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Dictionaries are like watches: the worst is better than none,
and the best cannot be expected to go quite true.
Samuel Johnson, 21 August 1784, letter to Francesco Sastres.

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RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS!

We are pleased to announce that we have managed to maintain the Annual Membership subscription for 2014 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 2013 Prize Fund. Thank You! We prefer members to receive only the email version 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 2014?

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 2014. We have continued the special offer whereby you can sign up a new member for 2014 for only \$30. Just a reminder that we distribute more than \$6500 in cash prizes per year plus 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 2014.

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 1 December. 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 *Zythum*, *St Jude* and *Bogeyman* are included not to mention *stroz* in Slot 1. The skilful *Praxis* has contributed another fine cryptic in Slot 5. We are delighted to see another challenging cryptic from *zinzan* who has devised a stunner in the Slot 6 puzzle. And the tireless *Virgo* has challenged us with another of her excellent Quizzes. Happy Crozworlding. —Patrick

One of the pleasures adjudicating is the nice cards and letters with the entries. The second entry I received had me giggling with his comments. A lovely card was received from a member 'somewhere at sea' (having a good time apparently): I hope she is still friends with me when she sees her results. Many thanks to Ian for his help with the adjudication.

Slot 1: Lost dots were for blank spaces E-T (2) and O-A (4) other problems were one-offs apart from OLYMPUS/PERISHING (3) and OLYMPUS/INRUSHING (1).

Slot 2: One member will be unhappy with his (PPOGRESS) transcription error. Mistakes were MATCHMAKER (6) for WATCHMAKER, INSTAL (4) for INSTIL, PANINOS (4) for PANINIS and AUGERS (7) for AUGURS. 14 nominations for COTM, ALLEGRO (5) being the favourite for this puzzle.

Slot 3: Missing dots were RING (3), HANG and XING for WING. POP SINGERS were responsible for (2) LOW SINNERS. Many members commented on the clever anagram for CROSS MY HEART AND HOPE TO DIE with 4 nominations for COTM.

Slot 4: GOAT MOTH created GRAY MOTH (5) GOAD MOTH (2) and GNAT MOTH (2) there was also a G-A- MOTH. SOLOMAN (4) for SOLOMON. BELLWETHER SEAT also received many complimentary comments for its humour.

Slot 5: Not so many entries for slot 5 but those that did thought it a great puzzle. The biggest problem was (8) ARMS instead of KRIS. 19 nominations for *Flowerman's* puzzle.

COTM: 68 members voted for 31 clues from all puzzles. A clear winner was RIPSNOTTER (16) from *Flowerman* (Ian Thompson) with BELLWETHER SEAT (8) second. Congratulations Ian.

—Joan Smith

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	101	98	81	82	63	425
Correct entries	86	69	61	56	46	318
Success rate (%)	85	70	75	68	73	75
Prizewinners	G Lemon	C Hambling	B Glissan	A Patterson	J Barnes	from 101 members

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Prizewinner: September 2013 Slots 1-5: Maureen Blake. Congrats!

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September 1-2013

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September 2-2013

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September 3-2013

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR AUG Slot 6 & SEPT 2013 Slots 1-5

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
ABBOTT Patricia	.					
ALLEN W		.		.		.
ANDERSON C
ARCHIBALD C	.		.		.	
AXELSEN U
AUSTIN A	.					
BARNES J
BARRETT A
BAYLIS J	.	.				.
BENNETT B
BILKEY C						.
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COCKBURN B
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COPLAND F						.
COULTON L	.	.		.		
COWAN M	
DAVIS M
DEARIE P
DE GRYS A	.					
DENNIS M	.	.				
DINHAM V
DOBELE T
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DUCKER R
DYER A		
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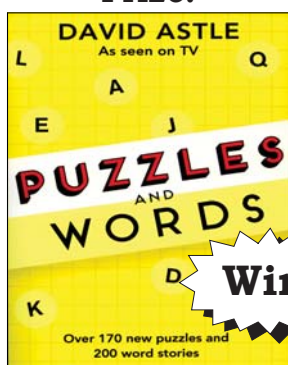
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FRY L		
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GRAINGER D	.	.		.		
GREENBERGER O		
GREENING D	.	.	.			
HAGAN B
HAMBLING C
HARPER K
HAZELL N	.					
HEMSLEY D	.	.	.			
HEYES N	.					
HOWARD V	.					
HOWELLS S
IBBOTT B	.					
JAMES V
JARMAN L	.					
JERMY A
JONES D
KENNEDY L	.					
KENNEDY M
KNIGHT S
LEE N	
LEEDS G
LEIGH J
LEMON G
LLOYD G			.			
LOBSEY V	.			.		
LORD P
McADOO G	.			.		
McCLELLAND C
McCULLOCH I						.

