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I never thought of myself as a 'writer' or tried to become one. I was just a brilliant plodder with an aptitude for grammar and an adoration of words.

Iris Murdoch, 1975, 'Thursday' (first week), in *A Word Child*.

#### |G|R|I|D|A|T|O|R|I|A|L|

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.
If you would like to attend please contact our Secretary Bev
Cockburn. See further details on p7.

We have been delighted with the number of subscription renewals for 2017 and the very generous donations made by our loyal and supportive members. In order to maintain the high level of prizes for 2017 we need to take advantage of your generosity. Thank you for your kindness and valued assistance. We acknowledge all renewals and donations to date on p9 of *Crozworld*.

The ACC's brilliant Puzzle Editor **Ian Williams** has furnished us with another challenging array of puzzles this month. Our Slot 1 puzzle is another excellent Half 'n Half by *InGrid* and we have a wonderful selection of gems in Slots 2-4 from *Lexi Conner*, *Pentangle* and *Zinzan*. In Slot 5, we are delighted to publish another memorable puzzle by *Blue King* and in Slots 6 and 7 we feature two special puzzles by our outstanding puzzleist *Crowsman*. We have an interesting Quiz by *KA* plus 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 DESPICABLE (10). See p16 for further details.

Kindly note the early closing date of Friday 18 November 2017 so that we can publish our Christmas *Crozworld* in good time. Best of Luck with your Melbourne Cup selection and Happy *Crozworlding*!

—Patrick

# |F|R|O|M| |T|H|E| |A|D|J|U|D|I|C|A|T|O|R|

hank you for the good wishes from the members who still post their entries in. I received a lovely note from Gabrielle Leeds who said 'I cannot remember how long I have been a member, but I do know that I still feel the same thrill of anticipation each month as I open *Crozworld*'. Don't we all!

**Slot 1:** This was a bit tricky with *dimidium* of the answers being in Latin. *Crowsman's* trademark 15-letter answers featured in three clues. Some were tripped-up by *IPSE DIXIT* (great phrase!) with variations of IPSI and IPSO and NON COMPOS MENTIS had several vowel transplants. NAVAHO may be a viable alternate spelling but did not fit the clue. *QED*.

**Slot 2:** This puzzle I thought included some nice misdirections like the clues for 17ac BALLBOY and 4dn GALLERY. Bit of a mini sports theme here with LINESMAN, BALLBOY, PENALTY, OVAL, OFFICIAL, GALLERY, REFEREE, and UMPIRE. Perhaps PARSEC has more to do with distance than time, but that didn't seem to faze anyone. SETA cost a lot of dots, the clue needing the IVR code of ZA for South Africa.

**Slot 3:** *Jesso's* heritage lives on with this classic puzzle. There were several instances of GALLIC FOOTBALL, some SHIRTIEST, and I did like CHOCY for the biscuit! 7dn reminded me of the old bloke who said Tve had this axe my whole life. It's only needed two new heads and three handles'.

**Slot 4:** This well-received slot incorporated a variation of the more 'standard' AJ grid with three 13-letter solutions. There were few errors, the most popular being YOGA for YOGI. Transposition problem perhaps?

**Slot 5:** *KA* certainly gave us some new words to deal with in this slot, like COAPTS, QUAHOGS, RATHS and my favourite, ZENDA VESTA. Not many errors and no two were the same.

**COTM:** All up there were 43 nominations covering all slots. It was a close finish with Slot 2's PENALTY and Slot 5's OPUS each gaining 5 votes, just pipped by slot 4's ZEBRA CROSSING with 7 votes. Congratulations *Valkyrie!*—Tony Dobele

#### L|E|A|D|I|N|G| |F|I|G|U|R|E|S|

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	93	84	86	84	84	431
Correct entries	63	55	62	75	71	326
Success rate (%)	67.7	65.5	72.1	89.3	84.5	75.6
Prizewinners	Dave Callan	Ray Gooderick	Betty Siegman	Christina Lee	Caroline Mackay-Sim	from 96 members

# |L|E|A|D|I|N|G |L|I|G|H|T|S| Prizewinner: October 2016 Slots 1-5: Robert Hagan, Congrats!

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#### **October 1-2016**

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#### MEMBERS RESULTS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2016



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Barnes J.	•	•	٠	•	•	•	•	Harper K.						•	T
Barrett A.	•							Hearn R.		•				•	T
Baylis J.	•		٠				•	Heyes N.	•	•	•	•	•	•	T
Bennett D.	•	•		•	•			Hocking A.			•	•	•		T
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Bradbury W.		•						Howat S.	•	•				•	T
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Carpenter R.	•		٠	•	•		•	Jones D.		•	•	•	•	•	Ť
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Champion G.			•	•	•			Kennedy M.	•		•	•	•	•	Ť
Coates D.	•	•	•	•	•	•		Lee C.	•	•	•	•	•	•	Ť
Cockburn B.		•	•	•	•	•	•	Leeds G.	•		•	•	•		Ť
Cole G.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Leigh J.	•	•	•	•	•	•	Ť
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Collins M.						•		Lloyd G.			•		•		Ť
Copland F.					•	•		Lord P.	•	•	•	•	•	•	Ť
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Cowan M.							•	Martin A.	•		•		•	•	t
Cromer H.	•	•		•	•	٠		Martin F.	•	•	•	•	•	•	t
Crowe J.						•	•	Mason I.			•	•			t
Dearie P.				•				Matthews S.		•					t
Dennis M.				•				McClelland C.	•	•	•	•	•		t
Dobele T.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	McKenzie I.	•	•	•	•	•	•	t
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Fowler J.	•	•	•	•	•	•		Meek D.	1				t	•	t
Freeland J.	1		•	•				Miles A.	•	•	•	•	•	•	t
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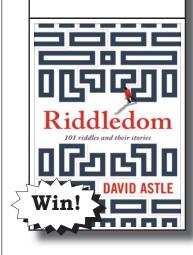
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## Half 'n Half by InGrid



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#### Across

- **1** Method (6)
- 4 Worthless (8)
- **10** Stand (7)
- **11** Break (4-3)
- **12** Straight (4)
- **13** Charge (10)
- **15** Purgative (6)
- **16** Late (7)
- **20** Unending (7)
- **21** Bottle (6)
- 24 Stage (10)
- **26** Duty (4)
- **28** Growing in water (7)
- **29** Musician (7)
- 30 Relocate (8)
- **31** Powder (6)

#### Down

- 1 Fine species supply fish (8)
- 2 Master can organise ceremony (9)
- 3 Mere weakling holds back pitcher (4)
- **5** Unwelcome visitor more offensive after knocking the head off a pint (8)
- **6** Corresponding moral tale follows business manager's lead (10)
- 7 Salad dressing first rate with oil mixed in (5)
- 8 Aerial pastime for the with it ruler (6)
- 9 Condemn strike (5)
- **14** Forger makes a bit for car (10)
- 17 Nice groom groomed for work based design (9)
- 18 Degeneration reported on old tax for interior panel (8)
- 19 Measure anxiety of gypsy man (8)
- 22 Changed, unadapted, and not a modern thing (6)
- 23 Direct instructions (5)
- 25 Our class used lead in principals' windows (5)
- 27 Haul over to the dance (4)

Slots 1-5: Joan Smith, 4 Morley Avenue, Rosebery NSW 2018.

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Closing mail date: Friday 18 November 2016.

