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All language is, in some sort, a collection of faded metaphors.
Jean Paul, early 19C, in *On the Study of Words*
(Trans. Richard Chenevix Trench, 1851, Lecture 2.)

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We are looking forward to celebrating the 2007 Get-Together at William Ryan's refurbished **Cauliflower Hotel** which is situated in Waterloo, South Sydney. Many thanks to William for making his 'pride and joy' available for us to meet and discuss important things of a cruciverbal nature. It's not too late to accept the invitation. See further details on p5.

We have been delighted with the number of subscription renewals for 2008 and the generous donations made by the members. In order to maintain the high level of prizes for 2008 we need to take advantage of your generosity once again. Thank you for your kindness. We acknowledge all renewals and donations to date on p9 of *Crozworld*.

Just a reminder as to how much our tireless Committee members do for you. Bev is extremely busy filling the roles of Secretary and Treasurer and this time of year is particularly busy for her with the incoming subs. And Ian Williams is the *Man for all Reasons* — he is the e-lodgment adjudicator, the puzzle submission person, the Forum moderator and also adjudicates his own puzzles. How he finds time to do all that and fit in the regular round of golf is beyond me. But on your behalf I would like to thank Bev and Ian for their sterling work for the ACC. It's much appreciated.

Puzzle Man extraordinary Ian Williams has furnished you with another challenging array of puzzles this month. We have gems from *Waratah*, *Virgo*, *Jesso*, *dB* and *Manveru* and *Ann Ass* makes a welcome return with a well-crafted cryptic in Slot 6. The Ximenean King *Praxis* provides another fascinating bonus puzzle in Slot 7 and we have two Quizzes — one by a new dynamic duo (*The Busybodies*) and a bonus Quiz *Sleuths No 1* by Ann Jermy. Plus a couple of chess problems and another Clue Writing Comp adjudicated by the skilful Steve Trollope. This time Steve would like you to write a clue for WINERY (6). If you submit a clue, don't forget to include the explanation. Best of Luck with your Melbourne Cup selection and Happy *Crozworlding!*

—Patrick

An earlier closing date for entries and a couple of very tough puzzles appear to have affected solvers this month. Most managed slots 1, 2 & 4 but not so many were able to do slots 3 & 5.

Slot 1: 3 people had HENRYSON (an early Scottish poet) for TENNYSON in 53ac. Other errors were apparently in transcribing. Members enjoyed this as a starter.

Slot 2: Again a high degree of satisfaction and lots of clues nominated for COTM. The only consistent error was 4dn DROVERS BOY for DOG in 3 entries. The rest were random.

Slot 3: Many wild guesses here, I feel. 24ac BLURBS became ALURES, ULTRAS, GLORIA or ALARMS. In 3dn, 6 solvers had STRUNT for STRING and there were other variations also. 4 entries had GET IT for GOT IT in 8dn, and there were a few other slips.

Slot 4: The AJ was popular and many liked the unusual words. The chief stumbling block was QUIETLY for which 6 people had QUEENLY. 3 had TARTALAN for TARLATAN and 3 had UNAV for UNAU — probably a transcription error.

Slot 5: This puzzle caused most of the correspondence from members and also between the setter and the adjudicator. Drew is now in Geneva with the W.H.O. and I guess this to be the reason this puzzle was not an optional (Slot 6 or 7). He has sent me a full explanation of his clues and solutions — far too big to publish here. If you would like a copy, send your e-mail address to me at *tehcoh@optusnet.com.au* and I will forward it on to you. The main problems were N (REDEMPITIVE) where 242242242 had mysteriously crept in by mistake. Also O (OATMEAL) — see Alan Walter's comment. I think this clue is too indirect to be totally acceptable. Of course, the main bugbear was the end puzzle of the poem and the 2 periods and this cost many dots. But almost as many dots were lost by solvers ending the passage with DIE instead of DEE. Many of you found the grid numbers too small (I know I would have) and deplored the lack of letters with the numbers in the final grid.

Thanks to everyone who sent cheery letters and handsome cards — they really give me a lift. I hope you all have fun at the Sydney Get-Together and sorry we won't be there this year.

COTM: It is a dead heat between Slot 2 - 4dn and Slot 3 - 22dn with 4 votes each. These 2 compilers were the only ones to receive any votes and they each polled 20 votes over 28 different clues.

—Catherine Hambling

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	92	88	69	82	66	397
Correct entries	79	79	42	60	40	300
Success rate (%)	85.9	89.8	60.9	73.2	60.6	75.6
Prizewinners	B Ibbott P Garner	J Standard B Glissan	L Howard R Watson	C Wilcox	N Wilson R O'Rourke	from 92 members

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Oct 1-2007

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Poem title: Halloween. Period name I: November.
Period name II: Samhain or SamhainN.

Sept 6-2007

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR SEPT & OCT 2007 & SEPT Slot 7

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BALNAVES J	.		.		.		
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BENNETT B
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BUTLER D		
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CLARKE S			.				
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DEARIE P
DENNIS M
DINHAM V	.	.			.		
DUCKER R
FOOTT B						.	.
FOSTER C
FREELAND J						.	.
FULLER D
GALBREATH M						.	.
GARNER P
GLISSAN B

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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GREENING D	
HAGAN B	
HAMLING C
HARPER K		
HAZELL N	.	.					
HEENAN C		
HEMSLEY D						.	
HOWARD LJ
HOWARD V	.	.					
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JONES C	.	.	.				
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KNIGHT V	.	.					
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LLOYD G	.	.					
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McGrath J
McKENZIE I
McPHERSON T
MARTIN A
MAY S						.	.
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PARSONS D

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RYAN W
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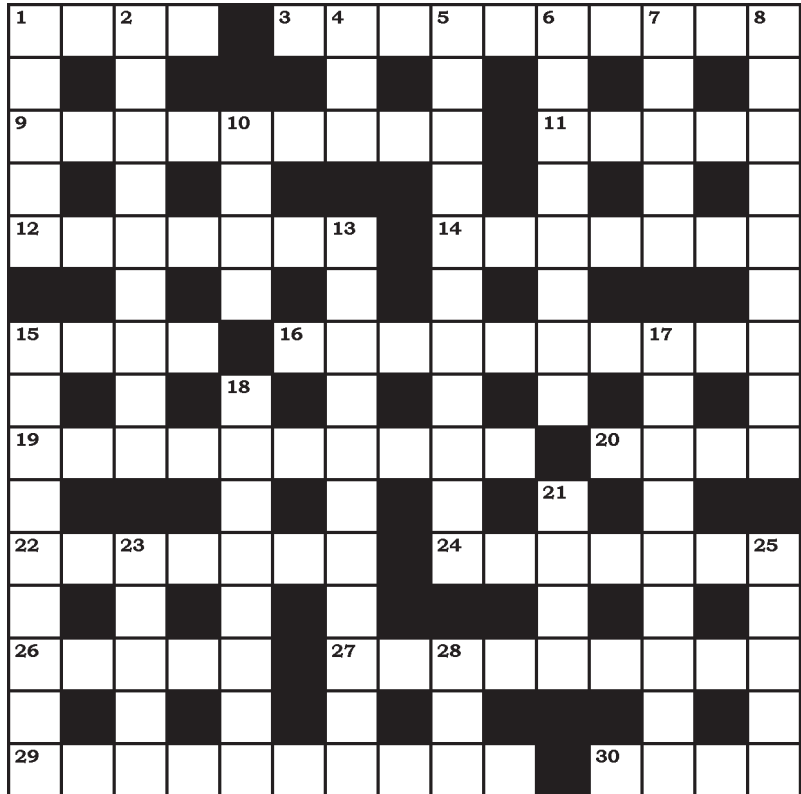
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Cryptic
by
Waratah

Prizes: \$50



[rrp: \$49.95]



Across

- 1 Woman is Hibernian with no aspiration (4)
- 3 Withdraw staff given time to go on retreat (10)
- 9 Translate prettier new paraphrase (9)
- 11 Vast sea capsizes canoe (5)
- 12 Part-Mexican a star for the card game (7)
- 14 Foghorn Leghorn in "the Henhouse" with QE2 (7)
- 15 Metallic sheet used for fencing (4)
- 16 Chief clergyman is wily governor of diocese (10)
- 19 Broadcasting, sing aloud after Ann recites a part of speech (10)
- 20 Twin exists to become an Egyptian goddess (4)
- 22 DA Rhode collated and saved (7)
- 24 Uses deception in measurements (7)
- 26 Natural turbulence without an outer limit (5)
- 27 Commanding officer mixed up GI braid in front of the Queen (9)
- 29 Retraces steps behind railway lines (10)
- 30 Peg's returned for a bargain (4)

Down

- 1 The Italian in charge captured a Trojan (5)
- 2 Plan fashionable shelter with charged particle (9)
- 4 Mistake, take off or sin (3)
- 5 Bury loose coins where connections are made (11)
- 6 No English comic juggled yielding of a profit (8)
- 7 First lady headed to Northern Territory for a function (5)
- 8 Arrangement of teen sport for guys (4,5)
- 10 Flower girl (4)
- 13 Magic word from rascal sitting between a trainer and a supporter (11)
- 15 Burst light globe used only once to illuminate (9)
- 17 Writer of past world events, Ian follows history without asking question! (9)
- 18 Circle section at prison with violent talk (8)
- 21 Leaders of accredited players in Australia form a soccer club (4)
- 23 Room at the top screened by latticework (5)
- 25 Disagreement over small part (5)
- 28 Pester king to leave Jock's church (3)