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
McKENZIE I
McMANUS D
MARTIN A		
MASON I	.	.				.
MEEK D
MILES A
MILTON R	.					
MOLINE R
NOBLE C
PARSONS D
PATTERSON A
PERROW H
PINDER S		.				
POTTS M	
PROCTER D
PROCTER M	.					
PYC M
RODDICK M
ROULSTON S
RYAN W
SHIELD A
SIMONS A
SKINNER R
SMITH J
STEINBERGER M
STOREY N
SYMONS B
TAYLOR R	
THOMPSON I
TOFONI B
WALTER A
WATT K
WENHAM J
WILCOX C
WIMBUSH R
WOOD J

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Across

- 1 E (4)
- 4 Paragon (4)
- 7 Fast (4)
- 10 Match (4)
- 11 Bad (6)
- 13 Fool (4)
- 14 Dish (4)
- 15 Haven (5)
- 16 US architect (4)
- 18 Passed over (6)
- 19 Qualification (3)
- 21 Jazz around (9)
- 24 Leaf (5)
- 25 Especially (7)
- 27 Plug (7)
- 30 Surround (5)
- 32 Mollusc (9)
- 34 Epoch (3)
- 35 Weave (6)
- 38 Let loose (4)
- 40 Ablaze (5)
- 41 Gum (4)
- 42 Level (4)
- 43 Potent (6)
- 44 Title (4)
- 45 Optics (4)
- 46 Angers (4)
- 47 Simple (4)

Down

- 1 Doctor Strangelove produces aromatic plant! (8)
- 2 Thorn likes pet cocktail (8)
- 3 So long thank you (2-2)
- 4 Press agent club (4)
- 5 Prayer for Nick with love for money (6)
- 6 Rifle up front (4)
- 7 Dover (4)
- 8 Six-footer in tribe! (6)
- 9 Steals macabre pompom (6)
- 12 Implement poser in jigsaw puzzle! (4,7)
- 17 Wavemaker from fur cabinet (11)
- 20 Herb the intellectual (4)
- 22 Revolutionary embassy drops me in canyon (5)
- 23 Try out smack (5)
- 26 Past six (4)
- 28 Former priest in trouble (8)
- 29 Run over by military vehicle (8)
- 30 Miss Ironman (6)
- 31 Genuine gum (6)
- 33 Stiletto shoe maker! (6)
- 36 Flower girl (4)
- 37 This fruit sounds terrible (4)
- 38 Fish with eyeglass alternately (4)
- 39 Lot of time warp (4)

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Closing mail date: 8 November 2013.

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Cryptic by Zythum



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Across

- 1 One obsessed with details, disturbed and in fit of peevishness (6)
- 4 Lithe cat remodelled ready for sport (8)
- 10 Noteworthy communication before beginnings of radio and before Lodge's experiments (9)
- 11 Love in Midi reflected popular usage (5)
- 12 First of dealers in bazaar knocked back credit (5)
- 13 After a time Edward followed secretary and gave it a try (9)
- 14 Grandma clutching manuscript, we returned source of stories (7)
- 16 Appointment to meet Florentine poet (name suppressed) (4)
- 19 Glimpse paranormal phenomenon before spooky conclusion (4)
- 21 One loud female to increase sound in outbreaks of violence (7)
- 24 Shoot an old fowl as a moneymaking effort (9)
- 25 Initially harmonious, an inscrutable koan upset succinct poetic form (5)
- 26 Small measure of love supplanting dreary start in dim student (5)
- 27 Waiting around to get most out of muddled terminologist (9)

28 Playful ridicule of wicked crazy Angie (8)


29 A note concealed in eccentric hoax (6)

Down

- 1 Family in dancing shoes – nice as pie! (8)
- 2 Simplify message of mute defeat (4,4)
- 3 Informers poles apart about animal rescue vessel (5)
- 5 Quaint little Edward sent out short messages (7)
- 6 Character's theme music adapted to fit Lime (9)
- 7 Blemishes aren't commonly seen in Eliot (6)
- 8 Shy about treatment? That's funny (6)
- 9 Boat astray in reach (6)
- 15 Badly run opening of motorway fouled-up over sign (9)
- 17 Deranged hotelier and unclothed vicar in grand religious building (8)
- 18 A degauss operation mitigated ill-effects (8)
- 20 Golly, E.U. confounded seasonal eating and winter heating (4,3)
- 21 A loud attack frightened ... (6)
- 22 ... a quiet old banker with a way out nonchalance (6)
- 23 Saint on drug down and drunk (6)
- 25 Chaney haunted retiring occupants as nocturnal scavenger (5)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- I am thrilled to have won the *Oxford Dictionary of English*, complete with some more of Patrick's beautiful calligraphy. I am running out of space for reference books! Over the years I have been so fortunate to win so many splendid prizes. What a wonderful Club we have which rewards us so well for enjoying ourselves!
Margaret Davis
- Many thanks for a most useful book prize for the Clue Writing Competition. I have already used it twice for this month's puzzles.
Brian Symons
- Thank you very much for my book prize the *Oxford Thesaurus*. I am sure it will be very useful and will aid the little grey cells. I have been watching too much Poirot.
Fay Copland
- For COTM, I was torn between the delicious simplicity of Slot 3, 3dn (EPIC) and the wonderful cleverness of Slot 5, 1ac. On balance I go for RIPSNOTER.
David Grainger
- Thank you for an entertaining month yet again. You're a very impressive bunch! Don't know what I'd do without you all.
Robyn Wimbush
- Thanks heaps for the great entertainment, especially slot 3.
Glenda Lloyd

O C T O B E R 2 0 1 3 S L O T 3
<h1 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">by</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">St Jude</h2>


