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It is well to remember that grammar is common speech formulated.
W Somerset Maugham, 1938, *The Summing Up*, Ch. 13.

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RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2018!

The Annual Membership subscription for 2018 has remained at \$45 for the paper copy but the e-CroZworld only costs \$35. There have been increased costs associated with printing and posting CroZworld via Australia Post. We hope that the present postage costs will not be changed in 2018, but it's quite possible that they will. This makes the receipt of e-CroZworld a better alternative and much quicker not to mention the environmental issue of less paper usage. Why not opt for the email version in 2018?

We have been thrilled with the excellent number of renewals of membership for 2018. And we have received some very generous donations to the Prize Fund for 2018. The New Year promises to be a year full of complexity and puzzlement. If you would like to join in the fun see the flyer enclosed in the September CroZworld (or for those who receive e-CroZworld, p13 of that issue) together with some useful information for renewing members for 2018. In order to maintain the plentiful level of prizes, we hope you will be more than generous with your donation to the ACC Prize Pool 2018.

Puzzleman **Ian Williams** has another masterly selection of puzzles for you this month. Included are some of your favourites *InGrid*, *St Jude*, *Manveru* and *Valkyrie*. The skilful puzzlers *The Mythics* have contributed another fine Cryptic in Slot 5. And the accomplished *Crowsman* has devised two excellent puzzles in Slot 6 and 7 titled *Checked versus Unchecked* and *Unchecked versus Checked* and *Valkyrie* has contributed another one of her outstanding Quizzes. Michael Kennedy has provided another excellent Clue Writing Competition.

Best of Luck with your solving. Happy CroZworlding.
—Patrick

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An interesting and challenging lot of puzzles this month. How much easier is adjudicating now. Many thanks Ian and Roy for your valued assistance.

Slot 1:

Very few mistakes – mainly misspells or typos (eg coricle, adandon, dorian, beseach). AGITATE was accepted for animate.

Slot 2:

Again spelling was a culprit (eg amneotic, dionysis) but the month's biggest devourer of dots, 27 in fact, was SCILLA for SCYLLA – ignoring the "sounds like" indicator of broadcast.

Slot 3:

This gem of a cryptic caused surprisingly little distress. Only backwash and crushing blows and misspells of margarine.

Slot 4:

Uramyl, mackintosh and log rolls/snailtrail were some of the few mistakes. Only a small number of members commented on the little setting error for the R clue. Apparently ACCOLADE hated this puzzle as it is reorientable.

Slot 5:

By far the most difficult puzzle this month. BINDI/CITRUSSY lost 9 dots and PENTATHLETES lost 14 to HEPTATHLETES as it has done in the past as I recall (exercise PT in warm up HEAT followed by anagram of LTHESE).

COTM:

As usual, a broad spectrum of nominees, especially from slot 3, but the winner was SCRIBBLE from slot 5. Congrats *Flowerman* (Ian Thompson).
—Brian Symons

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	89	90	85	90	71	425
Correct entries	73	54	78	84	40	329
Success rate (%)	82	60	91.8	93.3	56.3	77.4
Prizewinners	Yvonne McKindlay	Rob Milton	Odette Greenberger	Sally Knight	Max Roddick	from 95 members

Prizewinner: October 2017 Slots 1-5: Robyn McKenzie. Congrats!

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October 1-2017

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October 2-2017

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October 3-2017

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October 4-2017

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR OCT Slots 1-5 & SEPT Slots 6 & 7

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Abbott P.	.	.	.				
Alexander J.	.	.					
Allen W.
Anderson C.			
Audrins K.
Axelsen U.
Barnes J.
Barrett A.				.			
Baylis J.				.		.	
Blake M.
Caine R.
Carroll L.			.	.	.		
Coates D.			.	.			
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Cole G.						.	
Colgan L.
Collins M.							.
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Cowan M.					.	.	
Cromer H.
Crowe J.
Dennis M.	
Dobebe T.
Ducker R.
Evans J.
Fowler J.
Freeland J.					.	.	
Garner P.
Glissan B.
Gooderick R.	
Grainger D.
Greenberger O.
Hagan B.
Hagan R.
Halkyard P.					.	.	.
Hambling C.

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

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Patterson A.
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Potts M.	
Procter D.
Procter M.
Pyc M.
Roddick M.
Rolfe G.
Roulston S.
Ryan W.	
Siegman B.
Simons A.
Skinner R.
Smith J.
Steinberger M.							.
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Symons B.
Taylor R.
Taylor S.
Thompson I.
Tickle B.
Wenham J.
Wilcox C.
Williams I.							.
Williams K.
Wimbush R.
Wood J.
Young A.

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Half and Half
by
InGrid



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Across

- 1 Marvel (7)
- 5 Crashed (7)
- 9 Put off (5)
- 10 Stupid (9)
- 11 Environmental charge (6,3)
- 12 Arrange (5)
- 13 Appointment (4)
- 15 Close call (4,4)
- 18 Office equipment (8)
- 19 Standard (4)
- 22 Musical (5)
- 24 Rotating device (9)
- 26 Destroy (9)
- 27 Bait (5)
- 28 Rags (7)
- 29 Adjust (7)

Down

- 1 Short comedies about doctor (6)
- 2 Slow insect, or whatever slows it down (9)
- 3 Leave after vehicle shipment (5)
- 4 Being old is strained, it's said (9)
- 5 Address fight after a half of port (2,3)
- 6 Presenter mainstay of staff (9)
- 7 Icy cold glide bizarre (5)
- 8 Choppers or high rollers perhaps? (6)
- 14 Stress points around unfortunate mishap (9)
- 16 Spongy muscles, or warped? (9)
- 17 Abandon secure bush (9)
- 20 Chopped up softer trees (6)
- 21 Late flight caused photo problem (3-3)
- 23 Hot cider holds back regulation (5)
- 24 Catches broken parts (5)
- 25 All musically disapprove of note (5)

Slots 1-5: Joan Smith, 4 Morley Avenue, Rosebery NSW 2018.
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Closing mail date: Friday 8 December 2017.

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Cryptic by St Jude



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Across

- 7 Trick pipe of navy friend, who is like a tentmate (13)
- 9 Dobbing in inner rings of two-up at Westfields? (8,7)
- 10 Key imitation of flight (6)
- 11 Sharpen way to become straightforward (6)
- 12 Clamor liberated chaotic political party (7,8)
- 14 Emblem of Australian roofing? (6)
- 17 Before Commonwealth of Independent States generated summary... (6)
- 18 ...it starts stockpile with organic pencils to form pedestrian's safe passage (7,8)
- 20 Pedants initially horrified by whiffs of soft rubbish beginning to stink (13)

- 2 Strike servant after pots overturned (8)

- 3 Destroy ex-student who can read and write (10)

- 4 Accent on shoe (6)

- 5 Willow deal (4)

- 6 Solidifying underground rock god assumes name (6)

- 8 Strata-One yogi evolves to a fixed place above the earth (13)

- 11 Gay-hating man expressed disgust in an old fashioned way to current member of Board of Control (10)

- 13 Nothing drunk in Canadian tribe until preservative created (8)

- 15 Announce attempt to get on top of blood alcohol level of the community (6)

- 16 Take up and hold (6)

- 19 Gold given to god may presage seizure (4)

Down

- 1 Refined but adulterated (13)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thank you so much for my September Slot 5 prize! And such beautiful calligraphy too.
- Very enjoyable as well as maddening!
- Thanks muchly for the Slots 1-5 prize.
- Thank you for my prize for last month's Slot 3. A lovely surprise.
- It was a very pleasant surprise to receive the prize of \$75 for Slot 1 for September; thank you. I really look forward to receiving my puzzles each month.

*Christina Lee
Kathy Horadam
Andrew Patterson
Robyn Wimbush
Claire McClelland*

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Mr ACCOLADE (Roy Low) has developed enhanced facilities to assist members to pay subscriptions and make donations to our prize fund via the website. We believe that the use of the facilities is explained on the site but, as ever, we'll be happy to receive any feedback. The new facilities are now available if you click on the Membership button on our home page www.crosswordclub.org.