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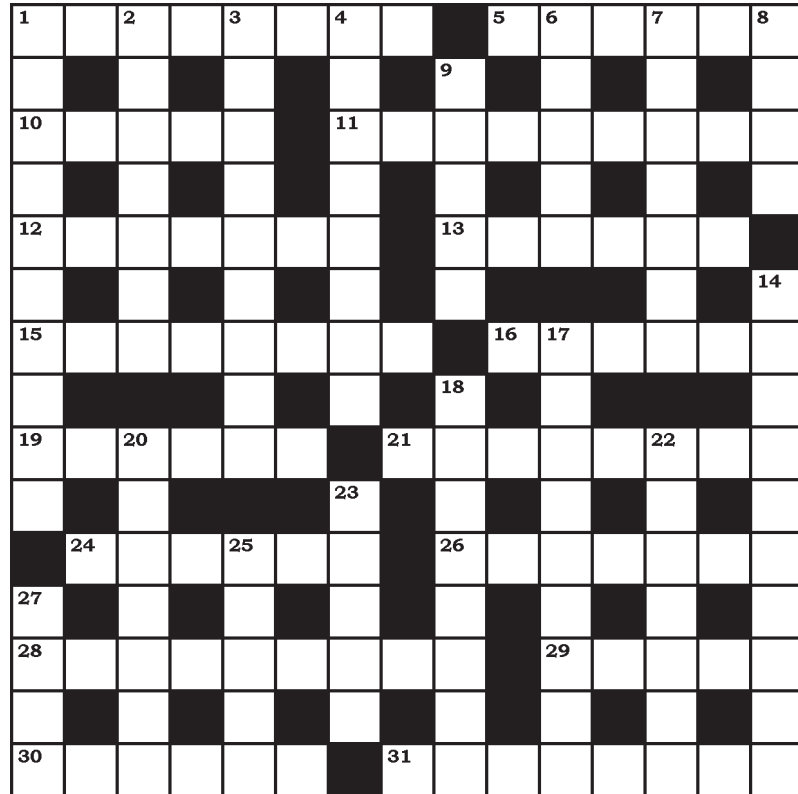
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Cryptic by Virgo



Across

- 1 It's on the nose at the arena (4-4)
- 5 A vehicle the Irishman heard relating to destiny upon rebirth (6)
- 10 Live in bird country (5)
- 11 An explosive word pun, e.g. discombobulate (9)
- 12 The most extensive GST – Noel somehow got around it! (7)
- 13 The poor do fall! It's plain in Hungary (6)
- 15 Smooth gin in the bunker (4-4)
- 16 I swear it sounds like a letter (6)
- 19 It's hot in lime leather (6)
- 21 Some honour by fashioning silks with needles (8)
- 24 Cupid's love in the spirit of nature (6)
- 26 Terra Australis convertibles? (7)
- 28 Uri turns to the State in downfall (9)
- 29 In through Greek country (5)
- 30 Got fine weather for the family (4,2)
- 31 Ozzie was carried from Australia we hear (8)

Down

- 1 Jugs jump like kangaroos in alcohol outlet (6,4)
- 2 The French born again country (7)
- 3 Footed the bill again and left (9)
- 4 A jolt from the darkness, but it's only a bird (8)
- 6 Hairy TV puppet keeps a pair of spectacles separate (5)
- 7 Werewolf dummy holds back landslide (3-4)
- 8 Separate into different strands, Jack (4)
- 9 A pronounced desire to pummel (5)
- 14 Almost collided with Gillette! (5,5)
- 17 Legendary romantic novel in at exchange (9)
- 18 Sailors net solitary sea creatures (8)
- 20 Nazi and Scot get the sack (7)
- 22 Filipino loses his head in defamation case (7)
- 23 But the first two islanders join the cold mountain men (5)
- 25 A grass in Criminal Investigation of the U.S. Raccoon (5)
- 27 Posh leaves money in Brussels for God (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Hi Patrick, many thanks for my September prize, the *Concise Macquarie*, which arrived this morning. It was a complete surprise to me – I'd launched into doing the crosswords the moment I got the electronic version, and hadn't noticed my name listed. Even more welcome because I own the monstrous full 4th, which I need for my work, but can barely lift, so it's not much use for bedtime crosswords. And another one of your spiffy certificates – luxury! I can't tell you how much I hang out for the arrival of that email version, even down to organising around being here at 9:30ish on that Saturday if I possibly can. And then everything else gets ditched for at least that day, even if reality has to take over before long. Cheers! *Margaret Steinberger*
- Thank you for my colourful card for a chess prize. *Bev Solomon*
- Many thanks for my Slot 5 Dictionary – it was a nice surprise as I haven't been close to winning anything for ages. *Marian Procter*

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Cryptic
by
Jesso



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Across

- 1 Drama sure to be rewritten for rovers (9)
- 6 Rightwingers organised rides (5)
- 9 Credit that's back to hear official announcer (5)
- 10 Embezzle in a transaction about female with old-fashioned delicacy (9)
- 11 Honour island worker showing respect (8)
- 12 Favourite boy exchanged caresses (6)
- 14 Run right away with stamp fixture craze (7)
- 15 Glasses? On yours truly by the sound of it (7)
- 17 Worthless piece of horseplay (3)
- 18 Ancient fellow going around the country producing jellyfish (7)
- 19 Lack of devoutness, time without end, a shame about English (7)
- 20 Secured food at credit centre (6)
- 22 Powerful ruler, opposition leader and Inspector-General in a tree (8)
- 25 Stauncher Scottish have the majority attending (9)
- 26 Circular alternative plot (5)

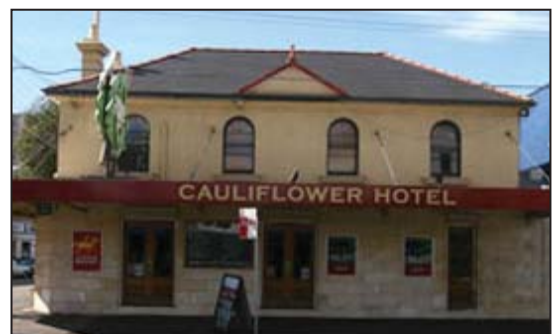
- 27 Means of identifying girl's case study headings (5)
- 28 Revolutionary gambles about royal paratroopers (3,6)

Down

- 1 Virile Henry in strange coma (5)
- 2 Build bleak house and kick up a stink? (5,3,7)
- 3 Revolts because up is down and the swellings are down (9)
- 4 Finished containing wrath when put at risk (10)
- 5 Secure state starts to fix economy (4)
- 6 Sweetly deal out about a hundred (5)
- 7 The Latin brevier influenced an old ruler (4,3,8)
- 8 Elderly Poles ruined – not by much (9)
- 13 Gets allied negotiation for set rules (10)
- 14 Incomparable aunt's heart agreed (9)
- 16 English gal opens fresh sauce (9)
- 21 A genus of fish poles apart (4)
- 23 Keeps secret pelts (5)
- 24 Rouse to start some thrilling ice revels (4)

2007 GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN: WONDERFUL LOCATION!!

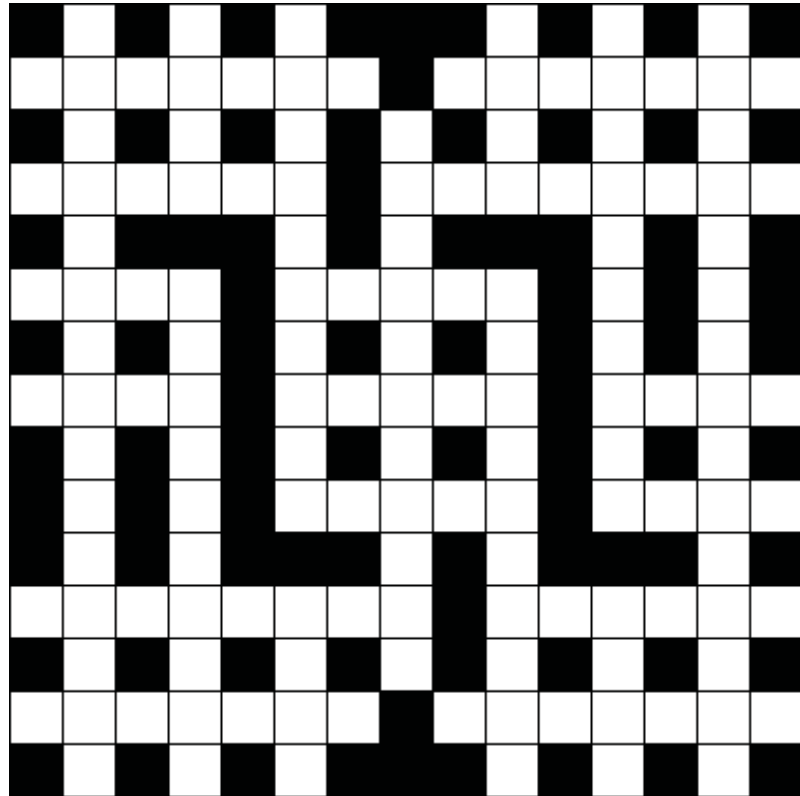
The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's 'Gastropub' The Cauliflower Hotel, Waterloo, Central Sydney on Sunday 18 November 2007 commencing at 11:30am. William says: "It is South Sydney's most famous pub, five minutes walk from Green Square Station and 10 from Central. Parking is plentiful." See William at the bar at: <http://cauliflower.com.au/> Come along and meet the team! Delicious meals at bargain rates and drinks at pub prices. It will be a lot of fun and we can discuss all manner of things cruciverbal! President Patrick will be making an appearance and there will be plenty of the Club's best known personalities in attendance. To date we have 26 dedicated cruciverbalists who have indicated their willingness to attend and enter into the celebrations. Why not come along and say 'hello'? Pay on the day. We will have some prizes to give away and Patrick will be conducting a fascinating Quiz. Why not come and join in the fun?