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Across

- 1 At twenty, he wrote *Anything Goes* for religious pedlar (10)
- 8 Twenty spin twenty Tooheys around at one time, forever (6)
- 9 Greek god's son's display case for ibis (8)
- 10 Louder shout of public disapproval (6)
- 11 Long for internal body part at twenty to be as new (8)
- 12 Nickname I abandoned after knock out of animals (6)
- 13 Recompense, for wrongdoing is perishing (5)
- 16 Twenty's part of an egg that will join together (4)
- 19 Likewise, father has a drink (4)
- 21 Pharmacist ashamed of concealed drugs (5)
- 24 Dance with knife without hesitation (6)
- 25 Felon's enemy, removed from infomercial, is perturbed (8)
- 27 Choir of twenty ease into course (6)
- 28 Illuminated oversupply came down (8)
- 29 Expedition to Madeira Fashion retrospective (6)
- 30 Adman will plagiarise author (10)

Down

- 1 Pussyfoot literally and figuratively a toady (4,3)
- 2 Desire fish held on end of gaff (7)
- 3 Book about service of worshipping figure (5)
- 4 Don't begin excursion at bar for old games (7)
- 5 Arrested again when grass volume found inside (8)
- 6 Restriction remaining on shower time (9)
- 7 Expands fashionable folds (9)
- 14 A symbol of conviction (9)
- 15 Record with track at edge by Queen Albert; a one hit wonder? (9)
- 17 Twenty astonished by river (3)
- 18 Obscure coteries formed (8)
- 20 African Union assembly heard on radio perhaps? (7)
- 22 Ring to cancel employment training (7)
- 23 Held in alcohol sterilised receptacle (7)
- 26 Federal parliamentarian obtained gold for antelope (5)

Explanations for clues in September grids where provided by compilers. Thanks to Rob, Andrew, Len and Ian.

Slot 2 Isla. Across: 1 DD 5 ROT inside GOT*, 8 DD, 9 Double DD 10 PR + OGRESS, 11 TO P (-) END, 12 ACNE with N replaced by M, 14 W + mATCHMAKER, 17 SPOILS + PORT, 20 S + AID, 23 IN (ST) IL, 24 (DO I C LEAR)*, 25 NANNY + STATE, 26 HW>, 27 A + S (C) END, 28 B (FARE*) OOT. **Down:** 1 REAP + PEARS, 2 PER + FORM, 3 Homophone of augers, 4 LOOK+ SHARP, 5 GO + DUTCH, 6 O (VERy) P + LAYS, 7 R after T + (tO bUrN) + CE, 13 EX + IS TENCE(homoph), 15 CAR+ B (ON +A) RA, 16 RED + CARPET, 18 PAN (IN + I) S, 19 SP + LAY+ ED, 21 bALL + EG + RO(=run out) , 22 AD +HE +RE.

Slot 3 zinzan. Across: 1 D + AFTER, 4 SMASH = H.I.T.(heads), 9 PTO + S+ IS, 10 (SERVICE STATION-STORES)*, 12 TB = A +R, 13 (OPPRESSING)*, 15/18 (CARED,HAD,TO,PROMISE,HONESTY)*, 21 DDEF, 22 -PET S- <, 24 Homoph (try folk'll), 25 -aTtrE + cRiCkEt, 26 (SOME,DAYS)*, 27 (GLADIATORS-LOTS)*. **Down:** 1 DI +PS +TICK, 2 (FORMAT)* +OZ, 3 E-PIC, 5 MINES + WEEPERS, 6 DDEF, 7 (HELI-AD)*, 8 DDEF, 11 GO + BY + THE BOARD, 14 Homoph (a sink runny), 16 I + DI(TARO)D, 17 (EARLY,APE)*, 19 A +G + (SEAT)*, 20 A +TRIUMph, 23 sWING.

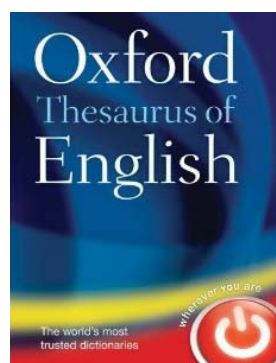
Slot 4 Crowsman. Across: 9 e(Labor)ate; 10 anag; 11 o(leander); 12 Lind(rum) + say; 13 anag (RELOCATE) + TE; 14 dd; 17 hig(h) + gins; 20 anag; 21 (nay R)rev; 22 cunning + ham; 26 (I a rum as)rev; 27 solo + M + on; 28 dd (Aston Villa); 29 anag ; **Down:** 1,26 bell(e) + wet her seat; 2 C(al)are; 3 gold + stein; 4 farr(i)er; 5 reverse hidden; 6 fly + NN; 7 B + sir(rev) + bane; 8 dd; 15 E + den + Monaro; 16 be(NNE)long; 18 go at + (h tom)rev; 19 s(our)ings; 23 anag; 24 ho(me)ly; 25 dd.

Slot 5 Flowerman. Across: 1 RIP + SNORTER, 6 risk → KRISK, 9 PUN + (a)CTUATED, 10 (mad-aga)SCAR, 12 RU + STIC(t), 13 AS(CID) IAN, 15 Anag., 18 CON + NO +IS + rev. SEUR, 21 POLO + rev. (NI + UM), 22 BE(RAT)E, 24 (ab)LUT(tons) + E, 25 Rev., 26 Double def. (Sally Ride), 27 A + anag. GNOSTICAL, **Down:** 1 R + rev. EPORT, 2 PU(NI)SH, 3 NOTH(IN + anag. G DO)ING., 4 Homoph., 5 Rev. (r) EVEN(ST)(r)EVEN, 7 dd, 8 SERE + anag. + E, 11 Anag., 14 UNA +S(SUM)ING, 16 SC[A PUL(l)]AR, 17 Anag. INF(LATE)D, 19 PARSE + C, 20 F + rev. EUD) +tAlk, 23 OTTO(-man).

