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If there were a verb meaning 'to believe falsely', it would not have any significant first person, present indicative.  
Ludwig Wittgenstein, 1953, *Philosophical Investigations* (trans.), II, Sect 10.

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**RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS!**

**W**e are pleased to announce that we have managed to maintain the Annual Membership subscription for 2013 at only \$40. However, if you elect to receive *e-Crozworld* rather than the paper copy then the sub is only \$35. We believe that this is outstanding value! And it is due in large part to the generosity of the many members who donated to the 2012 Prize Fund. Thank You! We prefer members to receive the email version only of *Crozworld* because of the cost savings to the ACC and the environmental issue of less paper usage. Also, the email version is delivered days in advance of the paper version. Why not opt for the email version in 2013?

The New Year promises to be a year full of complexity and puzzlement. Why not join in the fun? See flyer enclosed (or for those who receive *e-Crozworld*, p13 of this issue) together with some useful information for renewing members for 2013. We have continued the special offer whereby you can sign up a new member for 2013 for only \$30. Just a reminder that we distribute \$6000 in cash prizes per year plus more than 80 book prizes. In order to maintain that plentiful level of prizes, we hope you will be more than generous with your donation to the ACC Prize Pool 2013.

Don't forget about the ACC Annual Get-Together to be held at William Ryan's modern *Harold Park Hotel* cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW on Sunday 25 November. Like last year, there will be plenty of highlights! See page 6 for further details.

Puzzleman **Ian Williams** has another masterly selection of puzzles for you this month. Your favourites *Virgo*, *Southern Cross*, *Ann Ass* and *St Jude* are included and the skilful *Crowsman* has contributed another fine cryptic in Slot 5. We are delighted to see another challenging cryptic from *Pindar* who has devised a stunner in the Slot 6 puzzle. And the tireless *Brian Symons* has challenged us with another of his excellent Quizzes. Happy Crozworlding. —Patrick

**O**n the 12<sup>th</sup> September I received a letter from Australia Post explaining the enclosed envelope (damaged) addressed to me was identified at the centre without contents. If you think this was your entry I would be happy to send you a copy of the letter and envelope. Many thanks to Ian for his help with the adjudication. Once again it was very nice to receive so many lovely cards, letters and a photo. Thank you Bill.

**Slot 1:** I wonder if this was a first: the answer to 44ac was SKIT. The majority of solvers had the alternative SPIT which was accepted. Lost dots were for MAYA (3), MAIA (3), MARA (2) and MALA for MANA. FIREMAN (6) and LEER (2). Blank spaces (3) and a typing error also lost dots.

**Slot 2:** No major problems; IN THE CORES (4) and IN THE CARDS (2) for ON THE CARDS, a P-K- and various one-off mistakes.

**Slot 3:** A few spelling errors of SOROSIS and ANTHONY (2) for ANYBODY were the reasons for lost dots.

**Slot 4:** Mistakes were HOMESHEETS (3) for HYMNSHEETS, a variety of answers for SMOOTH BORE and one transcription error.

**Slot 5:** Mistakes were OMPA (5) and OOPA (2) for OUPA, ELM GILLS (4) and GUMGALLS (4) for ELMGALLS. 3 dots were lost for REALER, 2 for SATINS and a blank GEO-D.

**COTM:** 60 members voted for 34 clues from all cryptic puzzles. Winner was from Slot 4 NOBELIUM with 10 votes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Slot 3 10ac NERVE. Congratulations *Buzzer*.

As my Granddaughter has a concert on the day of the Luncheon I will not be attending this year. Hope you all have a good time as usual.

—Joan Smith

NOTE: In this edition of *Crozworld*, Ian Williams asks this question: What is a Nina in cryptic crosswords? Turn to p14 for the fascinating answer.

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	108	107	103	104	100	522
Correct entries	71.3	82.2	80.5	86.5	72	410
Success rate (%)	83	93	64	81	72	78.5
Prizewinners	M Roddick M Collins	B Symons L Kennedy	T McPherson C McClelland	R Caine	R Bryant	from 109 members

**Prizewinner: September 2012 Slots 1-5: Lesly Howard. Congrats!**

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## Sept 1-2012

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## MEMBERS RESULTS FOR AUG Slot 6 &amp; SEPT 2012 Slots 1-5



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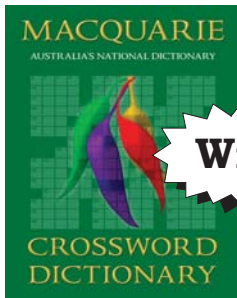
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**Half 'n Half  
by  
Virgo**

**Prizes: \$75**



**Win!**

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**Across**

- 1 Fighting gear (4)
- 3 Sausages (5)
- 7 Ranch (4)
- 11 Sonja \_\_\_\_\_ Norwegian skater and actress (5)
- 12 Second largest city in Oklahoma (5)
- 13 Correct formal address to the Queen (4)
- 14 Particle (4)
- 16 Snowy (7)
- 17 Region of Greece (9)
- 20 Compass point (4)
- 21 Clan (5)
- 23 Half a quarter (6)
- 25 Paddles (4)
- 26 Able to see (7)
- 28 A hair tamer (4)
- 31 Most mature (6)
- 33 A deadly virus (5)
- 34 The Love God (4)
- 36 A type of cough (9)
- 38 Exceeded (7)
- 41 A soft cheese (4)
- 42 Elderly (4)
- 43 Distribute (5)
- 44 A passing fad (5)
- 45 Wapiti (4)
- 46 Hesperia (to the Greeks) (5)
- 47 Deserted (4)

**Down**

- 1 A case of not being completely joined (7)
- 2 The terrible moral of the chopper (5)
- 4 City speeds to find young maids (6)
- 5 A hangover in an African country! (5)
- 6 Half a note at the end of Madonna's record company (4)
- 7 Beethoven's opera – Revolutionary Number Ten (7)
- 8 Up in the air with a chocolate bar (4)
- 9 Englishman turns last and cleans the floor (4)
- 10 Strange rocks and stones (7)
- 15 Ring initially organised under the exposed range (5)
- 18 Tornado starts Haiti quake in the Island (6)
- 19 Lionel, first to last around bar, is more irritating (7)
- 21 Actress Charlize, not her set (6)
- 22 Unadorned in cabaret (4)
- 24 Smooth bilge back – pointless! (4)
- 27 Talk about an Olympic event and start saving (7)
- 29 I leave Muriel to suffer with an animal (5)
- 30 Thinks and ducks? (7)
- 32 The highest students in bad taste (7)
- 35 A poetic medley from Rod and Len (6)
- 36 Produce gets started in a root vegetable (5)
- 37 Picture one rough game (5)
- 38 Former pupil with an old English instrument (4)
- 39 It feasts on blood, Mark (4)
- 40 In a tizzy about the last S.S. officer (4)

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## Cryptic by Southern Cross