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**News of
the World**
by
dB

Prize:
**Chambers
Dictionary of
World History**
3rd edn.
[rrp \$79.95]



Solutions start with the given letter: fit them where you can. Certain of the solutions are Australian proper names which do not appear in *Chambers* but are worthy of remembrance. Another two are Americans whom most would prefer to forget.

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| <p>A Babes seen at airport (8)
 B Fish-cake autocars drove around (11)
 C Cup designer, a put-on (5)
 D Crash landed here-about and shows what she has (8,3,4)
 E Roger the journalist was killed here (4)
 F Hoyle maybe left after Force (4)
 G Mike supports indecent goad with bottle-tops (10)
 H A is the result – listen to the lass (4,3,3)
 I Ten tries at broadcast to another jurisdiction (10)
 J Nothing but hard water on the bench (7)
 K Conscientious student, given good mark, returned salutes (6)
 L Fasten hair (4)
 M See him turn over a head covering (8)</p> | <p>N Oliver from NSC turned up (5)
 O Outclassed, no more aces, and some way to go (3,2,4,6)
 P Caustic witticism he contributed (7)
 Q Bureaus in the form of a sort of song (7)
 R Regular hits beat old method (6)
 S Joe sang of games people play down (5)
 T Eye-drop sound level (4)
 U Reverse found out central characters (4)
 V Five leave, left kind of pareira vine (6,4)
 W The Showman John has gone across (4)
 X Torturer used bars to break up frame (7)
 Y Yes, I go up for batter (4)
 Z I must follow the last character or be trampled underfoot (4)</p> |
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GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thank you very much for my August-5 prize. That is the second time this year that my name has been picked out of the hat. Those pheromones I've been spraying on seem to be working. *Iain MacDougall*
- Thanks for my Slot 3 prize for last month. It was a lovely surprise. The arrival of *Crozworld* is the highlight of my month. *Barbara Tofoni*
- Wow! What a pleasant surprise. Thank you for my Oct. Slot 3 prize. A reward for many hours of "pleasure" again. *Verna Dinham*
- All the puzzles were difficult this time, or was it just me? *Jean Barbour*
- Once again a most enjoyable month of puzzling. Thought *gizmo's* outstanding & gave his 22dn COTM. *Roy Wilson*
- In what other club can a fair to middling member like myself score a prize like *Chambers' Dictionary of World History*? And President Patrick's calligraphy on the box made it a double pleasure. Thanks a million! *Doug Butler*
- Thank you for the prize of *Chambers Back-words for Crosswords* for Quiz No 8. This 3rd edition now includes compounds, phrases and proper names yet it contains 10,000 entries less than the 1st edition so I'll hold on to the original as I don't know what has been dropped. However it is still a welcome addition to my collection of reference books. *David Procter*
- Hooray! A \$50 prize cheque, just in time for subscription renewal! Thank you ACC. *Jan Wood*

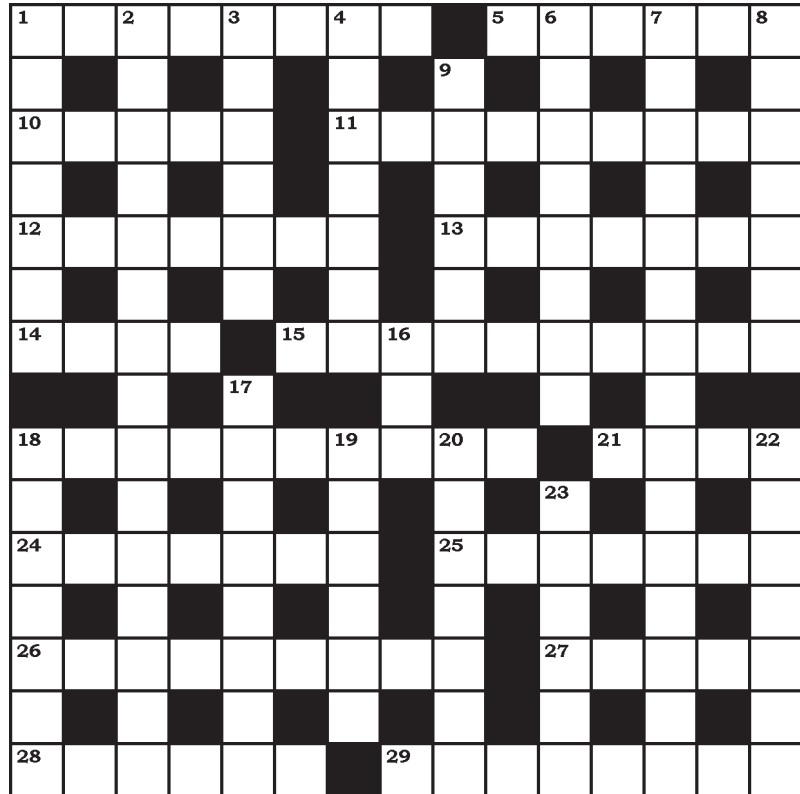
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Cryptic
by
Manveru

Prizes: \$50



[2006 edn]



Across

- 1 Puts faith in English knight's charges (8)
- 5 Leaders of Cherokee, Huron and Iroquois scalped mediators! (6)
- 10 Track bird by its call? (5)
- 11 European representatives back NATO about international language (9)
- 12 Swoop over English territory's plain (7)
- 13 Approaches a leading compiler with damages (7)
- 14 Brad, Nick and Spike (4)
- 15 Reserve English bowman for Isaac Newton, for instance (10)
- 18 Old water source is a brown current polluted with potassium (10)
- 21 The last word is a sign Cassanova ultimately acted for love (4)
- 24 Radio broadcast suggests beer designed for illness (7)
- 25 An Anglo-Saxon provides refuge for Queen Isabella the First – he's a Saint! (7)
- 26 Failed to notice if I had sounded perplexed (9)
- 27 See 4dn
- 28 Ultimately survive leprosy following amputation of medial joints (6)

- 29 Nurse may treat medical abnormality (8)

Down

- 1 Oriental festive season comes together with the end of Ramadan (7)
- 2 Sticklers for the old way or celebrities beneath convention? (15)
- 3 Repair a loft located on top of donjon? (6)
- 4 **and 27** MASH, perhaps, on here? (7,2,3)
- 6 H-nucleus is very resistant to change (4,4)
- 7 Intense 'clearing the throat' speech characteristic of author (6,9)
- 8 Finance is odds on so run! (7)
- 9 University head accepts initial decision to upgrade (6)
- 16 Rise without the witness (3)
- 17 Unique total eclipse covers Australia (8)
- 18 Restrict some Moslem martyrs travelling northwards (7)
- 19 Remember to teach new skills right away (6)
- 20 Leave a bar party on opening night (7)
- 22 No way! Liquor – a cure-all? (7)
- 23 They say you are after kudos about a puzzle (6)

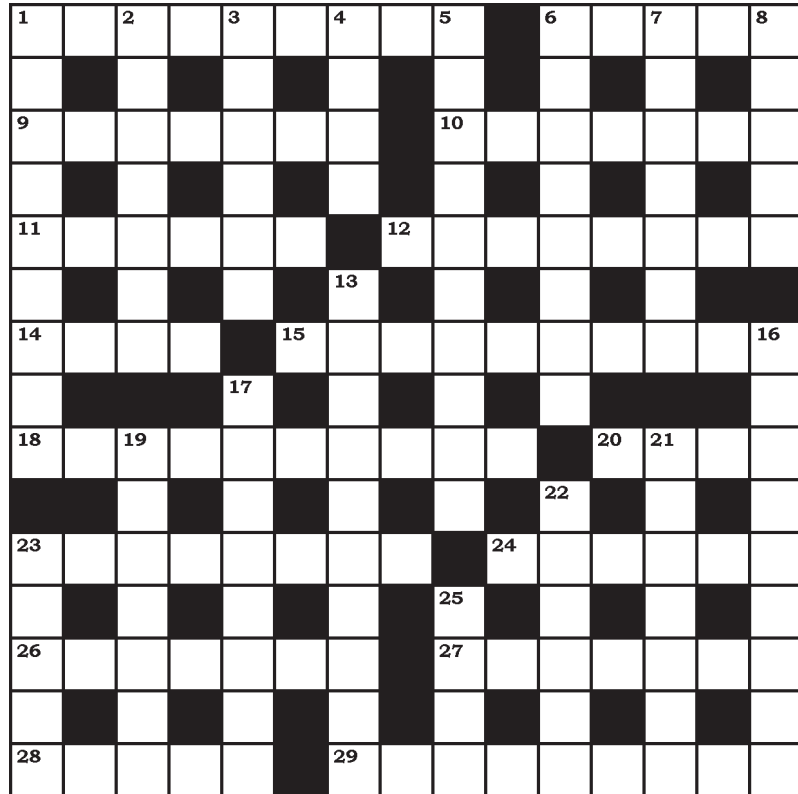
Some Agreeable Words

- **bematist**: an official road-surveyor in the time of Alexander the Great. This word comes from a Greek word meaning 'to measure by paces'.
- **rhathymia**: the state of being cheerful, merry and optimistic. It comes from a Greek word meaning 'to take a vacation, be idle.'
- **weesle**: a very rare, undeservedly obsolete word meaning 'to ooze'.
- **indagatrix**: an obsolete and rare word meaning 'a female searcher or investigator.' It is the feminine of the Latin word *indagator*, meaning a tracer, an investigator.'