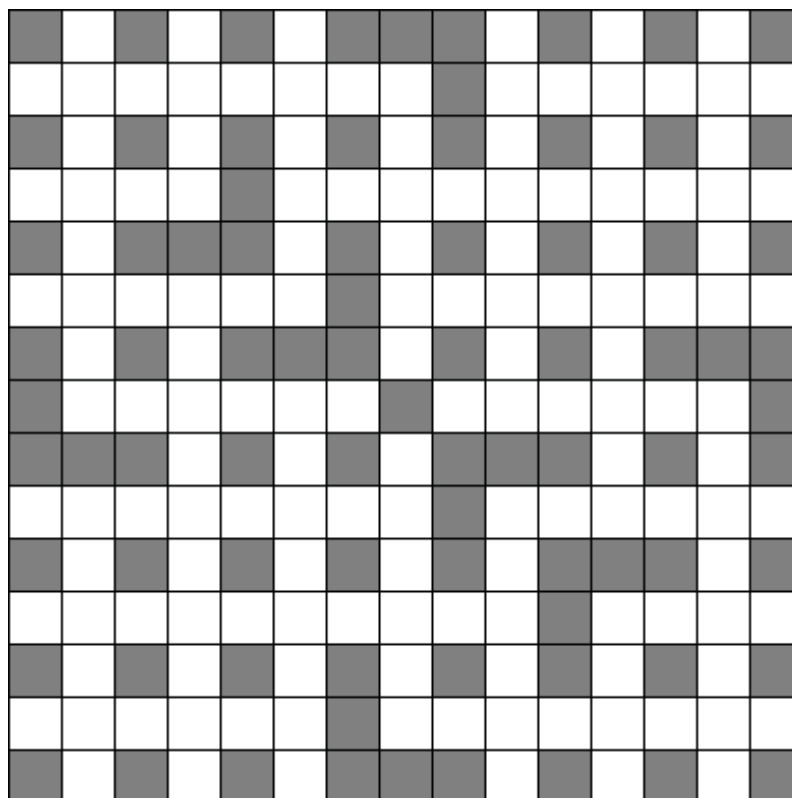
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AJ
by
Bogeyman

Prize:



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

- A** Take care of a noted race organisation (6,2)
- B** Oxbridge sporting representative may row (4)
- C** Structure confining Spooner's interpretation of source of refreshment for disciple before he saw the light (4,4)
- D** Plays to drop, when ... (6)
- D** ... woodland dwellers have uninteresting promotions (6)
- E** Former bonfire reported to die out (6)
- F** Iced drink for Italian religious taking university study involving philosophy, etc (6)
- G** Mischievous young woman taking middle of line during match (6)
- H** Intertwined double halo causes interjection! (5-3)
- I** Premiss I've translated is likely to influence (10)
- J** Saint iterated, introducing Klapka as author (6)
- K** Joint where Ken confused drug (4)
- L** French article about one Englishman and a fatty tumour (6)
- M** Once pure woman and officer are inside – not so hot (8)
- N** Incorporeal person of little importance ... (6)
- O** ... compounds cowskins for Cockney (6)
- P** Father takes German woman into Lost People (10)
- Q** Sing with tremulous uncertainty on half-note (6)
- R** Take her back to Bardic forest to strengthen once more (8)
- S** Study of shaking – shaking goo messily (10)
- T** Golfer takes action to start hole as Peg gets drink (4,2)
- U** Not perceiving as woman goods! (8)
- V** Winner – Scotsman's article on fin de siècle bric-à-brac (10)
- W** Special carer for wretched wee runts (3-5)
- X** Paradise, finding Kiss collection with Dutch ... (6)
- Y** ... when singer yelled or rocked (8)
- Z** Enthusiasm for half zinc, half einsteinium, aluminium alloy! (4)
- Z** African nation uses GMT (4)

2013 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 1 December 2013 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. We are hoping that the legendary UK crossword compiler and author of the *Chambers Crossword Manual*, Don Manley, will be in attendance. Looking forward to meeting up again. Be there!

A Message from David Stickley

"David Stickley is making a free crossword available on his website (www.stickler.com.au) every Monday called 'The Stickler Weekly'. This is in response to the feedback of many solvers who were unhappy with the cancellation of his long-running puzzle, The Stickler, in *The Daily Telegraph*. The new puzzle can be downloaded and printed, or completed online. Clue hints for each puzzle are available and full explanations are published the following week. David asks solvers for financial support, but this is purely voluntary".

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**Made to Scale
by
Praxis**

Prize:

Win!

REVERSE DICTIONARY
How to find the words on the tip of your tongue

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Four unclued lights are consistent with the theme.
A fifth is closely related.

