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You can never convey in words the utmost of experience.
Patrick White (1912-1990) *The Eye of the Storm*, London, 1973, ch 8.

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We are looking forward to celebrating the 2014 Get-Together at William Ryan's irresistible **Harold Park Hotel** which is situated cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW. 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 p9.

We have been delighted with the number of subscription renewals for 2015 and the generous donations made by our loyal and supportive members. In order to maintain the high level of prizes for 2015 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*.

The ACC's Puzzle Editor **Ian Williams** has furnished us with another challenging array of puzzles this month. Our Slot 1 puzzle is titled *A Bit of Everything* by **Zinzan** and we have a wonderful selection of gems from **Cha-Cha**, **Whynot?** and **Kaeila**. In Slot 6, the outstanding **Crowsman** has provided us with another special Cryptic and the colourful **Raoul** makes a welcome return with a Slot 7 puzzle titled *La Dolce Vita*. In Slot 2 we feature a Cryptic by a new compiler to the ACC (Alex Forbath) who uses the cruciverbalnym *Illywhacker*. We have a peerless Quiz by one of our favourite quizzmasters **Brian Symons**. Plus we have another Clue Writing Competition adjudicated by the accomplished **Michael Kennedy**. You will marvel at Michael's masterly analyses of each clue submitted in the Competition. All crossword compilers can benefit from reading Michael's comments. Thank you Michael for continuing with this VIP feature of *Crozworld*. For the next Clue Writing Competition Michael would like you to write a clue for the word **PLANETARIUM** (11). See p16 for further details.

Kindly note the early closing date of Thursday 20 November 2014 so that we can publish our Christmas *Crozworld* in good time. Best of Luck with your Melbourne Cup selection and Happy *Crozworlding!*
—Patrick

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In an 'adjudication month' the first thing I want to do is get in and do the puzzles before seeing any solutions or entries coming in. I pencilled in 'hard' for slot 1 and 'very hard' for slot 4 although I have to agree with others' comments that all clues were fair. No contentious issues this time round. Thanks for all your 'thank-yous' for adjudicating this month: it's always a pleasure.

Slot 1: Despite this apparently being seen as a slightly trickier slot 1, there were not that many errors among solutions submitted. Variations of **NEUROSIS** (3), **SHUDDERS** (4), **TELL TALES** (3) and a few individual discrepancies lost the dots.

Slot 2: Sometimes a setter will come up with what I call a 'cute' clue. **Audrey** has done it here with 5ac **FLOAT**. **FLAT** with nothing (O) inside it = 'empty apartment'. Good clue! Three **FIRs** and a couple of **SINALs** (necessitating **GRAVI** in the down cross) among few mistakes in a well-received puzzle.

Slot 3: It's obvious that most, if not all, members have greatly enjoyed **Shirl's** puzzles over the years and this was no exception. Few errors no doubt thanks to master cluing. Only 3 **GAMENESS** and a couple of **EVINCE** for **AVENGE**.

Slot 4: It was like déjà vu all over again! When I adjudicated the very first time in October 2010, slot 4's **LIQUEFIED** caused the most carnage. This time lots of dots (19) lost in slot 4 (oh the anagrams!) with **LIQUIFY** for **LIQUEFY**. **ELENDIL** and **KHEDAH** had about a dozen variations. The Q clue without a U was a bit fiendish and finished (enough already!) off some members' hopes of finishing this slot.

Slot 5: Errors here were probably in transcription but as only the verse was submitted it's not possible to know definitely. Not hard though to know that most if not all agreed that this was another fun puzzle from **Penobscot**.

COTM: All slots scored at least one vote but the runaway winner was **Southern Cross**' Slot 3 with 30 votes for 11 clues. The winning clue was for **LOCAL** (9 votes) with **RAINCOATS** (6) runner-up. Slot 2's **SANDY** was second runner-up with 5 votes. Well done all setters!
—Tony Dobelev

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	95	103	103	84	82	467
Correct entries	82	93	93	49	72	389
Success rate (%)	86.3	90.3	90.3	58.3	87.8	83.3
Prizewinners	Gabriel Fuller	Jean Barbour	Caroline Mackay-Sim	Maureen Blake	Claire McClelland	from 103 members

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Oct 1-2014

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2014

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COLGAN L
COLLINS M
COPLAND F
COULTON L
COWAN M
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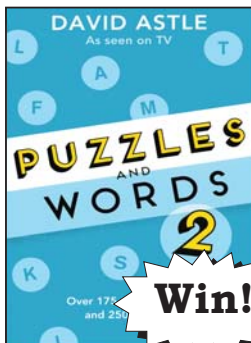
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GARNER P
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GOODERICK R
GRAINGER D
HAGAN B
HAMBLING C
HARPER K
HEMSLEY D
HOWARD V
HOWELLS S
IBBOTT B
JARMAN L
JONES C
JONES D
KENNEDY L
KENNEDY M
KNIGHT S
LANKSHEAR J
LEE N
LEEDS G
LEIGH J
LOBSEY V
LORD P
MACKAY-SIM C
McADOO G
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McKENZIE I
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MOLINE R
NOBLE C
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O'BRIEN, Shirl
PARSONS D
PATERSON A
PEARCE J
PINDER S
POTS M
PROCTER D
PROCTER M
PYC M
RENDELL A
RODDICK M
ROLFE G
ROULSTON S
RYAN WG
SHIELD A
SIEGMAN B
SIMONS A
SKINNER R
SMITH J
STOREY N
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**A Bit of
Everything
by
Zinzan**

Prize:



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Clues shown in italics are cryptic

Across

- 1 *Judge leaves a short time open to chance* (4)
- 4 *Dry character surrounding Caesar avoids you and me* (4)
- 7 Lift in Thredbo (1-3)
- 10 Brisbane soccer players (4)
- 11 1960 film with character Marion Crane (6)
- 13 Julia Roberts film, Eat ___ Love (4)
- 14 9th Greek letter (4)
- 15 Having the ability to be rowed (5)
- 16 *Manage basic operations from within* (4)
- 18 One of a literary trio (6)
- 19 Microchip, e.g. (1.1.1)
- 21 *Manoeuvring, avert pier in warship hired by the government* (9)
- 24 Second of a literary trio (5)
- 25 Less viscous (7)
- 27 Third of a literary trio (7)
- 30 Remove an error from a 19ac maybe (5)
- 32 One of The Wiggles' finest songs (3,6)
- 34 Fuss (3)
- 35 *Bar mid-morning, a potent brew made in this?* (6)
- 38 One sitting in front of a 19ac maybe (4)
- 40 First of a musical trio (5)
- 41 Second of a musical trio (4)
- 42 Third of a musical trio (4)
- 43 Ill-tempered woman (3,3)
- 44 *Anti-American stance is common sense?* (4)
- 45 Impacts heavily (4)

- 46 Helen of Troy's mum (4)
- 47 *Got rid of a backyard institution!* (4)

Down

- 1, 2 The approximation of pi, for example (8,8)
- 3 *Child's toy's an attempt to get attention . . . twice* (2-2)
- 4 It's probably eaten by the French (4)
- 5 *University kept a review of interest in a particular subject* (6)
- 6 Russian last seen in 1917 (4)
- 7 One resident of the Isthmus of Kra (4)
- 8 It's probably eaten by Ukrainians (6)
- 9 Bone near 38dn (6)
- 12 *Other Australians import coats needing alteration* (11)
- 17 Heart, for example (7,4)
- 20 *Sport ridden of hacks?* (4)
- 22 It has a volume of 1,083,210,000,000 km³ (5)
- 23 Plant a plant anew (5)
- 26 *Took advantage of updates not apt to fail* (4)
- 28 Miliaria (4,4)
- 29 A one-level building is single-___ (8)
- 30 It's probably eaten by Australians (6)
- 31 Shakespeare's asinine actor (6)
- 33 Time lost to a faulty 19ac maybe (6)
- 36 Parramatta Rugby League players (4)
- 37 Australian basketball representative player (4)
- 38 Bone near 9dn (4)
- 39 *Greek characters get behind English birds* (4)


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Closing mail date: Friday 12 December 2014.