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### Across

- Right to set out before dwelling in sanatorium (4-4)
- Right to put off about ten (6)
- Chasm right inside meandering caves to the south-east (8)
- All right, presumably, and not bad in France (6)
- Wrongs put to right by Eliot (5)
- Beakless statue right inside gallery (9)
- Right to be cautious (12)
- In support of the argument (which could be right) (2,3,3,4)
- Lass felt uncertain about university, all right (9)
- Notes on right to speak (5)
- Deceitfully agreeable to have gay right included after American reversal (6)
- Getting correspondence right in uniting Church (8)
- Dead right in anticipating skinhead fears (6)
- Capital support curling round right eastern street (8)

### Down


- Right point to quote and enumerate (6)
- The woman 'as to include right clippers (6)
- The man 'as to take in dead character for the grave marker (9)
- Resist changes in trough given by old German lyricist (12)
- Submarine chaser to be a variation (1-4)
- How tiny fellow sounds alarm – like a drum (8)
- One of the faithful loses head – replaced by right stand-in (8)
- A warning sounded to the state by the public press (6,6)
- Broadcast "A Year in Italy and One in France", to appear before the month is up (9)
- Intermingled, after swindle becomes muddled (8)
- Tugs right leg playfully in fight (8)
- Lash nonconformist priest (6)
- Workman's right, as stated (6)
- Bound over – right to be nodding? (5)

**A number of members** expressed regret, following the publication of July's Slot 2 – Shirl O'Brien's last puzzle submitted to the ACC – that we would no longer have the pleasure of solving her puzzles. We have been fortunate in obtaining the permission of *The Guardian* newspaper to republishing Shirl's puzzles that are available in Ian Williams's collection. We are delighted to bring you a puzzle by Shirl in this month's Slot 2 and thank *The Guardian*, and in particular Hugh Stephenson the Crossword Editor, for that agreement.

### Explanations for September grids where provided by compiler. Thanks to Bhavan and Roy.

**Slot 4 Buzzer:** **AL** + E + HOUSES, **B** Anag, **CHI** + Anag of LSD I + H + NESS, **D** Double definition, **E** Hidden **FOR** + **OR** inside Anag of NSW, **G** Anag, **Homophone** of HIM + SHE + ET, **I** B(-arre)L removed from blIZZARD, **JUN** + TA, **KIN** + S(HAS)A, **L** Acrostic, **M** Homophone, **N** (h-)(+NOB)ELIUM, **O** Anag, **P** + Anag, **QUIT**(-e), **RIG** + Anag of DUE inside GP, **SMOOTH** + BORE, **T Ac** Anag, **Dn TOM** + DICK(-y) + AND + HARRY, **U** (t-)URNING, **V** Anag of GIVE with EG inside, **WEARY** outside PON(-d), **X** Hidden, **Y** + (w-)ONDER, **Z** Reversal of MO + OZ,

**Slot 5 Praxis:** **ACROSS:** 2 anag; 10 n/oils; 12 A(cab<)/A; 14 elm(gall(on))s; 15 epi(c)/anag; 17 sa(tin)y; 18 re/t/y(p)e; 19 T/Ravel; 22 S(Sue<)/S; 23 h(ire)r; 25 pal</S(E)S; 26 Se(CCL)e<; 27 GR/a ham; 31 mess/age; 32 anag/loo/d; 33 c/ease; 34 O(Dis)T; 35 anag; **DOWN:** 1 anag; 3 git after Di; 4 anag in anag; 5 t-ally; 6 n/um/anag; 7 Cryptic (Tiger Woods); 8 (A)tlas<; 9 E(clips)E; 11 O(up)A; 13 Asses/S (men t)S; 16 pets</a/side; 20 RICKLES: (Don) anag; 21 OR in anag; 24 homophone (realer?); 27 anag; 28 ha/ji(m)s; 29 (p)ages; 30 sala(d)

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**Across**

- 1 Fruit trees or beet leaves (8)
- 5 Armies have a way to get into scrapes (6)
- 10 Details a country and its former capital (5)
- 11 Convert polyester pieces (9)
- 12 Beats about and creates driving hazards (4,5)
- 13 Park, perhaps, without a spot (5)
- 14 Rearranged a cafe – some is back to front (6)
- 15 On the way out: Euronet (2,5)
- 18 Beds everyone in Paddy's (7)
- 20 Change mess again? (6)
- 22 Tailor left out irregular proportion (5)
- 24 Arrest a priest, hang that girl detained after backflip (9)
- 25 Little animals surround lusty, Scottish luggage carriers (4,5)
- 26 Agree with board (3,2)
- 27 Deny having f-faith (6)
- 28 Can't sleep? Work harder! (8)

**Down**

- 1 Goodness! A Pope maybe clumsy (6)
- 2 Protection from connections (5,4)
- 3 Royal meeting place where there's a late exchange about a firm smack (5,10)
- 4 Corrupt party in submarine, say (7)
- 6 Time he admitted to a fraction too much to drink (3,4,3,5)
- 7 Duke of York heads to outskirts of East Berlin for Dean (5)
- 8 Transfixed by gardens in parched surroundings (8)
- 9 A possible result of an oil spill in the ocean is to grimace about empty seas (6)
- 16 Draw handguns Heather's holding (9)
- 17 Eve might originally have been one tasty dish (5,3)
- 19 Formal bow from Harley Baker et al (6)
- 20 Thrust shaft into Uriel's heart (7)
- 21 One fellow is a good looking young man (6)
- 23 Ring around kingfish? (5)