—from *Weird and Wonderful Words* by Erin McKean

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Cryptic by Ann Ass



Across

- 1 Transport elephant flies (5,4)
- 6 Disinfect carbuncle and expose what's inside (5)
- 9 No nicad battery is alkaline (3-4)
- 10 Great Britain and Northern Ireland precipitated duke leaving former Soviet republic (7)
- 11 Stock of provisions to fatten Cockney girl (6)
- 12 Kiss Anthea oddly behind the old, old school (8)
- 14 More sophisticated than standard beauty centre (4)
- 15 Completely nude (10)
- 18 Mike, if full, will produce a very small tinkle (10)
- 20 Bird louse (4)
- 23 Aruba can melt Brazilian wax (8)
- 24 Doctor has South African boxing jacket (6)
- 26 Praise, praise mine embraces! (7)
- 27 A pecan; a peculiar cure-all (7)
- 28 Beggar in Baskerville (5)
- 29 Acknowledge severe cramp (9)

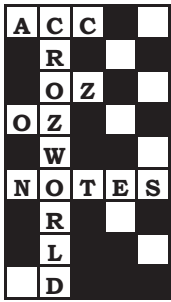
Down

- 1 Young German takes my girl playfully up a climbing frame (6,3)
- 2 This verse may sound like nonsense but/Replace the dog with my French mutt (7)
- 3 Carry off decorative borders for old brooches (6)
- 4 Twist expertly danced during Yale initiations (4)
- 5 Scot joins in, digs up pieces of cutlery (10)
- 6 Drink freely left on rotating conveyor (8)
- 7 Trapped in the deep, I tap hopeless, grave words (7)
- 8 Female relative exposed in centres of Danish indecency (5)
- 13 Quote graduate High Priest: "Behold return of the initial order" (10)
- 16 It slows down reaction to irritating darter ant (9)
- 17 What strains produced from a firm, heavy blow? (8)
- 19 Leave vehicle here and die in Camperdown hospital. Just the opposite! (3,4)
- 21 Hello, hello! Catch taxi back to the barbecue (7)
- 22 Issue clear type of poem (6)
- 23 Accountant rings up for an informal drink (5)
- 25 Expose a single cob? (4)

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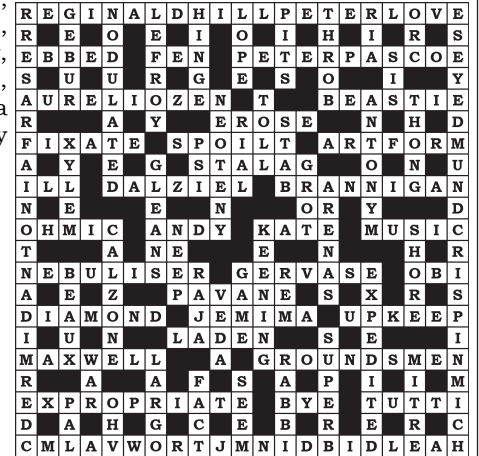
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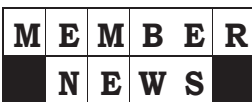
Variations on a Theme... by Anon

- Mary had a little lamb, she ate it with mint sauce, and everywhere that Mary went the lamb went too, of course.
- Mary had a little lamb, but her sister came to grief, she lived in 1951 and only got corned beef.
- Mary had a little lamb whose fleece was white as snow; she took it down to Pittsburgh and look at the damn thing now!
- If all the world were paper, and all the sea were inke; And all the trees were bread and cheese, what should be do for drinke?

—from *Verse and Worse* by Arnold Silcock



Solution to Sept Slot 7 – midships' law



New Member: We extend a warm welcome to new member **Warren Allen** from Gunning NSW. Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworliding*,

Warren.

Puzzle Adjustments: Bev Solomon and Joan Smith gained dots for July Slot 6.

We were saddened to hear of the recent death of member **Kenneth Lee** from Linden Park, South Australia. Kenneth was a long-time member of the ACC from 1990 and occasionally sent in entries. Kenneth's wife **Norma** will take up the ACC membership for 2008. One of the members of the successful compiling duo *The Two Bears* is Christina Lee who is the daughter of Norma. We send our sincere sympathy to Norma, Christina and their family.

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

jactitation *n.* **1.** *Med.* **a** the restless tossing of the body in illness. **b** the twitching of a limb or muscle. **2.** *archaic* the offence of falsely claiming to be a person's wife or husband. [ORIGIN: medieval Latin *jactitatio* 'false declaration' from Latin *jactitare* 'boast', frequentative of *jactare* 'throw': sense 1 from earlier *jactation*.]

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BONUS QUIZ

Sleuths No 1 by Griffin

All the authors listed below have written a series of crime novels featuring the same character. Find these characters. Both names are required but they are listed alphabetically by surname. Some are police, some are private investigators, some are not – but all are sleuths! Send your entries to Ann Jermy, 21 Lyne St, Henty NSW 2658 or by email: annjy@tsn.cc Closing mail date: 7 December 2007. Book prize.

- 1 Ngaio Marsh (8,6)
- 2 Ross MacDonald (3,6)
- 3 Peter Robinson (4,5)
- 4 Michael Connelly (5,5)
- 5 Val McDermid (4,9)
- 6 Peter Ellis (7,7)
- 7 P.D. James (4,9)
- 8 Reginald Hill (4,7)
- 9 Faye Kellerman (5,6)
- 10 Peter Corris (5,5)
- 11 Arthur Conan Doyle (8,6)
- 12 Elizabeth George (6,6)
- 13 Jon Cleary (6,6)
- 14 Raymond Chandler (6,7)
- 15 Sue Grafton (6,8)
- 16 Agatha Christie (7,6)
- 17 Jeffrey Deaver (7,5)
- 18 Henning Mankell (4,9)
- 19 Ruth Rendell (3,7)
- 20 Dorothy Sayers (5,6)

October 1-2007: Half 'n Half by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

- Another good starter, thanks *Jesso*. *Alan Walter*
- I enjoyed Noel's Half and Half – I wonder why he never attempts my Slot 1? *Audrey Austin*
- Just right for starters – good one. *Catherine Foster*
- One of Noel's puzzles is always a good start to the month. Favourite clue was 11dn. *Jenny Wenham*
- Another good ½ & ½ – thanks Noel. *Brian Symons*
- It is always good to have a friendly start like *Jesso's* 'Half 'n Half.' It gets the old brain ticking over very nicely. *Irene Watts*
- The OUZO clue flowed well. *Max Roddick*

October 2-2007: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- Thanks Shirl for your sparkling cryptic. Many clever clues. In 9ac should EC correctly be WC? [I think the battle was to get a WC instead of an EC! CH] For 7dn at first I thought the 'handy little trimmer' may have been XMAS-TREE till I ended with NAIL-FILE. For 16dn I first put FRANKLIN as the influential family but eventually changed this to GRIM+ALDI. Liked 2dn N+ETHER. *Alan Walter*
- Some great clues – especially liked PETER PAN. *Brian Symons*
- Not a bad puzzle, though I didn't think it was up to Shirl's usual standard. Lots of unchecked initials. Despite Harry's popularity, is that an appropriate definition for POTTER? Hopefully PETER PAN is the answer to 27ac but I don't think 'a winner' is an adequate definition. Could you please explain the second? I did like 16dn 'unappealing grocery chain' being a very suitable description. *Jenny Wenham*
- Shirl can always be relied on to set a fair, if sometimes challenging puzzle. *Audrey Austin*
- Liked the weird and wonderful clues by *Southern Cross*. It was a toss-up between ADAM'S APPLE & PETER PAN for COTM, but the latter won by a tiny margin. *Catherine Foster*
- Quite a tricky cryptic this. Shirl always makes us work quite hard, but her clues are always understandable, legitimate and amusing, so enjoyable. *Irene Watts*
- Lots of great clues & humour, as usual Shirl especially OFF STAGE, PETER PAN and NAIL FILE. *Bill Bennett*
- PETER PAN came in a month early! *Max Roddick*

October 3-2007: Cryptic by gizmojones (Stephen Clarke)

- 3dn: Presumably ST+R+ING where STING = trick & STRING = a drove, number or long bunch of ponies, horses, camels etc. 6dn: Evidently Spooner's first names are "William Archibald", in short ARCH. If we add the routine direction, WEST to this we obtain W+ARCH+EST. [A bit esoteric? CH]. 13dn: PAR+LIAM+ENT where PARENT = bring up or "train" & "Information circulating" = MAIL turned inside PARENT. 22dn: F+L+IGHT where FIGHT = blue & light = L placed just below the head of FIGHT. 21ac: He was impossible to beat at bridge! The answer appeared to be HORATIO. However Macaulay's poem is *HORATIUS at the Bridge* and all references confirmed this. *Alan Walter*
- Great clues by *gizmojones* once I stretched the lateral. *Catherine Foster*
- This was a stinker and although I couldn't finish it, I did give 2dn my COTM. *Audrey Austin*
- Terrific – especially PO-FACED & SECOND which gets my COTM. Could not find FALSE START as a single unhyphenated word. [An error, I presume. CH]. *Brian Symons*
- I have done about 1/3 of this but can't manage any more. "Too many GISMOS"! *Irene Watts*
- Surprisingly for one of *gizmo's*, I didn't have too many problems. Numerical indicator for 15ac should have been 5,5 rather than 10. I didn't get the second for 13dn. Liked 10ac & 27ac. Favourite clue was 21dn. *Jenny Wenham*
- Some unusual (but fair) cluing strategies. *Brian Tickle*
- Liked BLURBS for cleverness & UPRIGHT just for fun! *Max Roddick*