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Cryptic
by
Illywhacker



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Across

- 1 Derelict bum dwelt on change (6-4)
- 6 Work? We work! (4)
- 9 Old text messages read aloud to instruct former lovers (7)
- 10 Energetic person covers very quiet laptop for audio effect (7)
- 12 Wrong about the top eternal subject (8)
- 13 History can be groovy (6)
- 15 Brief quatrain for musical is abridged (6)
- 16 Exchanged refundable bra. Not considered essential (7)
- 18 Used a parent (3)
- 19 Collects money and leaves? (5,2)
- 21 He has untouchables removed! Untouchables removed! Removed to labs! (6)
- 24 Refuse to back some impaired losers! (6)
- 25 What may a dragon do? It flies! (8)
- 27 Changes only in promotions (7)
- 28 Doctor's assistant removing rheumy insides to make room for baby (7)
- 29 Found inside nasty eyelid! (4)
- 30 Set back trade at top exchange to make a perfect fit (10)

Down

- 1 Bird to eat end off piece of tasty food (6)
- 2 My top kind of guy is one who comes every morning (7)
- 3 The good life rules. Uni sux. So terrible! (13)
- 4 Serve a ram's flanks on yak's head? Sounds awful! (10)
- 5 Wet ankles made woman replace man (4)
- 7 Successfully manage to remove (4-3)
- 8 Sit on each side of seat with their edges tucked inside (8)
- 11 Freakish rat put learner ill at ease (13)
- 14 Drawers where shoes are found (10)
- 17 Go too far when stripteases, removing all but tie (8)
- 20 He ends party when sick after taking the last of crack and ecstasy (7)
- 22 It is an illusion to ring before receptionist's assistant starts (7)
- 23 Again enter peer review about extremes of theory (6)
- 26 Lies around something in the water (4)

Compiler Profile: *Illywhacker* (Alex Forbath)

Alex spent his high school years in the 90's, happy and content with listening to punk while solving *Sydney Morning Herald* quicks, never once wondering what all that cryptic strange business up there might be about. All that changed in university years when a parent taught a son and the son taught him, the art of the cryptic. The quicks have never got a look-in since. So appreciative of the knowledge gained, Mr Forbath became a high school English teacher and started setting very basic cryptics to impart the art to a bunch of unsuspecting inner-city teenagers. They may or may not have caught the bug but he sure did, compiling more advanced puzzles for a small circle of friends. Thus encouraged, he started to use his clues to woo, impressing dates with bespoke puzzles. Friends, teenagers, beautiful swooning women; the next logical step could only be the fine ACC readership. *Illywhacker*, one-time Australian slang for a small-time confidence trickster, seems a perfect pseudonym for the challenge.

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Cryptic
by
Cha-Cha



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This month a number of representatives will be attending a weekend event. The event and the affiliations of seven of the representatives appear in the puzzle and are not defined.

Across

- 8 Little Robert received a thousand – what a blast! (4)
- 9 Back an unnamed local musical (5)
- 10 Size of locality (4)
- 11 and 28 Nastiest duet played (6,6)
- 11 and 4 Untied kinky, especially large, Benedictine monk (6,7)
- 12 Fops cheek soldiers (8)
- 13 Performance had nothing for classical music ... (8)
- 15 ...nut (6)
- 17 Sporty vehicle travelled to yard (1,6)
- 19 Isolate confused journalist with clues (7)
- 22 Cologne banning horseplay (6)
- 24 So seal up arrangements for the engagement (8)
- 26 Extend finality with little hesitation for extra information (8)
- 28 See 11
- 30 I left Louis troubled in spirit (4)
- 31 Drink about 100 and have a painful response (5)
- 32 Inclination for stout – not! (4)

Down

- 1 Satellite daydream (4)
- 2 The best coal fractured and caused a blockage (8)
- 3 Soft offer (6)
- 4 see 11 (7)
- 5 A parable round about evil could be unreliable (8)
- 6 May girl (6)
- 7 Swimmer went haywire (4)
- 14 Another swimmer can toddle but not initially (5)
- 16 Batting back help (5)
- 18 Secures the stormy town side (4,4)
- 20 Back the island double – it's well worth it (8)
- 21 Relevant having unknown representing European (7)
- 23 Desperate for the French sewer (6)
- 25 Bug Queen bug (6)
- 27 Measure back entrance (4)
- 29 Former morning paper (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS

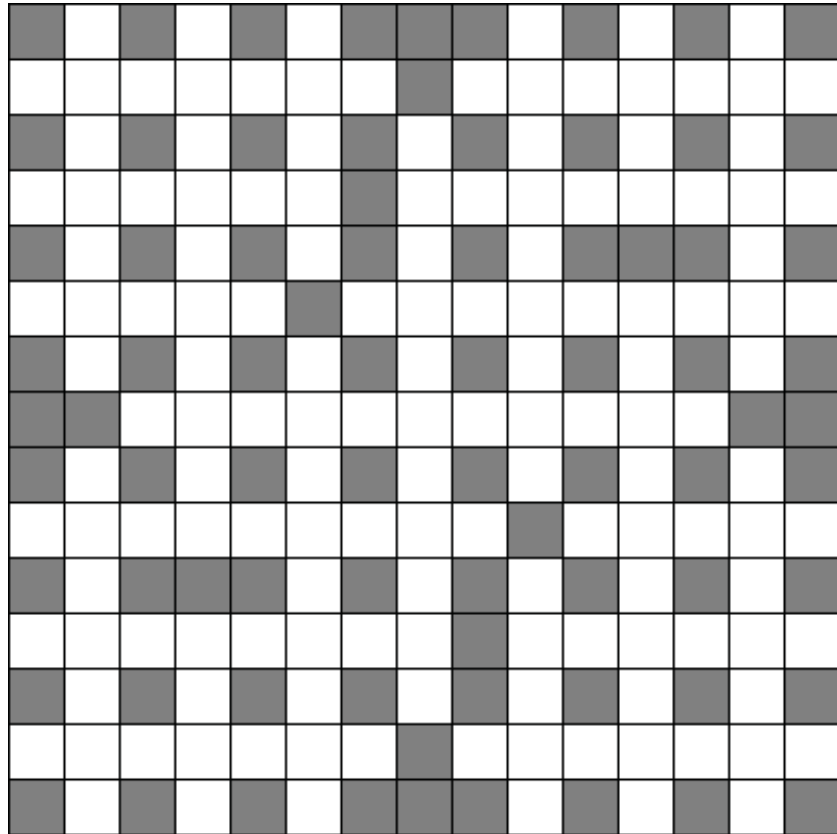
- Many thanks to our wonderful Club for my prize this month. It was a delightful surprise and much appreciated. *Bev Cockburn*
- Just a very belated note to thank the ACC for the prize for the Clue Writing comp. (3/2014). The certificate and \$75 cheque was a pleasant surprise when I returned home from hospital in September. *Roger Douglas*
- A very enjoyable and challenging set of puzzles, as always. I especially appreciate the publication of Slot 2 by *Virgo*. Please convey my sincere thanks and condolences to Audrey's family on their sad loss. *Laurence Kennedy*
- Thank you for the beautifully written cheque I received for September's slot 3. As a very new member, I was delighted to receive a prize, and consider it a wonderful incentive to keep trying. *Julie Crowe*
- Altogether, an enjoyable batch of crosswords this month. Good to see crosswords from late members *Virgo* and *Southern Cross*. Slot 5 was the most fun, and I give my vote for COTM to *Penobscot* for EIGHTEEN = scoreless couple! Delightful. *Nea Storey*
- Another great bunch and good to see puzzles from my late friends Shirl and Audrey. *Catherine Hambling*
- Many thanks to the club for the slot 5 prize in October. David Astle's, *Cluetopia*, which I have already started to read, is just the one I was hoping to win. Hopefully in the future I may acquire one of his other books. *Tony de Gryls*
- Many thanks to the club for my book prize last month – DA's *Puzzles and Words* (2). An interesting diversion. *Jim Fowler*
- Thanks for a great set of puzzles. I remember doing *Southern Cross* puzzles in the Saturday papers and always enjoyed them. *Ulla Axelsen*

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AJ
by
Whynot?



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



- A** One's a mess, for ages (5)
- B** Attractive graphical user interface left inside animation (9)
- C** Hat adornment could be chicken juice (7)
- D** Banks on lots of water by the sound of it (7)
- E** Dig alien church ... (4)
- F** ... wild and loudly dangerous (6)
- G** Lover embraces four to run around (9)
- H** Mixed-parent offspring hot in New York (5)
- I** Disgrace for agent in crook vehicle (3,6)
- J** What a fair judge may be, if there happens to be a need (4,2,4)
- K** Took a poke somewhere in the middle? That's stuffing (5)
- L** Grounds round eucalypt produce peas (7)
- M** Give power to guy and his girl (7)
- N** Fix gloss for digital enhancement (4,7)
- O** Based on the decimal system, time and again (5)
- P** Liberal could be under loose-fitting garment for fun time (6,5)
- Q** Waiting in line, getting ready for pot we hear (7)
- R** Adjudicates in lifelike run-through (9)
- S** Tom's small instrument (8)
- T** Dine-in sample round a serving piece (3,4)
- U** Topless play at party, free (4)
- V** Sees Sis is value in some way (10)
- W** Shameless need to proceed! (6)
- X** A fine XR swapped for an old coin (7)
- Y** Lively teen almost satisfied (8)
- Z** Two thousand left us groggy, replete with spirited enjoyment (7).