Closing mail date: Friday 9 December 2016.

|S|E|N|D| |S|O|L|U|T|I|O|N|S| |T|O|: Slot 6: Len Colgan, 1 Ailsa Avenue, Warradale SA 5046. email: len.colgan@unisa.edu.au

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# Cryptic by *Lexi Conner*



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#### Across

- **1** Scan a stimulant associated with form of schizophrenia (9)
- **8** Fresh midafternoon start for auction avoids a disturbance (7)
- 9 Gradually destroy around half the fur (9)
- **10** Remained a has-been socialist? (3,4)
- 12 Crook man upset by sparkling wine (8)
- 14 Wood needed for gospel music (3)
- **15** Demand the right to assert as a fact (5)
- **16** Parchment fragments do not include map showing channel (6)
- 19 Is to touch down on Java or Sumatra (6)
- 22 Arrive at contribution to rare achievement (5)
- 23 Moisture expected as reported (3)
- 25 Flaunt in a manner suggestive of a trademark? (8)
- **26** Raw beginner poured garlic mayonnaise over five pieces of pasta (7)
- **28** Senior leaves shop displaying some clothes for washing (9)
- **29** Inactive substance put close to the heart of newborns (7)
- **30** Matched George's follower with a friend in a real sense! (9)

#### Down

- **1** Penélope mentioned a trip (6)
- **2** Time to replace military leader in mean irksome state (6)
- **3** Keating pursues questionable art on popular canvas (9)
- **4** Fastener fixed to bone edge to effect manicure (4,4)
- **5** Team had singular discussion of 1-down (4)
- **6** Ron abandons rough storylines to conform to a convention (7)
- **7** Seizes prisoner as forced entry is troubling a sect (11)
- 11 Border on a bar (4)
- 13 Delightful pearl usable if properly designed (11)
- **17** Formula One participant vehicle goes back and forth over bank (6,3)
- **18** Too much grog evidenced by paunch being overlarge (4,4)
- **20** Turkish city against oceanic boundaries adjoining harbour's entrance (7)
- **21** Distribute an indefinite amount (4)
- **23** Refine this informally spoken incomplete register (6)
- **24** Will's first to hit his limits of Kentucky bourbon (6)
- 27 Intrepid Olympians reveal a superstar (4)

#### **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

- Just a short note to thank for my prize cheque. I've had my eye on some books so I immediately placed an order. What a great club!

  Warren Allen
- Delighted at winning the Slot 3 prize for September. Many thanks!
- Thank you for all these wonderful puzzles which got me through a weekend of football.
- Very pleased to receive a copy of *Riddledom* for September Slot 1. Many thanks.
- · Thank you all.

Judy Schulz

Robyn Wimbush

Dave Parsons

Norma Heyes

• Thank you so much to all concerned for my Slots 1 to 5 prize – a very pleasant surprise.

\*\*Laurence Kennedy\*\*

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• At last I can replace my poor old falling-to-bits *Chambers Crossword Dictionary* with a new one. Many thanks to ACC for the slot 2 prize last month.

\*\*Tony Dobele\*\*

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• Thank you to everyone for an interesting set of puzzles as usual. I really enjoy the variety of puzzling clues which really stir up the lazy brain cells!

Jean Evans



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# Cryptic by Pentangle



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#### Across

- 1 Mobs bearing arms (6)
- **4** Prospect in country containing gold deposit (8)
- **10** Mean to declare how old you are (7)
- **11** Where operations are performed on the extremities housing heart disorder (7)
- 12 Place it in safe surroundings (4)
- 13 Fasteners to clasp queen's hairstyle (10)
- **15** Desensitised Jack to quit abuse with drugs initially (6)
- **16** Pimply Scottish butcher's tucking into the pastry (7)
- **20** Way too much alcohol is wicked in Cambodia just the opposite (7)
- 21 Live on the edge (6)
- **24** Sportsperson has permit to get into heat treatment after last month (10)
- 26 Complain about some practices being overturned (4)
- 28 Native can carry rocking beat (7)
- **29** Stand firm with cheeky family member kept inside (7)
- 30 Re-evaluate research about topless girls (8)

31 Decide to show hand in card game (6)

#### Down

- 1 Big names in spacecraft (8)
- 2 Stunned or clobbered by the sound of it (9)
- 3 Defence from Alamo attack (4)
- **5** Workers' organisation to amalgamate? Absolutely! (8)
- **6** Had a view from above but failed to see (10)
- **7** Stunt revealed when huge engagement is broken off (5)
- 8 Reluctant to swear to unlimited uses (6)
- **9** Find out about renal failure (5)
- **14** Puts back in control over government territories (10)
- **17** Fake qualification left out (9)
- 18 Plans to make public bars (8)
- **19** Finish off unopened poem's plot (8)
- **22** Redo it another way for the one who prepares the final version (6)
- **23** Electronic record of a day's march (5)
- **25** Firm support for a favourite with charmers (5)
- **27** Spoken history taken from depiction of rural life (4)

#### SOLVERS' COMMENTS continued from p10:

- Slot
- Great to see all the Latin words and phrases in the across clues. Very clever of Len to use them and have three of his 15-letter specialties.

  Robun Caine
- This was incredible with all those Latin phrases and took me back to wartime London when I was studying for my School Certificate.

John Baylis

#### Slot 2

- I think the clue to 6dn is rather unclear. It may imply that PARSEC is a unit of time, whereas it is in fact a unit of distance. Its value is approximately 3.26 light years or 31 trillion kilometres. *Denis Coates*
- 'Linesman' and 'ball boy' in the same grid must mean the tennis season is not far away. Robyn Caine
- $\bullet$  Looked relatively easy but it took me a long time to get PARSEC.

John Baylis

#### Slot 3

How lovely to have one of *Jesso's* puzzles in this edition. The 'cooky' variant is in *Chambers*, and it's nice to have that confirmation.

Robyn Caine

 Very entertaining with no nasty surprises and many clever clues that left one in no doubt.
 John Baylis

#### Slot 4

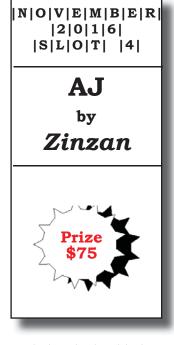
- I always enjoy the AJ. The fact that there were three 13-letter answers made this one just that bit more difficult.

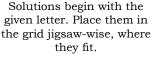
  Robyn Caine
- $\bullet$  This was a superb AJ and I have to give my COTM to ZEBRA CROSSING.  ${\it John Baylis}$

#### Slot 5

- Fancy having 'Nina' in a grid of this type! I loved the clue for 'pigskin'. Robyn Caine
- $\bullet$  Another clever puzzle with a good supply of unusual words to investigate.







- **A** Feeling no discomfort from a single AA battery? (9)
- **B** Offers to protect organised sport for children possibly (6)
- **C** Salt never originally got involved with rigged boat race (9)
- **D** The Exit Party takes over Norway's capital (7)
- **E** Wear tailored (or expensive) clothing back-to-front (5)
- **F** An intolerant person is consumed by radicalised facts (7)
- **G** Flash of lightning initially interrupts rescheduled game (5)
- **H** Cutting edge clearing house following 8th renovation (4,4)
- I Cops, when in distress, triple-0? No (8)
- **J** Nag an untrustworthy woman (4)
- **K** Calculus is regularly hidden in something very important to plans (6,5)
- L A small support rope restrains Betty Windsor (6)
- **M** In a soul-destroying act, values can overlap (6,3)
- **N** One can identify with someone at the entrance turned back (4,3)

- **O** As couples exited door, each laid a flower (6)
- **P** Use a little knife to relieve some blood pressure returning (7)
- Q Get wind of secret landing (4)
- R Members of the peloton overtake a Canberra-based team (7)
- **S** In succession, queens made a mess of leading the Church of England (8)
- **T** Little bit of egg missing from it, the stir-fry cooked one of seven days annually (6-5)
- **U** Deceitful relative misses a route oddly (6)
- V The most ineffectual relocation of natives (7)
- **W** Those who train with park officials go around lake (9)
- **X** Medical condition is subsequent to boxers (with black out) in a bad way (7)
- Y When you're this, no grey tousled fringes, underage originally (7)
- **Z** Large pipe repaired in intuitively simple aircraft (8)