October 4-2007: AJ by Timid Terrier (Joan Smith)

- Thanks Joan for an enjoyable AJ with lots of unusual words ELFSHOOT, SHIELDRAKE, LEATHERBACK, RUE-BARGAIN, ODDSMAN, FUMADOS, TARLATAN, YAPOCKS. In H why does 'cheerful' = HOLIDAY? Billie Holiday sang quite a number of blues! *Alan Walter*
- Always my favourite and Joan is the master – (mistress) of this genre. *Audrey Austin*
- I love the alphabeticals. This was most enjoyable. Thank you, Joan. *Irene Watts*
- A tough AJ. Learnt lots of new words! *Brian Symons*

- Loved the AJ. *Catherine Foster*
- A nice chewy AJ. Took a while to sort out the K, F & P words. *Max Roddick*

October 5-2007: Double Acrostic by St Jude (Drew Meek)

- The Scottish theme for this puzzle was good & the reference to HALLOWEEN quite topical for October, but overall this puzzle is definitely not appropriate for Slot 5. There are too many difficult clues, unusual Scottish spellings, & no cross reference letters in the Quotation Grid, + 3 awkward questions to decipher. The indicator for T should be (6,7). In the O clue Colour of brothers from Spain - Answer is OATMEAL. The wordplay, "brothers from Spain" = BROS+E is a synonym for OATMEAL food and only indirectly refers to the required answer. This is a difficult clue to fully resolve especially if you are unaware of the word "brose"! If SAMHAIN(N) is correct for Period name II for Halloween or 1st November, according to the Full *Oxford English Dictionary* this word is 'not naturalised' & 'alien' to English usage. *Alan Walter*
- The difficult clues and the odd Scot dialect would have made it very hard without going to the words of the song to finish it off. I solved a majority of the clues first, including SCAPA FLOW proudly. (I had never heard of it. CH) *Roy Taylor*
- Apart from the usual eyestrain, this was a very tough puzzle – but very enjoyable. The subsequent periods after Halloween proved difficult. I think NOVEMBER is the best answer for period 1. [Spot on. CH] *Brian Symons*
- Loved Slot 5 with the Scottish flavour. *Catherine Foster*
- Not being a fan of acrostics, I found the grid without a letter as well as a number very frustrating. The Scottish spelling didn't help much either. The instructions weren't easy to follow and the research for the quizzes below was interesting but time consuming. At least it gave wry meaning to the slot 6 puzzle. *Bill Bennett*

- I thought that to have to find 'Period Name II' was most unfair as for the majority of solvers, it could only be obtained from the Internet and I feel it should not be counted towards a 'tick'. *Daphne Greening*

- Oh! What a struggle. I don't think this is a suitable poem for an acrostic. My maiden name was BURNS but that didn't help the solving – or the transcribing. *Irene Watts*
- The 'extras' for Slot 5 took far longer than solving the acrostic. It has been very hard to cross reference and double check my letters without letters in the grid, although I understand that it is a matter of space. *Pat Garner*
- My goodness! These are hard enough when they're in English! *Jenny Wenham*

- What a chase. Got a bit lucky on the citation when I went looking for Scotland The Brave and stumbled on Scotland Wha Hae. Then came the real struggle with the period names. *Jack Stocks*
- This was a particularly difficult crostic because most of the words were in a foreign language, despite the fact that I married a Scot. *Jean Barbour*

- It was tough to work back from the song grid when stuck. With so many Scottish words like 'wha', 'aften' and 'fa', several of my guesses were well wide of the mark until the penny dropped. I thought the use of many words in the clue grid that had an affinity with the song ('caber toss', 'highlander', 'histle' and 'sassenach') was particularly clever. *Brian Tickle*

- No 5 just about sent me to the optician, but I made do with a magnifying glass. This was a very difficult poem and some of the clues were very difficult. The little puzzle at the end wasn't exactly straightforward. *Barb Ibbott*

- This should not have been Slot 5 - 6 or 7 maybe, if that! I should like an explanation for the clues at N [old saying REDE, politician MP, active no account= TIVE saving=def'n of REDEMPITIVE] and O [see Alan Walter's comment]. Why the random choice of verses? Was it simply to complicate matters further? [Maybe to fit the grid.CH] *Margaret Davis*

- You know how to hurt a bloke. Fancy being made to read 'Hallowe'en! Period name I must be November, but name II? How about McAutumn? [Almost awarded an honorary dot for that!]. *Maurice Cowan*

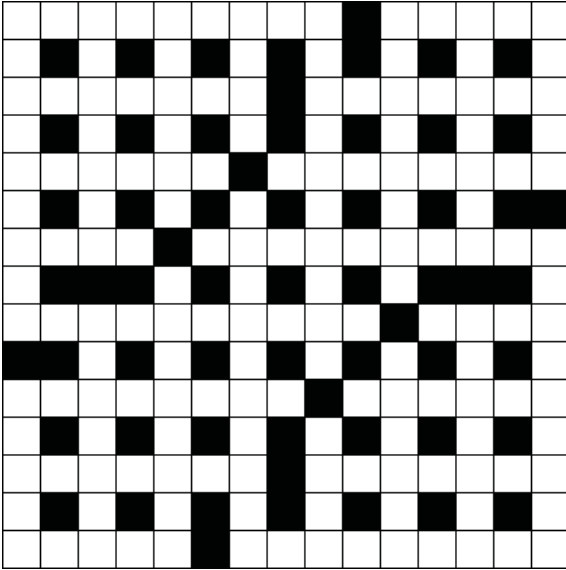
- Caledonia here we come! *Max Roddick*
- This was a bit of a pain. I really need a "large-print" version, with numbers and letters in the main grid. *Denis Coates*
- After solving about ½ the clues I found the verse and it became a transcription exercise. My copy of the song had DIE but DEE would fit the grid and rhyme with the other verses. I think these gems should be reserved for slots 6 or 7. *Bob Hagan*



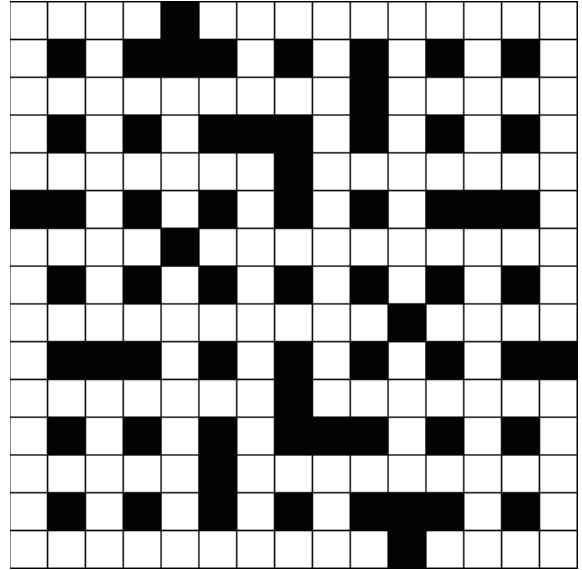
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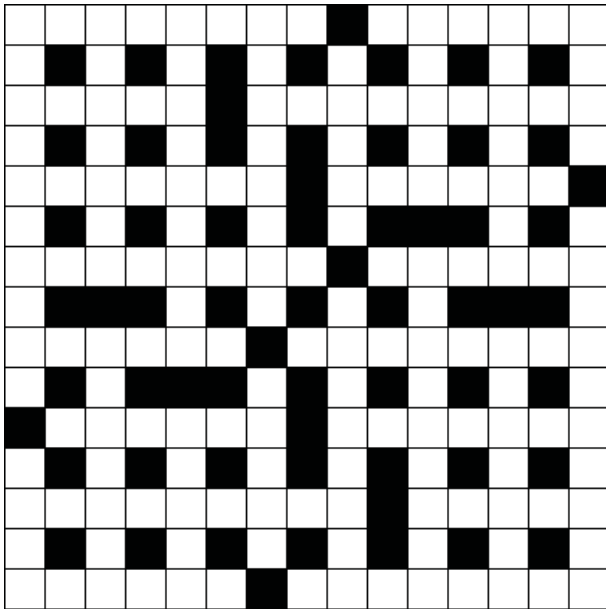
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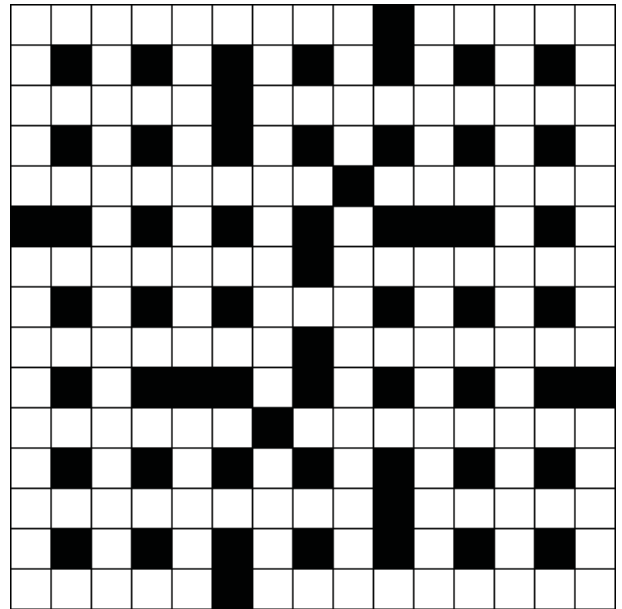
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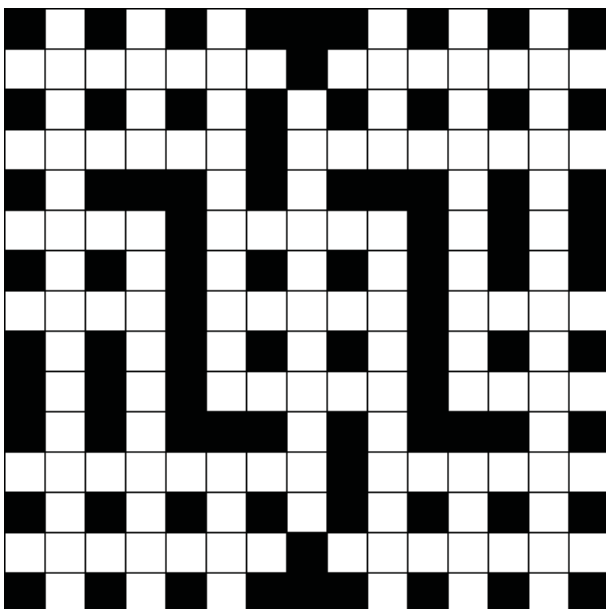
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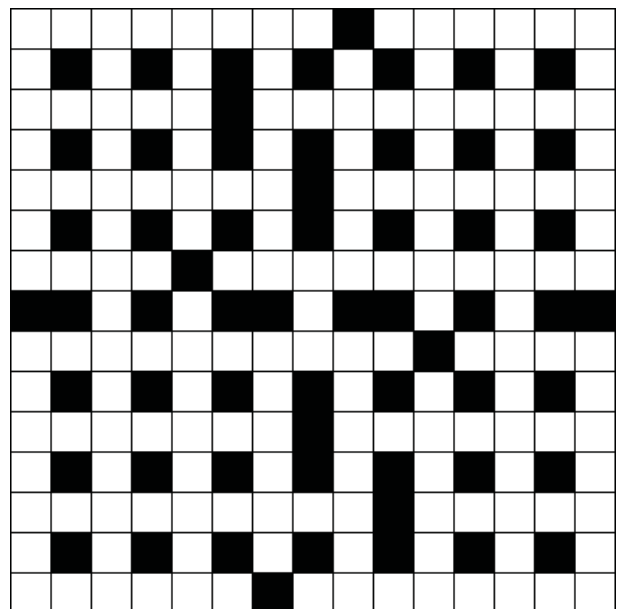
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Sept 6-2007: Fair Game by Jack (Jack Stocks)
83 entries received, 73 correct. 88% success rate.
Prizewinners: Bev Cockburn and Alison Shield. Well done!