Explanations to October grids.

Slot 1 by InGrid. Down: 1 dm, 2 part anag+lo backwards, 3 deRANGed, 4 anag l+tile around n, 5 thumb+sup, 6 anag on air trial, 7 t+it+mouse, 8 iron+weed, 14 theme+parks, 16 dm, 17 homoph of new + OR> + SIS, 18 sh(udder)y, 22 tor back+ten, 23 anag suites, 24 d+anger, 27 dm.

Slot 2 by Virgo. Across: 1 IN + STANCE, 5 FL O AT, 8 homoph, 9 anag, 10 hidden rev, 11 anag, 12 BE + LIFE*, 14 CASH + E + W, 15 PROP + OS + AL, 17 DD, 18 anag - REPOSE, 20 G + RAINY, 23 homoph "I sage", 25 anag, 28 hidden, 29 DD, 30 V+I+E, 31 S AND Y, 32 REIN + VENT. Down: 1 DD, 2 DD, 3 ALERT + NESS, 4 CHA + LET, 5 F + RAM + E, 6 FIST* (out), 7 anag, 8 DD, 13 ARCher, 14 CARD + GAINS*, 15 YAP>, 16 anag, 17 DD, 19 BE + NACRE>, 21 anag, 22 anag - R, 24 GRAVItY, 26 CAD + ET, 27 hidden.

Slot 3 by Southern Cross. Across: 1 GA + MINES + S, 5 Crypttic def, 9 EMU + (IS + FLY)*, 10 A (VENice) GE, 12 DD + (RI (O) CH)>, 15 homoph, 17 Crypttic def, 18 NI + T (P) ICKER, 19 EVE + NoT, 20 CAN + D (L) ELIGHT, 24 POPuLAR, 25 BEE + C + HUNT*, 26 ED> + TEST, 27 PS + ALTERS. Down: 1 DD, 2 MOUTH + STRAP>, 3 NASH + O, 4 SAFE + CRACKING, 6 AD + VER (IT->) SE, 7 homoph, 8 NEE + D, 11 CO + MP + TROLLERS, 13 DI (homoph) CE, 14 DD, 16 anag - T, 21 pun on lo-cal, 22 hidden, 23 DD.

Slot 4 by St Jude. AE + R + IE + R), BIZ + A (R) RE, COsMETIC, D anag, EL + END + IL, F cryptic def, GAR + DEN + ER, H anag, IN + IM + CAL, JUMP + STARTED, K + HE + HAD >, L anag, M homoph, N DEN> + K + ELL + Y, O cOPTICS), PLANET + O + LOG + Y, Q homoph CAB + ALLAH, R) triple def, S + OR + O + RIAL, T triple def, U IUX (u O) RIOUS, VET, [ref to Groucho Marx's character in Day at the Races] + ERA + N, W + I + RR [Rolls Royce] + A + H, X anag, YAK + KED, ZIM + MER.

Slot 5 by Penobscot. A A + CC + OUTRE, B anag, C cryptic def, D HAW + THORN, E 20 - 2, F MOO + CHER, G IF + FelonY, H HEY + N + ON + NY + NO +N + NY, J E + NV + IOUS, K ddef, L WITCH + HUNT, M ddef, N Spooner fun ought, O LI (VI) D or L (IV) ID, P anag, Q SIGHTLY, R anag, S pun on UFO

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Cryptic
by
Kaeila

Prize:



Win!
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7 clues share a common theme and are not otherwise defined.

Across

- 1 Brainstorm in church (7)
- 5 State repeatedly "Number 4 first" (5)
- 9 Block on churchman (5)
- 10 George, a poet, in English twill (9)
- 11 An unknown that is half tyke is a worry (7)
- 12 A dwarf tree is hidden among the bon-bons, Aimee (6)
- 15 Pulse, pound and ring (4)
- 16 Humorous play with Elvis (6,4)
- 19 I treat rule changes to written work (10)
- 20 Old desk where a doctor keeps books (4)
- 22 Type of bone due for pulling? (6)
- 24 Mixed parties (7)
- 27 Tom with a record at university taking English (9)
- 28 Look, I exercise on track (5)
- 29 Learner has a new bird (7)
- 30 Son writes in capitals to describe events at 8 (7)

Down

- 1 Coveted prizes up in Lewis, say (4)


- 2 Revolutionary and German worker is no longer needed (9)
- 3 Eric in trouble, but peaceful (6)
- 4 Small fleet formed by crew with craft (5,5)
- 5 Boss is upset, so weeps noisily (4)
- 6 Striped agate in sand Roxy shifted (8)
- 7 Found in climbing trees, lianas provide means of securing shoes (10)
- 8 I had no part in cooking filet mignon for the main course (5)
- 13 A prudent Mr Gore is uninvolved in party affairs (10)
- 14 He's drinking retsina cocktail with enthusiasm (10)
- 17 Form of baptism is fabricated in memoirs (9)
- 18 Little Prudence & Nellie, not I, made gown material (8)
- 21 After beheading licensee, Shakespearean king without a groom (6)
- 23 Inside, turned retsina to water (5)
- 25 Extreme suffering cut short the struggle (4)
- 26 Told to lift up in 1973 (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS contd:

- I didn't manage to get my Slots 1 – 5 entries in last month so it was a real delight to receive a prize for Audrey and Bev's 'It's a Wrap' quiz. Thank you so much. *Brian Tickle*
- I found these a most enjoyable set of puzzles although I could not choose a COTM. The 4-letter clues in no. 4 were, and still are, bewildering. *Maureen Blake*
- The Lows and Highs of being a Crozworld cruciverbalist: shame and disappointment of missing out on my potential first set of 5 dots by misspelling 'fried' (was I channelling Stephen Fry?) but then the pleasure of a \$75 prize. The highs win – thank you for all the highs. *Lynne Coulton*
- A few new words to assimilate. A fairly testing lot as usual. Slot 1 slowed me down a bit. *Bob Hagan*
- Much easier lot than last month's! *Virgo* and *Southern Cross* always good; Audrey and Shirley were always fair with their clues and answers and I love the Double Acrostic. *Marian Proctor*
- 'Q' in the AJ stumped me! Loved 2dn SPONGES in slot 2 and 1dn GREASEGUNS in slot 3. *Catherine Jones*
- I found slots 1 and 4 particularly difficult because of a few words in each. Shirl and Audrey's puzzles were the usual delight and slot 5 was fun. *Robyn Caine*
- Thank you everyone for an interesting set of puzzles. The 'Q' clue of slot 4 however completely fooled me so I will be fascinated to see the answer!! *Jean Evans*

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Cryptic
by
Crowsman



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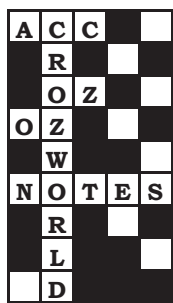
- 1 When cold, cease take off! (6)
- 5 Policeman breaks spirit with amended legal document (4,4)
- 9 Behind the Spanish-Poles' family is a dwarf (15)
- 10 Fix outsides of aged fitting (6)
- 11 Eruption damaged moon in classic Kurosawa film (8)
- 12 Decay eats through spots (9)
- 13 Many a time-piece of Dali is softened (5)
- 15 Lift up one in crowd (5)
- 17 Being English, gets interpretation of X by Church of England (9)
- 20 Master interrupts attractive youth with hot rebuke (8)
- 21 Nigerian ethnic group has supported America (6)
- 22 In time, hungry weakling gets means of rehydration (11,4)
- 23 Part time is missing in Woomera, for example (8)
- 24 Disheartened track athlete becomes pitcher (6)

Down

- 2 Sample testing of opinion brought about very best audio tapes (5,10)
- 3 Illustrate two bucks? (7)
- 4 Making wider taunt about Roman Catholic (8)
- 5 Visionary marketplace has plan to replace male character with female one (7,8)
- 6 Badly treat Sue, possibly? (3-3)
- 7 Rejected company's no longer in operation (4-3)
- 8 Detectives impound contaminated ocean dish, an offering yielding dire consequences (8,7)
- 14 Has idea without bounds, just like ... (2,6)
- 16 ... abrasive person searching widely and thoroughly (7)
- 18 Problematic cure introduced trouble for republic (7)
- 19 Forest-dweller assembled anvils (6)

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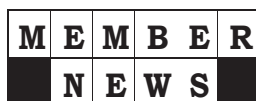
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ACC's Silver Anniversary 2015

In April 2015 we will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary and one of the slot prizes will be a **boxed sterling silver beaker, tray and pot setting**. It was made in the 20th century and is marked 'St Silver'. Of contemporary design with the beaker, tray and low pot all with a matte finish to the exterior overlaid with a diagonal chevron design, the small pot accompanied by a threaded spoon with a flower to the finial; all pieces stamped. Silver weight: 194g. Plate Diameter: 15cm; Height: 7.5cm and 2.5cm (cups).

