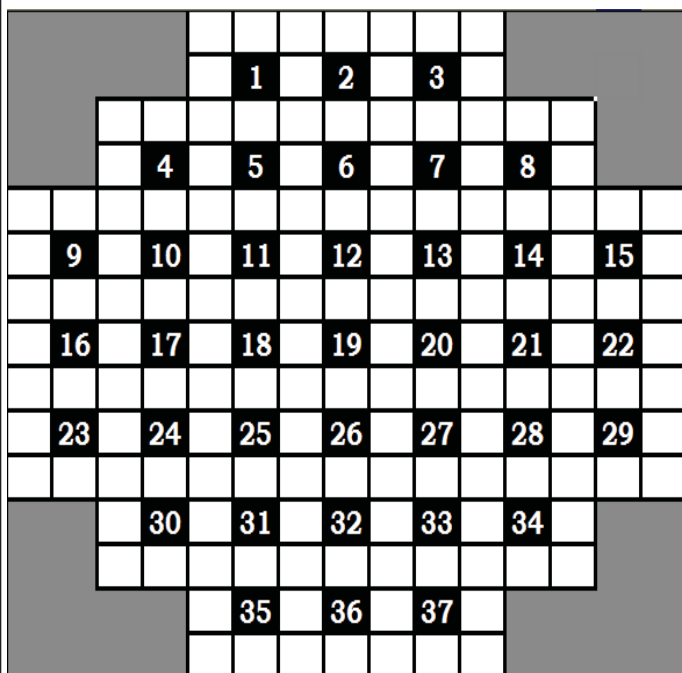
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- 1 Watches strangeness develop in trees (8)
- 2 Least likeable place to live bordering Italian province (8)
- 3 Makes active man, Jim, fat – he's after all the starters! (8)
- 4 Characteristic of keyboard's top row? (8)
- 5 Set of guidelines containing three oddly frightening possibilities (8)
- 6 Particular people purchase new jewellery (8)
- 7 Mixed marinade absent-mindedly (2,1,5)
- 8 Violent mercenary loses number of shop (8)
- 9 Nothing lost in standards following test cases (8)
- 10 Attending a church office shindig, Mr Colgan enters soon after the start (8)
- 11 Suspect Ralph is too much like a ghost (8)
- 12 Those using a particular bookmaker bank on losing 50 smackers up front (8)
- 13 Construction of dire bridges across South American waterway (3,5)
- 14 Dull Croats excited about notable day in May 1945 (8)
- 15 Feeling awful inside, yearns for a hero of old (8)
- 16 Kew Gardens assess alternate exits (8)
- 17 Rhea, say, is no. 2 in order (8)
- 18 Shift produced results in Washington and London? (8)
- 19 Gets away from frightening people holding Penny (8)
- 20 Race around small state on the hoof? (8)
- 21 With little power, goes the distance to the end of the line (4,4)
- 22 The most compact spades and hammers with adjustable end (8)
- 23 First pie thrown by somewhat volatile woman (8)
- 24 Initially the items almost do better than men's accessories (3,5)
- 25 In seconds, assess reliably each work of maritime art (3,5)
- 26 Old lawman carries some sound protection (8)
- 27 Plough crashes in front of extremely large drain (8)
- 28 Saint, "In hols, I can go everywhere!" (8)
- 29 He is hugging family of dwarves (8)
- 30 It's possible to keep an eye on supporter on the railway (4-4)
- 31 More than one old whore walks around hotel (8)
- 32 Pushing out sixth of Sikorsky's helicopters (8)
- 33 Conditioner working on arms of pre-eminent Australian cricket captain (8)
- 34 Repaired glitch in Scottish system of illumination (8)
- 35 Quietly, the Australian cricket captain is devising a strategy (8)
- 36 Scotland's leader replaced English roofing materials (8)
- 37 Totally moronic swap left no serenity as a result (8)

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Quiz No 5/2017



by Brian Symons

Quiz No 5/2017. THINGAMYBOB by Brian Symons.

25 definitions are given with the length of answers, which are in alphabetical order. All answers have something in common and a clue to this commonality has been given.

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

Closing Date: Friday 9 June 2017. Prize \$75.