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

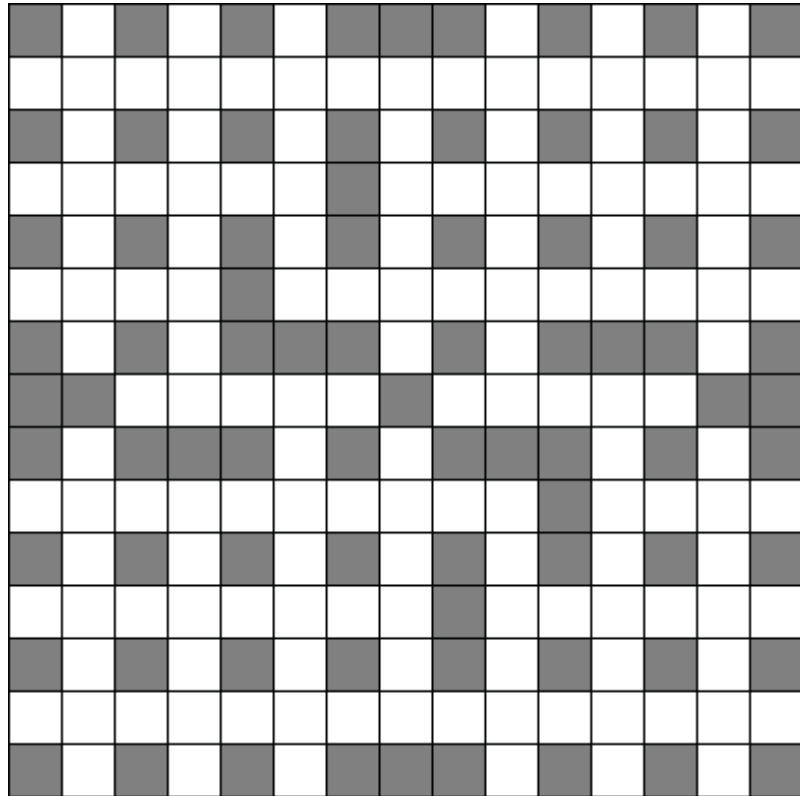
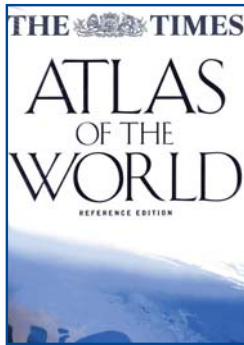
- Thank you so much for my prize for Quiz No 7 – a new edition of *Bradford's Crossword Solver's Dictionary*. A very welcome replacement for my much used 2005 edition. Alison Shield
- I was overwhelmed to receive a prize for last month's efforts in the crossword submissions, for which grateful thanks. It was totally unexpected! I am enjoying the monthly challenge; I fear it's becoming addictive! Judy Woodford
- Thank you for the great book prize *The Times Atlas of the World*; it's an excellent update on my 70's *Readers Digest* atlas and a very nice surprise. Charlie Quinn
- Many thanks for the cheque for August's Slot 2. I don't think the bank teller had never seen such immaculate script on a cheque, and had to be persuaded that it wasn't a fake! Denis Coates
- Thank you so much for the *London Gazetteer*, my prize for July's slot 6 by *Pindar*. The puzzle was great fun, and this is the icing on the cake! Caroline Mackay-Sim
- Thank you for my Slot 6 prize *Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable*. It is a truly beautiful book. Barbara Tofoni
- Thank you so much for my prize of *Macquarie Crossword Dictionary*. Fascinating to scan, taste, browse, peruse. Rosemary Dorrell
- Congratulations to the editor and the seven compilers for an excellent set of September puzzles. Hardly any iffy clues. Thanks. Len Colgan
- As cruciverbalist tyros we found this month especially difficult and hold out little hope for a good result. Having said that, it was a lot of fun! We enjoyed grid one with its mixture of easy and not so. Grid 2 involved a fair amount of head scratching and also utilised a clue I'm still not really sure I understand (heroically assuming we've got it right) with 6dn [*Chambers has SPATCHCOCK as to insert (eg words, a sentence, etc) hastily into a narrative, etc. with "foul" being a homophone of the more normal meaning: Adj.*] Grid 3 we found tough but as we always do we really enjoyed grid 4. Grid 5 was another bonce scratcher. Richard Skinner

[Comments continued on p10]

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**AJ**  
by  
**St Jude**

**Prize:**



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

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| <p><b>A</b> Change verbally concluded (6)</p> <p><b>B</b> Consequences after money used for a staple food (10)</p> <p><b>C</b> Addiction to ground mace is very strong inside (8)</p> <p><b>D</b> For example plug down the hatch (5,2)</p> <p><b>E</b> Composite store of poetic enthusiasm (5)</p> <p><b>F</b> Easy to accept a limited beauty treatment (6)</p> <p><b>G</b> Birds take good directions (5)</p> <p><b>H</b> A method to kill oneself: chopped in half on beds of beans (8)</p> <p><b>I</b> Some after-dinner verses stimulate (7)</p> <p><b>J</b> Picnic of drugs and French cheese (6)</p> <p><b>K</b> Automatic to have a joint with the idiot (4-4)</p> <p><b>L</b> Many exit Paraguay after Mardi Gras (4)</p> <p><b>M</b> Train for leg over money (6)</p> <p><b>N</b> Bushbaby and snake pastry (7)</p> | <p><b>O</b> In each second, concoct furphy to busy oneself (6)</p> <p><b>P</b> Ringing sound has kept musical effect (7)</p> <p><b>Q</b> No sound when that gee quaver is changed (5,2,3,5)</p> <p><b>R</b> Bird will plunder an isle (8)</p> <p><b>S</b> Sailor's pretensions, encountered at the seaside? (4,4)</p> <p><b>T</b> Bar American warriors or woodcutters and collectors (6)</p> <p><b>U</b> To apply pressure to reduce abuse is in the interest of the church (3,5)</p> <p><b>V</b> Annoying vain pigs or obliterating them (10)</p> <p><b>W</b> Derelict can win outright or partially (4)</p> <p><b>X</b> Adult education taken by cross renegade (1-5)</p> <p><b>Y</b> Upset merry queen's huntsmen (6)</p> <p><b>Z</b> Revolutionary hair styles amaze a stout chap (6,9)</p> |
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## 2012 GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN!!

The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's smart new pub *The Harold Park Hotel*, cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW on Sunday 25 November 2012 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!

## WEIRD AND WONDERFUL WORDS by Erin McKean, OUP, 2003


**Aquamanile:** a bowl or jug made in the form of an animal or bird.

**Aspectabund:** an adjective meaning 'having an expressive face'.

**Batie-bummil:** a useless bungler. An obsolete Scottish dialect word. It is unknown whether there are more useless bunglers in Scotland than elsewhere, or—much more likely—less tolerance of them.

**Carriwitchet:** a pun, a conundrum. The etymology is unknown, making the origin in the word itself a conundrum.

**Cockagrice:** an unappetizing (to modern palates) dish made of an old cock and a pig boiled and roasted together. *Grice* is an old word for *pig*.

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<p><b>Cryptic</b> <i>by</i> <b>Crowsman</b></p>
<p><b>Prize:</b></p>  <p><b>rrp: \$116.95</b></p>

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**Across**

- 1 Reinstates gold in 5 down state? (6)
- 5 Remain without change, keeping a pound for towelling garment (8)
- 9 Police jurisdictions get complaints about rejected state-of-the-art squad (3,12)
- 10 Is plaintiff an investment organisation offering securities? (6)
- 11 Vast file misspelt “gala fair” (8)
- 12 Send back watch (5)
- 13 Pass gets one inside authorised co-operative (9)
- 15 Protects small repository at rear of stronghold (5,4)
- 17 A fellow consumes first bit of dietary supplement (3-2)
- 20 Upward leap gives island cheer (8)
- 21 Mexican food rejected in the French place (6)
- 22 Those exchanging views about fish chowder containing gin or rum (10,5)
- 23 Inferior person is lower than a scoundrel (8)
- 24 Strike confined Eastern Jew, perhaps (6)

**Down**

- 2 Tire out during interpretation and conversion of Αθήνα to Athens (15)
- 3 Take for granted power run-down (7)
- 4 Amend “you am” to “you are”. How? (6)
- 5 Insensible, but right into meat and sweet fish (6,2,7)
- 6 Such people held up girl in region of Greece (8)
- 7 Staggering elongated fish caught by syndicate (7)
- 8 Speculation – flash in the sky brings oxidation – but it’s really a treacherous act (8,2,5)
- 14 Supported the other half in education (8)
- 16 Covered entrance area housed small English automobile (7)
- 18 Design style with spirit and respectability (7)
- 19 Emphatically puts down cheap wines (6)

**Results of Quiz No 8/12 continued from p9:**

- It’s nice to be able to do one only using the grey matter.
- Many thanks for providing us with your interesting quizzes. Another good one here.
- Two new words for me – Easle and Gimmers. Thank you.
- This one was quite deceptive: it looked simple at first glance, but there were some traps and potholes along the way. Thanks for the challenge.
- Had me almost fooled with Ka Car, Jean Gene and Use Ewes with the shift in initial letters. I note that you didn't say that the words all started with the clue letter so I only have myself to blame but, of course, with my superior intellect sussed it out in time. My thanks. **(I knew I couldn't fool you, Jim. Bev)**
- I like your quizzes; challenging without being too obscure.
- This has been a lot of fun and a challenge to find the right homophone for the easier word. That prompted multiple visits to the dictionary which is never a bad thing at all.
- Thanks for your quiz. A few new words and a few new meanings; always learning something fresh with Crozworld. Trouble is, nowadays, I forget it just as quickly.