#### Crossword Info from Derek Harrison (UK):

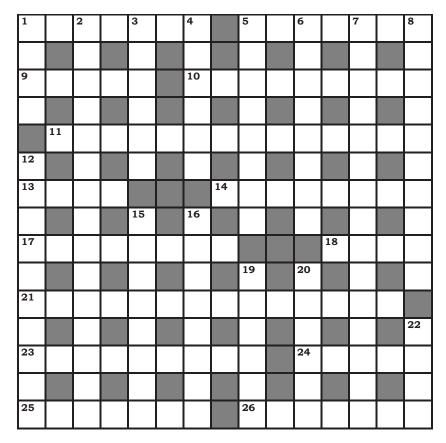
- 1. A new book, *The Joy of Quiz*, by crossword blogger Alan Connor will be published on 3 November 2016. This book should be a challenging collection by the man who devises the questions on *Only Connect* and would be an ideal Christmas present. Visit: http://amzn.to/2dMiuSs
- 2. Information has been received about a crossword game which is available to play for free both for iOS on the iTunes App Store and for Android on Google Play. The game is called *Cross Boss* and it is a competitive turn-based word game, which involves actual crossword solving, but with a twist. You can find out more at <a href="http://www.crossboss.com/">http://www.crossboss.com/</a>
- 3. Applications are now being accepted for contestants on the next series of *Only Connect* which is a fiendish quiz hosted by Victoria Coren Mitchell. They are now casting for a new series of *Only Connect* which will be filmed in March and April 2017 and are looking for new contestants to make up teams of three players who share a common passion, ability or profession, to pool their combined wits and knowledge to tackle fiendish conundrums and vexing puzzles. Teams consist of three members. However, individual applications can be made and efforts will be made to find others of similar interests to make up a team. It seems that teams with female members get preference as the majority of applicants are male. Send your application to *onlyconnect@parasolmedia.co.uk* before 21st December 2016. You can find out more about the show at <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00lskhg">http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00lskhg</a>

While Only Connect is not available via network or satellite TV in Australia it may be accessed via You Tube at the url: https://accessyoutube.org.uk/only+connect



Blue King





#### Across

- 1 Liberator ready for Caracas (7)
- **5** Marriage, to start with, is exploited and perverted (7)
- **9** Pass round American area? (5)
- **10** Write extensively about recording our most populous region (9)
- **11** Special oral inspection reveals moral care (2,4,8)
- 13 Old Asian capital from Skopje surrounds (4)
- 14 Study-fever for star of "The Lion" (8)
- 17 Unfortunately I misread "A Town Like Alice"? (4-4)
- 18 Present her primary expectation (4)
- **21** Head itched earlier with turn in rambling habit (4-10)
- 23 Adjustments to toys aren't allowed before judging (9)
- **24** Workers in endless garden work (5)
- 25 Birds with time for male meanings (7)
- **26** Forlorn or almost replete with charity (7)

#### Down

1 Swindle in bold type (4)

- **2** Hairy Scotsmen shorn with the French megafauna in the neighbourhood? (4,4,7)
- **3** Sense of flying bomb to Jerusalem (6)
- **4** Vale by Rafa's first newscasters (6)
- **5** Wrong young lady abducted on the phone (8)
- **6** We're inside wearing footwear and it rained (8)
- **7** Shows off supports on my property (6,4,5)
- 8 Ingrained oceanic shake-out (4-6)
- 12 Advisor tricks officer and soldier holding uniform (10)
- **15** Wife functions round short cut to a candle factory! (8)
- **16** Explorers picked up a crusty snack about listeners (8)
- **19** Switched on and changed gear completely on leaving (6)
- **20** Temper uniting queen with extreme aboriginal elements (6)
- 22 Our group intends to be healthy (4)

#### 2016 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 27 November 2016 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. If you would like to join us on this significant Annual Get-Together, kindly contact our Secretary. Bev's email is: bevco4@bigpond.com. Be there!!! Looking forward to meeting up again. Be there!

The Harold Park Hotel was built in 1888 and opened as the 'Centennial Hotel', before changing its name to the 'Lillie Bridge Hotel' in 1903 because of the Lillie Bridge Showgrounds opposite the site of the race track formerly known as Forest Lodge. The original hotel – a magnificent three-story structure – was destroyed by fire in 1959. During the '60s' and '70s' the hotel was known as a place where one could be heard. Politics in the Pub, Poets in the Pub were regular events. It was Sydney's Home of Comedy for most the '80s' and '90s'. Extensive renovations were undertaken early this century and the current building reopened in 2007. The Hotel was purchased in 2010 by Australia's first 5th generation Publican, William Ryan.



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#### Across

- 1 Sin confronts a holiday place for the czars (6)
- 5 Fellow left one carrying flag on diagonal (8)
- 9 A second anointing avoids time on diagonal (8)
- 10 A pair disrupted diagonal (5)
- 11 Turned except at diagonal (5)
- 12 Italian dish containing rich centre leads to picking with the fingers (9)
- **14** Understand getting nothing for five cabbage (5)
- **16** Shelter in hot grove (7)
- 19 Bachelor cooked kishke on diagonal (7)
- 20 Some predict backing for alcoholic drink (5)
- 22 TV mum and partner take half of dual diagonal (9)
- 25 Cut fruit (5)
- 28 A length behind record (5)
- 29 Leaders have not gone round diagonal (8)
- 30 A study goes into animal anaesthetic (8)
- **31** Constitutional rights at last to fish! (6)

#### Down

- 2 Rioted over gold on diagonal (6)
- 3 Old Vietnam raised divine food (5)
- 4 Articles about Greek character on diagonal (4)
- 5 Chinese 10 going up diagonal (5)
- **6** Kill a learner going up diagonal (2,3)
- **7** Grumpy mixed basil and rice (9)
- 8 Convertible burial-place announced for diagonal (8)
- 13 Reported 31 on diagonal (4)
- **15** Ruler of central 17 briefly followed remains on terrible diagonal (9)
- 17 Landmass with many a diagonal is brought up in articles (4)
- 18 Churchman's place has a kid caught in depravity (8)
- **21** Expecting nothing in final breakdown (2,4)
- 23 Live chap on diagonal (5)
- **24** Direction twice ignored in awkward confusion on diagonal (5)
- **26** One getting up on part of staircase (5)
- 27 Diagonal, not tall, has small hotels (4)

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#### **Ouotes about Crosswords:**

#### http://topfamousquotes.com/quotes-about-crossword/

- "I'm patient with crossword puzzles and the most impatient golfer." Brett Hull
- "When asked "What do we need to learn this for?" any high-

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#### Errata and corrigenda.

Denis Coates gained dots for slots 1 to 4 in September.

#### Explanations for clues in October 2016 grids

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

**Slot 1** *Crowsman.* **Down (only):** 1 BROOK(e) + LYN(n); 2 DO(L)OR + O + SO; 3 PAR + OLE; 4 COMP(l)ETES; 5 JAVAN< + O; 6 PAL + AVERS; 7 dd; 8 dd; 13 NU(IS)ANCE; 14 XVI inside ROUPS\*; 15 (EVICT + AN)\* + E; 16 TO RELATE, with R & L swapped; 18 ARREST\*; 19 HOT inside (in)DI(a); 20 RIP inside PUT<; 22 (sym)B(ols) + EVER<.

**Slot 2** *Nigrum Cattus.* **Across: 8** MA + GI, **9** UK + AS + E, **10** anag, **11** CORN (homoph cereal) + ER, **12** LINE (SMA) N, **13** (BLITZKREIG - GL)\*, **15** (COYPU + C)\*, **17** BA + LLB + OnlY, **19** Anag, **22** (HEREFORD - RD)\*, **24** anag, **26** anag, **28** P (I) RATE, **30** First letters, **31** AM + EER, **32** COCOa.

**Down:** 1 HAL + O, 2 BI + EN + NI (A) L, 3 QUART + Z, 4 GALLE (R) Y, 5 BEAN + POLE, 6 PARSE + C, 7 Z (ET) A, 14 I (MAG) E, 16 PUTT + O, 18 OFF + I + CIA + L, 20 ABS + homoph "Tracked", 21 REFER + EE, 23 E (NAME) L, 25 'UMP + 'IRE, 27 (COEVAL - CE)\*, 29 DD.

**Slot 3** *Jesso.* **Across: 1** GAEL + IC + FOOT + BALL, **10** BUS< + UR + BS, **11** ICE + BERG, **12** G + LUCK, **14** SHIFT + I + (SET)\*, **15** anag, **17** HAD + JIb, **18** RE + BUS, **20** A + B + DUCTING, **22** LOG + I + C + ALLY, **25** AU + DI + O, **26** rUN + I CO(R)N, **27** M + (RATTLE)\*. **Down: 2** hARBOURS, **3** hidden, **4** CA + SA'S, **5** O + PINIONED, **6** T (RE) AT, **7** A + HEX< + E (A) D, **8** LIGHT + NoddING +.

school teacher can confidently answer that, regardless of the subject, the knowledge will come in handy once the student hits middle age and starts working crossword puzzles in order to stave off the terrible loneliness."