- 1 Country (11)
- 2 Type of pressure (11)
- 3 Lizard (9)
- 4 Culmination (6)
- 5 Persuade (8)
- 6 Type of bottle (8)
- 7 Demolish (7)
- 8 Fundamental particle (8)
- 9 Accurate copies (10)
- 10 Accidental success (5)
- 11 Raid (5)
- 12 Abandoned (8)
- 13 Cave (6)

- 14 Steal in transit (6)
- 15 Unsophisticated person (9)
- 16 Country (7)
- 17 Slang for one's wits (7)
- 18 Extinct mammal (8)
- 19 Relating to a female organ (7)
- 20 Idiom (8)
- 21 Gem (5)
- 22 Skeletal part (6)
- 23 Spectre (7)
- 24 Comment (6)
- 25 Instrumentalist (9)

Results of Quiz 3/2017. Alternates by Crowsman.

Entries: 45.

Winner: Phyl Heath. Congratulations!

30: P Abbott, W Allen, U Axelsen, B Cockburn, G Cole, J Crowe, J Fowler, P Garner, R Gooderick, B Hagan, K Harper, P Heath, S Howells, D Jones, G Leeds, J Leigh, G Lemon, P Lord, R McKenzie, F Martin, D Meek, A Miles, A Millard, E O'Brien, J Pearce, M Procter, B Siegman, A Simons, R Skinner, B Symons, J Wenham, C Wilcox, K Williams and R Wimbush. **29:** K Audrins, D Bennett, R Dorrell and R Taylor. **28:** B Glissan, C McClelland, S Pinder and M Potts. **27:** H Cromer, H Perrow and I Mason.

Solutions: 1. aboriginal; 2. apologetic; 3. bituminise; 4. caricature; 5. decorative; 6. economical; 7. executives; 8. facilitate; 9. generalise; 10. heretofore; 11. italicised; 12. judicature; 13. keratinise; 14. literature; 15. locomotive; 16. manipulate; 17. melanomata; 18. naturalise; 19. operatives; 20. originated; 21. pejorative; 22. recuperate; 23. rejuvenate; 24. Senegalese; 25. sororicide; 26. subaverage; 27. telecamera; 28. uneducated; 29. unilateral; 30. vegetative.

Setter's Comments: The intended answer for 23 was REJUVENATE, but both REGENERATE and REVITALISE were accepted. Similarly, BITUMINATE, BITUMENISE and BITUMINIZE were accepted for 3. A couple of entries queried the word SUBAVERAGE, believing it is not in *Chambers*. It is certainly in my 2011 edition, in the bottom-of-the-page list. The only repeated errors were to submit HISTORICAL, which has consecutive consonants, instead of HERETOFORE, and to miss the plural form MELANOMATA.

Other Solvers' Comments:

• Many thanks for a fun quiz this month. We thoroughly enjoyed it; only having to resort to the dictionary for three of the answers. *Julie Leigh*

• As usual, very enjoyable and again as usual, wondering how you think of these! So glad that you do. Love "pejorative" – sounds so much more insulting than plain old "disparaging". *Eileen O'Brien*

• Another clever quiz: where do they all come from? Thanks for all your hard work; don't know how you do it. *Marian Procter*

• Good to have a quiz that didn't need the internet so hope I have it correct. I was stuck on #10 for a while as I had 'historical' which fitted in alphabetically but didn't satisfy the consonant/vowel rule. Hope everyone enjoyed doing this as much as I did. *Hilary Cromer*

Answers to the Colin Dexter clues on p9:

MINUS, MAGIC LANTERN, CUL-DE-SAC, WELL-TO-DO, DOUBLETHINK, CATAFALCO and SCYTHEMAN.

Some Noteworthy Clues from Crozworld:

- Deadlines? (7) EPITAPH: Jan 92/11; Mar 92/3
- A White Pawn (4) HOCK: Feb 92/6; Mar 92/6
- Meaningful direction given to secretary by boss who may not be able to finish off his correspondence (11) SIGNIFICANT: Feb 92/6; Mar 92/6
- Arkwrights' lack of surprise (4) NOAH: Dec 92/4, 6
- Heeding Lent will convert Buddhist? (9) ENLIGHTENMENT: Dec 92/4, 6
- Painter's brown forges ahead of ditch? (7) VANDYKE: Dec 92/4, 6
- Dessert wine's no great shakes (10) AFTERSHOCK: Dec 92/4, 6
- Goodbye, Miss Gray, or hello to you (5) DOLLY: Dec 92/4, 6
- Part of book left behind by theatre-goer? (8) APPENDIX: Dec 94/2
- Heroic novel about the Orient is so long (7) CHEERIO: Jan 95/18
- Stop the advertisement (4) PLUG: Jan 95/19
- Slam – that's a square cut (4) BANG: Jan 95/19
- Down after rows? (10) CROSSWORDS: Jan 95/19
- Took out not in (5) DATED: Mar 95/12
- It is topping to kiss a monkey (4) APEX
- Revolutionary writer whose first name is held to be poison (8) PTOMAINÉ
- Doctor learnt about hospital entrance (7) ENTHRAL
- He represents one, and I another (7) ELEMENT: May 98/4
- Australian turning pop out with syncopation (5) ZOPPO: Aug 98/12
- The Case of the English Honeyeater (4) ETUI: Aug 98/12
- Film director of 'London's Pride?': AUTEUR: Aug 98/12

March 7-2017: Cryptic by The Mythtics (Ulla Axelsen & Ian Williams)

Entries received: 70. Entries correct: 62. Success rate: 88.6%.

Prizewinner: Lesley Carroll. Congratulations!

Setters' Comments:

Many thanks for all the positive comments; only 6 entries not entered via ACCOLADE. Most solvers seemed to really enjoy the golfing theme although many also commented on the toughness of the puzzle. Even so, there was a very good success rate. Nearly all mistakes were one of a kind except there were 2 TEDIUM for HELIUM and 2 ESTEEMED for EXTREMES.

Explanations: Across: 1 PORT+pLaYs, **4** IT+ ALIA(N)S, **9** AD+VERT, **10** AUGUSTA +LowrY, **12/15** (OBSERVES TEES)* around ALL, **13** (DEMON)* + GREEN, **18** (AID PRO SLICE)*, **21** PRO+FUN+DeITY, **22** S+PIN, **24** Double, **25** H (LIE)* UMS, **26** EX+TRE(M)ES, **27** First letters.

Down: 1 P+RAISE+BEt, **2** R(E+V)IVALS, **3** L+A+R+K, **5** (THRUST OLD BEN)*, **6** LOUNGE + SUIT, **7** Hidden, **8** S(A)YING, **11** POST + (GUARD)* + AT + E, **14** DEEP with P + (PURE)* around L, **16** SAM+PLING, **17** T+MANUS<+IS, **19** PROPOSE replace PRO by OP, **20** FOR+ (SET)*, **23** Double (pun).

Solvers' Comments:

- Remarkable that so many golfing references can be harnessed in the cluing. *Ian McKenzie*
- Impressive; hardly a non-golf reference anywhere. Lucky I'm a golfer; even played at both Freo and Royal Freo. Have seen Eduardo play live; but i fratelli Molinari made me think first of sambuca! *Rob Moline*
- Masterly feat of grid-filling followed by cleverly themed clues. Congratulations! *Len Colgan*
- Loved the golf theme! *William Ryan*
- Almost all (or is it all?) clues have a golf theme. Great cryptic with no gimmicks. Loved it! *Tony Dobele*
- An enjoyable but testing slot 7: liked the references to golf and how so many were included in the clues. Liked 25ac HELIUM (once I saw it!) *Graeme Cole*
- 25ac a great clue! It took a long time for the light-bulb moment to come. As a golfer I enjoyed the puzzle. *Julie Crowe*
- A challenging slot 7. I enjoyed the golf references. *Bob Hagan*
- I'm not a golfer but hope I made the cut. *Nea Storey*
- Liked the golfing theme. Some old greats popping up. Thank you. *Eileen O'Brien*
- Difficult! *Anne Simons*
- Loved the cleverly worked in golf theme. Took a while to see that HE is helium. *Roy Taylor*
- Many thanks Ulla and Ian. I always enjoy your puzzles. *Betty Siegman*
- Loved the golf theme. *Yvonne McKindlay*
- Excellent puzzle. So many great clues particularly for HELIUM, OPPOSE, LEFT & FOREST. *Beverley Cockburn*
- I enjoyed the puzzle and the theme. Thanks for introducing me to the lovely word 'pling'. *Brian Tickle*
- Some wonderful clues. What a puzzle! 1ac PORTLY, 20dn FOREST and 23dn LEFT were excellent amongst others. Thank you. *Ann Millard*
- Nice to see a MONDEGREEN again... *Robyn Wimbush*
- What is it about golfers? What you might call strange cattle. Good crossword setters though some of them. Thanks Ulla: good one and suited slot 7 to a tee. *Richard Skinner*