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by
Manveru



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Across

- 1 Sprayed a mowed field (6)
- 4 Gardens with fruit trees or vegetables (8)
- 10 Here I am with my guns exercising! (9)
- 11 Licensed learner drivers take a long time when reversing (5)
- 12 Pitch new interpretation of Cats (4)
- 13 In other words, public transport doesn't have one delayed departure at the commencement (10)
- 15 Camels, for instance, are part of Islam in Arabia, when looking back (7)
- 16 Solar, for example, needs entropy to stop after day's end (6)
- 19 Tear-jerkers in Spanish for instance (6)
- 21 Invoice, with one subject to a lot of dollars (7)
- 23 A prince with power is needing attention before article on church's emergence (10)
- 25 Elf does not require public relations in this place (4)
- 27 Grand perhaps, in eighty-eight notes? (5)
- 28 Admission of a go-between perhaps, stashing millions is urgent (9)
- 29 Boxing game very one-sided with Tom, Dick and Harry (8)
- 30 A cult infiltrated by pastor to find a point of view (6)

Down

- 1 Criminal maniac takes US soldier hostage to become a necromancer (8)
- 2 Embassy getting behind a Democrat to get right of access (9)
- 3 It's found in the sea with carbon deficiency, it's said (4)
- 5 Jogs around mere, not quite to the end, in 500 seconds (7)
- 6 With no hope, priest in Hades gets directions – sneaky (10)
- 7 Ceremony, we hear, is the done thing (5)
- 8 Greens from South Australia left bill with leader of senate (6)
- 9 Load Kindle with book section and threads (6)
- 14 Political party meeting a Conservative at test venue (10)
- 17 Treat ailment with iodine, drug, or ice? (9)
- 18 Natural thinner needs source of energy before mixing (8)
- 20 Channel broadcasting Wimbledon, for instance (7)
- 21 Bill of exchange incorporating European company with money to change (6)
- 22 Stokes getting plenty in test (6)
- 24 Spell *perturb* out loud (5)
- 26 Poems with hidden messages? Don't start! (4)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS/MEMBERS FOR 2018:

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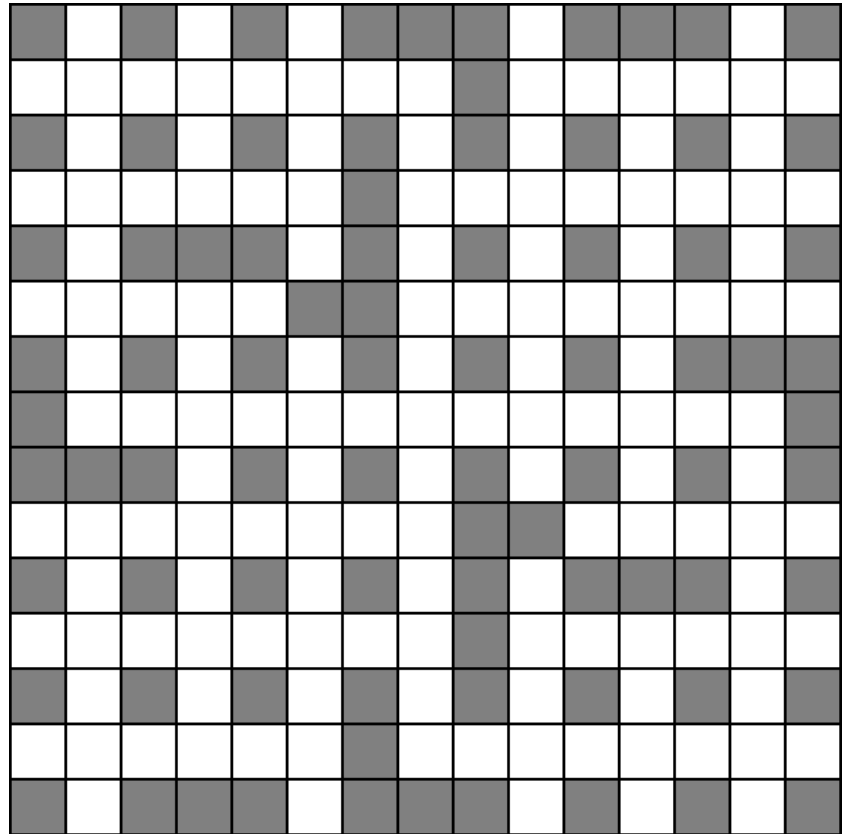
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AJ
by
Valkyrie



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



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| A Promotion qualifier abridged with time (6) | N Carol and love god turn up to game (8) |
| B One down in the dumps found behind broken-down cottage (8) | O Stare impertinently at the face of girl wearing an expression of triumph (4) |
| C Enact amendment following study into a confusing chain of events (13) | P Somewhat over-the-top Sal Mineo song (5) |
| D Deny the truth of hell, a start to lawlessness by wicked (8) | Q Pound sister with college gossip (8) |
| E Unbounded hell encapsulates unnatural craving on a large scale (6) | R Queen Eleanor changed name for son – one giving up in law (8) |
| F Tricky, unfair clue mostly about a string (9) | S Provocatively secretive cover for drug team (6) |
| G Worriedly evaluating removal of inlet tree (5) | T Took in Model A pick-up and repaired end (8) |
| H Building partner? (9) | U Free Britain to incorporate no harbouring leaders of hostile organisations (6) |
| I At home I forsake yen for sin (8) | V Make public opening with one out of office (9) |
| J Jockey is primarily just a short horseman (6) | W She exposes the French bachelor after silent, dirty look (7-6) |
| K Well-groomed English politician got into knot (5) | X Say old short liturgy for celebration (4) |
| L Sugar unfortunately loses value lacking tasty centre (9) | Y Yobbishness limits alpha males inside residences with offices (6) |
| M Old-fashioned communications nearly all sound bad (8) | Z Head of zoo gets piece of land with Yankee currency (5) |

Reading the OED by Ammon Shea, Viking, 2007

- **Quaesitum** (n.) *The answer to a problem; the thing that is looked for.*
It is a proven fact that if you use a big fancy word like *quaesitum* to describe your silly everyday problems it will be much more satisfying to solve them.
- **Quag** (v.) *To shake (said of something that is soft or flabby)*
Why is it that the most powerfully evocative words almost always evoke powerfully unpleasant images? The *OED* specifies that *quag* is an onomatopoeic word which can be found to be terribly disturbing.
- **Quisquilius** (adj.) *Of the nature of garbage or trash.*
From the Latin *quisquillae* (rubbish, trash) *quisquilius* is quite a fancy word for such a decidedly unfancy concept.
- **Quomodocunquize** (v.) *To make money in any way possible.*
A number of odd and fantastic words in the *OED* seem to have been either first used or popularized by Sir Thomas Urquhart. When reading the citation that the *OED* uses to illustrate his word, it is hard to understand why we do not commonly use more of his favourite words. Even if you have no real idea what his meaning is, the sentiment is unmistakable and beautifully indelible: "Those quomodocunquizing clusterfists and rapacious varlets".

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Cryptic <i>by</i> The Mythtics


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Ten solutions are of a kind and are not separately defined.

Across

- 8 Footless wineglass (4)
- 9 No art missing from radiotelephonic works (10)
- 10 Love outfit by fashionable source! (6)
- 11 Collections include rook and swan (8)
- 12 The church, including the queen, sound like complainers (8)
- 14 Northern willow is more fragrant (6)
- 16 Maybe it's a radish grub (4)
- 17 Storage facilities for forty-nine in emergency (5)
- 18 Small Dutch cigar (4)
- 19 The short note is first, indicating constrictions (6)
- 21 Bag reservations (8)
- 23 Time to take European rail system to Lesotho (8)
- 26 Drama surrounded retrospective (6)
- 27 Not true until a huff is resolved (10)
- 28 7's not this! (4)

Down

- 1 Newly-weds to hold gold back on way to military facilities (10)
- 2 Foreign embargo on Thailand fruit (8)
- 3 Participate with sweetheart accepted at home (4,2)
- 4 Some dishonest husbands are like this (4)
- 5 Instruments found in autocar in a saleyard (8)
- 6 Dissenters' club for Liberals (6)
- 7 Commercial with sex appeal to entrance (4)
- 13 Seals swimming to sources of cash (5)
- 15 Poles put Cecil in Parliament, it's rumoured! (10)
- 17 Fastener found in short piece similar to 25 (8)
- 18 Retiring group is to remain with crosswordclub.org and Google perhaps (8)
- 20 Hot rugby champ regularly found at centre of wheel (6)
- 22 State to retain old Latin (6)
- 24 Northerners have no female locals (4)
- 25 Author leaving European capital to obtain furniture (4)

2017 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 26 November 2017 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!