David Sedaris

- "I enjoy walking my dog and completing crossword puzzles."

  Brian Jacques
- "But the other half of my motivation came from farther back in my brain, in the curious part that I inherited. It came from the spot in my skull that feels the burning need to unravel puzzles, finish crosswords, indulge in Internet games, and read all the mystery books I can get my grubby little paws on. Like it or not, need it or not, and want it or not, I can't leave a good mystery alone."

  Cherie Priest
- "Sorry, it's all those crossword puzzles I do. I love words..."

  Dakota Cassidy
- "But I'm really enjoying my retirement. I get to sleep in every day. I do crossword puzzles and eat cake."

  Derek Landy
- "At night his most frequent recurring dream was of doing *The Times* crossword puzzle; his most disagreeable that he was reading a tedious book aloud to his family." *Evelyn Waugh*
- "In the same way he's fascinated by crosswords, the puzzle of solving the murder is what drives him on." John Thaw
- "I get up, go and get a coffee, and go do the crossword I'm loyal to one particular paper, the 'Guardian' and that's my idea of a perfect morning."

  Laura Marling
- "....her life would be a giddy crossword, working down from some clues and across from others."

  Leif Enger
- "Wouldn't it be wonderful if I won a helicopter in a crossword puzzle competition? There is not much hope though I am afraid, as they never give such practical prizes." *Leonora Carrington*

Explanations for clues in October 2016 grids (cont'd) BOLTS, 9 AS + A + RULE + GENERAL (moved up), 13 K (NOB) S\, 16 IN + A + CL + INCH, 17 (EACH + L)\*, 19 BAG + PIPE, 21 IN + DU (L + G) E, 23 CO (OK) Y, 24 YESMEN, 28 RUGbys.

Slot 4 Valkyrie. A (tARTAr + N)\*, B (OTHER) ED, C Homoph check + sHOVe, D DISPERSE replace R with N, E hERS + A + T + Z, F reFeree, G (GREENIE + ACT)\*, H HO (T) HO + USE, I sIMPLE+MEN+T, J JE (ST) ER, K K + NITS, L replace O for I in LINERS, M MI + SAP + PLY, N N + tEXT, O O+C+E+A+NO+LOG+Y, P Homoph fill + ODES, Q eQUIPs, R RE + SID (U) ES, S S+QUILL, T T (ASS) IE, T TO (bILE) R, U UN (FASHION) ABLE, V Hidden, W (WOO DRAMA CELEB)\*, X X + AN (MOTH)\* A, Y Y + GO< + I, Z Z(E + BRA+ CROSS)ING.

**Slot 5** *KA.* **Across:** 1 z+end+a+vesta , **10** dd, **12** S.A.R. + ah, **14** dd, **15** it+er+ate, **16** et+hicks(hom), **17** ALP+h+a, **20** dd, **21** o+pus(s), **24** rev+rag+o, **26** chal (gypsy)encl (nne), **27** anag, **29** hidden, **34** ad+o+pt, **35** advent(ure), **36** pig's+kin, **38** aids-s+e, **40** hidden rev, **41** et(n)a +vessel, **42** dim+innuendo (hom).

**Down:** 1 zo(n)e+d, 2 pit encl eaph (anag), 3 homoph (none), 4 d(ra) in, 5 a + lack, 6 anag, 7 homoph, 8 rat (h) s, 9 c(heap)o, 11 incl, 13 rap (high praise) + leah(rev), 17 first letters, 18 lar + a, 19 q+ua+hogs, 22 s+nip(coil in rope), 23 rev, 24 f+(el)+(l)ini, 25 ddd, 26 coa(p)ts, 28 (p)odium, 30 GA + NG, 31 a(die)u, 32 fun dd, 33 anag, 37 hidden, 39 homoph.



#### October 1-2016: Half et Dimidium by Crowsman (Len Colgan).

- Loved this combination. Patricia Abbott
- Dulce et decorum est pro aenigmate vincere. Ian Thompson
- This puzzle has just justified the six years I spent studying Pat Garner
- A clever theme with a clever title to match. I really liked the subtractive clues for COMPETES and DHOTI and the clever reversal in NAVAJO. Brian Tickle
- Showing one's age when able to solve clues (let alone compile them) in Latin! Memories of school days! Eileen O'Brien
- Liked DHOTI very clever construction. Max Roddick
- Great start to the month. Thanks Crowsman. Ann Millard
- Shame I didn't do Latin at school. Enjoyed this very much.

Judy Schulz

- I amazed myself with how much Latin I actually knew. Very enjoyable. Ulla Axelsen
- Interesting enjoyable slot one. Roy Taylor
- Most enjoyable. 22dn was very clever. Loved all the Latin Bev Cockburn
- How very clever. Latin lives. Betty Siegman
- I struggled with some of the Latin phrases! Loved the clue for Anne Simons NUISANCE.
- Nea Storey Tested out my Latin!
- I used to teach Latin and was delighted to use some again. Thank you Crowsman. Robyn McKenzie
- Yvonne McKindlay Not too sure about 24ac.
- Sapere aude perhaps Len? Richard Skinner
- Great puzzle. Learnt some new Latin expressions.

Wayne Bradbury

- Roman with the Crowsman. Jim Fowler
- What a change for a theme and a startling number of Os in the grid! Michael Potts
- Wish I'd done Latin at school. Didn't think it'd be useful back then. Pat Lord
- Surprised how many Latin phrases I knew. Liked DHOTI. Rob Moline

• A great entertaining idea for a half and half puzzle. Glenda Lloyd

- Challenging puzzle but finally finished; correctly I hope. Favourite clues DHOTI and TOLERATE. Joan Smith
- A very clever use of Latin words; thank you. Barbara Ibbott
- · Most enjoyable. George Rolfe

#### October 2-2016: Cryptic by Nigrum Cattus (Ray Gooderick)

• I liked 19ac. A couple of minor quibbles: 11ac: The landmark is Speakers' Corner not CORNER. [Hyde Park Corner, where 6 roads (including Park Lane, Piccadilly and Knightsbridge) join is perhaps the landmark intended by the setter? - Adj 6dn: PARSEC is a unit of distance whereas the defining phrase "could take an incredibly long time" implies (to me) a unit of time.

Ian McKenzie

- Great theme and almost a pangram. Great clues too especially UKASE, BALL BOY, MUESLI and PARSEC. Brian Tickle
- A gentle recognition of the footy finals simple even for a non-believer like me! Pat Garner
- Brian Symons • Parsec is a distance not a time.
- Very enjoyable. Took a while to discover "ZA" for South Africa. Loved the "little fat boy" and "quartz". Is this a new compiler? [pretty new - see his bio at p4 of the June 2016 edition of Crozworld - Adj Eileen O'Brien
- PENALTY for COTM! Max Roddick
- Some new words for me. Tough but enjoyable.

Trish McPherson

- Good fun. Fairly straightforward once I got on Nigrum Cattus' wavelength. Ulla Axelsen
- · Some great clues. Loved PENALTY and UMPIRE.

· Quite a hard one. Loved kibitzer and quartz.

Bev Cockburn

Robyn Wimbush

- Great clues especially 9, 11, 19 and 32ac & 14, 18, 20 and 25dn - difficult to choose COTM. Anne Simons Nea Storey
- Very clever clue for UMOIRE.

· A few great clues and I enjoyed BALLBOY after I stopped thinking about palace officials. Robyn McKenzie

- A very "Sporting" puzzle. Do I detect a liking for the real football? I counted seven references to soccer plus a few more sport related answers. Richard Skinner
- OVAL was a tricky one COEVAL was new word to me.

Michael Potts

• 21: Query apparent as a homophone indicator. George Rolfe

#### October 3-2016: Cryptic by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

- I liked the clues for GLUCK and YEMEN. Brian Tickle
- Again impressed with the nonchalant way our clever compilers introduce places like Hecla or Patriarchs! And "Lar" and then "Lara" popping up in slot 5! Eileen O'Brien
- Clued as only Jesso could! Max Roddick
- This was quite tough for a slot 3. Brilliantly set *Jesso*.