This will be a highly desirable prize to win, so we wish you all the silvery best of luck and good fortune. Here is a photo of this stunning prize:



New Members: Robyn & Peter McKenzie from Wellington, New Zealand (a Membership Gift from Norma Lee) and **Veronica Fabian** from Forest Lodge, NSW. Welcome to the Wonderful World

of Crozworlding!

Quiz Adjustment: Nea Storey got 25 correct answers for Quiz No 8 "It's a Wrap". **Quiz No 10/2014:** If you would like to send your entry via email, Ulla Axelsen's email address is: ullaaxelsen@hotmail.com

Corrigenda and Errata for November Edition

Len Colgan gained a dot for August's Slot 6 puzzle. This was a sub-adjudicator's error.
Tony Dobele gained dots for slots 1-5 in September. This was an e-adjudicator's error.

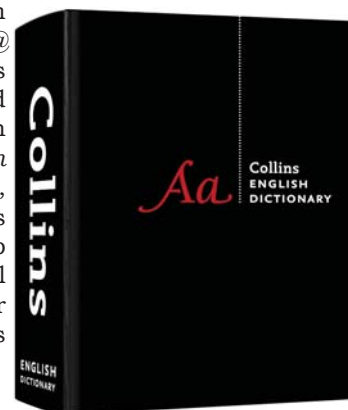
Our distinguished Life Member **Carole Noble** has not been enjoying the best of health lately. She was admitted to the Gosford Hospital a few weeks ago and said that she has not been able to concentrate of solving the ACC crosswords nor has she had access to any of the crossword reference books. We are pleased to mention that she is now feeling a bit better and is waiting for a bed in a Nursing home where we hope she will be keen to resume her outstanding crossword solving and have full access to any books. We send Carole our sincere best wishes for a full recovery.

2014 GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN!!

The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's delectable pub *The Harold Park Hotel*, cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW on Sunday 30 November 2014 commencing at 11:30am. William has allocated a comfortable and spacious room upstairs and he serves 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! There will be plenty of the Club's best known personalities in attendance. Why not come along and say 'hello'? Pay on the day. We will have prizes to give away and our dynamic Secretary Bev Cockburn has some exciting intellectual challenges for you. Looking forward to meeting up again. Be there!

Collins English Dictionary (12th edn)

Derek Harrison from the crosswordcentre@yahoo.com says that he is looking forward to the publication of the *Collins English Dictionary*, 12th edition, on 23 October. He says that the publisher's blurb is interesting and will make it very useful for crossword enthusiasts and Scrabble players.



"Beautifully redesigned, this is the perfect dictionary for anyone who is fascinated by our ever-evolving language, with over 50,000 newly added words and a total of 722,000 words, meanings and phrases. This is the largest single-volume English dictionary in print.

With a compelling introduction, *The Joy of Dictionaries* by best-selling author Mark Forsyth, the *Collins English Dictionary* has been given a stylish makeover with an elegant new cover design and a change in format, making this edition lighter and easier to hold.

As a crossword enthusiast, you may also be particularly interested to hear that the new *Collins English Dictionary* has reintroduced literary and rare words that are useful for crossword solvers and setters, and Scrabble players, and includes words previously only found in the official Scrabble word list. It has only just arrived and it looks absolutely beautiful!"

Cost starts from \$55.06 from BookFari <http://www.bookfari.com/Book/9780007522743/aid=booko>.

October 1-2014: Half 'n Half by InGrid (Jean Barbour).

- I liked the clue for SHUDDERY, but I believe the clue for 13ac should be "Yarn", not "Yarns". The clue word "of" in 2dn is somewhat intrusive. *Len Colgan*
- 4dn "time's out" would be more accurate than "time it so to spell titmouse". I liked all the cryptic clues. 17dn "option over relative" was a bit tricky for (neu) rosis. *Tony de Gryz*
- Not an easy first puzzle to solve. IRONWEED is not located in our 4 standard dictionaries. FACILITY was a challenge for 16dn. 18dn SHUDDERY was a cleverly humorous answer. 17dn: presume O = option. Not indicated in *Chambers* nor *Macquarie*. *Alan Walter*
- Enjoyable puzzle to start, with good clues. Esp liked THUMBS UP and THEME PARKS. *Joan Smith*
- Slot 1 is getting harder and harder. *Brian Symons*
- Quite a tricky one. Some very easy clues but a few not so simple. *Margaret Davis*

October 2-2014: Cryptic by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- Straightforward answers. 8ac "delivered" for "pronounced" fir suggests fir is the correct answer. I found "tactfully" for 7dn but a cook "being sliced in a flat way" is a bit of a slot 1, 13ac. I liked the convolution in 21dn "hot" for "in" or "in fashion" and again "in (a) fashion" as an anagind for "tense", if this interpretation makes sense, in a fashion. ICE AGE is my COTM. *Tony de Gryz*
- Thanks to Virgo for her enjoyable cryptic puzzle. 24ac GRAVITY - IT = GRAVY. *Alan Walter*
- OUTFITS, SANDY & ICEAGE - typical great Virgo clues. *Brian Symons*
- I prefer *Crowsman's* fifteen letter answers to all these little three-letter ones but even so, Virgo in benign mood. I wonder how many more she has bequeathed us. *Margaret Davis*
- Many great clues. *Brian Tickle*

October 3-2014: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- An eyebrow was raised at DIVERGENCE clued as DISTRACTION. *Rob Moline*
- 1ac "gaminess" could be ambiguous but not in a pejorative sense since "with a wild flavour" could be interpreted as "wildly brave" as well as "with the flavour of game" on the dining table. A sloppy solver could lose a dot with "gameness". 12ac: I liked "coach" for "school" as a transitive verb; a school choir could be rich, poor or indifferent. 15ac: "glair" is new to me. 20ac: "please" is mispronounced as (can) "dull light" (as a driver does when facing an approaching car). 4dn: this secured criminal occupation makes me feel insecure! *Tony de Gryz*
- 13dn reminded me of the old joke of the nun being piggy-backed across a stream by a clown - vergin' on the ridiculous. *Jim Fowler*
- Wonderful to be reminded of Shirl's great, snappy clueing - such as NEED, LOCAL and EVENT. *Brian Symons*
- Thanks to be conveyed for Southern Cross' Slot 3 cryptic. Much liked 20ac CAN+D(L)+ELIGHT and 9ac EMU+L+SI+FY. *Alan Walter*
- 9ac: Clue spoilt by having 'to' in middle of anagram fodder. 1dn very good clue. *George Rolfe*
- Another legacy. Shirl's puzzles were always a joy. I have given my COTM to 5ac. I just love the vision of having to psych oneself up to do the cancan! *Margaret Davis*
- It was a real toss-up between Audrey and Shirl for COTM. They really set the standard. *Brian Tickle*

October 4-2014: AJ by St Jude (Drew Meek)

- Quite a number of unknown words for me in this puzzle, making it unusually hard to figure out the arrangement of solutions in the grid. *Ian Thompson*
- St Jude's Chambers should be confiscated forthwith! Roller should be capitalised?! Stumped by the LOCAL CHEESE in T. *Rob Moline*
- I assume the R and T clues are triple definitions. I don't agree with "first year = Y" or "First Lady = L". Some tricky words. *Len Colgan*