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Across

- 1 A cocktail with quantity occupying low volume (7)
- 5 Cold held up turning in (7)
- 9 Number 2 comes after first in street (5)
- 10 Ridiculing racist broadcast (9)
- 11 Act like a prostitute – very lawful? (7)
- 12 All-inclusive information has US citizen abandoning a man (7)
- 13 Partly taking food from host Norm while one is accommodated by Hebrew (13)
- 16 Understands about how to seal an oil well – allocates new funds! (13)
- 20 Fielder feeling dizzy (4,3)
- 21 Too awkward in oven for large weight (7)
- 24 Spaces available for moving at heights, second to front (9)
- 25 Send watch back! (5)
- 26 Remains without University lodges (7)
- 27 Gnarled Northern male escapes from being sectionalised (7)

Down

- 1 Failures involve uranium wastes (7)
- 2 Tied up, also (5)
- 3 On the rise, Shorten goes around in hip-length garment (5)
- 4 Guest provides it in shade (7)
- 5 Soups mellow in containers (7)
- 6 Rain burst split part of flower around time of delivery (9)
- 7 Confectionery having grain in seedy coils? (9)
- 8 Is it found in derelict? (5)
- 14 Soaks servicemen gathering by (9)
- 15 Thought about being without small stole (9)
- 17 Low fracture turns up around old temples (7)
- 18 Abduct boy recruits (5,2)
- 19 Spanish chap clutching at politician (7)
- 20 Clerk’s manicurist? (5)
- 22 Drew made judgements, but swapped sides (5)
- 23 Sri Lankan dog protects master (5)

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Members' Comments continued from p10:

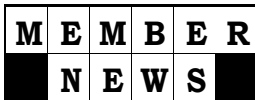
October 4-2017: AJ by Bogeyman (Ian Williams)

- A tricky grid with almost half the solutions having six letters made this quite a challenge but the many fair and clever clues also made it very enjoyable. *Brian Tickle*
- Still pondering my answer to T. Thanks for a good workout. *Ulla Axelsen*
- There are some great clues here; especially for VALIDATION and WOLF. By symmetry there are two solutions so I picked the first X and W for the across answers. I am concerned about R though; since I got RISIBLE+A for the cryptic but only RAISABLE fits the slot and definition [Apologies to all solvers on that clue – "risible" is such a nice word and the incorrect construction slipped under my guard while I was admiring it - B]. *Kathy Horadam*
- R clue: Wordplay appears to give the invalid spelling RAISIBLE cf. correct spelling of RAISABLE required to fit the checked letters. H word: I cannot understand the wordplay ["hymeneal" with the removal of two Es (notes) - B]. T word: again I have difficulty with the wordplay: a reference to CAME(L); a tailless animal? *Ian McKenzie*
- Some quibbles with P and R clues. *Tony Dobe*
- This grid made placement harder than usual. If RAISABLE is right, clue seems wrong. What does "molar" mean in URANYL clue? [L is given as an abbreviation for "molar latent heat" in Chambers which seemed to add to the chemically-related surface reading - B] *Roy Taylor*

October 5-2017: Cryptic by Flowerman (Ian Thompson)

- I liked the smooth story-telling surfaces of the clues for TERMITES and EXTREMIST. *Brian Tickle*

- I reckon both BINDI and TERATOGENS (COTM) have rare @lit clues. I would have nominated BINDI if it had been a Down clue; then absolutely brilliant! *Len Colgan*
- Some unusual words made this a challenge. Really liked SCRIBBLE. *Ulla Axelsen*
- A quality puzzle. 9ac I don't understand how the wordplay generates the "leaf" component of INTERLEAF. *Ian McKenzie*
- A nice bunch of clues; 13 the pick of the crop. *Ray Gooderick*
- Hmm; TERATOGENS – an &Lit anagram clue? Wonder how many will get it right. *Tony Dobe*
- Excellent puzzle with a few tough words. *Roy Taylor*
- Unsure of my answers here as I found several clues obscure; eg 1dn, 10ac, 12dn and 'film' for 'mist' in 14dn. Others very ingenious; eg 23dn, 26ac and 18dn. *Kathy Horadam*
- I learned some new words in doing this puzzle. Thank you Flowerman. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Some really nice clues; especially the &lits BINDI and TERATOGEN. *Rob Moline*
- Not sure about 10ac. *Warren Allen*
- Found this one very tricky so here's hoping. I do look forward to these puzzles each month and appreciate the work of those behind the scenes. *Norma Heyes*
- A bit of hopeful finger-crossing with this one. *Kath Harper*
- Great clues. Gave SCRIBBLE my COTM. *Bev Cockburn*
- I liked 23dn (BR)OLGAS and 17dn SUSPECTS. *Ann Millard*
- Lots of hard work but worth it! Liked NAWAB and HEPTATHLETES. *Max Roddick*
- Liked CITRUSSY (had to look up uglis). Thank you Ian. *Robyn Wimbush*



VIP Message from Bev Cockburn

In relation to those who will be attending the Get-Together at William Ryan's wonderful location on Sunday 26 November 2017, we are able to inform you that Shirley Wilson has kindly given us **all** of Roy Wilson's library of crossword-related books to dispose of as we wish. Some can be used as prizes but others can be made available to those at the luncheon to take. Sounds like a very Special occasion and those in attendance will be very fortunate indeed.

Are You a Word?

- Alan: a breed of hunting dog named after the Alan people.
 - Anna: a former Indian coin.
 - Ben: an inner room.
 - Bill: to charge for goods.
 - Carol: to sing merrily.
 - Daphne: a flowering shrub with poisonous berries.
 - Deb: a debutante.
 - Graham: whole-wheat flour.
 - Harry: to harass.
 - Henry: a unit of electric inductance.
 - Jack: to hoist with a type of lever.
 - Jean: denim.
 - Jill: a unit of liquid measure equal to ¼ of a pint.
 - Ken: to know.
 - Marge: a margin.
 - Martin: any of the type of bird also known as a swallow.
 - Maxwell: a unit of magnetic flux.
 - Nick: to make a shallow cut.
 - Rick: to stack hay, corn or straw.
 - Rob: to steal.
 - Roger; the pirate flag.
 - Spencer: a type of sail.
 - Ted: to spread for drying.
 - Terry: a soft, absorbent type of cloth.
 - Timothy: a Eurasian grass used for grazing.
 - Tom: the male of various animals.
 - Tony: stylish.
 - Warren: an area where rabbits live.
- from *Is That a Word?* David Bukszpan, Chronicle Books, 2012

Quiz No 11/2017: by Valkyrie.

Answers to the following all have something in common. They are in alphabetical order. Send your entry to Ulla Axelsen, 6 Maud Street, Donnybrook, QLD 4510. e-mail: ullaaxelsen@hotmail.com Closing date 8 December 2017. \$75 Prize.