*Bob Hagan*  
*Betty Siegman*  
*Trish McPherson*  
*Kath Harper*  
*Jim Fowler*  
*Ann Jeremy*  
*Bhavan Kasivajjula*  
*Merv Collins*

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## Cryptic by Pindar

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### Across

- 1 Bringing happiness, not so much in the cot! (6)
- 5 Numbed, out of energy finally: no way out (4,3)
- 9 Rather vague imitator at the helm (15)
- 10 Very fast driver is toast (5)
- 11 Let it be known: hotel pest is to be admitted (9)
- 13 Unorthodox teacher's story about birds (15)
- 16 Violations concerning the rejection of art within established practices (14)
- 20 French delicacy and their expression of agreement on backward measure (9)
- 22 Herb is said to be a relative (5)
- 23 Assumptions found in parts of speech about drink (15)
- 25 Show is an infernal drama (7)
- 26 Game starts late. Why, you ask, threatening to collapse (7)

### Down

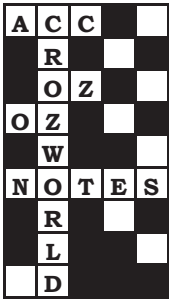
- 1 Flying colonels? (6)
- 2 They call you a fraud – in the most harmonious manner! (7)

- 3 Someone in the crowd assaulted sport ace around the middle of pitch (9)
- 4 Ring around, undermine and almost establish non-acceptance (11)
- 5 Somewhat proud to be back, they play together (3)
- 6 A politician I excuse (5)
- 7 Health department drink and twist together (7)
- 8 Lower iron? (8)
- 12 A barren site may present a difficult challenge (11)
- 14 At crucial time, almost go up to Arctic, but lose a hand (9)
- 15 Bled dry, limited credit and dumped (8)
- 17 Pushy ones surged unexpectedly down from the North (7)
- 18 Number one over a few who are offensive (7)
- 19 Contemptible, at heart become a sly one (6)
- 21 Saul and you said to be, if confused, normal (5)
- 24 Keep chatting up for reward (3)

Post  
Solution  
to:

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Closing mail date: Friday 9 November 2012.





**Results of Quiz No 8/2012**

**Double Trouble by The Eager Beaver (Bev Cockburn). Entries: 40.**

**Entries: 54. Prizewinner: Merv Collins. Congratulations!**

**Solutions:** A ample/ampul B betel/beetle C chilli/chilly D deign/Dane E easel/easle F fane/feign G gaff/gaffe H hew/hue I idle/idol J jean/gene K ka/car L lyre/liar M manna/manner N naval/navel O ode/owed P pearl/purl Q quarts/quartz R roe/row S sauce/source T torque/talk U use/ewes V vial/vile W wet/whet Y yoke/yolk

X & Z xeno/Zeno.

**Results 50:** W Allen, R Caine, L Colgan, M Collins, H Cromer, J. Fowler, L Fry, P Garner, B Hagan, K Harper, S Howells, V Howard, B Ibbott, A Jermy, B Kasivajjula, G Leeds, P Lord, T McPherson, C Noble, J Pearce, M Roddick, S Roulston, B Siegman, A Simons, J Smith, J Stocks, N Storey, B Symons, A Walker, J Wenham, C Wilcox, N Wilson & R Wimbush. **49½:** A Austin, P Dearie, T de Grys, A Dyer, D Jones, A Martin, C McClelland, M Procter, M Steinberger & B Tofoni. **49:** G Cole, B Glissan, C Jones, C Mackay-Sim, D Meek & R Taylor. **48½:** S Pinder. **47½:** R Dorrell. **46½:** P Heath & LWaites. **45½:** L Howard.

**Setter's comments:** A pleasing response and I think it was because no drastic research or Internet was needed, just 'your little grey cells' and perhaps a dictionary check. Just to remind you that the numbering is there for a purpose. Half a mark was lost for 'ampoule' and 'ampule' as the answer required 5 letters. I apologise to those who were reluctant to change the initial letter of the second word to get the homophone but most of you got there in the end. Thank you for all the nice comments and cards. It's most encouraging. —The Eager Beaver (Bev Cockburn)

**Solvers' Comments:**

• Thank you for an interesting quiz with several new words for me – 'easle' and 'ka'. *Robyn Caine*

• A most enjoyable quiz, I made a wild guess for 'k' – I may be lucky. *Rosemary Dorrell*

**(Oops! Bev)**

• A pleasurable concept. Thanks, Bev! *Len Colgan*

• Thanks, Bev, for providing another type of quiz. *Graeme Cole*

• This was a good quiz, with a little bit of research but not so much that it became a chore. Well done, Bev. *Carole Noble*

• Thanks for a great quiz. It's so nice to exercise the brains rather than the fingers (although I had to check on some, including 'easle, a new one on me). *Alison Martin*

• This was a most interesting journey of discovery for me – especially "yolk". *Alan Dyer*

• Another interesting quiz: where do they come from and how do you come up with them? **(I just love the English language. Bev)**

*Marian Procter*  
• The use of all 26 letters in alphabetical order made it easier, although three pairs had different initial letters. *Tony de Grys*

• How did you come up with all of these? It would have been a big challenge if we hadn't been given the first letters! *Roy Taylor*

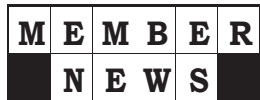
• Another of your well-thought-out quizzes! I assumed Trehala to be the surname of some notable Cornishman and wasted time looking for him in every other reference but *Chambers*. Hard to choose a favourite but, by a narrow margin, its Xeno – Zeno. *Max Roddick*

• Did enjoy this and found some quite challenging. Keep these fun quizzes coming. *Cheryl Wilcox*

• So good not to need the Internet. Thanks for a fun quiz. *Catherine Jones*

• Not as easy as it looks – 'A' had me guessing. Many thanks for your efforts. *Robyn Wimbush*

**[Comments Continued on p7]**



**New Member: John Burns** from Gundaroo, NSW. Welcome to the wonderful world of Crozworlding!  
**Membership Renewals for 2013:** P

Derrington and M Gavan. Welcome to 2013!