Across

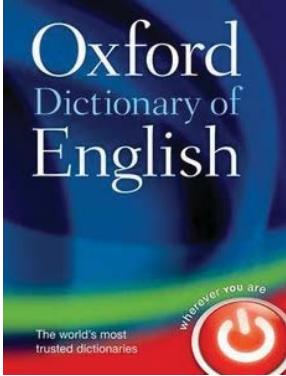
- 1 Officer with time on space station's sent back indeed (7)
- 6 Food producers require strong limbs (5)
- 10 Amends? (5)
- 11 British sailor loves new drill (6)
- 12 Theme (9)
- 13 Scot's intend to remove top from boiler (5)
- 14 Revealed son's devastated by Indian's greeting (6; 2 words)
- 16 More serene, royal shows hesitation after a cry (7)
- 18 Padre's ode riled this bad man? (9)
- 20 These measured distance covered; time saver perhaps? (9)
- 26 European guy follows jazz fan (7)
- 28 Molten core has the Italian jump back (6)
- 29 Board's given approval by more than one European (5)
- 30 He divulged the train given to the queen (9)
- 31 Society to abide misogynist? (6)
- 32 Banquet includes oriental organic compound (5)
- 33 Seek way to the cattle-fair (5)
- 34 Regan's dad, within a month, returned exonerated (7)

Down

- 1 Theme (5)
- 2 Cook fish pulled up by eminence (6)
- 3 Theme (9; 2 words)
- 4 Gave hint to linked characters (6)
- 5 Sounds like keys are found in supermarket? (6)
- 6 Artist quietly left, strong replacement's not as bold (7)
- 7 Road transport divided aged with rail (5)
- 8 Starting off work breaks getting Maori tattoos (5)
- 9 Theme (7)
- 15 Captain ship for a star (9)
- 17 Theme (7)
- 19 Bird returned to a different site; most strange (7)
- 21 Easterly in Scotland created rough seas for the Spanish (6)
- 22 USA changed over climate for lizards (6)
- 23 Netaji made pot? (6)
- 24 Spellbinder! He had the king roll over! (5)
- 25 Party had a gentleman turn up with a type of gastropod (5)
- 27 Nominated new Dame is delirious (5)

GENERAL COMMENTS cont'd from p4

- Many thanks to the club for my Slot 3 prize for last month: it was a very handy surprise. Col Archibald
- Some very difficult puzzles this month but all were fair. I enjoyed Audrey's cluing but I gave the COTM to Isla for his 21dn ALLEGRO – it just appealed to me. I also really enjoyed *Crowsman's* Slot 4 even though it was not an AJ – once I got 13 across!! Roy Cockburn
- Thanks very much for the very interesting *Reverse Dictionary* prize last month! Roy Taylor
- A big thank you to the Club for my prize for July Slot 6. *The Oxford Dictionary of English* is a splendid addition to my reference library. Margaret Davis
- I would like to thank the club for my prize for slots 1-5 August 2013. Also the \$100 came in very handy. Tony de Gry
- I am sure I am not the only member lamenting Slot 4 this month. While I found Len's offering 'undoable' (could have been slot 6 or 7) I was really disappointed not to find the always popular AJ. Sincerely hope that the wonderful setters that we have in the club can keep this slot as an AJ. Veniece Lobsey

<p> O C T O B E R 2 0 1 3 S L O T 6 </p>
<h2>Players</h2> <p>by <i>zinzan</i></p>
<p>Prize:</p> 

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1. Solve the puzzle as normal.
2. Arrange the initial letters of the clues in the alphabetical order of their answers. Format them as 3,6,to,5,7,for,4,7) for further instructions.
3. Fill the boxes with your final answers.

Across

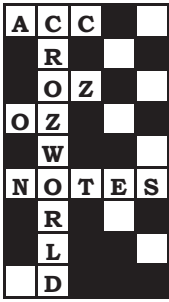
- 8 Extremely handsome, Romeo gets the girl (3)
- 9 Back of sharp, perfect ring (5)
- 10 The better part of a flower canopy (4)
- 11 Where the dishes are heard to be all together (2,4)
- 12 Stairs seen to be leading up to landing (2,6)
- 13 Shore Aid redirected to African country in 1978 (8)
- 15 Somewhat inopportune, as you're anxious (6)
- 17 Station in East Gove finally forms one part of all assets (7)
- 19 Engraver of a sixth of all letters is a go-getter (7)
- 22 Devotional song embraced by defiant Hemingway (6)
- 24 Divides holding (exempt from alternatives) permanently (3,5)
- 26 East European city's built an extraordinary enclosure for the leader of Sunnis (8)
- 28 Overly chatty person starts to get anxious, talks back (6)
- 30 Running division left with a new employee originally (4)
- 31 The final frontier, one small step for man ... (5)
- 32 Develop a hands-free beer? (3)

Down

- 1 Cast, aside from star, sitting outside hotel (4)
- 2 Even in Kenya, inside, ponder about being hunted (6,2)
- 3 Learner excluded from special prepared tips (6)
- 4 A year after Zinzan got thrown in gaol, escape! (7)
- 5 Autonomy lures corrupted little person inside (4-4)
- 6 Apply wisdom to Harry Davies (6)
- 7 Reef is holding surplus types that 14 may have 2 (4)
- 14 Nowhere we go at sea can find leggy one in the water (5)
- 16 Really expensive leak found – about time! (5)
- 18 No. 4 stop in run for the setter and graduate riding in the Tube (4,4)
- 20 The King, maybe Charlie, has men's disorder (8)
- 21 Shed, following a flood, devastated (7)
- 23 Zone reduced after he runs as auditor (6)
- 25 Toupee-wearing Rocky! (6)
- 27 East leaves a bridge game, replaced by a slender bird! (4)
- 29 Expressions of interest, many less after filtering (4)

Post Solution to:

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 Closing mail date: Friday 8 November 2013.