Ian Thompson

• I found this really challenging. Had difficulty tuning into it.

Ann Millard

- · Great to still have the occasional entry from the "OLD MASTER"! Bev Cockburn
- An easier puzzle than #2; Martlet is a guess; never heard of this bird. [in both Chambers and Macquarie - Adj]

Yvonne McKindlay

- Very enjoyable with some great clues. Glenda Lloud
- · LIGHTNING BOLTS was a flash of brilliance and my COTM. How many more Jessos do we have left? Quite a legacy.

Michael Potts

#### October 4-2016: AJ by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen)

- Nice to see an innovative grid even though it caused two T Len Colgan
- Another enjoyable challenge from Valkyrie. I enjoyed the clever letter-swapping techniques used in the D and L clues.

Brian Tickle

- · Always enjoy these puzzles and hopefully all correct. Took forever to work out why "toilers" until I realised I had been tricked by the comma! Eileen O'Brien
- Often you get the answer then see how the clue works and it's always spot-on! Max Roddick
- · So many great clues including TOILER, MISAPPLY and HOTHOUSE! Thank you. Ann Millard
- TASSIE was a surprise. Liked BOTHERED and the clueing of ZEBRA CROSSING. Bev Cockburn
- Robyn Wimbush • The Ts took some time!
- W took a long time. Second T was last & have fingers Anne Simons crossed.
- Rather liked the Z clue. Richard Skinner
- Took a while to place the answers in the grid. Very enjoyable puzzle. Liked the I and Z clues. Joan Smith
- ZEBRA CROSSING was my favourite here. Michael Potts

#### October 5-2016: Cryptic by KA (Karl Audrins)

- My favourite clues were OPUS and ETNA. Brian Tickle
- · Couple of newies to add to my vocab! Enjoyed.

Eileen O'Brien

- · Liked FARRAGO and DIMINUENDO. Max Roddick
- Went flying through this and then came to a rapid stop. Some new words for me! Ann Millard
- A few unusual little words made this a bit tricky but fun.

Ulla Axelsen

• Enjoyed doing this puzzle on a two-hour train trip: no time to get bored. Favourite clues OPUS, RAPHAEL and ODIUM.

Joan Smith

• Whew! What a lot of clues. My favourite was 21ac OPUS!

Bev Cockburn

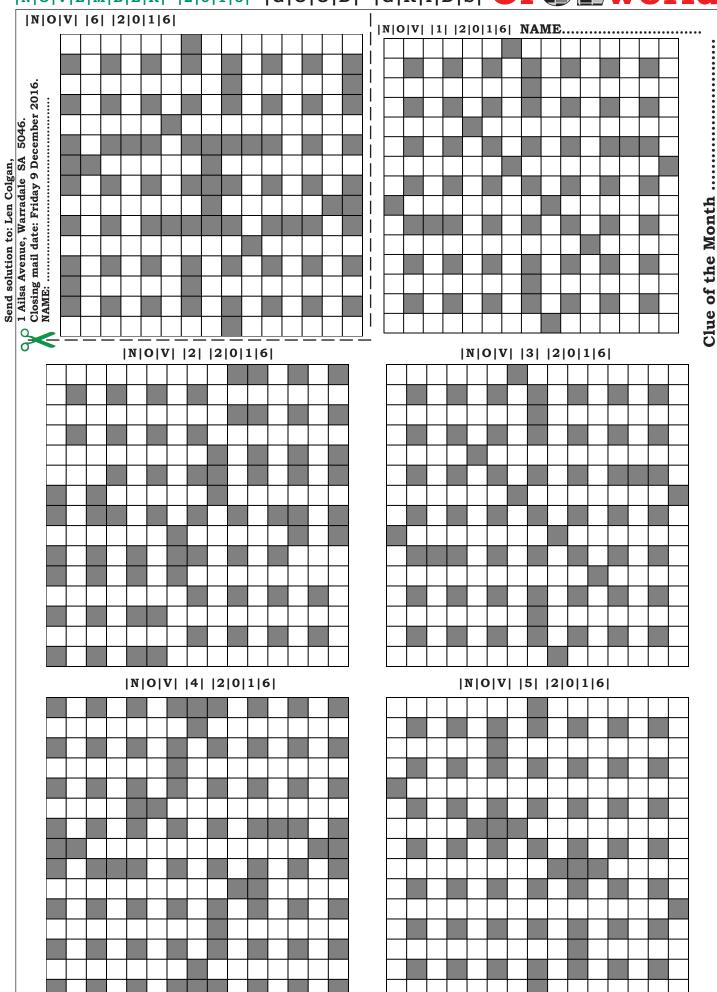
- That's the only NINA I've found! Robyn Wimbush
- An enjoyable challenge. Anne Simons
- Rather liked 11dn BISE. Clever and germane word play! Richard Skinner
- Great thrill to complete this puzzle as 24ac gave me so much trouble. Solving this clue was the answer! I hope!

Glenda Lloyd





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September 6-2016: Cryptic by Hot and Cold (Jenny: the letters of the word "trestle". H & C Wenham and Ian Williams)

Entries Received: 73. Correct: 63. Success Rate: 86%. Winner: Sonia Roulston. Congratulations!

#### Adjudicators' Comments:

Who knew that there were 3 places in Yorkshire - SOMERBY, MORESBY and ORMESBY that are anagrams of "embryos"? Certainly not us, or we would have written a different clue! The main error in this one was LIQUERS instead of LIQUORS from 6 solvers. Thanks, as always, for the lovely letters, comments and cards. -Jenny Wenham & Ian Williams

#### Explanations to clues.

The theme is Alice and characters and words created in those books by Charles Lutwidge Dodson (Lewis Carroll).

Across: 8 G + A LUMP + HINGe, 9 DO + DO, 10 (YE + GLUT)<, **11** anag, **12** dd + dd, **14** SN + ARK, **17** BR (ILL) IG, **19** BEAM + HIS\*, **22** ALI + CE, **24** cd, **27** homoph "daw" + MOUSE [also jackdaws have reputation of taking things], 29 LAW< + RUS [IVR], **30** heads, **31** JABBER + WOCK.

 $\textbf{Down: 1} \ \, \text{hidden, 2 anag, 3 S + PRY, 4 homoph "lickers", 5}$ AGA + IN, 6 JO in A DIN, 7 O + DIN, 13 cd, 15 SAR<, 16 dd, **18** tReStLe, **20** MU + D + F + LOWS [met], **21** anag, **23** CA (M) BER, 25 LA (UN) for R CH, 26 OUI + JA, 28 (XY + NO)<, 29 WRENch.

#### Solvers' Comments:

- Who would have thought there would be three places (SOMERBY, MORESBY and ORMESBY) in Yorkshire that are all anagrams of 'embryos'? Oh, the pain! Len Colgan
- An old friend of mine (my mother) shared it with me from a young age. GYRE gave the game away. Pat Garner
- How very clever to weave in so many Carroll words; and not all found in a dictionary. Alice was the first book I ever owned; I have it still and love it dearly. Thank you so much Jenny.

Betty Siegman • Excellent grid; only a couple of dodgy downs. ONYX gave

GYRE which gave GALUMPHING: game over. Certainly helped by knowing the first verse of Jabberwocky – but not the later ones. TULGEY a guess. Liked the GALUMPHING clue best. Rob Moline

- Difficult but satisfying tribute to Lewis Carroll. VETS a very clever clue! Nea Storey
- Loved this. Had to Google and guess....not all characters were from ALICE in Wonderland as I'd assumed. Pat Lord
- It's a long time since I read Lewis Carroll so this was a real reminder. Not too difficult once the progenitor was discovered although there was a need to recheck some spelling!

Richard Skinner

- Thought this was very clever. Hate to admit how long since I read Lewis Carroll. Not sure of a couple of my answers but enjoyed the experience. Eileen O'Brien
- · A joy to do with all those wonderful characters.

Sue Robertson

· What a lovely romp through Alice! Thank you.