**Puzzle Adjustments:**

**1. Cryptic by Pindar.** The Executive Committee has allowed an appeal in relation to the answer for 8dn and has decided to accept **CROSSED LINE** as an alternative. As a result the following solvers gained a dot: A Austin, D&A Callan, L Carroll, M Cowan, D Coates, A Dobebe, P Garner, B Glissan, D Grainger, M Kennedy, C Noble, J Smith, M Steinberger, B Symons, R Taylor, B Tickle, A Walter, J Wenham and R Wilson.

**2.** William Ryan and Alan Walter were awarded dots for June's slot 6 "Animations" puzzle.

**New words:** More than 80 words and terms including "blootered", "amazeballs" and "mummy porn" have been added to an online dictionary. Publisher Collins said it was "blown away" after inviting all members of the public to become "word-spotters" and suggest new and emerging words for inclusion. A total of 86 were chosen and can now be seen at *collinsdictionary.com*. The site is based in Glasgow, where the *Collins English Dictionary* print editions and other reference titles are produced. "Blootered", an adjective commonly used in Scotland to describe someone who is drunk, was added, along with "frenemy", "cyber bullying" and "floordrobe", which is defined as "a pile of clothes left on the floor of a room".

—The Age, 12 September 2012

And the Final Word from Ian Williams: "My latest favourite new word is **CHUGGER** – from the *Chambers* 11<sup>th</sup> ed. A self-explanatory amalgam of charity and mugger – the practice of flag days and the associated threatening tin-rattling is much more common in the UK than here."

**Quiz 10/2012 Opposite Ways by Brian Symons**

Definitions are given. You are required to find a synonym of the definition and then add a prefix which gives each answer an opposite sense. To assist, word lengths are given for the prefix and the whole word. (eg amicable (2) (10) gives unfriendly). If you have the correct set of answers you will have a list of thirteen words with different prefixes (no hyphens are used). The answers are in alphabetical order of the solutions (ie prefix + synonym).

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

Closing Date: 9 November 2012. Book prize.

- 1 Culmination (4) (10)
- 2 Voiced (1) (7)
- 3 Pointer (6) (16)
- 4 Do (7) (10)
- 5 Baffle (2) (9)
- 6 Pollute (3) (9)
- 7 Commonplace (5) (13)
- 8 Broadminded (2) (9)
- 9 Unassuming (2) (8)
- 10 Clear (2) (12)
- 11 Respectful (2) (10)
- 12 Compliance (3) (13)
- 13 Equivocal (2) (11)

## September 1-2012: Quick-ish by Raoul (William Ryan)

- Your 'Quick-ish' puzzle was 'Slow-ish' to fully solve thanks Raoul. 4ac: Is 'Cule' a TYPO for Cute, Cult or Cool? (Not sure Alan. I thought it was a typo for Clue: JS). 38dn: At first, thought the Redex was a DASH, but changed to BASH to achieve BEER (glasses). *Alan Walter*
- Nothing boring about this one – I liked the concept of beer goggles. *Roy Taylor*
- I'm glad Raoul added the "ish" to his "Quick"! *Margaret Davis*
- Not as quick as I thought it would be – but not as fiendish as some of Raoul's offerings! *Peter Dearie*
- Very entertaining – I admire the way Raoul manages to insert pub references in all his puzzles. *Tony Dobebe*
- Definitely quirky – and definitely more "ish" than "quick". *Nea Storey*
- An interesting-ish puzzle from Raoul. Pretty good-ish for a Slot 1. 25ac: FIREMEN reminded me of the 2 Mexican firemen – Hose a and Hose b. *Jim Fowler*
- Quick-ish is right William! 26dn has me stumped. Good fun though. *Robyn Wimbush*
- An interesting variation from the usual Half 'n' Half. I found this one a little more difficult and did guess at some of the answers. *Alan Dyer*

## September 2-2012: Cryptic by Whynot? (Tony Dobebe)

- 12ac: Yard has the west spelling of DRAY = cart. 27ac: ALF+ALF+A, ALF = Animal Liberation Front. 22dn: Presume definition is 'Sweet' = CANDY, heart of 'fancy-man' = C + ANDY (man) Is this correct? (Heart of 'fancy-man' is C and Y: JS). *Alan Walter*
- 22dn: nearly COTM. C and Y for sweet! *Roy Taylor*
- Some very nice clues here. *Margaret Davis*
- I hope no-one puts "in the cards" for 13ac: I nearly did! I've got "candy" for 22dn, but am not sure it is correct. (It is Peter: explanation above: JS) *Peter Dearie*
- A couple of curly ones here. I look forward to seeing a grid explanation. *Maurice Cowan*
- LUCKY BREAK, TENFOLD, TABULATES and AFAR took my fancy, and RUANAS was a new one to remember. *Max Roddick*
- CANDY FLOSS in 6dn brought a smile to our faces as we relived our childhoods and was our COTM. *Richard Skinner*
- I found this puzzle quite tricky! *Nea Storey*
- Why not indeed? In a Brian Rix farce of many moons ago a reverend gentleman about to add soda to his drink intoned "Let us Spray". LOL. *Jim Fowler*
- Slot 2. I like HAPPY SNAP and LUCKY BREAK. Good clue. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Particularly enjoyed 22dn (C-ANDY) and 12ac (YARD). I had originally pegged 12ac as WAIN (West, A INch), which also nicely fits the clue! *Alan Dyer*

## September 3-2012: Cryptic by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

- A rather challenging cryptic from Noel. 9ac: In FU+L+C+RY. In anger = IN FU-RY. 12ac: N+E+OD+Y+M+I+UM where EY = English branch, MUM = saying nothing, I = Independent. 25ac: RAIL+MOT+OR = Bird+saying+gold. 6dn: CAN+D+Y+F+LOSS, where CAN = preserve. 15ac: RE+SON+AT+ED = about+child+at+credit centre. 22dn: Set = PUT+TI (it up). *Alan Walter*
- One of Jesso's trickier ones. I haven't heard it called a "Steam and Dry Iron" for years. It's just "Steam" nowadays, isn't it? *Margaret Davis*
- A classic Jesso puzzle – very enjoyable. *Peter Dearie*
- NARCISSUS: refreshing to meet a 'flower' clue which really is! *Max Roddick*
- 10ac: NERVE is a clever and original clue, while 13dn ESPADRILLE is quite perceptive. *Len Colgan*
- A good mental work-out. *Nea Storey*
- Thanks Noel. SOROSIS and NEODYMIUM are new to me. I'll never forget Dale Chihuley's glass PUTTI-S at his exhibition in Canberra many years ago. Stunning. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Another challenging cryptic. *Alan Dyer*

## September 4-2012: AJ by Buzzer (Bhavan Kasivajjula)

- Difficult AJ with some clever clues thanks Buzzer. In clue N, No = NOBELIUM. Please explain the wordplay for this clue? (Nob = great wealth HE = helium – H for heroin: JS) *Alan Walter*