Quiz 8/2013 Linkwords Singers by Virgo (Audrey Austin).

Correct 21: Abbott P, Dearie P, Fowler J, Grainger D, Miles A, Pearce J, Procter M and Watt K; **20:** Caine R, Cockburn B, Collins M, Glissan B, Howard V, Howells S, Jermy A, Jones D, Leigh J, Martin J, McClelland C, Meek D, Noble C, Skinner R, Smith J, Symons B and Walter A; **19:** Cole G, Garner P, Lemon G, O'Brien E, Pinder S, Siegman B, Thompson I, Wimbush R; **18:** Dinham V, Freeman H, McGrath J, McPherson T and Waites; **17:** Gooderick R.

Winner, Patricia Abbott – Congratulations!

Solutions: 1. Louis Armstrong 2. Bryan Adams 3. David Bowie 4. James Brown 5. Ray Charles 6. Joe Cocker 7. Slim Dusty 8. Bob Dylan 9. Boy George 10. Mark Holden 11. Michael Jackson 12. Billy Joel 13. Elton John 14. Dean Martin 15. Tom Petty 16. Guy Sebastian 17. Paul Simon 18. Keith Urban 19. Bobby Vincent 20. Andy Williams 21. Paul Young.

Adjudicator's comments: Firstly, many thanks for all the kind words and encouragement from the members. Everyone seemed to enjoy the quiz and although 2 was not in alphabetical order, this did not trouble anyone. 21 caught out most with several having John Young and John Paul

Young instead of the British singer Paul Young. Although John Young fits, this Australian singer is known as Johnny. There were a few typos, Andy Griffiths and Billy Zane (actors), and Barry White for James Brown among the errors.

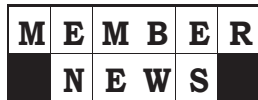
—Warren Allen

Solvers' comments:

- I always enjoy Audrey's Linkwords. Thank you, Audrey. Hope you feel better soon. *Carole Noble*
- A wonderful collection of 21 triple names. Had to pause in locating Princess Michael. Many thanks to Virgo for her singsong Quiz. *Alan Walter*
- Thankfully most of these singers are of my generation, or I would have been clueless. *Pat Garner*
- I was singing all the way down to Bobby Vincent. He had me scratching my head for a while! *Ray Gooderick*
- An excellent quiz. I thought HOLDEN COMMODORE, URBAN TRANSPORT and BRITISH BOBBY were particularly clever. Thanks, Audrey. *Bev Cockburn*

Unfamiliar . . .

- **Dysania** means having difficulty getting out of bed in the morning.
- Doctors are notorious for **griffonage**, or illegible handwriting.
- That place that you can't reach to scratch — like the part of your back between your shoulder blades — is called an **acnestis**.
- **Aphthongs** are the silent letters in words like "knife", "fight" and "aphthongs".



New Member: Alan Eason (the editor of *Crossworder* magazine) from Centenary Heights, Qld. We are privileged to welcome Alan to the wonderful world of Crozworlding!

Puzzle Adjustment: Shelia Taylor received dots for August Slots 1-5 puzzles. Our sincere apologies to Shelia for overlooking this detail.

Solution to Bev's Bafflement from the September Crozworld: In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.

Clueing Conventions. An occasional forum.

The interpretation of conventions incorporated in crosswords that are accurate and fair to the solver provides some interesting interchanges between myself as Crossword Editor and our compilers. Solvers of our crosswords, as well as our compilers, might appreciate the opportunity to express their opinions on some of these issues. As an introduction, the question of what is a "fair" abbreviation is often debated. So here goes.

CC1 — Abbreviations

Some authorities hold that the only abbreviations that should appear in crosswords are those that may be found in some authority such as *Chambers*, *Oxford* or *Collins* (our other standard reference, *Macquarie*, is strangely deficient in listing abbreviations). The issue is not straightforward as, for example, *Chambers* gives Ohio, old, ordinary and oxygen under "O". But "over", a word that one may think should be a cricketer abbreviation is only listed in the combinations "overdose" as OD and "overdrawn" as O/D. Is it permissible to use just part of such definitions and use "over" in a construction requiring O? Interestingly, *Collins* lists o.n.o. as "or nearest offer". Accordingly, would it be fair then to clue "or" or "offer" as O because the abbreviation appears in a reputable authority?

This is but one of many such examples that may be found in our crosswords and others. What do you think?

Send your views to me, Ian Williams (ianw@webone.com.au), and I shall try to put them together for publication in a subsequent edition (or editions) of *Crozworld*.

Quiz 10/2013 Musicfest by Virgo

Many classical composers have what may seem to us unusual names, none more so perhaps than Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. Given the first names of the following composers can you identify them by their surnames?

Send your entries to:

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email to: alisonshield27@optusnet.com.au.

Closing mail date: 8 November 2013. \$75 prize.