- 1 Pants (8)
- 2 Forgiveness (8)
- 3 Belief (8)
- 4 Obstruction (9)
- 5 Establish (8)
- 6 Swindle (6)
- 7 Cove (6)
- 8 Dominated (9)
- 9 Hussy (7)
- 10 Fish dish (8)
- 11 Key (6)
- 12 Variety (6)
- 13 In spite of that (12)
- 14 Hang on (9)
- 15 An island in the Persian Gulf (5)
- 16 Brilliant (11)
- 17 Cutback (12)
- 18 Marshal (8)
- 19 Platter (8)
- 20 Something outstandingly good (3,4,5)
- 21 Pinnacle (6)
- 22 Affluent (4-6)
- 23 Sweet-talk (7)
- 24 Vessel (5)
- 25 Toadies (3-3)
- 26 Fine woollen material (6)

October 1-2017: Almost Half & Half by Pentangle (Brian Tickle)

- Personally I would not use the concepts in 14dn and 15dn in which both secondary indicators explain how some other word can be derived from the answer via a letter swap. I strongly prefer the answer being obtained from some other word via the inverse letter swap. Nevertheless, a superb puzzle with a number of exemplary clues. *Len Colgan*
- In both 14dn & 15dn the wording to me suggests substitutions contrary to what is stated. Enjoyable puzzle all the same. *Ulla Axelsen*
- A bit tougher than average for slot 1 – and most enjoyable. *Ian Thompson*
- I found some of the acrosses more opaque than the downs; so hope my guesses are correct. I liked TURKEY and GANG UP. *Kathy Horadam*
- Clever construction and cluing. Tricked me for a while in a few areas. *Roy Taylor*
- I couldn't decide between agitate and animate for 32ac and they both fitted [both acceptable - Adj]. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Liked the giant Asian drinking bear, the doctor's kinky underwear and the simple 29dn. A bit dubious about which letters are being substituted in 14dn and 15dn. *Rob Moline*
- Some good clues – especially 3dn (cudgel) and 26dn (design). *Catherine Hambling*
- A good introduction to the month's puzzles. *Robyn Caine*
- This was quite a workout. Liked DURIAN, TIBETAN, TURKEY and DRAWERS. Thanks Pentangle! *Max Roddick*
- Just right for Slot 1. *Ian Thompson*
- 20dn TURKEY was a great clue. The last one to find. Harder than the usual Slot 1? Was for me. *Ann Millard*
- Thank you Pentangle. A good start. *Robyn Wimbush*

October 2-2017: Cryptic by JAXA (Jack Alexander)

- I enjoyed this first offering from JAXA and look forward to many more. *Brian Tickle*
- Really liked this even though it caused a few raised eyebrows. Some nice misdirection – euro for roo, ossify a hidden. Not so keen on obscurities clued as anagrams (cough cough...) PUNCTILIO in [my puzzle in] June) – had to look up KOL NIDRE. *Rob Moline*
- Not being experts or anything....but we enjoyed the clues in this crossword. Thank you. *Julie Leigh*
- My favourite clues were for RAFFLE, ANALECTS and VIVALDI. *Len Colgan*
- Welcome JAXA. Really enjoyed your puzzle; thought 6dn was very clever. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Lovely to see a new compiler. Thank you Jaxa. *Robyn Caine*
- Very nice! I liked VIVALDI and especially SCYLLA; but isn't there an 'I' missing from 6dn? [no – see comment below – Adj] *Kathy Horadam*
- The 'mandar in chinese' clue was quirky and fun. *Tony Dobebe*
- Enjoyed; good clues. Liked WORMHOLE. *Roy Taylor*
- I enjoyed this – several new words for me here too. *Julie Crowe*
- I just had to give my COTM to a Latin reference! I enjoyed the many classical references in this puzzle. Thank you JAXA. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Great start JAXA – and I loved the VIVALDI clue. *Nea Storey*
- Welcome to JAXA. *Eileen O'Brien*
- Enjoyed this puzzle – 26ac ANALECTS – very good clue. *Catherine Hambling*
- What an epic journey; from classical Greece to the far reaches of outer space. Well done JAXA! *Kath Harper*
- 16: Broadway = Oklahoma is very tenuous. There has not been an Oklahoma production on Broadway for a long time. 1dn: Dodgy surface 'Cooler kung-fu level??' *George Rolfe*
- Liked AMNIOTIC, KOL NIDRE, VIVALDI and SCYLLA. *Max Roddick*
- Interesting puzzle. *Ian Thompson*
- Some great clues. I especially liked 19dn GURKHA. *Ann Millard*

October 3-2017: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

- Crowsman's latest puzzle was flop tight according to Spooner. My favourite marrowsky was keen bird/BEAN CURD. *Brian Tickle*
- Spoonerisms are my least favourite clues but I quite enjoyed that. Best was probably the poor old Crows; the day after their most embarrassing performance of the season. *Rob Moline*
- Thanks Len; what fun! I love Spoonerisms. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Superb puzzle of consistently well-constructed clues with several COTM candidates. *Ian McKenzie*

- Durned Spooner uncovered – hopefully! *Ray Gooderick*
- Definitely a challenge and a lot of fun; thanks! FELSPAR was good. *Kathy Horadam*
- Can you get a more entertaining crossword than this? How on Earth did you construct it? Could give COTM to several clues; but chose CRUSHING BLOWS. *Roy Taylor*
- What a fun puzzle from Len. Blushing crows gets my COTM as I love the concept. *Robyn Caine*
- A pox on all Spoonerish clues! *Karl Audrins*
- That was a lot of fun – somewhat challenging but got there in the end! *Patricia Abbott*
- Groaned when I saw the number of Spoonerisms; but eventually worked my way through them. *Trish McPherson*
- This was so much fun! I found myself dreaming in Spoonerisms! *Robyn McKenzie*
- What fun! Some beautiful Spoonerisms. Thank you Crowsman! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- Good fun to do. I've never seen so many Spoonerisms! *Julie Crowe*

- Spoonerisms generally defeat me; but having got past the initial mental block I got into the swing of these and quite enjoyed them. TOUCHDOWNS had me stumped for ages as I was looking for Broadway hits. So I gave it my vote for COTM. *Nea Storey*
- In ranking October's puzzles #3 fame cursed: it had so many cute blues. *Ian Mason*
- What a wonderful puzzle and such fun to do. Several words deserve clue of the month – have chosen BEANCURD. *Hilary Cromer*
- Brilliant as to be expected! Great fun. Thank you Crowsman. *Eileen O'Brien*
- A good puzzle; as one would expect from Len but has he gone a bit soft? *Jim Fowler*
- Another creative puzzle from Crowsman – liked 8ac. *Catherine Hambling*

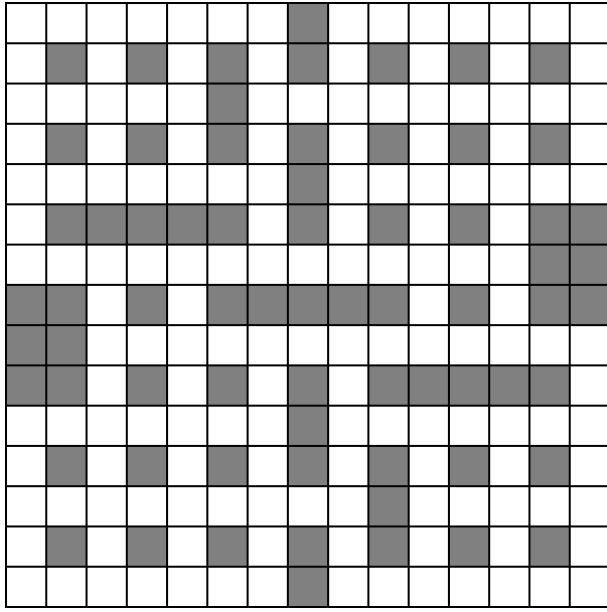
- Challenges by the Spoonerful! *Kath Harper*
- Spots of Luna! What a puzzle! Liked NARNIA, TANGLE and of the featured group POURING WITH RAIN. *Max Roddick*
- I really have trouble with roona spisms! *Bev Cockburn*
- A remarkable effort to get so many Spooner clues into the one puzzle. *Ian Thompson*
- Wow! You have done it again, Len. From KEEN BIRD to BEAN CURD; and so many other wonderful clues. Brilliant!! Can I have a POTM? *Ann Millard*
- Extremely clever and a pleasure to solve. I have never seen so many spoonerisms in one puzzle. *Doreen Jones*
- Where do I start? I'm still laughing about some of them and as for a COTM; maybe bean curd; pouring with rain; log books – too many! Beautiful Len. Thank you. *Robyn Wimbush*
- I mean, I like Spoonerisms but there is a limit! Trust Len to come up with this one. *Richard Skinner*

October 4-2017: AJ by Bogeyman (Ian Williams)