- This one kept me guessing. I gave Hymn sheet COTM. *Roy Taylor*
- An interesting grid for the AJ. I am not sure if NOBELIUM is correct. If so why? (explanation above Margaret: JS) *Margaret Davis*
- The N clue – nobelium took longest to find and gets my COTM. *Peter Dearie*
- Buzzer sets the brain buzzing! *Max Roddick*
- Exemplary and imaginative surface readings, worthy of a second perusal. Outstanding were the clues for NOBELIUM and URNING. Keep them coming Buzzer! *Len Colgan*
- Good slot 4. Quibbles: meaning of 'urning' plus does 'turning' equal 'with spin'? We've had He = helium before but Nobelium added a whole 'nother element! *Tony Dobebe*
- BOUFFANT, NOBELIUM and TOBYJUGS are all clever clues. *Mike Potts*
- I enjoy Buzzer's off-beat slant on everything, though it sometimes takes me a while to work it out! *Nea Storey*
- The N clue was very cleverly misleading and even after recognising No as Nobelium it took a while to cotton on to He being helium to make the clue work. My Clue of the Month is URNING – probably gets my vote for the awfulest word. *Jim Fowler*
- As usual, lots of fun but the Z clue has passed me by completely. At least the answer has! N may be wrong too. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Another challenging AJ. Particularly liked "N" (using NOB instead of HE). *Alan Dyer*

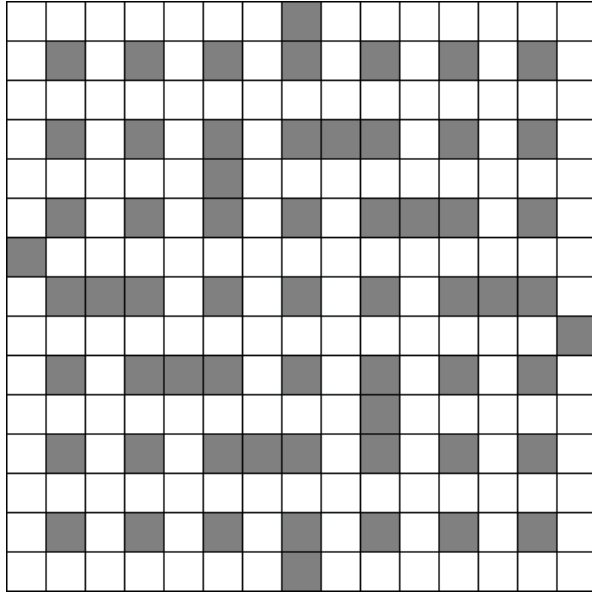
## September 5-2012: Cryptic by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

- Thanks Roy for yet another delightful Ximenean Cryptic puzzle from a master-craftsman. In 28dn learnt that 'this year' = HA (Hoc anno) +JIMS delete M = HAJIS = pilgrims. *Alan Walter*
- Praxis never fails to please. More long words than usual this time. *Margaret Davis*
- 21dn, being my home town, did not take too long. *Peter Dearie*
- A cryptic by Praxis: an enjoyable challenge as always. Liked SATINY. *Max Roddick*
- A bit of guesswork, so hope I get a tick. DR SEUSS was my Clue of the Month. Wasn't he popular this month? *Nea Storey*
- I enjoy these grids but found it quite hard. I was grateful for the anagrams. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Took me a while to work these out. *Alan Dyer*

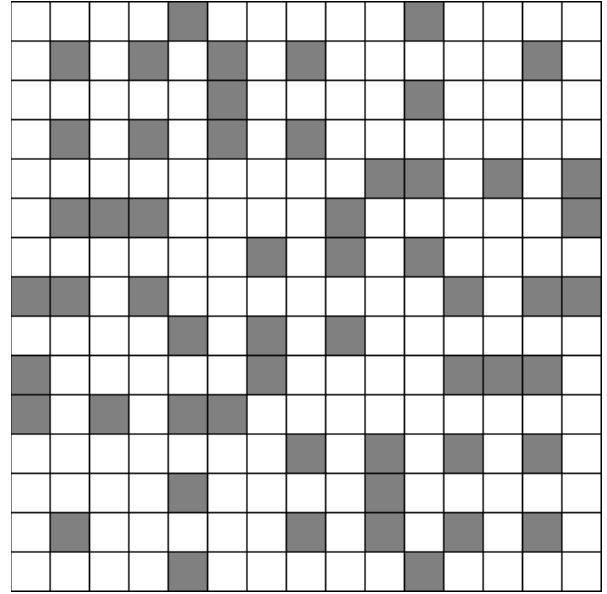
## General Comments continued from p5:

- Isn't it wonderful to see the club membership now stands at 242 – and that so many of us contribute actively, whether by compiling, adjudicating, sending in entries and contributing to feed-back. *Nea Storey*
- Another triumph of excellent puzzles – crosswords and quizzes. Looking forward to the next enthralling episode. *Jim Fowler*
- Thank you for my wonderful Chambers and my classy certificate. The Word Lover's Miscellany addition to the 11th edition is a real bonus. What a Club! *Robyn Wimbush*
- Thanks for another high standard lot of puzzles this month. And once again many thanks to Patrick for managing a most enjoyable Christmas in July lunch. *Roy Taylor*
- Some were too easy, some were too hard and some were just right. Thank you all. *Goldilocks*
- I was delighted to receive a \$75 Cheque for Slot 3 last month. Please convey my thanks to all the kind folk involved in the allocation of prizes. *Odette Greenberger*
- I've never won a medal before, so was delighted with an 'Olympic gold!' *Peter Dearie*
- I was absolutely delighted to discover I'd won Slots 1-5. Many Thanks! I immediately commissioned Nea (Storey) to purchase a Chambers Dictionary. Found all slots hard again this month! *Anne Simons*
- Thank you to you all for the great quality and variety of puzzles each month. It really is great fun and I always eagerly await the next instalment!! *Jean Evans*
- Thanks for the prize for August 3 slot. Also that beautiful Certificate that accompanied it. Best wishes to all. *John Martin*
- From Busselton (Recently became a City)