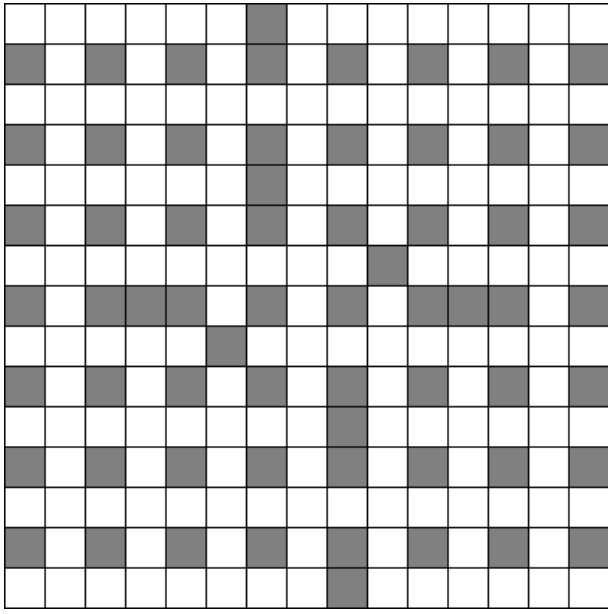
- By far the most difficult AJ I've tackled so far, mainly because of the trouble in positioning the answers "where they fit". I had all answers right except having "fluidic", which threw a spanner in the works when I placed this word where "cometic" belonged. Also some words were sort of esoteric. *Tony de Gryz*
- Some of the clues were frustratingly obscure to me. If I've got them right, I'm not sure why they should be (Fluidal? Uxorious?). *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- An enjoyable but difficult AJ. *Brian Symons*
- Some challenging answers to determine, ELENDIL, COMETIC, ZIMMER, PLANETOLOGY, ROAD (a Shakespearean whore!) XANTHENE, KHEDAH, TRUCKLE, WIRRAH, SORORIAL & QABALAH. Thanks St Jude for your testing AJ. *Alan Walter*
- Lucky you are in Helvetia, Jude, or otherwise I would be paying you a visit! *Raoul*
- F: Past tense of liquefy is liquefied not liquefyed as inferred by clue's wording. *George Rolfe*
- Challenging puzzle. Had to dig deep to find ELENDIL. *Joan Smith*

- Q was the tricky one here. So unusual not to have a U after it. And I am not at all sure about my R answer. *Margaret Davis*
- This AJ has added quite a few words to my new word collection. *Ulla Axelsen*
- I'm afraid I have no idea what the R clue means. *Brian Tickle*
- I was not impressed with the answer 'Ned Kelly' for thief - too vague! Then, when copying out the good grids, the penny dropped - Ned Kelly (colloquial) a thief (ref *Macquarie*). *Peter Dearie*
- For once, I have failed to complete the AJ puzzle - the 'Q' word and the two four-letter words have me completely stumped. This is not the first time that I have had this problem and I am now thinking of starting a Society for the Abolition of four-letter words from Crosswords. *John Baylis*

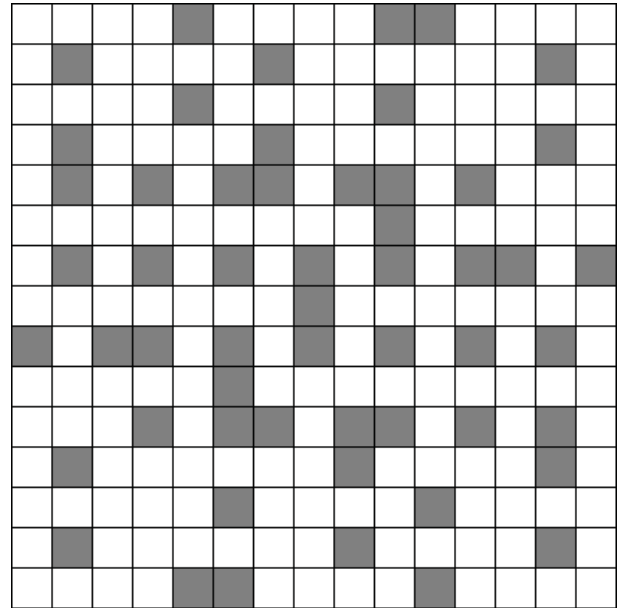
October 5-2014: Double Acrostic by Penobscot (Maurice Cowan)

- The double acrostic was mind-blowing for its compilation as these puzzles always are. Lots of clues to consider this month so hard to pick a winner. However, I do like to encourage Spoonerisms, so have picked the slot 5, "unfought". *Richard Skinner*
- I'm not usually a fan of Double Acrostics but I really enjoyed Penobscot's Slot 5 and my COTM for this month goes to the O clue - LIVID. *Catherine Hambling*
- Does Double Acrostic mean that two sayings are constructed in different ways, one forming a parenthesis to the other? This complication must make the compliers job extra difficult! ["acrostic" is defined as "a poem or puzzle in which the first (or last) letters of each line spell a word or sentence"; the "double acrostic" tag recognises that there is a second substitution to be made from the clue grid into the citation grid. Where there is a phrase shown by the first letter, which was "As the miner would say" perhaps it should be termed a triple acrostic! Adj]. Pity there is no provision for the clues' solutions to be shown including your explanations, plus the extra phrase. *Tony de Gryz*
- EIGHTEEN here (not in Slot 2) gets my COTM. *Brian Symons*
- Penobscot, thanks for your cleverly entertaining quote. It would have been less time-consuming to solve if the word lengths in the quotation grid were indicated by bars. *Alan Walter*
- E: clue should have a question mark given the way 'scoreless' is to be read. S: reads like a desperation clue and answer. I've got these letters left over, how can I use them. *George Rolfe*
- Another challenging puzzle that gave plenty of exercise to my poor old brain. Loved clues WITCHHUNT and LIVID. Really enjoyed the challenge. *Joan Smith*
- This was good fun, pure and simple. *Margaret Davis*
- Cryptic double acrostics - love em! More please. *Ulla Axelsen*

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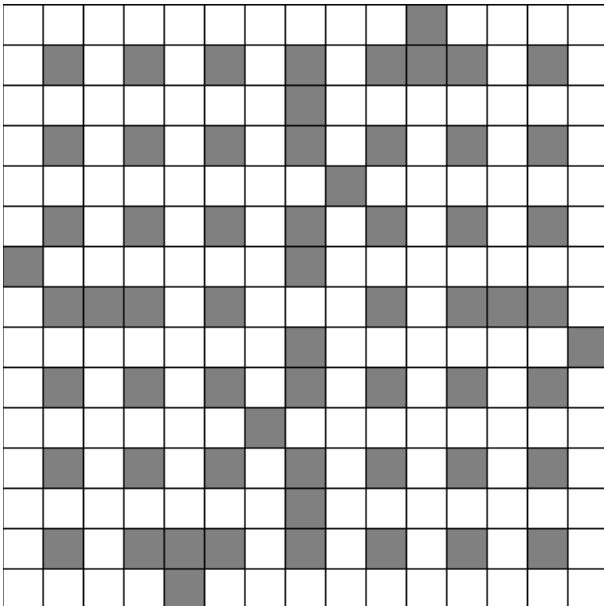


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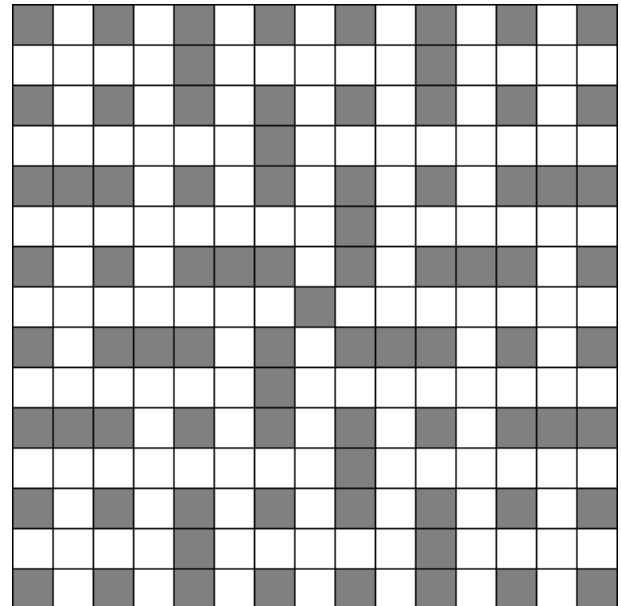