- 1 Tomaso (8)
- 2 Laurindo (7)
- 3 Bela (6)
- 4 Erno (8)
- 5 Gaetano (9)
- 6 Antonin (6)
- 7 Gabriel (5)
- 8 Mikhail (6)
- 9 Christoph (5)
- 10 Engelbert (11)
- 11 Zoltan (6)
- 12 Pietro (8)
- 13 Giacomo (9)
- 14 Claudio (10)
- 15 Amilcare (10)
- 16 Serge (12)
- 17 Joaquin (7)
- 18 Gioachino (7)
- 19 Camille (5-5)
- 20 Domenico (9)
- 21 Dmitry (12)
- 22 Bedrich (7)
- 23 Georg (8)
- 24 Heitor (5-5)

September 1-2013: Half 'n Half by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- Chestnut or not, I liked ANCHORAGE. And why couldn't I get BERLUSCONI out of my mind for 18dn? RADAR was an elegant &lit.
Rob Moline
- 29dn – try by South Australia declared – Essay. Was disarmingly simple and neat.
Jim Fowler
- No great surprises although Olympus/Olympia threw me for a bit.
Robyn Wimbush
Alan Dyer
Raoul
- A standard half'n half to get the brain working.
- I spotted the Nina.
- An excellent starter by Virgo. However I think 13ac has to be OLYMPIA – but OLYMPUS is the home of the gods.
Brian Symons
- Thanks Virgo for a neat Slot 1 puzzle. 18dn clue to GARIBALDI was amusingly clever.
Alan Walter
- Good to have a “normal” puzzle in this place again.
Margaret Davis
- Always like the Half'n Halfs. Virgo sets her puzzles at a good general level.
Carole Noble
- Was an easier intro than last time.
Anne Simons
- Loved Essay!
Dale McManus
- Ever enjoyable Virgo! Liked ANNOY, CORKSCREW, STALLION and ESSAY.
Max Roddick

September 2-2013: Cryptic by Isla (Rob Moline)

- A superior puzzle, with the clues for 24ac, 28ac, 15dn, 21dn worthy of special mention.
Len Colgan
- My nomination for COTM is 24ac CORDELIA. Despite the rather convoluted wordplay, it is a genuine &Lit, and a clever one too, with a perfectly valid reference to the play.
Roger Douglas
- I thought there was an exceptional number of excellent clues in this puzzle. My favourites were PROGRESS (brilliant) and COTM for mine, TROUNCE, CARBONARA and PANINIS.
Ian Thompson
- I have great difficulty with clues such as 3dn. Still not sure of the answer.
Robyn Wimbush
- A rather different cluing style but very entertaining surfaces – a satisfying solve.
Tony Dobele
- Maybe I am easily amused, but I do enjoy these clues. I see 17ac (SPOILSPORT) as a candidate for COTM, piped only just by my choice in Slot 5.
Alan Dyer
- Very slick, Isla. Had me thinking several times and you know how that hurts my brain. P.S. I spotted the NINA.
Raoul
- So many great clues this month – but BAREFOOT gets my COTM.
Brian Symons
Roy Taylor
- Some clues bewildering, many very clever.
- If CARBONARA is correct at 15dn could you explain the clue, please? (CAR+B(ON+A)RA).
Margaret Davis
- 23ac: “I love crossing street” = I+N+ST+IL. If you ‘firmly establish’ something in someone’s mind, you INSTIL. Most reputable thesauri give INSTAL for ‘establish’ but INSTAL has I+N+ST+AL which doesn’t equate to the wordplay. 18dn improperly uses ‘sandwiches’ twice.
Alan Walter
- I’m not yet on Isla’s wavelength. I hope his next one is less of a challenge for me.
Carole Noble
- Enjoyed this one although CARBONARA had me struggling for a while. BAREFOOT last finished – good clue.
Anne Simons
- Good for my eyes.
Dale McManus
- Liked REAPPEARS and GROUND ZERO (very smart surface readings), ACME (made me think hard!) and BAREFOOT.
Max Roddick

September 3-2013: Cryptic by zinzan (Andrew Patterson)

- POP SINGERS was a well-spotted and well-clued anagram; CROSS MY HEART AND HOPE TO DIE was even better, &Lit to boot. Not sure I’ve seen a clue like TIERCE before, drop every second letter then swap the parts, but it works for me. SECOND-RATE brought a groan when the penny dropped. AGATES had a great surface.
Rob Moline
- What an absolutely amazing &lit clue for 15 & 18ac! I can only dream of being able to emulate that effort. But 21ac, 26ac, 6dn also deserve individual recognition.
Len Colgan
- A very good cryptic from Zinzan – as one would expect. 15/18ac gets my vote for COTM – what an anagram &lit. I think it is brilliant – honest injun.
Jim Fowler
- A very nice offering from zinzan, with CROSS MY HEART ETC. a magnificent anagram. My other favourites were SMASH HIT, PTOSIS, and FROM A TO Z.
Ian Thompson
- Ptoxis was a new one. Loved the long ones – very clever. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Lots of good clues in this one. I particularly liked “pop singers”.
Robyn Caine
- One of those puzzles you have to ‘get’ some answers then work back to understand the wordplay!
Tony Dobele
- I had to work hard on this one – always seems so obvious in hindsight!
Alan Dyer
- Wow, tough, really tough as I would expect from the Z. Several COTM nominations, and I spotted the clever NINA.
Raoul
- So tricky, loved PTOSIS & the great anagrams of 13ac & 15/18ac.
Brian Symons
- Great clues – EPIC, POP SINGERS, PTOSIS. I discovered IDITAROD! TIERCE with the same meaning as TERCE not easily discovered in Chambers.
Roy Taylor
- 25ac was very difficult to solve. Had to depend on the definition given