Robyn Wimbush

- I hadn't heard of some of these characters but have finally filled in all the blanks. Anne Simons • The world of crossword solving is a Wonderland; full of quirky
- pleasures such as this. Kath Harper • What a delightful puzzle; full of my favourite Lewis Carroll
- characters and words! I have the "Hunting of the Snark" on a CD and love it! Bev Cockburn
- I learnt much more about Lewis Carroll and his strange words. The last I got was BRILLIG. Roy Taylor
- I loved this puzzle if only because it gave me a reason to explore the Snark poem again. Lewis Carroll certainly contributed some colourful gems to our language.

Maureen Blake

• O frabjous crossword! 18: Isn't 'over' redundant? [Perhaps, but its absence wouldn't give the same sense of hopping over

George Rolfe · I found this very tricky and took ages to find the "progenitor". Thanks for the challenge. Ann Millard

- Thanks for bringing me back to the wonderful work and words of Lewis Carroll. Very enjoyable. Ulla Axelsen
- Absolutely frabjous! Max Roddick
- Hilary Cromer Theme puzzles are always enjoyable.
- Caroline Mackay-Sim What a lovely theme!
- An enjoyable theme requiring me to do a fair bit of Googling. Ian Thompson
- A wonderland indeed. Jim Fowler
- How clever was this! A trip down memory lane thanks.

Alison Martin

• This puzzle made me re-read 'Alice'. I'd forgotten how clever Lewis Carroll was and more satisfying to read as an adult.

Yvonne McKindlay

- · Great theme! I knew all the nonsense words but did not realise GALUMPHING was a Carroll coinage. Michael Potts
- The spell-checker had a bit of a problem with some of these words! Susan Howells
- I enjoyed your delightful puzzle, thank you. It brought back happy memories from many years ago. MERC slowed me down a bit. I hope it relates to the obsolete MERCEDE: "hired for a wage" (MERC is an abbreviation of mercenary in Chambers.
- A brilliant puzzle that I really enjoyed, although it had me stumped for quite a while. However, I lived in the Far East for over 20 years including 15 in Hong Kong and when I directed my attention to 31ac the word WOK (as we used to spell it) came to mind and it all began to make sense. It was great fun and many thanks. John Baulis
- · A very clever puzzle. I was stuck for some time with SOMERBY instead of ORMESBY. Bob Hagan
- · Thank you for providing such an interesting and unusual crossword. I'm not sure which one of you compiles the answers in the grid and the other writes the clues, but together you compose an excellent puzzle. (It's a truly collaborative effort, *Graeme.* We work out the theme and grid together then share the clue writing. *H&C*) Graeme Cole
- · Loved it! William Ryan
- · This puzzle, with all the glorious Lewis Carroll words, was an absolute jov. Robyn Caine
- Thank you for this I really enjoyed a good old fashioned Jill Freeland theme!
- Thank you for a fun puzzle. I loved the "Alice in Wonderland" Jean Evans theme.

#### Some Lewis Carroll Quotes:

- If you don't know where you are going, any road will take
- If everybody minded their own business ... the world would go round a deal faster than it does.
- Everything has a moral, if only you can find it.
- It's no use going back to yesterday, because I was a different person then.
- I know who I WAS when I got up this morning, but I think I must have been changed several times since then.
- Never imagine yourself not to be otherwise than what it might appear to others that what you were or might have been was not otherwise than what you had been would have appeared to them to be otherwise.
- Begin at the beginning and go on till you come to the end: then
- Curtsey while you're thinking what to say. It saves time.
- Speak in French when you can't think of the English for a thing.
- It's a poor sort of memory that only works backwards.
- It takes all the running you can do to keep in the same place.

Read more at http://www.notable-quotes.com/c/carroll\_lewis. html#Zr3iirRDc38UwaFI.99



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Now the Other Direction by Crowsman

Prize \$75

One answer is common to both Slot 6 and Slot 7 puzzles.

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Closing mail date: 9 December 2016.

#### Across

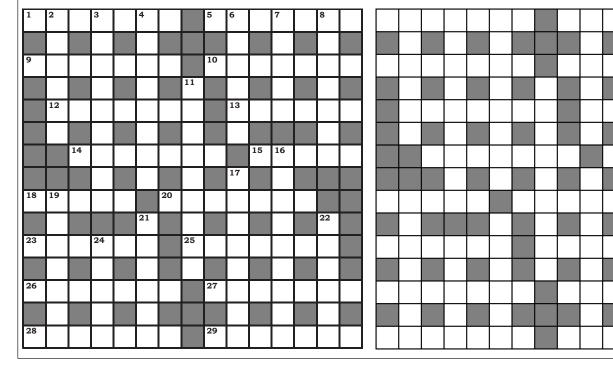
- **1** Bishop abandoned wayward biblist, one on diagonal (7)
- **5** High hotel on diagonal (7)
- 9 Union leader at centre of one-day bedlam on diagonal (7)
- 10 Medication to control bleeding for typist affected with cold (7)
- 12 Exhaust gas has king withdrawing from Indonesian island diagonal (7)
- 13 Without love, lows get lower on diagonal (6)
- 14 German confirmation: US President heard on diagonal (7)
- 15 Bridge flanks current where Manzanares River flows through diagonal (5)
- 18 Morning person on diagonal (5)
- 20 Shy about breaking rank on diagonal (7)
- 23 Sees parking in meadow (6)
- **25** Rascal learning to beg (7)
- **26** Leave doctor again! (7)
- 27 Casino built around one diagonal (7)
- 28 Left university with an inhabitant from diagonal (7)
- 29 First aid provider, second on diagonal (2,5)

#### Down

- 2 Head of battle station division (6)
- 3 Wild bull trapped Jack Wendt, perhaps, on diagonal (9)
- 4 I steamed cooked salt pork (4,4)
- 6 Ascending on mutual terms, but fall? (6)
- **7** Stone is under circuit (5)
- 8 Carriage wears new sash on diagonal (7)
- 11 Left twice with French agreements on diagonal (4,5)
- **16** To cut into obscene film, swear briefly on diagonal (5,4)
- **17** Part of preparation for battle, buckle is not contracted! (3,5)
- 19 Piece of music for cold-hearted villainous doctor (7)
- 21 A Kazakh abandoning his country over a diagonal (6)
- 22 Left before rising commotion produces injury (6)
- 24 Samson ends, harbouring anger for Delilah (5)

#### **ROUGH COPY**

#### GOOD COPY: Name ......





#### Quiz No 11/2016

#### Quiz 11/2016. Back to Front by KA.



The answers are obtained by reading the second half of the clue first. All one-word answers are complete words in *Chambers* or *Macquarie* but are not associated with the words of the clue. Word lengths are given for each component in the order of the complete answer and they are in alphabetical order. Example: Left wind (3,4). Answer: Airport.

Send your answers to Karl Audrins, 10 Elizabeth Parade, Charlestown NSW 2290. email: karlishane@optusnet.com.au

Closing Date: 9 December 2016. Prize \$75.

#### by KA

1	Create tune (3,5)
2	Dance headquarters

3 Past burden (5,4)

**4** Reserve a time (3,4)

**5** Common supplement (5,8)

(4,4)

**6** Hurries to dismiss (4,5)

7 Look after a thousand (5,6)

8 Fine worker (4,4)

**9** Team batting (2,4)

**10** Sink sailor (4,3)

**11** Forest monarch (4,4)

**12** Ignite alkali (4,5)

**13** European is allowed (3,4)

**14** Laudable information (4,6)

**15** Well is polluted (3,6)

**16** Harbour permit (4,4)

17 Rodent muscle (4,3)

**18** Test water (4,5)

**19** Drop drug (4,4)

**20** Best list (5,3)

21 Conceal below (5,5)

22 Indicate scene (4,5)

**23** Play air (4,4)

**24** Amorous kiss (6,1)

**25** Bird noise (3,3)

**26** Girl's pimple (3,3)

#### Results of Quiz No. 9/2016. Communications by *Fortuna 48* (Nea Storey)

No of entries: 39. Percentage correct: 56%.

Winner: Robyn Wimbush. Congratulations!