- Not confident of a couple of answers but it was most enjoyable. *Patricia Abbott*
- Liked MONDEGREEN and (best) PORTLY. *Max Roddick*
- An enjoyable puzzle. A little bit easier for the golfing enthusiast. *Ian Thompson*
- The puzzle required quite a lot of research for non-golfers. I liked DEEP PURPLE and AUGUSTLY. Thank you. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- Stayed mostly on the fairway; but had to chip out of the rough a few times. *Ron Carpenter*
- Lovely themed puzzle – very tough. *Jean Barbour*
- I am deeply impressed with anyone who can include 'mondegreen' in a crossword! *Alison Martin*
- Some lovely clues here – and a couple of wild guesses. Thank goodness the golf theme was more suggestion than fact. *Kath Harper*
- Absolutely ashamed of myself as a retired Chemistry teacher; HELIUM was the last clue solved! I fared better with all the golfing references. A message there I guess. *Michael Potts*

Solution to March 2017 Slot 7

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Some Noteworthy Clues from Crozworld:

- A book in my honour? (4) TOME: Aug 98/12
- First and last, a meadow plant (6) AZALEA: Aug 98/12
- Solid audio-cell (7) CUBICAL: Aug 98/12
- Unpleasant? – but with honey it's musical (6) ODIOUS: Aug 98/12
- Mother superior – a black Queen (6) ABBESS: Aug 98/12
- Two drinks for a fish (6) ALEVIN: Aug 98/12
- You omit nothing, then Y2K turns up. It's horrible! (5) YUKKY: Mar 00/3
- Dishwater not thrown out here, in south-west Victoria (12) STRATHDOWNIE: May 01/9
- Australian PM starts to argue vociferously (4) ARVO: May 01/9
- Psychiatrist contract (6) SHRINK: Aug 01/9
- - (5,4) MINUS SIGN: Aug 01/9
- Caribbean place sought by pirates, paella perhaps (7,4) SPANISH MAIN: Aug 01/9
- EXCELLENT LANDLORDS! (7,7) Capital letters: Aug 01/9

Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 2/2017.

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

Definition from *Chambers* (12th edition)

n a legendary Arabian bird, worshipped in ancient Egypt, the only individual of its kind, that burned itself every 500 years or so and rose rejuvenated from its ashes; hence anything that rises from its own or its predecessor's ashes; a paragon; a southern constellation. [OE *fenix*, later assimilated to L *phoenix*, from Gr *phoenix*]

While *phoenix* is an attractive and mysterious word, I suspect that the limited definitions, and the potentially niggling X at the terminus, may have deterred some of you. Sometimes it's worth remembering that the dictionary is not the only resource available to you. Many of the compilers this month legitimately used a proper noun, the capital city of Arizona, as the definition. From the seventeen entries, there were two standout clues that I could have awarded the gong to, but the rarity of a clever spoonerism clue sees this month's prize go to the high flyer **Len Colgan**.

State capital provides Spooner's ACL operation (7)

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

AZ capital rising? ***

This bite-size clue is a play on the capital city of Arizona. With the addition of the word *rising* the clue suggests that its wealth is on the up. Of course *the rising* is a reference to 'rising from the ashes'. The question mark is important as it does indicate to the solver to think outside the square. Even so, I think some additional information (such as *after a fire* maybe) is necessary.

Bird selected to win back The Ashes? **

I love a clue with a cricket reference or two. This one relates to the player, Jackson Bird, who last played for Australia in 2016. While it's unlikely he'll be selected for the upcoming Ashes series, anything is possible. I can see the potential for linking *bird* with *ashes* in a cryptic way, but relating it to *rising from the ashes* is really the key. This is a valiant attempt but *selected to win* doesn't quite work with the definition.

Box contains instrument with name of City ****½

Fortunately for me I was able to work backwards as I knew the answer already. Had I not, I would have not known that a *pix* (same as *pyx*) is a box. Useful! Inside the box is a *hoe* with the letter N (name). All perfectly valid synonyms, albeit tough ones. The clue is parsed well.