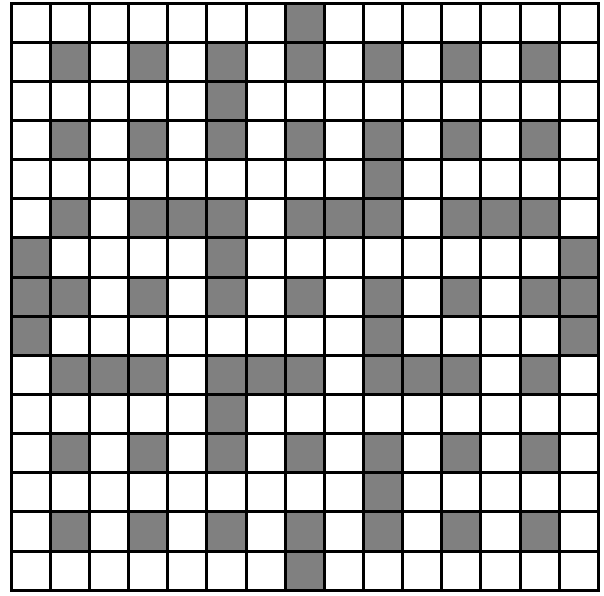
- This puzzle always a goodie. Liked E – no toast! *Eileen O'Brien*
- Battered fish; indeed. Other groan-worthy cryptics included O and B. Maze reminded me of Bobby Sands – 1970s? Had to guess a few: R, T, one W. Also guessed H; but later deduced the unknown word HYMENEAL. *Rob Moline*
- I hope ACCOLADE can cope with a puzzle that seems to be solvable in two orientations. I'm taking a chance on RAISABLE although I couldn't find RISABLE in any dictionary. *Kath Harper*
- I don't understand R, S or T! *Warren Allen*
- An enjoyable AJ. Loved the Z clue and the second W clue (that was very clever) *Barbara Ibbott*
- Tricky grid! Will ACCOLADE cope? *Bev Cockburn*
- I found this quite a challenge. I struggled with 2 or 3 clues; which made word placement very difficult! I'm not at all confident of h, r and t! *Julie Crowe*
- RAISABLE appears to required a misspelled "risable" for it to work. *Ian Thompson*
- P: pecking and Peking are pronounced differently. Peking is stressed on the second syllable. As the answer is Peking the phrase "we hear" must follow 'Looking into'. W: Very weak clue. *George Rolfe*
- Loved the 'wolf' clue. *Hilary Cromer*
- Some great clues but placement was an interesting challenge. *Ann Millard*
- Liked BECALME, JOISTS, WOLF. *Max Roddick*



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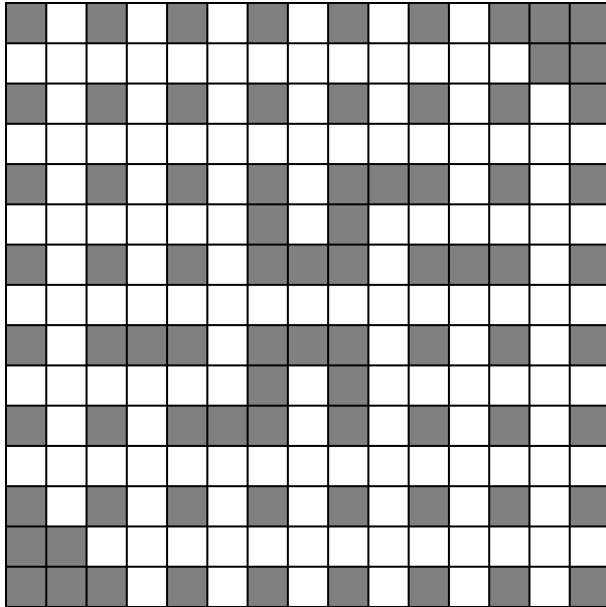
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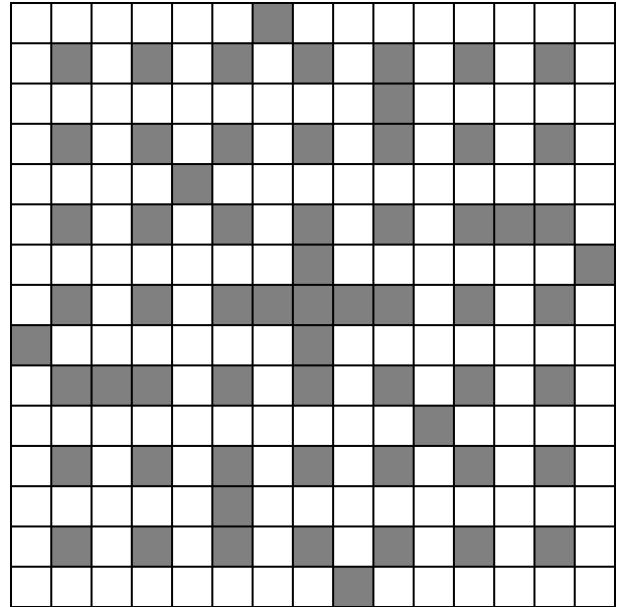
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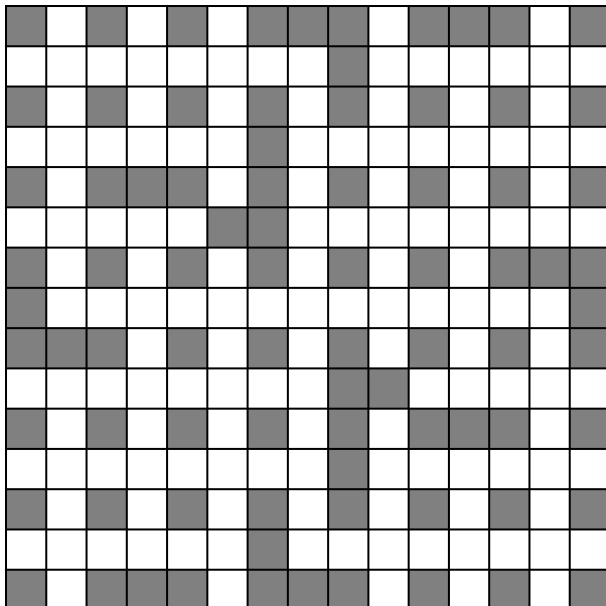
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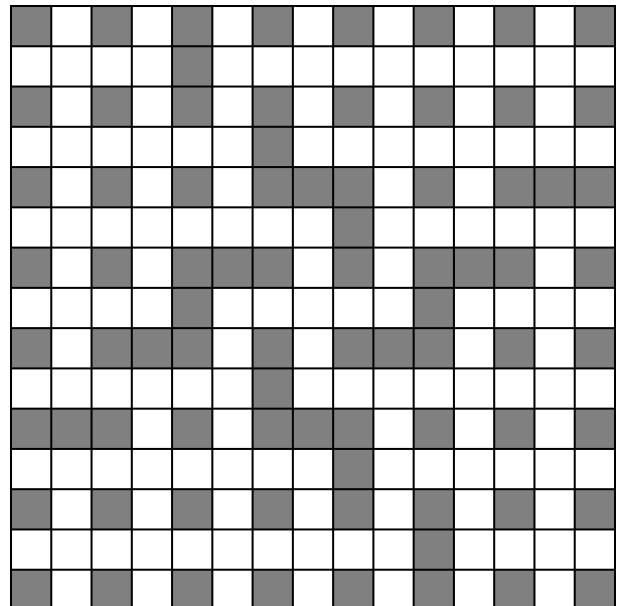
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Clue of the Month

September 6-2017: Full Frontal Lobotomy or Full Bottle in Front of Me? by Raoul (William Ryan)

Entries 71. Correct 55. Success rate 78%.

Winner: Tony Dobele. Congratulations!

Setter's comments

I joined the Club in 1992, and was informed that Slots 1 through 5 fit a certain standard of difficulty, convention and style. Slots 6 & 7 were deemed to be the home of the less orthodox. I read that as a licence for 'anything goes'. Needless to say, despite appearing in CrOZworld numerous times, I have never been published in the front section of the magazine.

Thank you for the roadkill. And the voodoo doll with pins inserted in the most intimate of places. Thanks also to Zinzan and Bogeyman who helped out with suggestions for clues when the muse was absent and other deadlines became tight.