Results: 30: P Abbott, W Allen, M Blake, R Caine, R Carpenter, B Cockburn, J Fowler, P Garner, B Glissan, B Hagan, D Jones, J Leigh, C McClelland, A Miles, A Millard, S Pinder, M Potts, A Simons, P Smith, B Tofoni, K Watt and R Wimbush. 29: K Audrins, J Crowe, R Gooderick, S Howells, A Martin, F Martin, I Mason, T McPherson, P Mercer, E O'Brien, M Procter, M Roddick, B Symons, R Skinner and R Taylor. 28: C Wilcox. 26: G Cole.

#### Answers:

1. BLU-RAY 2. Blog 3. Bulletin 4. Cable 5. Coconut Wireless 6. E-mail 7. Facebook 8. Fax 9. Grapevine 10. Internet 11. Junk mail 12. Loud hailer 13. Mass media 14. Micophone 15. Morse Code 16. Newspaper 17. Pager 18. Radio 19. Signing 20. Skype 21. SMS 22. Tannoy 23. Telegram 24. Twitter 25. Very Light 26. Voice Mail 27. Web site 28. Wireless 29. Xerox 30. Zip Code.

**Adjudicator's comments:** Apologies for reversal of Nos. 1 & 2, and incorrect letter-count for No. 3. Fortunately, these errors did not seem to deter members, and the quiz was well received. A frequent error was SIGNAGE for SIGNING = putting name to paper. (Signing is a means of communication for the deaf.) Others missed COCONUT WIRELESS. —**Nea Storey** 

#### Solvers' comments:

• Interesting and enjoyable! Pat Lord

• It was quite a challenge with some unusual answers.

Bob Hagan
 A great quiz! Ann Millard
 Another interesting one. Barbara Glissan

• A fun quiz. Coconut wireless was new to me. Liked clues for 9 & 16.

Anne Simons

• I really enjoyed the quiz: yours are always excellent.

Julie Leigh

• Thanks for another great quiz. If I am right the first 2 are out of order and 3 has 8 letters.

Brian Symons

• Thoroughly enjoyed this quiz. Very imaginative.

Trish McPherson

• Being a bit older .... helped a bit here with answers such as Very Light and Tannoy. Nice to answer a quiz with virtually no need for references. I think I first heard of the Very Light when reading Biggles!

Richard Skinner

• Thank you for the hard work and another intriguing puzzle.

\*\*Robyn Wimbush\*\*

• Enjoyed the quiz. No.1 took forever to work out and is so good. Took forever because I couldn't get past "manta" being a cloak! Talk about mindset!

Eileen O'Brien

• I enjoyed doing this puzzle. Claire McClelland

• A lot of fun to do! Max Roddick

• It was an enjoyable challenge. Ken Watt

Your clues made it a lot of fun. Ron Carpenter
A none-too-easy quiz which took me longer to complete than I expected. I enjoyed the challenge and applaud your ability to produce great quizzes on a continuous basis! Bev Cockburn

• Interesting and different. Maybe should have included "snail mail"!

Marian Procter

• Another top quiz! Thank goodness you gave it a title or I would have had trouble doing many of the clues. Many fine clues eg, 4, 7, 9, 15 & 29.

\*\*Graeme Cole\*\*

• Always enjoyable! Julie Crowe

• A most interesting puzzle. Very Light gave me the most trouble as I had not heard the term before, and I loved the clue for Skype.

Maureen Blake

• I'd not heard of a coconut wireless but now I know it's a Hawaiian #9.  $Warren\ Allen$ 

• Your quiz cleverly combined a trip down memory lane and a tour of the lesser-known modern replacements! I enjoyed dredging the memory banks.

Alison Martin

• Thank you for your innovative quiz. Doreen Jones

• Another interesting quiz. Some of these answers really bridge the decades and centuries. Frank Martin

• I hope my solution is better than just a 'medium' effort!

Andrew Miles

A great quiz – a lot of brainwork, not too much thesaurus.
 Michael Potts

 Amazing how many ways there are to communicate and so many ways to misunderstand, and as many ways to mangle the language.
 Jim Fowler

• A very entertaining quiz. Robyn Caine

• This was fun and didn't need the Internet. Susan Howells

• Find a few challenging and 25 had me totally foxed.

Cheryl Wilcox



September 7-2016: Cryptic by Zplig (Dover Dubosarsky)

Entries 65. Correct 57. Success rate 88%.

Prizewinner: Andrew Patterson. Congratulations!

#### Adjudicator's comments

Thank you to ACC community – your complimentary messages are very kind and humbling. It was lovely seeing the ACCOLADE messages and receiving all the kind letters in the mail. I considered this grid quite difficult and that seems to have been a common comment – although most of you were able to solve it so it can't have been that difficult! One common mistake was NICKS instead of NECKS: perhaps these were New Zealanders pronouncing NEXT differently.

Explanations: Across: 1 HM inside BRAS + AND + LISZT (list heard), 10 MAT(e) + HS, 11 (MEANS)\* after NICK, 12 (LEOS SIN)\*, 13 OR inside STAGE, 14 SHARK K-->P, 16 (SERBIAN)\* inside US, 19 (r)ITE +RATING, 20 D + RAFT, 22 (FOR SALE)\*, 25 CD, 27 ZUMA inside GAPING minus A, 28 B + LAME, 29 Cryptic definition.

**Down:** 2 (EARL)\* around ATION, 3 T(h)E after HAS, 4 (AS COUSINS)\*, 5 NECKST(NEXT HEARD) minus T, 6 L N + DO< around AND OF, 7 ABS< around A (buxo)M, 8 TES(Tess heard) + TE(a)RS, 9 S + MILE + S, 15 PERM around RAY, + T around A, 17 (DEBUGGERS)\*, 18 S + TALE + MATE, 19 L(ocking) L(oopy) O(ld) +GI inside IC (from ICU), 21 (SHE MET)\*, 23 ANC around ZA, 24 specIFIC Style< &lit, 26 UM + A(h) around BR.

#### Solvers' comments

- Loved the Brahms & Liszt clue! Patricia Abbott
- Thank you Dover; a great puzzle. I loved 9dn SMILES. (I hope)

  Betty Siegman
- Tricky, needing a thinking adjustment. Liked the COCKTAIL SHAKER and the verbs turning to nouns like HASTE.

Rob Moline

- Love a challenge and this was it. Glad we don't have to give reasons for our answers! Pat Lord
- No way could I work out Brahms and Liszt. Luckily I found it in a list of synonyms. NOW I get the clue for Brahms; but Liszt??

  Nea Storey
- Well, last time there was a slot 7 I forgot to submit it. All that work for nothing!! At least I've got that right this time but as for the puzzle itself...? Richard Skinner
- A couple of lucky guesses helped early on. Anne Simons
- Some pretty complex clueing here (e.g. 1ac; 6dn) so I hope I've deconstructed them correctly.

  Kath Harper
- Lot of excellent tricky clues here! Roy Taylor
- I found this difficult. Started well but am not confident about the finished article.

  Ann Millard
- ullet Some clues left me a bit baffled to begin with but I think I worked them out in the end. Ulla Axelsen
- LIONESS was a very neat clue. Michael Potts
- Quite hard I thought and I have my fingers crossed over several answers especially necks! Robyn McKenzie
- • Some excellent clues including 4dn-SANS SOUCI and 11ac-NICKNAMES.  $Bev\ Cockburn$
- Very entertaining and can't wait to see the answers!

Robyn Wimbush

• Loved the clue for 'Brahms and Liszt'. Lots of other good ones too making for a very enjoyable puzzle. Many thanks.

Robyn Caine

- Thanks again, Dover, and all the best. Looking forward to another of your puzzles.

  Graeme Cole
- Outstanding! Loved the cerebral workout fell for a couple of traps for young players as you can see. Makes it even more exciting! Cheers! P.S. Loved 1ac. William Ryan
- A most entertaining puzzle that I greatly enjoyed, although 9dn held me up for a long while at the end not being an SMS user. I felt that it must be SMILES and it was only after I accidentally turned the page through 90 degrees that all became clear.