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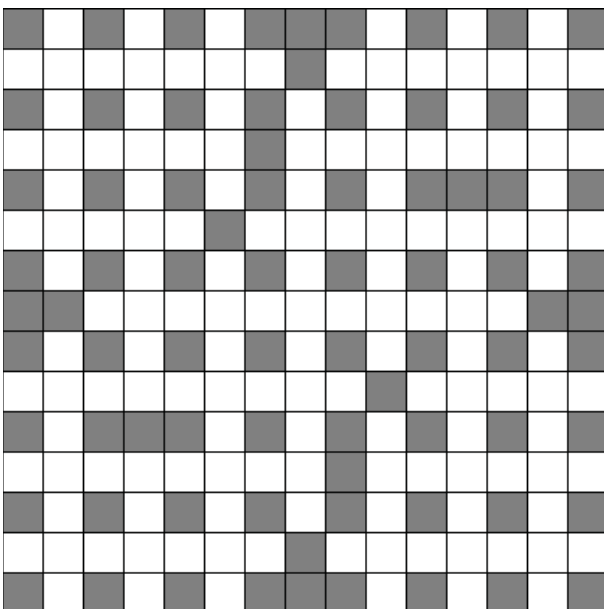
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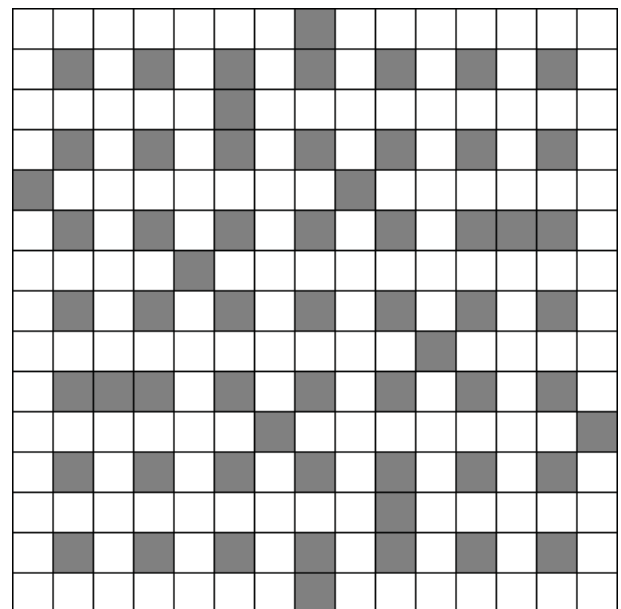
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September 6-2014: 8-Down, 4-Across by Zinzan (Andrew Patterson)

Entries Received: 33. Correct: 20. Success Rate: 60.6%.

Winner: Rob Moline. Congratulations!

Setter's Comments

Well. The title. Nothing to do with blokeish braves. The clue set was 8 (words) down. There were 4 (Nina words) across the finished grid – RAINBOWS, PAINTING, PALETTES, SPECTRUM. They suggested COLOUR. The missing colours were in 1 1ac Brown, 13ac Red, 20ac Blue, 29ac Gold, 5dn Black, 7dn White, 8dn Silver, 25dn Green. The main dot-killer was 9dn NONES – a church service. How do you get 'fit' from 'finest'? no 'nes'. Seeing the 4-Across would've helped that one. Also, a 'stroke' is a singular oarsman, while 'man' can mean 'all mankind', so 'oarsmen' was rejected.

—Zinzan (Andrew Patterson)

Dot-getters.

K.Audrins, U.Axelsen, R.Caine, L.Colgan, T.Dobele, R.Ducker, J.Fowler, B.Hagan, M.Kennedy, J.Leigh, P.Lord, I.McKenzie, D.Meek, A.Miles, R.Moline, W.Ryan, A.Simons, B.Symons, I.Thompson and A.Walter.

Solvers' Comments:

• I didn't realise going colourblind could be so much fun. I loved the NINA!
Manveru

• I could not reconcile the clues for AMOROSO and OSAGES for a while, until I noted that two more colours needed to be removed from the clue set. Once I used OR=gold and AG=silver, all was fine. Sneaky!
Len Colgan

• Well this has been a really tough one. I still didn't think we had been successful, right up until the last moment we thought 9dn was HONED. I suddenly noticed 4 words across, as per your title. Rainbows, Painting, Palettes, Spectrum.
Julie Leigh

• An intriguing Slot 6. I realised there was some reference to colour but couldn't relate this to 8 clues. Fingers crossed!
Bob Hagan

• We have no real idea which eight clues you refer to or which words are missing (were they all colours?) so it will be very interesting to see your solution. We must have some right though as we picked up on your colourful Nina!
Richard Skinner

• I really enjoyed your puzzle and can only conjecture at how long it took you to compile. The missing colours were not obvious at all and it was only when I plugged the solution into Axword that the reference to 4-Across became clear.
Jim Fowler

• A magnificent puzzle, especially because of its layers of complexity. Nice and tough to solve. I still can't fully parse 8 OSAGES, and I'm not sure about a few of the missing words.
Ian Thompson

• Thanks for a very enjoyable puzzle. I got the 8 missing colours (8-Down) and the 4 Ninas (4-Across). Brilliant surfaces and the 'cute' 9dn clue made it a satisfying solve.
Tony Dobele

• It is hoped that explanations are given for the clues, the title: "8/DOWN (eight words missing?), 4/ACROSS (?)" and the enigmatic directions for finding 8 missing words. While not having found these, I may still have got all the clues' answers right with a bit of luck. Queries are: 29ac the wording of the secondary indicator, 31ac ditto, 25dn ditto 8dn: "small key and 9dn. If it were eligible, "holidaying" would be my Clue of the Month.
Tony DeGry

• Thanks for a challenging puzzle. Although the colour

clues were solvable without the missing words they did make more sense once the 8 colours were added. Didn't know roadie was one more drink but my son-in-law put me straight on that one.
Ulla Axelsen

• Thanks for a really puzzling puzzle.
Bev Cockburn

Country bumpkin

Meaning: An awkward, unsophisticated rustic; a clown.

Origin: The speakers of English have a rich vocabulary to denote stupidity – 'inine', 'foolish', 'laughable', 'ridiculous', 'absurd', 'dumb'... the list goes on and on. There is another side to the coin – 'clever', 'intellectual', 'sharp', 'ingenious' etc. That is, unless you live in the countryside. There are many words to indicate the dim-wittedness of rustics but few to suggest their intelligence. To put it bluntly, as far as city slickers are concerned, the countryside is where the thickos live. Those horny-handed sons of the soil are variously called 'bumpkins', 'yokels', 'hicks' and 'hillbillies', and as you might imagine, these names didn't come out of the air, each has a derivation.

A 'bumpkin' was originally the name that the English had for the Dutch, whom they portrayed as small, comic and tubby. The word is derived from either the Dutch 'boomken', meaning 'little tree' or 'bommekijn', meaning 'little barrel'. The word came into English in the 16th century. Unsurprisingly, as the English at the time couldn't even spell English words with any consistency, there wasn't a consensus on how it should be spelled. The first example in print, by the lexicographer Peter Levens in his 1570 rhyming dictionary, is 'bunkin'. The next attempt, by Lord Windsor in 1658, went like this:

May I not looke more lyke a bumking than the rest.
(and were the good Baron Windsor living today he might want to have another go at that).

'Bumpkin' was the accepted spelling by the 18th century, by which time the term just meant 'stupid fellow'. Bumpkins were downgraded to 'country bumpkins' by Lord Chesterfield in 1774 when he made this observation:

A country bumpkin is ashamed when he comes into good company.

Not that we really needed to import slang terms for rustics from Holland, we had our own 'yokels'. The word yokel was derived as a name for an ignorant rustic from the old dialect name for a green woodpecker. An early example of it in print is found in the *Morning Post*, May 1820:

The great pugilistic match between Oliver and Painter, for 100 guineas, takes place on Monday. A purse of 25 guineas will also be given to Teasdale and a yokel of his own weight.

Meanwhile, across the pond, hicks were emerging from the undergrowth. Actually, although 'hick' is now a bona fide American term, it travelled there from the UK. It came about via the habit of changing the first letters of names in order to make a diminutive nickname. Robert became Bob, William became Bill and Richard became Dick or Hick. The British publication *The New Dictionary of the Canting Crew*, 1699, defines 'Hick' thusly:
A silly Country Fellow.

In 1702 Richard Steele was good enough to bring that naming method and 'bumpkin' together, in the comic play *Funeral*:
Richard Bumpkin! Ha! a perfect Country Hick.

A rustic appellation that is certainly of US origin is 'hayseed'. It was coined by that most American of authors Herman Melville, in *Moby-Dick*, 1851, in a sequence where he suggests that a

N O V 2 0 1 4 S L O T 7
La Dolce Vita by Raoul
Prize \$75 Bonus prize of a bottle of Chateau Rene Pögel from the bowels of the Harold Park Hotel.

Post solution to:

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 Closing mail date:
 12 December 2014.

Across

- 7 Revels involving cocaine-snorting composer with an abbreviated assumed name (11)
- 8 Drunk in Lesotho! (3)
- 10 Man Bohemian? Quite the reverse! (6)
- 11 C. Wake left baggage collection (8)
- 12 Describing a thirst for blouses and buns I get sloppy (12)
- 15 12.5 percent? Half cut! (3,4,3,5)
- 18 Belonging to society, perhaps, dazed having taken a measure of exercise (12)
- 22 Sample American beer – in the cells? (5,3)
- 24 Castrate deer or dead birds (6)
- 26 Dandy has backing of power (3)
- 27 Capablanca, for example, a \$1000 virtuoso (11)

Down

- 1 Take this baked good, for goodness sake! (4)
- 2 In Raoul's car, a beautiful beetle (6)
- 3 Midway was one colour (4,4)
- 4 Brandy, Antony? Hear, hear! (4)
- 5 Fruit R&T (like G&T?) stirred (6)
- 6 Local watering hole (5)
- 9 Bless sublime mixed breakfast (6)
- 12 Loveless drum and the sound it makes (4)
- 13 Not much here for Baldy – stirring pot after riding (2,3)
- 14 Sounds like the outcome of a lot of these clues? Hooray! (4)
- 16 *Inside Porn*: a terrible flash (6)
- 17 No soldier in glamorised debacle gets titles (8)
- 19 Hot bits after headless arms and legs (6)
- 20 Dress code in 25? (6)
- 21 On this, perhaps, if not 7, 12Ac or 18 (5)
- 23 Dip for 8 lacking resistance to enjoyment of 7, 12Ac and 18 (4)
- 25 2551 could be Nirvana! (4)

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Quiz No 11/2014



by Brian Symons

Quiz 11/2014.