Adjudicator's Comments:

Thank you to all who took the time to send cards and write comments which made my first adjudication of a crossword so enjoyable. I did not want the puzzle to be a "fair cow" to solve and that seems to have been achieved. I did not foresee FLEX as an alternative for COAX at 29ac (*what an inventive lot you are*). As it ruled out MOSAIC for 26dn, most entrants managed to sort it out. Only a small number of other errors (3 x KARIOKES, 1 x KURTOSES, 1 x ADDIOS, 1 x GIT-TYED, 1 x ARISTIDES and 1 x GIR-ANU-RUND). Many *punny* comments on the use of 'fair', which were much better than the puns in the puzzle. The variety of clues that solvers said they particularly liked surprised me. It was very gratifying to receive feedback from some of the more experienced crossword composers in the club.

Some solvers requested clarification on various answers. AGAMA: First (letter of the alphabet) >A Mum> MA after Silver AG; ATTITUDES: anag STATED+U(you heard)+IT (anagind clearly); PINES: Heartwood is SPINE (*Chambers*) Top S to bottom > PINES; RESIDES: (bad pun, hence the ?) Put new sides on the damaged tent ie one *re-sides* it, definition stays=resides; OUI: Scanty = wee(spoken) in French >oui=Yes; KARAOKES: heard to lift >carry o-keys (o-openers); AUDIOS: Finally you>U +SAID+O(nothing) about (anagind); DAGS: GAD=wander restlessly (*Chambers*) back>DAG + S(bend). —*Jack Stocks*

Members' Comments

- It took me quite a while to work out the connection despite the hint in the title. It was a challenging and fun puzzle. My favorite clues KARAOKES, COAX (I had 'flex' for some time), UNREST, DYED and LANTANA. *Jean Barbour*
- Much enjoyed. "Fair Dinkum". *Bill Bennett*
- Thanks for the neat puzzle. I must confess to being somewhat intimidated by the number of unclued lights until the coin dropped with a fair thud. One clue has me perplexed – how do you get PINES from 'heartwood top to bottom'? (see explanation). *Doug Butler*
- Particularly liked KARAOKES and EFFLUXIONS – it was a "fairly" difficult puzzle all round. *Gillian Champion*
- Thank you for your 'fair' puzzle. I really enjoyed finding all the phrases we use using 'fair' as the initial word. I didn't understand PINES (see explanation). *Bev Cockburn*
- Great puzzle – the theme took just the right amount of pondering to get; ie after half the grid was filled. *Mal Cockburn*
- Kept me occupied for quite a while. AUDIOS, NEEDFUL and KARAOKES were last to be entered. I cannot properly understand RESIDES, PINES, OUI, ATTITUDES, KARAOKES (see explanation). *Graeme Cole*
- Good puzzle. Enjoyable. *Maurice Cowan*
- Thanks for a fun (and fair) puzzle. *Hilary Cromer*
- Thank you for an intriguing puzzle. Really enjoyed it after being on the wrong track, looking for games or the kind you hunt. All's fair in love and war, they say. I liked COAX. It also turned up in *The Australian* a few days later. Not quite so neat as I. *Margaret Davis*
- I don't understand 22dn (attitudes), 14ac (audios) and 39ac (resides) so made educated guesses. (So far so good Peter). 26dn was the real stinker. Neither altaic or alcaic fit the clue. (29ac coax, was the stinker. See comments. J). *Peter Dearie*
- A lesson in persistence learned today! You had me stumped with this little beauty; 3 days ago I put it away in the too hard basket, but this morning I got up determined to beat it – and wow! (It paid off. J). *Catherine Foster*
- I really enjoyed this, thank you. *Margaret Galbreath*
- Great idea – and very Aussie too! Enjoyed it a lot. Thanks. *Pat Garner*
- Thank you for an interesting puzzle. *Barbara Glissan*
- Fair Game" seems to me to be a reference to the solvers. Thanks for an enjoyable puzzle. *Daphne Greening*
- An interesting concept, and 'fair' – excuse the pun!
Bob Hagan

- Loved your Aussie Puzzle – well done. It was fair dinkum true blue. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Thank you for a wonderful puzzle – so Australian and a delight to solve. I have only one problem with it. How I wish that I'd thought of it first and that I had composed it! Hope this is the start of many more to come. ('time' will tell. J). *Doreen Jones*
- Loved your puzzle. PLEASE let it be correct, I tried so - o - o - o hard. (O-o-o-o-kay. J). *Del Kennedy*
- Thank you for your Fair Game. I really liked CAMEO. A short and simple clue with elegant surface. AQUA was also clever. Still not sure about ATTITUDES. (see explanation)
Michael Kennedy
- What a great crossword. It took me a while to start putting "fair" in front of phrases. I was trying to find games at a fairground. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- I enjoyed this puzzle: once I had enough down answers to give me "crack of the whip". Before that, I was trying to fit some 'fair' games in the grid! Took me a while to get COAX. I particularly liked CARJACKED. Thanks for an entertaining slot 6. *Yvonne McKindlay*
- Thanks. Most enjoyable once I replaced "ship" with "whip!"
Alison Martin
- I enjoyed this puzzle very much, but I don't know if I avoided all the pitfalls. *Sandra May*
- I liked many of your clues. Although I saw KARAOKES would fit, it took me ages to understand it, and then I found it a good clue. I have questions about how the secondary indicators for AUDIOS, DAGS, PINES, ATTITUDES and RESIDES work. (see explanation). *Drew Meek*
- What a wonderful Aussie theme. I learned another meaning of AUDIOS, and didn't know GID (either meaning). It's always a buzz to learn something new. The only concerns I had were with the unfair grid (carjacked and attitudes should have another checked letter). *Carole Noble*
- I'm not real sure with ATTITUDES but it seems a fair enough answer. (see explanation). Then I guess we're all fair game for the setter. *Ted O'Brien*
- Enjoyed the puzzle. Let's have some more. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Thanks for the puzzle!
Andrew Patterson
- Thank you for producing such a 'fair' puzzle. I look forward to seeing more of your puzzles in *CrOZworld*. *David Procter*
- All the fun of the fair! But it was a Fair while before I got the theme. A fine fair puzzle. Liked NEEDFUL. *Max Roddick*
- Nice one Jack – fun to do!
Audrey Ryan
- Jack Stocks XXXX? Cauliflower STOCKS everything! (What else is there?? J) Thanks for a great puzzle, mate. Penny did not drop for quite a while. I just love that Eureka moment with a themed puzzle. *William Ryan*
- Thank you for a fair and interesting puzzle. *Eva Seale*
- Really enjoyed this puzzle. *Alison Shield*
- Here is my fair copy of your puzzle. I started out by chasing after games, then realised what you were after. My *Macquarie Thesaurus* gives so many phrases with 'fair', it fair boggles the mind. Fair Dinkum. Great X-W; thoroughly enjoyed it. *Betty Siegman*
- Thanks for an entertaining puzzle. The main theme is very clever. I suspect I may not have it all right as I do not fully understand PINES and RESIDES. (see explanations)
Brian Symons
- Thanks for an excellent and entertaining puzzle. *Roy Taylor*
- Fair Crack of the Whip! This was a DINKI-DI, 'Fair and Square,' as well as a 'Fair and Above Board' puzzle. It was 'Fair Enough' to have some 'Fair to Middling' clues, but 'Fair Dinkum' it took quite some time to realise how FAIR your puzzle actually was. *Alan Walter*
- Thank you for a most enjoyable puzzle. I cannot manage to do No 6 very often, so it is an extra pleasure when I do find it possible. *Irene Watts*
- Thanks for the Fair Game puzzle. It was definitely better than "fair". Particularly liked CAMEO and AQUA. *Jenny Wenham*
- Thank you for this challenge. I'm particularly fond of this type of theme puzzle. I didn't know AUDIOS were speed indicators or that MOSAIC was hybrid. Particularly liked DRUM. *Roy Wilson*
- A fair and enjoyable puzzle. *Jan Wood*

Quiz No 11/2007



by *The Busybodies*

Alphabet Quiz by *The Busybodies* (Bev Cockburn and Carole Noble)

All answers begin with the given letter of the alphabet. Proper nouns may not be in *Chambers* but all ordinary words are.