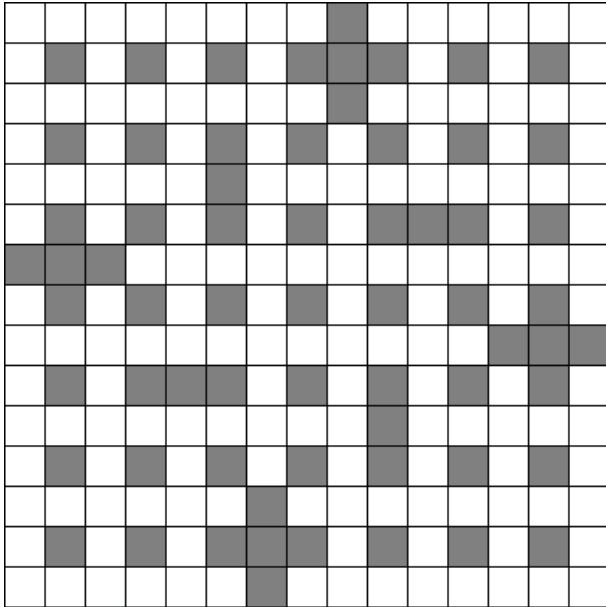
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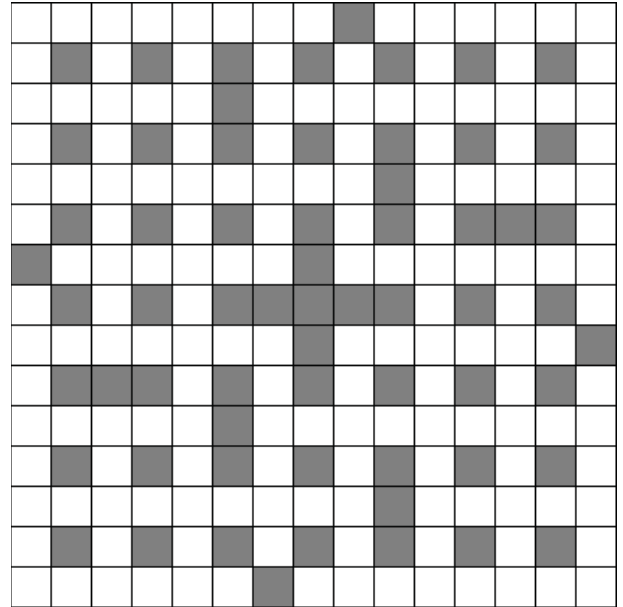
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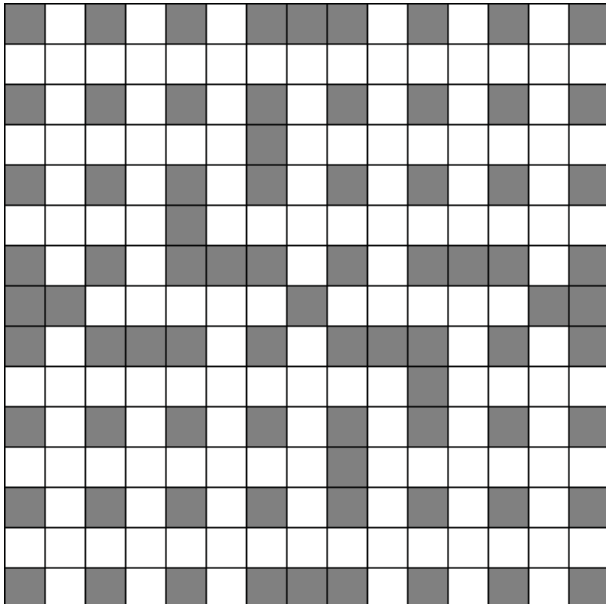
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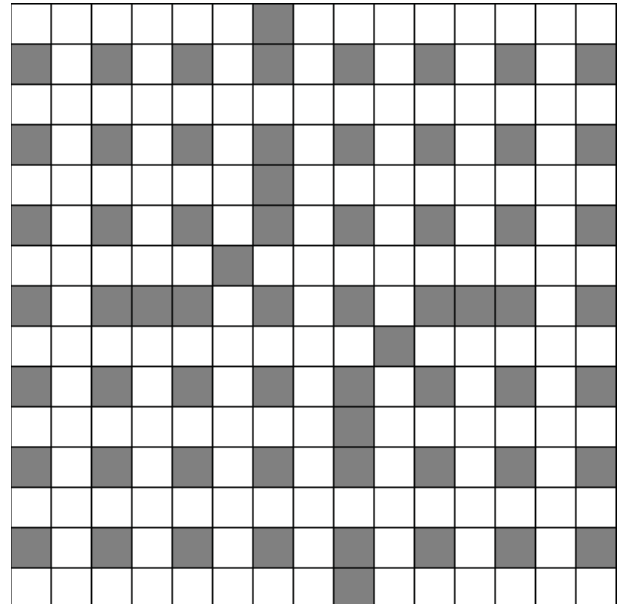
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52 Brandling St, Alexandria NSW 2015.

Closing mail date: Friday 9 November 2012.

NAME: .....



Clue of the Month .....

**August 6-2012: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)**

**Entries 72. Correct 64. Success rate 89%.**

**Prizewinner: Pat Garner. Congratulations!**

**Adjudicator's Comments:**

The anagram in "New or ancient vessel (9)" to give CONTAINER apparently eluded some members for a while. Paul's original concept of arithmetic operations did produce a subtraction clue in his puzzle, missing in this one, but his puzzle did not manage an equation with only numbers on both sides, as in 21ac. —Crowsman (Len Colgan)

**Explanations:**

Note that, for example,  $28 \div 28$  means "container divided by container" which indicates one container inside another.

**Across:** 1 I/anag of (irate vet); 6 cart(on); 10 c/I/lob/a/rap (all rev); 11 blo(c)k/E; 12 Philip/pines; 13 sag(rev); 14 at/tempts; 16 girl/io(all rev); 20 pan inside anag of sea; 21 man/grove; 23 double def; 25 male/diction; 27 anag of espan(a); 28 anag; 29 (s)tree(t); 30 de(com)pose.

**Down:** 2 t(urn)iptop; 3 rabbi(t); 4 tele/path; 5 va(can)t; 7 a/long; 8 anag; 9 spy/plane; 11 bus/king; 15 man x man; 17 re(Orient)s(t); 18 greener/y; 19 man/dingo; 22 clic(k)/he; 23 be(a)st; 24 ma(p)le; 26 cha(M)p.

**Solvers' Comments:**

• Loved MANXMAN! Myself a maths man never saw this! Great puzzle. Loved the Eureka moment. *William Ryan*

• Clearly the arithmetical nature of the clues caught your eye in Paul's puzzle. This was a very nice extension of that. Well done. *Andrew Patterson*

• As always, a great challenge. Particularly liked 26dn: made me smile. *Trish McPherson*

• This stunning puzzle is full of NUMBERS!! *Alan Walter*

• First class crossword Crowsman, and a real challenge! The last words I got were ATTEMPTS and MANXMAN. These may be Paul of The Guardian's ideas, but I bet you have used them better. *Roy Taylor*

• At first I recoiled in horror, but then I 'got' it, and enjoyed it immensely. 15dn had me puzzled for some time, but then I changed 14ac from ATTRACTS to ATTEMPTS, and came up with MANXMAN, a great clue. But I loved them all. *Betty Siegman*

• What a magnificent puzzle. I found it very challenging. Lots of clever clues. Particularly enjoyed 14ac, 25ac, 5dn, 11dn, 15dn, 18dn, 26dn. *Jenny McNeice*

• Well, the concept may well have originally been Paul's, but you certainly made it your own with this puzzle. Excellently devised and a joy to solve. *Roy Wilson*

• This was so clever! I love the way you used the '÷' sign to signify container and contents clues (5dn and 26dn), as well as the use of the multiplication sign to get MANXMAN (15dn). *Brian Tickle*

• I'm not a big fan of Paul, I must admit, but I did enjoy this. Very clever. *Jenny Wenham*

• A great challenging puzzle with great clues. Favourites were 11, 13, 16 and 27ac and 11, 15, 18 and 24dn. *Joan Smith*

• A very green month, with trees in Slots 5 and 6. All the mathematical symbols made this puzzle look very daunting – which it was. Hope I got there eventually! *Nea Storey*

• Another masterpiece and an unusual one at that. Took quite a while to work out the requirements & even then many clues (and answers) were quite obscure but fair. However, I loved 23ac BUM, and 11ac BLOKE was very clever. My favourite was 11dn BUSKING – it was perfectly honest yet the primary was "tongue in cheek". *Bev Cockburn*