A few "cooler"s were submitted for CHOKEY, which would have fitted the theme but unfortunately not the CH+O+KEY wordplay. "Tetley's" for TOOHEYS (two Es - geddit?) would have fitted the theme in its Yorkshire bitter manifestation, but not as a teabag. "Luger" was suggested for LAGER in 13ac - was it a pointed hint from a frustrated solver to the setter, I wonder?

The winner, apart from the do-re-mi, will also be receiving a bottle of the Rene Pogel at the Annual Get-Together, 26th November.
—William Ryan

Explanations: Across: 8 whimsical, **9** BITTE + R, **11** dd, **12** homoph, **13** REGAL<, **14** ref to Ava's apocryphal comment, **16** AC(I)D(I)C: 'Is' meaning plural of I, **18** sandy slurred, **22** MILKS, TOUT, **25** P(LON)K, **26** RE + A + (EL AL)<, **28** South Australia west, **29** (GRaNGE + R)*, **30** whimsical. **Down: 1** Chuck + LE, **2** anag (AGRICULTURALIST - SUTRA), **3** DEB + (ummed and ARRED), **4** homoph "tedium", **5** GIG + O + LOfE, **6** whimsical, **7** B (RISK) ET, **10** STY (L) ES, **15** RADIO + MET + RY, **17** CH + O + KEY, **19** APP + OS + IT + E, **20** (E (GAR)B) MU<, **21** S (KID) PAN, **23** whimsical, **24** T (OWN) IE, **27** palindrome.

Solvers' comments

- Raoul's crosswords are always a delight to solve. *Trish McPherson*
- Impressive grid - every single across a drink. Like 18, 28, 7, 23. A bit put off by 5dn; and could only think of Dick Chaney (sic). *Rob Moline*
- Great; with the clues for BRISKET (LOI) and UMBRAGE at the forefront. *Len Colgan*
- A fun theme. I liked the clues for ACIDIC and BRISKET. *Brian Tickle*
- With our U.K. beer knowledge we struggled a bit with West End and Tooheys! 12ac sent us looking for Worthington Double Diamond! *Julie Leigh*
- I'm amazed that you could make all the across clues work with the theme! *Julie Crowe*
- Baffling to begin with but got easier with each successive glass of wine. Perhaps it would have been quicker with beer? *Ulla Axelsen*
- Found this extremely challenging. Can't believe you are a 5dn Mr Ryan! *Pat Lord*
- What a wonderful puzzle with some superb clues. CHUCKLE, STYLES and BRISKET were special. Not

confident about some others however. Can't explain BISTRO but it worked better than GIGOLO which looked like a possibility at one stage. *Ann Millard*

- Raoul always gets us carousing! *Nea Storey*
- Lots of laughs solving this - feel a bit out of it though; am drinking Peppermint Tea while typing! And I hope I not ruined a beautiful friendship by putting in "gigolo"!!! *Eileen O'Brien*
- I chuckled on my shandy with this one. *Michael Kennedy*
- Another clever puzzle from Raoul! *Mike Potts*
- Another alcohol themed puzzle? Is this a conflict of interest or subtle mind control? Well done again Raoul. *Mike Potts*
- Only part time? *Richard Skinner*
- What a nice minibar with lots of enjoyable treats! Bitte is several things in German but I don't think 'thanks' is one. Danke Raoul. *Tony Dobele*
- 9ac: German for Thanks is Danke; so I was trying to relate "Danker" to the theme. Bitte is German for please. *Drew Meek*
- Thirsty Work! *Maureen Blake*
- Enjoyed this puzzle - especially liked 12ac TOOHEYS. *Catherine Hambling*
- Another excellent puzzle from Raoul with his usual Australian individual style. *Doreen Jones*
- This was a lot of fun! *Robyn McKenzie*
- I had a lot of fun with this crossword - not sure that I have them all correct though. Thanks Raoul! *Alison Martin*
- Great puzzle Raoul. Clues for BRISKET and UMBRAGE were outstanding! *Bev Cockburn*
- A great puzzle; obviously involving hours of research in the bowels of the HPH. *Betty Siegman*
- Bit of a challenge. Needed a stiff drink after finally completing puzzle! *Anne Simons*
- So many COTMs in this puzzle - too hard to choose one. *Sue Pinder*
- I was cursing Raoul's unconventional style (styles LOI) early on when solving this puzzle; but ultimately became much more enthusiastic about it. What a crazy brain he has! Also, an impressive effort to have all those booze-related terms as across solutions. *Ian Thompson*
- Had to have a go at this puzzle with such a great title and even though I don't drink beer I hope that I have it right. I'm sorry that I haven't managed to make it to one of the club get togethers at your place yet. *Hilary Cromer*
- I'm feeling a bit thirsty now! *Laurence Kennedy*
- Loved Te Deum. Thanks Raoul. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Haven't seen a bottle of this Chateau since uni...when it was "crude, rude and totally uncalled for". Loved BRISKET and TOOHEYS. I hope 21dn is S[KID]PAN as SPAN matches "life" better than SWAY. *Kathy Horadam*
- Intoxicating puzzle! *Kath Harper*
- An interesting theme! I have an issue with the German word "bitter" at 9ac which in my book does not stand for "thanks" but for "you're welcome". *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- Now I feel like a schooner. *Warren Allen*
- BRISKET isn't a joint - otherwise a clever clue. 14ac: Only Gardner didn't say it: it was a journalist N.J. TE DEUM is a beauty! *Max Roddick*
- I can't find any justification for my answer to 15dn but neither can I find a better answer. *Susan Howells*
- After an initial jaundiced view, suddenly it all turned out rosé! *Odette Greenberger*
- My liver is definitely evil; it has been severely punished *Robyn Caine*
- Didn't realise you had such a rewarding second job. *Bob Hagan*

Results of Quiz No 9/2017: THE BODY by Brian Symons.

Entries received: 52. Winner: Glenda Lloyd. Congratulations!

Results: 30: P Abbott, W Allen, K Audrins, U Axelsen, M Blake, R Caine, B Cockburn, G Cole, H Cromer, J Crowe, M Dennis, J Evans, J Fowler, P Garner, R Gooderick, B Hagan, K Harper, V Howard, S Howells, B Ibbott, D Jones, J Leigh, G Lemon, G Lloyd, P Lord, C McClelland, R McKenzie, T McPherson, D Meek, A Miles, A Millard, E O'Brien, H Perrow, M Potts, M Procter, M Randall, B Siegman, R Skinner, M Steinberger, I Thompson, B Tickle, C Wilcox, A Young. **29:** B Glissan, D Grainger, P Heath, C Mackay-Sim, S Pinder, N Storey, R Taylor, K Williams. **28:** G Leeds. **27:** J Smith.

Answers: 1. Foot(head)note 2. Finger food 3. Earbash 4. Browbeat 5. Brainstorm 6. Bellydancer 7. Lip service 8. Elbow grease 9. Wristwatch 10. Eye opener 11. Laptop 12. Muscle bound 13. Wombat 14. Hair(head,side)splitting 15. Palm Sunday 16. Breaststroke 17. Flesh(thumb)pot 18. Nosegay 19. Chest(thumb)nut 20. Hip flask 21. Navelgazer 22. Armchair 23. Knuckle sandwich 24. Ribtickling 25. Bone idle 26. Backlash 27. Skinflint 28. Limb(chin,cell,disc,lego)o 29. Gum(toe)shoe 30. Handmaiden.

Adjudicator's Comments:

This was an easier quiz than usual. Nevertheless, judging from the number of entries and positive comments, it was enjoyable. Mistakes were few and there were quite a few correct, *Chambers* verified, alternative answers as indicated in solutions. I couldn't resist giving a tick to Liver spot despite the plural.