  John Baylis

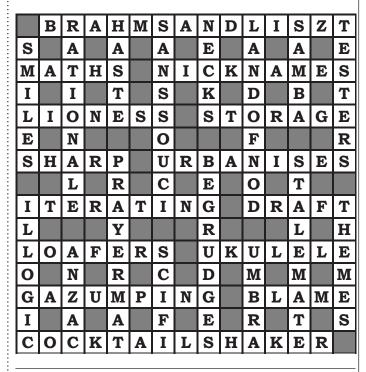
- Herewith my offering for your very challenging Slot 7. 4dn caused me a few headaches. Most enjoyable. Bob Hagan
- Thank you for your quite challenging Slot 7. I found UKELELE before I found UMBRA, so I had to check the spelling. I've never seen UKULELE before. COCKTAIL SHAKER was very well clued and I love the word HAZUMPING. More, please.

Gabrielle Leeds

• Some really clever clues in Slot 7. 1ac - brilliant.

Odette Greenberger

#### Solution to September 2016 Slot 7 puzzle



#### **LEXOPHILIA**

WHO ON EARTH DREAMS THESE UP? A lexophile of course!

- · Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
- · How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.
- · England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
- They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a typo.
- I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
- This girl said she recognized me from the Vegetarian Club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- When chemists die, they barium.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- · Why were the Indians in USA first? They had reservations.
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- Broken pencils are pointless.
- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
- I dropped out of communism class because of terrible Marx.
- I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- Velcro what a rip off!
- Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last.





# Results of the Clue Writing Competition September No 5/2016. Write a clue for DRONE (5) Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.

#### Definition from *Chambers* (12<sup>th</sup> edition):

 $\boldsymbol{n}$  the male of the honey-bee; someone who lives on the labour of others, like the drone bee; a lazy, idle person; a deep humming sound; a bass-pipe of a bagpipe; its note; a pedal bass; the burden of a song; a monotonous speaker or speech; an aircraft piloted by remote control.  $\boldsymbol{vi}$  to emit a monotonous humming sound; (with on) to talk at length in a monotonous or expressionless way.  $\boldsymbol{vt}$  to say in such a tone [OE dran bee, but the quantity of the a is doubtful, and relations obscure: perh from Old Saxon]

Before I launch into *drone*, I must apologize to Robyn McKenzie for inadvertently omitting her clue for *moonshine* last month. I've added its adjudication as an addendum to this report.

It seems that wherever one looks these days, whether as a toy, a weapon of war or a transporter, drones are making their presence known. These various applications and definitions have also given rise to some excellent clues. There was a healthy number (17) of clues this month but, by a bee's hair, the winning clue comes from **Ulla Axelsen**, who is making a habit of winning. Well done Ulla! **Queen's lover arranged to seize king!** (5)

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

#### A maker of central Madras honey \*\*\*

This month we start with an &lit style clue, where the entire clue serves as the definition. The solution comes from the centre parts of maDRas and hONEy. Technically one could also have to consider adran, but checked letters (and common sense) would lead to drone without too much trouble. I would have given an extra star if central Madras honey was genuine, but alas it doesn't appear to be.

#### A modern weapon of uncanny mixed ordnance \*\*

This clue had plenty of potential but its subtraction anagram doesn't meet the criteria. While *mixed* is a perfectly valid anagram indicator, the use of *uncanny* to remove CAN is not. To be accurate, the parsing would have to be *uncan*, but obviously that wouldn't work as the word isn't real. The definition works well.

#### Bee found in garden or daffodil is partially upside down \*\*\*

This is a rare hidden clue with *drone* found in *garden or daffodil*. The indicators are perfectly accurate, albeit relatively obvious. With clues like this, where one can use *any* word that ends in EN and another that starts with D, it's worth taking the time to find the most fitting words. The compiler has done a fair job here, although another flower ending in EN (cyclamen perhaps) would have topped it off.

#### Bee starts to dive right over new edelweiss \*\*\*

A simply parsed clue that takes the initial letters of the last five words as correctly indicated by *starts to*. The surface reading is not too bad.

#### Doctor is on drug thinks he's a bee \*\*1/2

This is the funniest clue this month. The parsing is perfect (DR+ON+E) and it flows like...honey. The linkage, *thinks he's a*, while hilarious, is sadly just a tad too wordy and superfluous for classic clue.

#### Doctor Love needing directions with buzzer \*\*\*1/2

This is a simple charade clue with DR,O,NE. It's accurately parsed with no superfluous words. The definition fits nicely with the context of the clue, although depending on whether the professional is Doctor Love or Doctor of Love, that context is open to diverse interpretations.

#### First ranked medico is a lazy person \*\*\*1/2

This is a play on Dr. One (first ranked). It works quite well, even if *first ranked* is a little forced, as one would normally want to say *top-ranked*. A question mark is also worth consideration here, but I haven't marked it down for not having one.

#### Head medico is a sponger? \*\*\*\*

This compiler has also decided to play with *Dr. One*. In this case the

comical definition, with the addition of a question mark to indicate a degree of lateral thinking, gives this clue a slight edge.

## $\mathit{Hum} ext{-dinger}$ , gee! one knockout with nothing needing change $^{\star\star 1}\!\!\!/_2$

The definition, *hum*, is cheekily disguised as part of a hyphenated word at the start of the clue. Unfortunately, *humdinger* is not a hyphenated word so I suspect this has been done to aid the solver. The solver is then required to remove G and I from *dinger*, add O, and then make an anagram. The parsing is satisfactory, but the flow and context of the clue needs some tweaking.

#### Ignored missing soldier and scrambled plane without a pilot \*\*\*

This is an anagram of *ignored* without GI *soldier*. It's a minor quibble but the removal relates to IG, so some reference to a 'retreating' soldier is necessary. Otherwise, the rest of the clue reads superbly and the definition is cleverly disguised.

#### Lazybones takes short road up on final stage \*\*\*

With *lazybones* serving as the definition, drone is parsed from a DR *short road up* with *on* and the letter E *final stage*. It works quite well, although I would have tried to fit in the more accurate *end of race* or something similar to parse the letter E. Good surface sense.

#### Lazybones was finished without really starting \*\*\*1/2

This second *lazybones* clue places DONE around the letter R *really starting*. I love the surface reading as it paints an apt picture of someone who's less than busy.

#### Low hum about Queen and a Spanish Gentleman \*\*

This is a somewhat unorthodox clue as it contains an indirect anagram of ER and DON, as indicated by *about*. Indirect anagrams should be avoided as they can be awfully difficult, if not impossible, to solve. However, if there was ever a case to argue where such a clue has a place, then perhaps this is one, as both ER and DON are derived from relatively standard synonyms.

#### Medic is aboard English aircraft \*\*\* 1/2

This is a lovely charade-style clue that simply joins DR, ON and E. The compiler has maintained a sensible surface reading.

#### One may be busy or idle \*\*\*1/2

This clue is essentially a double definition. What sets this one apart is the opposing definitions of a *busy bee* and *idle*. Of course, as was pointed out to me by someone more observant than I, a drone is not your nectar gathering 'busy' bee. That's not to say a drone doesn't do other things, but the solution is referring to the industrious nectar-gathering bee.

#### Queen's lover arranged to seize king! \*\*\*\*

This is a great clue. The parsing is straightforward – DONE *arranged* around R *king*. While the word *lover* is evocative and adds to the royal intrigue, it is arguable about whether a bee *loves* or *mates*. Who knows? Either way, it's a fine clue and a worthy winner.

#### The Queen orders return of unmanned aircraft \*\*1/2

This hidden reverse clue (queEN ORDers) is indicated by the word return. This accounts for the reversing, but doesn't take into account that the fodder is contained within. Something like 'ordering a partial recall' could work. Ideally, the 'the' at the beginning of the clue should be avoided, as it doesn't apply to the fodder or the definition.

#### Addendum - Clue for Moonshine

# Natural light reveals pit containing mix of oxygen, nitrogen, sulphur and Holmium $^{\star\star\star}$

The elements of this clue, both chemically and literally, work well. Essentially it's *mine* containing the chemical symbols for the various elements listed. I'm no chemist, so I don't know if these four elements can coexist in a pit, but the clue reads so well, I could easily believe so.

#### Clue Writing Competition No 6/2016

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