• Thanks for an intricate Slot 6; it must have taken some time to compile. Three themes, Male, Beast and Trees, plus I make it 16 clues refer to seven 'key' clues. Especially devious was 15dn MANXMAN where 'x' doesn't have a mathematical meaning like + (concatenate) or ÷ (containment) but just x! *Tony Dobebe*

• Nice idea – a bit different and some amusing clues. *Jill Freeland*

• My wife and I have completed grid six for August albeit not without some considerable effort, gritted teeth, dogged determination and sheer frustration. It was, I must say, a most interesting and challenging puzzle. *Richard Skinner*

• What a fun and challenging puzzle. Totally on the wrong track for a while with ATTRACTS instead of ATTEMPTS for 14ac. Some great clues and an interesting theme. *Jean Barbour*

• You are the 26. What a 23! Had several 14 at 14 while 15 remained 5. Couldn't see the 18 for the 8. Thanks for a refreshingly different puzzle with challenging but accurate clues. *Jack Stocks*

• Thoroughly enjoyed this puzzle with all its connections between the blokes and trees etc. Some neat clues here – especially liked MANXMAN. Thanks, Len. *Gillian Champion*

• This puzzle was a lot of fun, with some very good clues. I had to check a few definitions in Chambers Crossword Dictionary, particularly "at" meaning "towards" and "click" meaning "beat". Please keep the puzzles coming! *Robyn Caine*

• You excelled yourself this time. It was a mighty tussle but I feel quite euphoric now I have (hopefully) conquered it. I would be really happy if you composed more of this type! *Pat Garner*

• This was fun. A different kind of mathematical theme, with another dual theme interwoven. Very clever! *Mike Potts*

An intriguing and entertaining lineup, MANXMAN and OIL RIG the best. Thanks Crowsman! *Max Roddick*

**APOCRYPHAL(?) SIGNS**

In an office: TOILET OUT OF ORDER..... PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundromat: AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

In a London department store: BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

In an office: WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

In an office: AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD

Outside a second-hand shop: WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING – BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

Notice in health food shop window: CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Spotted in a safari park: ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR

Seen during a conference: FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE CENTRE ON THE 1ST FLOOR

Notice in a farmer's field: THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

On a repair shop door: WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR – THE BELL DOESN'T WORK)

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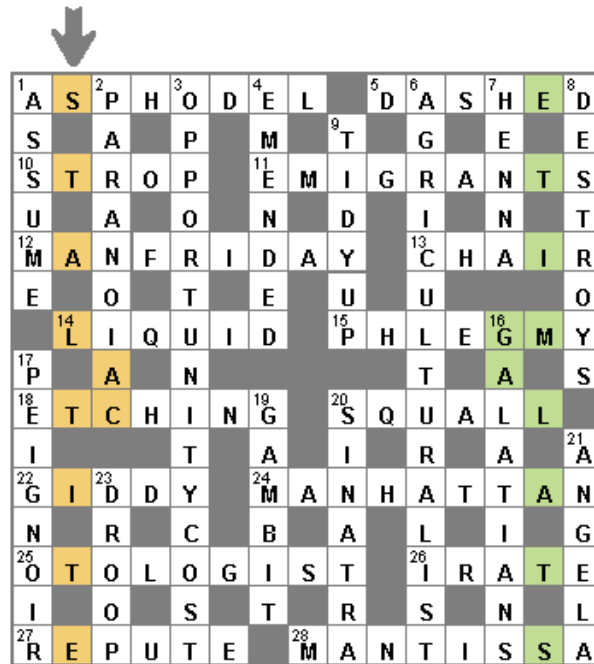
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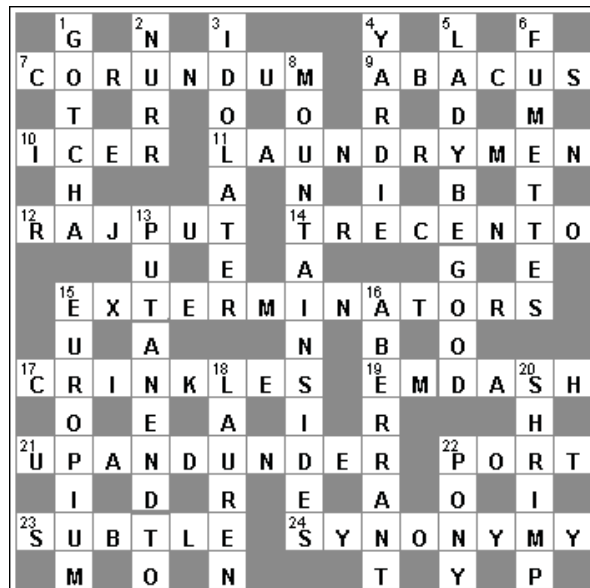
## What is a Nina in cryptic crosswords?

Acknowledgement is made to the *Crossword Unclued* website for much of this information, and to *The Independent* newspaper for the two answer grids featured below. This British newspaper has a history of publishing puzzles concealing Ninas, so that their solvers often have a cursory look at completed grids just in case something is sneakily camouflaged. A Nina is a special property of a completed answer grid in which words or phrases are hidden by the compiler within a cell pattern. These often take advantage of “unches”, which are the unchecked cells (non-intersecting cells) which occur in one answer only. For example, we know that stalactites grow from the top downwards whereas stalagmites grow from the bottom upwards. But look how *Mordred* in the *Independent* 6996 puzzle managed to hide them in this answer grid.



Independent 6996 (Mordred)

The word “Nina” is attributed to the American caricaturist Al Hirschfeld who was famous (infamous?) for concealing his daughter’s name “Nina” in his drawings. Crossword compilers then adopted this idea, with the earliest probably being a *Times* puzzle of July 1967. The existence of a hidden Nina is usually unannounced, neither with a title nor in a preamble. Consequently, if you do not actively look for it, you will be totally oblivious to its inclusion. Mind you, should you have a light-bulb moment and spot the likely existence of a Nina while inserting answers into the grid, it can instantly provide a number of missing letters and facilitate completing the puzzle. But this is unlikely to occur unless the compiler has a reputation for Ninas, or else there is a hint attached to the clues. David Stickley in his giant 23x23 puzzle in an *Australian Financial Review* of April 2011 included the Nina “ANZAC DAY AND EASTER UNITED” down the main diagonal. Also, an early *CrOZworld* puzzle was compiled by Noel Jessop which contained “A MAN SHOULD KNOW HIS OWN LIMITATIONS” hidden, in order, as the first letter of the clues – a somewhat different but clever concept. This concept is also used by DA in his ingenious Rubicon puzzles in *Australian Style* to refer to solutions of a particular type in the grid – perhaps a double Nina? Have a look at this completed grid from the *Independent* 7150 by *Monk*. Can you spot the Nina?



Now, be aware that there will be an unannounced Nina in at least one *CrOZworld* puzzle in the next year. Those members who spot it early will find the puzzle much easier to solve. The prize-winner will need to mention it.