—Brian Symons

Members' Comments:

- Thanks for this bit of fun. *Pat Garner*
- The variety of your quizzes is 4boggling. *Gary Lemon*
- Wombat was my favourite clue this month. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Thanks for another original quiz. *Julie Leigh*
- I truly loved this quiz. It took a lot of navel-gazing. *Kate Williams*
- The ingenious quizzes keep coming. I love them. *Ray Gooderick*
- Thumbpot was a new word to me. (and me!) *Ian Thompson*
- Got to hand it to you – not just paying lip service. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Another good one and no need to Google. *Richard Skinner*
- I was stuck on 11 till I realised I was using one! *Warren Allen*
- Thanks for an enjoyable quiz I could do on holidays without references. *Joan Smith*

Explanations for clues in October 2017 grids

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

October Slot 1: Pentangle. Across: 27 RE + A SON. **Down: 2** B(RAID)ED, **3** CUD + <LEG, **4** t(ANKS)*, **5** pEACH, **6** DU(<AIR)N, **7** ARTICLE*, **8** (PUG + NAG)<, **9** C + EASES, **13** TI(BeEr)TAN, **14** DIVERSE change S for G, **15** CONCERN, **20** TURnKEY, **21** DR + WEARS*, **23** SHAM + ANS, **24** DIES + EL, **25** H(OT)AIR, **26** DE(S)IGN, **29** dd, **30** GARBage.

Slot 2: JAXA. Across: 1 Y(earning) in FLING, **4** WORM + HOLE, **9** N (EURO) N, **10** rev hidden, **12** (I MAN)* + OTIC, **13** (ELF + FAR)<, **15** GAMES + MAN + SHIP, **18** Anagram, **21** UNC(le) +

LAD, **22** Anag, **24** Anag, **25** HER + O.I.C., **26** AN (ALEC) TS, **27** S (BABE) K< **Down: 1** FAN + DAN + GO, **2** anag, **3** Anag, **5** heads, **6** Pun MANDAR in CHINESE, **7** Hidden, **8** (EAST)* + tERm, **11** VI (VAL) DI, **14** PS + ALTER, **16** Anag, **17** ESSEN(C)ES, **19** RUG< + KHAKI, **20** priSCILLA homoph, **23** rev hidden.

Slot 3: Crowsman. In these explanations Sp represents

"Spoonerism of". **Across: 7** Sp keen bird, **8** (A + IN + RAN)<, **10** Sp pink ads, **11** LINKING but L to centre, **12** (IF + RATS)< + SH, **14** mASTERY, **16** Sp roaring with pain, **18** hidden, **19** Sp bog looks, **22** Sp hoe now, **23** Sp Pell's far, **25** violinisT + ANGLE, **26** Sp free turn. **Down: 1** Sp lack of pies, **2** EurocentriC + LAIR, **3** Sp blushing Crows, **4** Sp lack bash, **5** Sp trail snack, **6** Sp jar marine, **7** dd, **9** Sp fighting a liar, **13** Sp Dutch towns, **15** S(PR)OCKETS, **17** ICE + FLESH*, **21** NE(R)W<, **24** palindrome.

Slot 4: Bogeysman. A A (MAZE) S, **B** anag, **C** CL (AIM) ING, **D** (BoArDERS)*, **E** EGGS ON toast, **F** FE + R + TIL (IS) ER, **G** anag, **H** HYMeNeAL, **I** swITCH, **J** JO + IS + TantrumS, **K** KEN + TUCK + Y, **L** homoph "li-lo", **M** MAC + KIN + TOSH, **N** NEED + LING, **O** OAT + H, **P** homoph, **Q** QU (AGM) IRE, **R** R (A) ISIBLE, **S** S + CAMP + S, **T** CAMEl, **U** UR + ANY + L, **V** VAc (LID) ATION, **W** homoph "we'd", **W** pun on "ebb/flow back", **X** X + ANA + DU, **X** (SEX + REX)<, **Y** STAY< with CH inside, **Z** ZA + BAG + LION + E.

Slot 5: Flowerman. Across: 1 (PROPER TIMELY)*, **9** (LE + A after INTERN) + F, **10** &lit, BIND + I, **11** (DIG IRRITATES TOP)*, **12** dd, **13** &lit. (AGENTS TO Render Embryo)*, **16** IN(ED<)CISIVE, **19** STRAY, **21** (I APPLY)* + SERVICE + T.O., **24** NA(WA)B, **25** ELI + CITING, **26** HE(PT)AT + (L THESE)*. **Down: 1** PRImE + apPle, **2** RE(TREAT)ED, **3** t(emperatur)eRMITES)*, **4** The + (LEADER)*, **5** (FIGURE)* + A, **6** LIBerATION, **7** UNfIT, **8** TRUSS in (C + IfFY), **12** dd, **14** tEXT + RE + MIST, **15** SCR(a/I)BBLE, **17** S(US + P)ECT, **18** oVARY + MINT, **20** IF< + (NAIL)*, **22** SWAY<, **23** brOLGAS.

Malaphors

- I can read him like the back of my book.
 - The sacred cows have come home to roost with a vengeance.
 - We could stand here and talk until the cows turn blue.
 - We will get there by hook or ladder.
 - There is no head of steam to which one can harness oneself.
 - It's time to grab the bull by the tail and look him in the eye.
 - All these whited sepulchres are tarred with the same brush.
 - We're not out of the wood yet by a long chalk.
 - The skeleton at the feast was a mare's nest.
 - He was watching me like I was a hawk.
 - He's a wolf in cheap clothing.
 - They're diabolically opposed.
 - It's as easy as falling off a piece of cake.
 - He's like a duck out of water.
 - These haemorrhoids are a real pain in the neck.
 - It's time to step up to the plate and lay your cards on the table.
 - He's burning the midnight oil from both ends.
 - It sticks out like a sore throat.
 - It's like looking for a needle in a haystack.
 - He's a little green behind the ears.
 - We have to get all our ducks on the same page.
 - He's a rough diamond with a heart of gold.
 - The fan is going to hit the roof.
 - I have a lot of black sheep in my closet.
 - I'm sweating like a bullet.
 - Wild horses on their bended knees would not make me do it.
- Word Play by Gyles Brandreth, Coronet, 2016.

September 7-2017: Broadcast Age 20 by Nigrum Cattus (Ray Gooderick)

Entries 66. Correct 53 Success rate 80%.

Winner: Ann Millard. Congratulations!

Setter's comments

Being relatively young in compiling terms (alas not in age) it was very encouraging to receive so many appreciative comments.

Several members stumbled at a 'waterfall' before embarking on the tour of the lakes. The title was a homophone for H₂O, but was perhaps a little too deep for some.

Thanks to the advent of ACCOLADE only one member submitted an incomplete puzzle. All other errors were one-offs. AQUAFERS met the definition but is not an anagram of IF SQUARE. EFFECT was ineffective, the small gaffe (or lack thereof!) affected the result. One member knew GRASMERE only as a town but, like WINDERMERE, it is the name of both town and nearby lake. The theme clue count (12) was questioned. HOOVER, being clued conventionally, was not included in the count. ACACIA ALBA defeated only one solver and thanks to *Flowerman* for its current name of ZAPOTECA PORTORICENSIS: now there's a clueing challenge!
—Ray Gooderick

Explanations Across: 8 WINDER + MERE, 9 CHArD, 10 STONE + WAS<, 11 E(NCA)GE, 12 hidden, 13 DRY + CLEAN, 15 DD, 16 G (AL) I + LEE, 18 AR (ALAs) EA, 21 RUN + tunNEL, 23 Anag, 25 homoph "I'd", 26 gAFFE + CT, 27 DD, 29 sERIEs, 30 Anag. **Down:** 1 S = VIC + ROT<, 2 oc = Adam & Eve. taa = The Fall, 3 Anag, 4 unDERWENT, 5 anag, 6 A + CA + CIA + AL + B + A, 7 anag, 14 anag, 17 anag, 19 RE(IM)POSE, 20 SEE(WAS<)S, 22 L(ITCH)I, 24 DD, 28 First letters.