It Takes Two to Tango by Brian Symons

Answers are in alphabetical order. Word lengths are not given but are all 4,6,8 or 10 letters long. Some are hyphenated. All are in *Chambers* and have something in common.

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

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| 1 A bird | 11 A goddess | 21 Body organs |
| 2 A dance | 12 Polynesian cloth | 22 A tree |
| 3 Promptly | 13 An outstanding thing | 23 A vector |
| 4 Semolina | 14 Indistinct sound | 24 A NSW town |
| 5 An antelope | 15 Hire purchase | 25 A toy |
| 6 An extinct bird | 16 A fruit | |
| 7 Elaborate trimmings | 17 A shellfish | |
| 8 Fatuous, senile | 18 Ridicule | |
| 9 An Oscar winner | 19 A tribal get-together | |
| 10 Showily successful people | 20 Indifferent | |

Results of Quiz No. 9/2014. Three Little Letters by *Both Sides* (Nea Storey and Anne Simons)

Adjudicator's Comments: Thanks to my sister Anne Simons, who is the other half of *Both Sides*, and provided the concept for this quiz. Apologies for Gee-Gee and Zoozoo, which only had two little letters – they should have been plurals. No points deducted for those. Most common error was IBIBKI for IBIBIO. KAIKAK was accepted for KAYAK, however, PEEPEE for PEEWEE was not allowed.

—Nea Storey

Entries: 37 **Correct:** 27 **Success Rate:** 73%.

Winner: Joan Smith. Congratulations!

Results: 26: W Allen, U Axelsen, T DeGry, R Caine, B Cockburn, G Cole, J Crowe, P Dearie, J Fowler, P Garner, B Hagan, V Howard, B Ibbott, D Jones, J Leigh, G Lemon, P Lord, C Noble, H Perrow, S Pinder, M Procter, S Roulston, R Skinner, J Smith, B Symons, A Walter and C Wilcox. **25:** K Audrins, B Glissan, R Gooderick, D Grainger, S Howells, G Leeds, A Miles, E O'Brien and R Wimbush. **24:** B Siegman.

Solutions: 1 Alfalfa 2 Banana 3 Chichi 4 Deemed 5 Essenes 6 Fluff 7 Gee-gee 8 Hohhot 9 Ibibio 10 Jesse 11 Kayak 12 Lollop 13 Mammal 14 Ninny 15 Onion 16 Peewee 17 Queue 18 Referee 19 Sissy 20 Teeter 21 Urubu 22 Vivid 23 Wagga Wagga 24 XIS 25 Yobbo 26 Zoozoo.

Members' Comments:

- A fun quiz. You must have had to search for some of these. *Betty Siegman*
- Is there a problem with Gee-gee and Zoozoo? They only have 2 different letters & do not seem to comply with the title. Thanks for your creative alphabetical quiz. *Alan Walter*
- Many thanks for another original quiz. Not easy. *Julie Leigh*
- 9 completely baffles me (cramps my style). *Ray Gooderick*
- A really interesting quiz with clever clues and surprising results. *Bev Cockburn*

- For 19, the clue seems to read S SIS Y. (Oops! - Adj) *Graeme Cole*
- It was a bit of fun. *Bob Hagan*
- Very clever quiz, but would have appreciated an indication there were two answers with only two letters. *Carole Noble*
- I am having a nice red while typing the quiz out to send: any mistakes I will put down to the wine. Many thanks It was very enjoyable. *Joan Smith*
- Answers to Q7 and Q26 do not, and in fact cannot, meet the preamble requirements. Or I am I really missing something? *Karlis Audrins*
- Thank you for this very enjoyable quiz. It took me ages to get No. 10! *David Grainger*
- Nice quiz and enjoyable as ever. It doesn't surface often these days but isn't Lollop a nice word? I cannot find a 3-letter variant to Zoozoo so My working hypothesis is Booboo. *Jim Fowler*
- Enjoyed this. Thank you Nea. *Pat Lord*
- Good fun. Being alphabetical and using each letter only once made the task much easier. *Ulla Axelsen*
- This quiz was lots of fun and you must have had fun creating it. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Another enjoyable quiz: where do all these different ideas come from? *Marian Procter*
- Really enjoyed the challenge. Great delight when I had 26 answers! *Cheryl Wilcox*
- What a fun quiz! I hadn't realised there were so many words using just three letters. *Robyn Caine*
- After resorting to the net for Hohhot and Ibibio, I found them in my rather old *Macquarie!* *Peter Dearie*
- Lots of fun. *Pat Garner*
- Another great quiz, thank you. Loved the clueing. *Valerie Howard*
- An entertaining and interesting puzzle and I have enlarged my vocabulary yet again and enjoyed doing it. There is no end to the delights of this club. *Robyn Wimbush*
- A real mixture of not so hard and "need to look up". *Richard Skinner*
- You and the other compilers are very clever incoming up with new and interesting themes for your quizzes. *Susan Howells*
- This quiz was a lot of fun to solve. *Gabrielle Leeds*

September 7-2014: Missing Person by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

Entries: 46. Correct: 41. Success rate: 89%.

Prizewinner: Robyn Caine. Congratulations!

Correct: W Allen, K Audrins, U Axelsen, J Barnes, M Blake, R Caine, L Carroll, D Coates, G Cole, M Cowan, J Crowe, M Davis, T de Grys, J Fowler, J Freeland, P Garner, B Hagan, S Howells, D Jones, M Kennedy, G Leeds, J Leigh, P Lord, I MacDougall, C McClelland, I McKenzie, D Meek, A Miles, R Moline, E O'Brien, A Patterson, D Procter, M Procter, M Pyc, S Roulston, W Ryan, A Simons, R Skinner, B Symons, R Taylor, I Thompson.

Adjudicator's Comments: The most popular clue, and apparently often the last solved, was 1dn for FITS.
—Crowsman (Len Colgan)

Explanations:

Ten clues have secondary indicators requiring the insertion of *omani*, the missing person from Oman, as shown in bold italics.

Across: 1 double def; 4 squa(anag of rise)t; 9 (illici)t + hew(**omani**)n + white; 10 r(**omani**)an; 12 tad(rev) + um; 14 (r)ich die(t) + n; 16 mo((co)wb(oy))urn; 18 cults(rev) + I + a; 19 (t)hyme + (in a)anag; 20 datum(rev), E replacing A; 22 **omani** in lad(rev); 25 N(**omani**) + (in sandals)anag; 27 Agr(**omani**)a; 28 d(o) well; **Down:** 1 fit + S; 2 see 26; 3 **omani** in cage(rev); 4 (in a hot)anag inside stand; 5 uni(t); 6 double def; 7 (auntie, son)anag; 8 **omani** in teach(anag); 11 **omani** in 'mph' inside any(anag); 13 dips + **omani** + a; 15 half + remit(rev); 17 **omani** in weds(anag); 21 mined(rev); a + (ban)dage; 23 I do + L; 26,2 sand + I + ego.