Send entries to Bev Cockburn, 12 Norman St, Merrylands West, NSW 2160:
e-mail to bevco4@bigpond.com

Closing mail date 7 December 2007. Book prize.

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| A A favoured cat of Mark Twain (11) | N Mind-measurement (8) |
| B A northern hemisphere constellation (6) | O The study of mountains (9) |
| C Crazying in an old painting (10) | P Common mathematical instrument (10) |
| D A mountain in Asia (10) | Q An alcoholic spirit (7) |
| E To bubble and hiss (10) | R A bunny's skin (4) |
| F The food of fools (10) | S Narragansett vegetable dish (9) |
| G A Scottish warning to watch out above (8) | T A South American creature with mole-like habits (8) |
| H A Scottish pub (4) | U A North American porcupine (5) |
| I Smallest letter in the Greek alphabet (4) | V A prophet (11) |
| J Trickery, deception (13, hyphenated) | W A tribe living near the Senegal River (5) |
| K Volcanic island in South East Asia (8) | X A medical practitioner's instrument (5) |
| L This fish is not a bikie (13) | Y A safe-breaker (4) |
| M Large bottle size of wine or champagne (10) | Z A drug used in the treatment of AIDS (10) |

Results of Quiz No 9/2007.

Fabrag – or Cactus's Last Stand by *Cactus* (Jim Colles)

Comments: FABRAG or BRAIN FAG (BRA-IN-FAG).

Entries: 11. **Correct:** 2.

Winner: William Ryan – **Congratulations!**

Adjudicator's Comments:

Wow! Firstly the Honour Board. All entrants bar one gave a logical explanation of the possible origin of FABRAG, some of the more publishable of which are reproduced below. This had no bearing on the results, which were:

Results: **24** (maximum): Catherine Hambling and William Ryan; **23**: Audrey Austin, Robyn Caine, Bev Cockburn, Carole Noble and David Procter; **22**: Alan Walter; **20**: Brian Symons; **18**: Marian Procter; **14**: Norman Wilson.

Congratulations to you all! The miracle was not that so few members sent in an entry (no reflection, I am sure, of the number who attempted it and decided that it was not worthwhile to send in a less-than-perfect 24 attempts) but that two clever souls actually made it to all of the same conclusion as our dearly-loved and much-lamented *Cactus*. The solutions and derivations are given below. In adjudicating I tried to apply the same tests as Jim would have done to entries that were not identical to his but that were developed to a conclusion that is equally logical. For that reason I thought it was fair to allow DISSEVERED for #6, RESEED for #17 and SKIPOLES for #20. SINGULARLY nearly got a guernsey for #19, but the dictionary definition does not quite support it. Space does not allow an analysis of incorrect answers, but my favourite was IFFY for #10. The critical clue for many, #24, received answers including WORDLESS, WRITEOFF, WHATEVER, WORDPLAY and WATERLOO (Napoleon's version, I assume), as well as some other less desperate attempts. —Ian Williams

Solvers' Comments:

• Brain Fag or Sinane? This padded cell is not so nice/I've made attempts to get out twice/Trouble is, they've made damn sure/I cannot find the exit door/The *Cactus* quiz has put me here/My brain just fizzled out, I fear. Carole Noble

• Fabrag = 1. An acronym communicating puzzle fatigue: "F***! A brain ruined again. Goddamn." 2. Some sort of prosthetic bosom support inside an homosexual. 3. Raoul did so badly in the quiz he could only be described as a fabrag...(i.e. He had f*** all to brag about) 4. NewSpeak, for a fine, printed publication: For example, "Crozworld is fabrag." Which gives

rise to: 5. My first two are scaled But sound miles away/My next three have cups Controlling the sway/My last is a horse When uttered twice over Together you'll read me From cover to cover/I am a FabRag!!!! William Ryan

• When I first looked at this and the examples I couldn't see how it was done, but I kept trying and eventually the penny dropped. My explanation for FABRAG is what I am suffering from – BRAINFAG. Marian Procter

• For Fabrag, I could not resist *Crozworld!* Fab = short for fabulous + rag = newspaper or magazine. Audrey Austin

• FAB + RAG = wonderful remnant from a master compiler and, as *Cactus's* Last Stand = d this truly symbolizes his deviousness. He seems to be taunting us from yonder with his almost unfathomable prickles! Alan Walter

The solutions:

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|----------------------------------|----------------|---|
| 1 Asses (7) | ABYSSES | A by SSES |
| 2 Swap (9) | BACKHANDS | ie paws reversed |
| 3 Buses (7) | BONUSES | B on USES |
| 4 100
time (8) | COVERAGE | C over AGE |
| 5 Nerds (7) | DINNERS | D in NERS |
| 6 Remy? (10) | DISMISSING | D is MISSING
[from REMEDY] |
| 7 At dome (8) | DOMINATE | DOM in ATE |
| 8 At dance (9) | FORGOTTEN | FORGOT TEN
[from ATTENDANCE] |
| 9 That (4,2) | HINT AT | H in TAT |
| 10 5 minus 4 = (4) | IRON | FIVE - IV = Fe |
| 11 Sunder (7) | LESSONS | LESS on S |
| 12 Rose
M (13) | MISUNDERSTOOD | M is under STOOD |
| 13 Site (9) | NOVELTIES | novel TIES |
| 14 Orion (7) | ORATION | OR at ION |
| 15 Is--an (8) | PARTISAN | part IS, AN |
| 16 SR (7) | RAFTERS | R after S |
| 17 Reissue (6) | REASON | Re a SON |
| 18 Bears (5-8) | SABRE-RATTLING | Anag |
| 19 L/y (10) | SEPARATELY | separate L Y |
| 20 Skins (8) | SMOTHERS | kin in SS |
| 21 Rets (8) | SPINSTER | Anag |
| 22 Singur (11) | SURROUNDING | SUR round ING |
| 23 541550Y (7) | VIVIDLY | Roman nvmerals + Y |
| 24 L..e.. or Comm.... (8) | WANTONLY | want only [to
make LONELY or COMMONLY] |

September Slot 7-2007: midships' law by midships (Ian Williams)

50 entries, 33 correct (66%).

Prizewinner: Margaret Davis. Well done!

Compiler's comments: Thank you so much for your cards and good wishes to Kay and me. No good saying anything, I suppose, but the usual crop of blank squares – (two each in two of the entries) plus a fair few literals, which meant in some cases misspelling the name of the unclued perimetrical authors – resulted in many of the missed dots. Why not try giving the completed puzzle to a rello, friend or neighbour for a lookover? They don't have to be crossword fans to pick up wrong spellings and blank spaces. It seems such a pity to spend hours on a puzzle and miss out on the chance of a dot (or prize) for the sake of the two minutes needed to check it. Ah well! Some of the authors given, though real, were not responsible for the clued characters. Paradoxically, most of the queries were on clues that solvers entered correctly. 12ac *Chambers* gives "peter" as "safe". Unfortunately the references to "clue 11" in 53 and 58ac were intended to give the "Peter" in the names of two of the characters [see Alan's comment] and should have read 12, for which the gremlins are responsible but for which I am currently doing penance – but (happily) it doesn't seem to have affected anyone's results. For Pascoe, *Chambers* has "pas" as action, CO is the IVR for Columbia and E that for Spain – indirect anagrams? Never! 41ac: MUSIC was a straight double definition (see *Chambers* at the end of the definition). My red face on 57ac gives two hints to compilers – keep it short (if I hadn't put "baseball" in I'd have got away with it) and CHECK YOUR SOURCES and don't rely on supposed memory. In 61ac *Chambers* gives "groundsmen" as an aerodrome (lovely old word) mechanic: "ground" is to suspend from normal activity (eg as a punishment) or "keep in" – a transitive verb found in *Chambers*, "small" provides the S and the pieces are the men, as in chessmen. 66ac EXPROPRIATE: "take" is the definition; fit = appropriate, substitute EX for AP (in *Chambers* with American for the etymology). In 3dn "nod" is motion (of the head) in support – Ula is the German woman (actually my mother's name, from her German antecedents – as an addict of the Quick persuasion she'd have been delighted to find herself in a crossword) and Ted is the Englishman, all strung together, but knotted as the definition. In 19dn Flighty woman is "flip flop" (*Chambers*) hence the word "synonym" in the clue giving the good old Australian thong and for the definition you can see the minimal attire or thong on Kim, above the hipsters and below the muffin top. In 28dn *Chambers* gives "glans" as an acorn, happily saving me from a potentially blue clue, which gathers to itself (or contains) "e" as primary (or first letter of) endosperm = gathers. 63dn was a straightforward double definition. I have to confess that 65dn was a rather weak (week) clue leading to SEEM or SEAM, both of which were allowed. One (correct) entrant failed to put their name on their entry or their address on the envelope.