Solvers' comments

- Found common link but not sure of how the title fits in. Very enjoyable. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Superb clues. Very enjoyable puzzles. *Pat Lord*
- Wonderful clues. Thank you *Nigrum Cattus!* *Ann Millard*
- Hope I have successfully located Windermere, Chad, Amazon, Galilee, Arsl Sea, Superior, Erie, Hawes Water, Grasmere, Derwent, Geneva, Maggiore and Hoover. *Nea Storey*
- I knew most of the inland water bodies apart from HAWESWATER and MAGGIORE. I was stuck with STONE AXE for a while but then SAW the light. *Mike Potts*
- Great puzzle....'a testing of the waters' perhaps. *Maureen Blake*
- I enjoyed finding all these lakes. *Robyn McKenzie*
- I enjoyed the armchair travel! *Alison Martin*
- Enjoyable puzzle but please explain the meaning of the title. *Bev Cockburn*
- An interesting & tricky puzzle. *Anne Simons*
- An enjoyable puzzle but more like a slot 5 than slot 7 I thought. Great effort to get 12 bodies of water plus four further watery references into the grid. The current name for Acacia alba is Zapoteca portoricensis. *Ian Thompson*
- Wonderfully wet and watery fun. *Kath Harper*
- Liked DRY CLEAN. *Max Roddick*
- Thanks for this one, Nigram! *Merv Collins*
- Thank you for your crossword. The anagram at 30ac (weather was terrible in Cumbria – HAWESWATER) is very good. *Doreen Jones*

- As my toffee Pommie friends would say, "A moist enchoiple puzzle." *Ian Mason*
- Thank you for a great puzzle. *Odette Greenberger*
- Many thanks – very enjoyable. *Jill Freeland*
- This was a great world tour. Many thanks. *Robyn Caine*
- Thanks for providing an interesting & challenging crossword. The 12 solutions with one major characteristic had me stumped, though those which I think are them have something to do with water, except Grasmere, a suburb. I am not able to interpret the title. I have guessed 9, Chai. *Graeme Cole*
- Thank you for your interesting and challenging puzzle. I always enjoy working out the themes. I can imagine that you get considerable fun in designing these problems. *Jean Evans*

Solution to September 7-2017– Broadcast Age 20

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S is for SAIPPUAKAUPPIAS.

This is the longest-known palindromic word. It is a 15-letter Finnish word meaning 'soap seller'. The longest palindromic word in everyday English is **redivider** with nine letters. **Rotavator** is a 9-letter registered trademark that has found its way into the dictionary. And **detartrated** with 11-letters is a contrived chemical term still hoping to find its way there. Here are other palindromes:

- Was it Eliot's toilet I saw?
 - No mists reign at Tangier, St Simon!
 - Sums are not set as a test on Erasmus
 - Egad, a base tone denotes a bad age!
 - Able was I ere I saw Elba
 - A man, a plan, a canal – Panama
 - Was it a car or a cat I saw?
 - Pull up if I pull up
 - Ten animals I slam in a net
 - In a regal age ran I
 - Yawn a more Roman way
 - Some men interpret nine memos
 - Never odd or even.
- Word Play* by Gyles Brandreth, Coronet, 2016.

Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 5/2017.

Write a clue for NUCLEAR WEAPON (7,6).

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.

Definition from Chambers (12th edition)

n a bomb, missile, etc deriving its destructive force from the energy released by a nuclear reaction

My motivation for this month's competition was to provide an opportunity for some topicality and inventive anagrams. I wasn't disappointed, and while *unclean power* was used in various guises, the clues were all quite unique. Of course, the trick is to combine favourable anagram fodder with a clever definition. If you can add a touch of topicality into the mix, it won't do your clue any harm either. With that in mind, the winner comes from the war room of **Bob Crossman**:

Unclean power a crazy Korean might employ? (7,6)

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

A new couple ran out to find a bomb ***

We start this batch with a simple anagram of *a, new, couple* and *ran* as indicated by the word *out*. The parsing is accurate and there are no superfluous words. The clue's surface reading lacks a little flare, or perhaps it's the thought that most people would want to run away from a bomb.

A-bomb now a clean, pure explosive ***

This neat anagram uses *nowacleanpure* as indicated by the word *explosive*. It seems contradictory to have a *clean* and *pure* explosive, but in a chemical reactive sense I can just imagine it.

ANU Clean Power movement threatens world peace ***

This anagram uses the fodder *anuclearpower* as indicated by *movement*. The nounal definition is implied by the noun used at the beginning of the clue, so the definition is fine. Of course, one would hope that a local eco-friendly group would actually strive to preserve world peace, but these days who knows.

Canon Rule: "A pew disturbance may ruin a church service" ***½

This neat anagram uses *canonruleapew* as indicated by *disturbance*. In keeping with the religious theme, the compiler has gone with an inventive definition that, unfortunately, doesn't directly define the solution. It's meant to be a reference to *mass destruction* (i.e. ruin a church service), and if that was indeed the answer, then the definition would be suitable. Essentially the clue is just a little over complicated.

Deadly weapon destroys our new place, and 500 are lost ***½

This is another clever anagram (our, new, place, and) with a simple one-letter subtraction (i.e. the letter D from 500). The surface reading makes sense, even if the topic isn't the most uplifting one (that's my fault). The definition is slightly problematic as the word *weapon* appears in the clue and the answer. I daresay this was probably just an oversight.

Destroy a power with unclean scatter bomb ***½

This anagram clue uses two separate indicators (*destroy* and *scatter*) with their respective fodder. The surface sense is plausible as it indicates the use of a so-called dirty bomb.

Explosive naming of the fat man, the little boy and the bikini bombshell ***½

Kudos to this compiler for coming up with the idea for using the code names of some famous (or infamous) nuclear weapons. Most of you would probably recognise that Fat Man and Little Boy were the names of the fission bombs dropped on Japan in WW2. The bikini bombshell is a reference to the bombs tested at Bikini Atoll. The definition is provided by *explosive naming* (i.e. the name of an explosive device). I would have preferred *over* and, as this would have definitively indicated an answer in the singular.

No peace law? Run off with atomic bomb ***

Here we have an anagram of *no, peace, law* and *run* as indicated

by *off*. Some potentially attractive anagram fodder that's been used reasonably well to create a sense of a lawless war.

Now a pure clean explosion from this device ***

This anagram uses the same fodder as another clue with *now, a, pure* and *clean* with the indicator, *explosion*. Normally one should try and avoid anagram indicators that are only nouns or at least tenses that don't make literal sense. However, in this case, one could interpret the reading as an *explosion* of 'anagram fodder' from this device.

One war plane takes short cut for potential disaster ***

This clue came without an explanation but I'm confident I have it right. It's an anagram of *one, war, plane* and *cu* (short cut). I suspect that *potential*, or even *potential disaster*, serves as the indicator. The definition must come from the clue in its entirety (&lit style), as *disaster* by itself doesn't adequately define a nuclear weapon. Perhaps it alludes to the dropping of the nuclear bomb on Nagasaki or Hiroshima.

UN place Neo-war group as a potential destructive force ***½

This anagram uses *UN, place, and neo-war* as fodder. *As a potential*, serves as the indicator, although saying something like, *...is potentially a...*, may be worth considering. Still, this is a fine clue, particularly the disguised definition.

Unclean power a crazy Korean might employ? ****

I knew that when this clue landed in my inbox it would be difficult to beat...and so it proved. Using a minimal number of anagram parts (three), the compiler kept the premise of the clue simple and tied it to one of the topics of the day. The question mark is warranted as the definition is not a straight one. The clue reads seamlessly and describes a nuclear weapon aptly.

United Nations 'clean' power has a potential for mass destruction ***

This one uses an anagram of *UN, clean, power* and *A* with the indicator served by the words *has a potential for*. In an unorthodox manner these words serve double duty as they also make up an essential part of the definition. While it works beautifully with the surface reading of the clue, it's generally a parsing trick to be avoided as it can sometimes baffle the solver. The clue's surface sense is excellent.

Very destructive power saw Korean Uncle (R.I.P.) murdered, eliminating risk ***½

This anagram comes with a subtraction of the letters *RISK*. What makes this clue one of the standouts is its clever topicality. I'm sure most of you would know that Kim Jong-un apparently had his uncle murdered in order to avoid any threat to his position. The RIP spoils it a little as it feels contrived, but otherwise this is a fine attempt.

Warplane on cue, perhaps to deliver a powerful bomb ***½

A lovely clue to finish on. Using an apt anagram, *warplane, on* and *cue*, as indicated by *perhaps*, the clue literally delivers the answer. Boom!

Scoring System

	Poor	Proper	Perfect
Definition	0	1	2
Secondaries	0	1	2
Fairness	0	1	2
Surface	0	1	2
x-factor	0	1	2

For the next competition, please write a clue for the word **CARAMEL** (7) 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 8 December 2017. \$50 prize.