- Rampant with traps for young players! Fortunately, I'm a bit longer in the tooth these days. *William Ryan*
- The missing man was found early thanks to you clueing one of my favourite novels – The Woman in White. Have you read it? (Sadly, no! LC) I love the word MOWBURN!
Michael Kennedy
- Congratulations. Definitely one of the best puzzles of the year. *Iain MacDougall*
- Thanks for another beauty. Your wonderful puzzles provide me with hours of delight – no matter if I get them right or wrong. *Brian Symons*
- Thanks for your puzzle – it took me a while to find the missing OMANI via AGROMANIA. My favourite clues were DWELL, ROWED and IDOL. *Jeremy Barnes*
- Thanks for a stimulating puzzle. *Ian Thompson*
- Thanks for a very interesting puzzle. It was great fun. I really liked ADAGE. Although it was a Slot 7, it was almost the most straightforward crossword this month. *Ulla Axelsen*
- O man I finally got it! *Roy Taylor*
- This was good fun! Who would have thought you could pack all these Middle Eastern chaps, plus a few maniacs, into so little space? *Margaret Davis*
- I liked the Omani hiding in so many clues. As usual, your clues are challenging, but fair. *Robyn Caine*
- The directions for finding missing parts in the secondary indicators was easier than expected once the occurrence of the word part “Omani” in several solutions became obvious. For a while I assumed that Jackie Collins was the author in 9ac until Wilkie Collins’ “the woman in white”, complete with “Omani”, fell into place. 1ac and 1dn also proved to be the number one problem as well as the last in the order of solving. I just hope that “turns right “means “turns out to be right” for “fits” (No! “turns” are “fits”, as in medical conditions. LC). *Tony de Grys*

• I would never have imagined that so many words including OMANI could have been fitted into one crossword puzzle. Congratulations!
Susan Howells

Solution to September 2014 Slot 7 puzzle

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Meaning of Country Bumpkin (cont'd from p12):

"country-bred... downright bumpkin" would fare badly in a storm at sea:

Ah, poor Hay-Seed! how bitterly will burst those straps in the first howling gale.

The formula 'rural resident' + 'shortened nickname' was also used to derive the US term 'hillbilly'. There's not more to be said about this name than the definition that the *New York Journal* printed in April 1900:

A Hill-Billie is a free and untrammelled white citizen of Alabama, who lives in the hills, has no means to speak of, dresses as he can, talks as he pleases, drinks whiskey when he gets it, and fires off his revolver as the fancy takes him.

So, the UK prefers 'bumpkins' and 'yokels', while the US goes for 'hicks', 'hayseeds' and 'hillbillies'. In 1994, when the writers of the *Simpsons* needed a resident moronic character for the cartoon series, they went straight to the countryside. Not a hick, hayseed or hillbilly though; they opted for Cleetus Spuckler, the Slack-Jawed Yokel.



**Results of the Clue Writing Competition September No 5/2014.
Write a clue for CALIBRE (7)
Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.**

Definition of CALIBRE from *Chambers* (12th edition):

n the diameter of a bullet or shell; the diameter of the bore of a gun or tube; character or capacity; degree of suitability or excellence (*fig.*). [Fr, *calibre* the bore of a gun, perh from L *quā librā* of what weight, or from Ar *qālib* a mould]

I chose *calibre* this month for its two diverse definitions of bore and character, as well as having interesting parsing potential. I also like the cut of its jib, even if my spellchecker was convinced otherwise. There were indeed a variety of methods used, and some quite well. I've again included a clue from a recent *Times*[#] cryptic crossword for comparison. The winning clue, from 18 entries, comes from the pen of the Goulbournite – **Bob Hagan**.

Around '51 flying upside down would indicate a degree of skill (7)
The clues are listed in alphabetical order and the definitions, where appropriate, are *italicised*.

A character that's a bore *½**

This is a simple double definition but still a very effective clue with a sensible surface reading where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

A politician on the right overwhelmed by extremes of climate bore ****

This is a fine politically-themed clue that puts A LIB on R inside the letters C & E. Whatever your views might be on climate change, this clue reads quite well, and loses nothing in its indications.

Around '51 flying upside down would indicate a degree of skill ****

My new learnt word for the month is *cabré*, which means flying upside down in an aeroplane. If you place LI (51) inside it, you will end up the answer. I suspect I'm not the only one unfamiliar with *cabré*, which would make this a difficult, albeit finely crafted, clue to solve. I also reckon a stunt of this kind would require skill no matter the year.

Big portion of local brie (special quality) ***

This clue works by taking a healthy slice of *loCAL* and adding it to an anagram of *brie* as indicated by *special*. I don't mind this idea but *big portion* of something is probably not as specific as it needs to be. For instance, with a word like *local*, the indicator could just as easily apply to LOC, LOCA, or OCAL. However, I grant that the last two options are unlikely if you know there is a four-letter anagram to come. And even though it means the solver is required to sample several ideas, this is not dissimilar to an anagram.

Bore caught at a library with religious education ****

Nicely done. Not only is the definition beautifully disguised, but the parsing is spot on with C+A+LIB+RE. For the surface reading to be absolutely perfect, it needs something like *book* or *material* added.

Bore in US State is almost short ***

This combines CAL with BRIE(f) and is concisely done. The clue's surface sense lacks some flair, but otherwise this is a satisfactory clue.

***Bore in mind absorbing account mostly written up**

This clue is taken from *The Times* Cryptic Crossword (no. 25866). It's a down clue and works by placing CARE *mind* around BIL(l) *account mostly written up*. The best part of this clue is the disguised definition, which has one thinking of *thinking*, rather than anything related to the true definition.

Boring character? ***

This is a cryptically defined double definition. Strictly speaking, it's not a double definition as *boring* is not *calibre*. The compiler knows this, hence the addition of the question mark to indicate the slight twist. To be honest, I'm not sure if this clue would be passed by most editors, but I'll give it the benefit of the doubt.

Capacity to quantify heat of melted brie **

This works by adding CAL (a unit of measurement of heat) to an anagram of *brie*. A nice idea, but *to quantify heat* (verbal) is not the same as a unit of heat (nounal).

Character of Liberace addled without drug? What a bore! **

This is one of those rare occasions where there's too much information. While the parsing is simple enough (an anagram of Liberace without E), there are two definitions – character and bore. This is a definite no-no, and one of them would need to be removed to make this clue fair. I would have lost the *character* definition I think.

Character taking care to package book *½**

This places LIB book (from the Latin *Liber*) inside CARE. *Lib* from *book* would seem to be a two-step process but *Chambers* does indeed define them as indicated. Good surface sense as well.

Concern about Tony Abbott being a bore *½**

This is a simply parsed clue with CARE going around LIB. My only nitpick is that Tony Abbott, while currently serving as the leading Lib, is still only an example of a Liberal. As such, some indication of this really needs to be added. I would also argue that a Prime Minister who is willing to *shirtfront* President Putin is far from being a bore, whatever his other faults may be.

Excellence produced by Liberace when off some drug ***

Liberace makes an encore performance this month with a similarly parsed clue – an anagram minus E. I'm not sure the clue is served by the use of some, unless it's to indicate that only one E is to be removed. I now know why *The Times* refrain from using living famous people in their clues!

Liberal Democrats, missing old master, poorly portray strength of character **½

This seems like a simple anagram subtraction clue with *old master* coming from *Liberal Democrats*. However, the fodder to be removed (nine letters worth) is longer than the actual answer. This is one of those unwritten rules where the removed fodder shouldn't be more than the answer. Some compilers would even go so far as to only accept intact word or abbreviation subtractions. It would also be more accurate to have the anagram indicator *before* the instruction to remove the necessary fodder. The indicator's (poorly) placement above suggests an anagram of *old master* is missing.

Measure loses backbeat quality **

This works by subtracting AT (the back of beat) from *calibrate* or *measure*. The analysis of this clue was aided by the compiler, who correctly pointed out that "*using a close derivative of the answer (eg. calibrate and calibre) as a secondary indicator is preferably avoided.*" I concur! The other issue is backbeat for AT. Even if you accepted that *backbeat* literally means back of beat (which it does not), it really only indicates the letter T, not AT. The surface sense is satisfactory.

Never mind the quality, feel the width! **½

Ten points for anyone who knows the significance of this clue. I certainly didn't. It relates to a British television sitcom that ran from 1967 to 1971, the title of which, word for word, makes up the entire clue. Essentially the clue works as a double definition as it covers both definitions of *calibre* with quality and width. While this is an ingenious idea, the superfluous words (particularly *never mind*) are a significant distraction.

Small state's grated cheese represents a measure of quality **

This joins CAL (California) with an anagram of *brie* (cheese). Unfortunately *cheese* is an indirect anagram, and generally not allowed. While I can understand why the compiler didn't go with *grated brie* (I mean who grates brie?), I would have gone for a different anagram indicator such as *new*.

The greatest radio around for quality *½**

This is a compact charade clue, but with tricky secondary definitions. *The greatest* is ALI (as in Muhammad Ali) enclosed by CB *radio* with RE *for*. *The greatest* needs to be capitalised as it's referring to a proper noun. Otherwise this is a fine clue.

US state brief, somehow left out F character *½**

This is CAL with an anagram of brief without the letter F. This is a fine clue that cleverly disguises the definition, but accurately and fairly parses the clue. State should be capitalised.

Clue Writing Competition No 6/2014

For the next competition, please write a clue for the word **PLANETARIUM (11)** complete with explanation. Note: only one clue per person. Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Michael Kennedy, 27 Hennessy Lane, Figtree NSW 2525 or by email to: manveru@bigpond.com

Closing mail date: Friday 12 December 2014. Book prize.