Solvers' comments:

• Your mind-bending puzzle was super-challenging and it took quite some time to discover all your authors & some of the characters that they created. In the clues 53ac & 58ac should the wording in each that says '11, part one' correctly be '12 part one'? The answer to clue 11 FEN does not have two parts, whereas the answer to 12ac has two parts, PETER + PASCOE. Part one of this answer is PETER which can be correctly associated with 53ac to give (PETER) DIAMOND & with 58ac to give (PETER) MAXWELL. PETER DIAMOND is a character created by PETER LOVESEY and PETER MAXWELL is a character created by M.J.TROW. Hope I have made correct sense of these two clues. [Yes - see apology above. m] Again many thanks for your mammoth puzzle. I shall be interested to learn your midship's law. Has it anything to do with Joseph Conrad's quote: "Thy sea is so big and my boat is so small" implying that there are so many authors to choose from and my knowledge is so limited? That's how I felt when I was trying

to complete the border of your puzzle! Alan Walter [No, but given my slips-up with this puzzle it is certainly applicable. "The law" was just a reference to the forces of law and order as found perhaps in *The Bill*, or the Mid-Yorkshire CID. m]

• What a challenge this turned out to be! Very cleverly constructed and clued. I must confess to being at a loss until Jemima Shore revealed herself and then, of course, Dalziel and Pascoe was a favourite on the box, but I had to work hard for the others. Thanks for all the work you put into it – most enjoyable. Roy Wilson

• What great fun! FEN threw me for a bit, but hope I got it right. Thanks for a wonderful workout. ps: I presume the "Superbowl" clue is already haunting you? [yes, thanks m]. William Ryan

• Thanks for a fun puzzle – especially as I am an avid reader of detective fiction. Please explain EXPROPRIATE [see above]. I think the wording of 65dn would allow SEAM or SEAM [agreed m]; being pedantic. 70ac is an excellent clue, but "lilaceous (lilac-coloured) should be "liliaceous" [Thanks, Brian – that was due to my failing eyes (or brain?) one of several compiler errors – perhaps we need a crossword editor?] Brian Symons

• Many thanks for the challenging crossword: I really enjoyed it. I was not sure whether to put SEEM or SEAM for 65dn. I have eventually settled for SEEM after much pulling of hair [not necessary, my lockless friend, I'm accepting either]. Joan Smith

• Your mystery puzzle required much detective work. Not an Agatha Christie in sight [she appeared in my previous one on this theme - m], I know she'd have helped. Carole Noble

• A good puzzle, but hard going for we who are not on the net. Joan McGrath

• Whew, what a workout! I could not have solved this without the internet. Re 53 and 58ac – I found a Peter Diamond and a Peter Maxwell, but I don't understand the '11, part one' reference. [see above] 65dn seems a bit ambiguous. I'm not expecting a dot, too many question marks, but fingers crossed! Jan Wood

• Thank you for a real puzzler. I am an avid detective/crime story reader, but I still found this quite difficult. Keep them coming, please. Gabrielle Leeds

• This is the first time for a while that I have attempted a slot 7 and it took me ages to complete, which is what slots 6 and 7 are all about – keeping me busy for the rest of the month and beyond. Bev Cockburn

• What an interesting and clever puzzle. I love crime fiction and so far have read my way through Patricia Cornwell, Sue Grafton, John Grisham, Janet Evanovich, Ruth Rendell, PD James, Kathy Reichs and Reginald Hill. I now have a few more to add to my list. Can't wait to go to the library. Betty Siegmund

• Thanks for the puzzle. Even with Google's help this was quite difficult. I couldn't find LEFROY (3dn) as a town anywhere [pc 7252 m] and seem and seam could fit at 65dn: I hate this type of clue, especially when the critical letter is unchecked. Margaret Davis

• Thanks for a great puzzle. I had it complete, bar Lovesey and MJ Trow, two to three weeks ago. My efforts on the Net with detectives, mystery writers, etc had no success until I tried "crime writers", which gave me my answers in 50sec flat! I still feel uneasy about using the Internet to find answers, but my conscience is becoming less rigid. Ted O'Brien

• Very impressive puzzle. I got Jemima Shore first (never heard of her) which led to Antonia Fraser, etc. Excellent clue for the fat man [Dalziel]. Tricky for the uninitiated. Roy Taylor

• Thank you for an excellent crossword that took a lot of detective work to solve. Great to see all the characters emerging as the puzzle was solved. David Procter

• Many thanks for this gem. Took me several days as I was not familiar with the authors. Thank heaven for Wikipedia! I had the greatest feeling of euphoria when I finally cracked it! Pat Garner

• Not familiar with the genre, so it took a bit of detective work to get it out. I think the criminal was Mr Williams, in the study with a pencil. Merv Collins

For solution to Sept Slot 7 – midships' law see p 9. Results can be found in column 7 on p2.

Results of the Clue Writing Competition:

September No 5/2007.

Write a clue for CHARADE (7)

Adjudicated by Steve Trollope.

For this month's competition CHARADE is defined in *Chambers* (at least in the 1983 edition which I have) as "A species of riddle, the subject of which is a word proposed for solution from an enigmatical description of its component syllables and of its whole....a piece of ridiculous pretence....", one of *Chambers* more wordy definitions.

Once again, the clues are of a very high quality, with 14 entries being submitted this month. The winning clue is **Tourist coach destroys the front quarter of Daihatsu**, composed by **Peter Dearie**. This is an excellent 'charade' type of clue which could be a headline in any newspaper in the land. This clue does not directly suggest the word 'charade' in either the definition or the indication parts, so goes a long way to misleading the solver. It also caused me amusement when I first read it because of the clever use in both parts of the clue of items associated with vehicles. I particularly liked it because of its avoidance of the definitions used in all the other clues, ie farce or pretence, with just slight variations in the wording. This suggests another way to win competitions such as this - be different!! because then you will be remembered.

For the guidelines which I have used to determine the winner, see the April 2006 *Crozworld*. I have written each clue to identify the **definition (in bold)** and the *indication (in italics)*, and underneath I have added some comments.

Church had artist inside - **what a dumb performance!**

CE with HAD and RA inside and a definition suggested by the game of Charades where the answer is clued in its parts without speaking. The indication is a problem however because it should read "Church with had inside and artist inside the result....". It is not obvious from the clue which parts goes inside which other parts, so the clue is not totally Ximenean.

We hear the attack led by the Persian leader was **a farce**

"We hear the attack" leads to RADE (sounds like raid) with CHA (sounds like SHAH) in front. A very good clue making a meaningful sentence, suggesting that many such attacks do not have the desired result.

The medley race had been **a farce**

An anagram, indicated by 'medley', of RACE HAD.

An Act about English Hard Knocks

The definition is 'an act' and the indication is an anagram of CA (about) plus E plus HARD with 'knocks' being the anagind.

This game, it goes without saying, is a farce

This clue is a double definition, with the two parts suggesting the two main definitions given in *Chambers*.

Sounds as if the cleaner gets help - **it's a farce though**

This is a charade type of clue, where the indication leads to CHAR and ADE (aid).

It was reported in Iran that the invasion by the King was **an example of absurd behaviour**

VERY similar to the second clue on the list, but using Iran rather than Persia.

First four Charles need sound help for **pretence**

The indicator leads to CHAR (first four of Charles) and ADE (sounds like 'aid').

Our times in church are just **a pretence**

AD (our times) inserted into CH (church) plus ARE. In this clue it is easy to see that AD goes inside CHARE making it a good Ximenean clue.

A car he'd driven with **absurd behaviour**

An anagram clue with the letters being A CAR HED and 'driven' being the anagind.

Collect dead branches without bends for **a game**

This clue leads to an anagram of DEAD BRANCHES minus BENDS

Dam, see and hear before disclosing a **pretence**

I have blank moments (more regularly as time goes by) but this clue defeats me. Please include an explanation of clues with your entries. It might be that the clue is extremely clever and that I am missing the point!

If a companion takes over the quiet start of a march past we have **a bit of ridiculous behaviour**

A march past is a PARADE. Remove the P (quiet start) and replace it with CH (Companion of Honour) and you have CHARADE.

Tourist coach destroys the front quarter of Daihatsu

CHARA (given in *Chambers* as a vulgar abbreviation of charabanc) plus DE (the first ¼ of DESTroys) with a definition based on the Daihatsu Charade, a model of car

Clue Writing Competition No. 6/2007.

Adjudicated by Steve Trollope.

Write a clue for the word **WINERY (6)**

Note: only one clue per person.

Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Steve Trollope, 28 Pannosa Court, Capalaba Qld 4157 or by email to: steve.jt@bigpond.net.au

Closing mail date: Friday 7 December 2007. Book prize.

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Chess Game Problems

Nos 11 and 12/2007

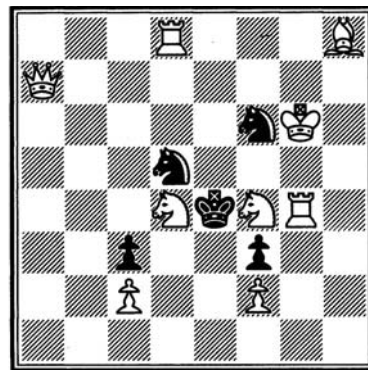
White to play and mate in two moves.

Name White's first move in each problem.

Send solution(s) to:

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No. 11



No. 12