City instigates putting handcuffs on every nuisance!! (Intolerable times!) **½

This is the one clue that parsed with the initial letters to provide PHOENI, followed by the X at the end. The compiler has worked admirably to provide a sensible story here but I'm not convinced *instigates* is a perfectly valid indicator. *Instigates* (i.e. *initiates*), as a verb doesn't translate to the nounal *initials*. One should say something like, 'City starts to put...' or 'City is starting to put...', to maintain both grammatical and surface sense.

Fabulous bird found in Arizona? ***

This is a simple but clever clue that makes use of the city definition. The parsing is self-explanatory, but I will point out that the nounal definition is implied by the placement of a noun (i.e. *fabulous bird*) into the clue.

In quiet times cultivate garden over in an American city ***

This acrobatic clue puts HOE and NI inside P and X as accurately suggested by the clue. The *over* is obviously necessary as one of the indicators, but it does inhibit the flow of the sentence a little. Perhaps, 'in backward American city' could have worked well here.

iPhone 10. Roman? Confused Egyptian mythical bird ***

The parsing uses an anagram of IPHONE and X (Roman 10) as indicated by *confused*. The compiler suggests X is added, but as the anagram indicator is placed after the X, it naturally becomes part of the anagram fodder. The clue's stop/start motion inhibits the clue somewhat, and it certainly would have helped if an actual iPhone 10 model was in existence (I guess one day it will). However, I can just imagine a crazy iPhone giving incorrect search results.

Measure of acidity confused one with nine in US city ***

This charade clue joins PH with ONE and IX. The parsing is skilfully done in such a way that the clue does flow. The pH scale goes from 1 to 14, so I guess it's feasible to imagine a dodgy reading of either 1 or 9.

No charge reportedly for US city ***

A simple homophone clue based on the well used sound of FEE NIX. There are no superfluous words and the clue reads succinctly.

Old Arabian flyer doesn't charge anything I've heard? ***

This is another variation of the FEE NIX homophone. I love the definition and I can see plenty of potential coming from an allusion to an airline. The question mark at the end is justified, as the rest of the clue doesn't translate verbatim.

One who makes a comeback has nothing after hope is lost ****½

This perfectly flowing clue is also perfectly parsed with NIX following an anagram of HOPE. Such simple but elegant clueing! The definition also encapsulates the essence of a phoenix.

Report that the rising bird has escaped? *

There's a large serving of skulduggery in this clue. For one the definition, an accurate one, is found in the middle of the clue. The rest of the clue is an indirect homophone – if the bird has *escaped* then it is *free*, which sounds like FEE NIX or 'zero fee'. While the homophone route was a valid path to follow, the execution here needs some work.

Roast bird reportedly cost nothing ***

This homophone clue centres on FEE NIX, which sounds exactly like *phoenix*. I like the playful definition, although *roasted* would have been preferable. Ultimately, the definition probably needs expanding to take into account the phoenix's main claim to fame of rising from the ashes.

Spooner had joint surgery – no charge – we hear he is up and about again **½

This clue is very unusual and in fact I don't recall seeing one that combines a spoonerism with a homophone. The spoonerism is KNEE FIX, while the homophone is FEE NIX. While I admire the dexterity of joining both ideas, its essentially two clues in one and most solvers would be scrambling to justify both sets of secondaries. In fact, if 'no charge' had been omitted I think the clue could have been tweaked to create a taut clue.

State capital provides Spooner's ACL operation ****½

This is the second Spoonerism clue. I loved it so much my knee did a reflex kick. It's a Spoonerism based on KNEE FIX. What really nails this clue is the definition, which implies perhaps money from the state being used to fund the ACL (found in the knee) surgery. I'm okay with *provides* as a link word, although I would prefer 'is providing'.

That dazzling bird, a crazy one, gets stuck into a Greek character and makes her mark ****½

This embellished prose clue places an anagram of ONE into PHI, finishing with an X – *makes her mark*. I can see where the compiler is coming from with the X, but 'makes a mark' would have been less superfluous. Finishing with a kiss could have worked quite well.

Xenophiles, excluding the French, form constellation ***

This is a subtraction anagram with LES serving as the eliminated letters. *Forming* would have been preferable to *form*, but otherwise the clue works well. *Constellation* is disguised as the definition, in the surface sense, alludes to a group of people, rather than the stars.

Clue Writing Competition No 3/2017

For the next competition, please write a clue for the word **EMPIRE (6)** 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:

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