- in *The Macquarie*. 7dn: There are 604800 seconds in a week. *Alan Walter*
- An interesting puzzle from zinzan with that long expression across the middle.
Margaret Davis
- zinzan always makes me shake in my boots. He sets a mean puzzle, but a fair one.
Carole Noble
- I nearly had a fit when I first saw 15 & 18ac. Luckily I fluked the answer early, which helped a lot! Some great clues eg 2 & 19dn TIERCE last (I hope it is correct). (Spot on Anne: JS).
Anne Simons
- Specials: Dafter, X my heart & hope to die, From A-Z – Tip Top clues!
Dale McManus
- That 24-letter anagram must surely be a record! Liked TRIFOVAL.
Max Roddick

September 4-2013: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

- Brilliant grid, barely a word that wasn't an electorate. ELECTORATE clued gently, thank-you. Knew two, guessed two, then had to go for Google. Learnt: how BELLWETHER is spelled, and what it means (nothing to do with which way the wind blows).
Rob Moline
 - I enjoyed Crowsman's election special. 5dn was very clever – I was worried about finding the scientific nomenclature for congenital wens and was so relieved when I saw I didn't need to!
Nea Storey
 - Very good topical puzzle from the master. Couldn't have been that easy to work out the timing for publication. Only one gripe – there was no mention of the electorate of Fowler:)
Jim Fowler
 - The penny finally dropped as it does (sometimes), thanks Len. Can't imagine how you fit in all the electorates so elegantly. Great fun.
Robyn Wimbush
 - Very topical, but easy once I had cranked up www.aec.gov.au (didn't expect me to remember all electorates off the top of my head?). 15dn, my 13ac, still 1dn.
Alan Dyer
 - Oh, what a classic, week out from the election. Would have had to wait three more years otherwise! Forgot there is a Ryan but no Raoul. 21 out of 30 clues themed, outstanding. Oh, and I spotted the NINA.
Raoul
 - Terrific (as usual) & topical.
Brian Symons
 - Very satisfying to get this one out! Last one I solved was BELLWETHER SEAT, hilarious and definitely COTM. (Poor Bell!) I took a while to realize 22.5degrees was ¼ of 90 degrees, hence NNE. I put NYERERE rather than NYEVERE (as clue suggested) as the later gent doesn't seem to exist.
Roy Taylor
 - Took 5 attempts to solve 13ac as ELECTORATE which gave the topical answer for all the 13s. This was a puzzle suitable for a Slot 7! I missed the usual pleasant alphabetical jigsaw.
Alan Walter
 - Very topical and clever to incorporate so many electorates. I am not familiar with all of them so hope I have not invented some new ones!
Margaret Davis
 - Not happy! No AJ ruined the month for me (and many others, I suspect). Are we out of stock? Disaster!
Carole Noble
 - More groaning! Got it finished (with lots of help).
Anne Simons
 - So NOT me, but brilliant – if only I were more political.
Dale McManus
 - Just happened to be doing this crossword on the eve and day of the elections: very timely. It was a great help with words like ‘bellwether seat’ which I’d never really taken notice of before. My COTM goes to 9ac (elaborate) for its cleverness and misdirection.
Ulla Axelsen
 - What a fine topical collection! Liked HIGGINS and CUNNINGHAM best.
Max Roddick
- ## September 5-2013: Cryptic by Flowerman (Ian Thompson)
- Loved RIPSORTER; not so keen it being a noun defined by an adjective. Liked the MAD AGA as well for the humour, and CONNOISSEUR for its elegance.
Rob Moline
 - Normally, I would be agonising between 1, 9, 10, 18ac for COTM, as they deserve the honour. Ian's surface readings are exemplary and he is to be congratulated.
Len Colgan
 - An enjoyable and clever puzzle.
Jim Fowler
 - Another lot of good clues with “ripsorter” a witty play on words.
Robyn Caine
 - 1ac has to be my COTM. So simple. Ascidians are in the pool I swim in all summer and it was lovely to see them in a puzzle. I'll let them know.
Robyn Wimbush
 - It was a ripsorter! NW corner took a couple of hours to finish!
Tony Dobele
 - Although I did not complete this, still enjoyed the challenge. 1ac (RIPNESSER?) and 4dn (SNAP?) have me beat. I see 6ac (KRIS) as a candidate for COTM.
Alan Dyer
 - Excellent fare, Flowerman! Loved that NINA.
Raoul
 - Great clues – esp PUNCTUATED, DISTRESSED, EVEN STEVEN & NOTHING DOING.
Brian Symons
 - 9ac PUN+(A)C'TUATED' delete (A) quite a difficult clue. For 27ac AGNOSTICAL could only find reference to this in the huge *Merriam-Webster Dictionary*, not in our standard ones.
Alan Walter
 - This was a RIPSORTER. I especially liked 9ac PUNCTUATED.
Carole Noble
 - This was a tough one. Took ages to get EVEN STEVEN & am still unsure of 6ac.
Anne Simons
 - Loved everything! Quite a struggle but really worth it I hope! (Sorry to disappoint you Dale: JS)
Dale McManus

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 Closing mail date: Friday 8 November 2013.
 NAME:



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Clue of the Month

August 6-2013: Cryptic by *Whynot?* (Tony Dobele)

Entries 65. Correct 59. Success rate 91%.

Prizewinner: Iain McCulloch. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments:

As ever, ACC members were very generous with their kind words and feedback with their entries. Thank you, it was great to hear from you all.

With 22ac, 'talking' was meant to be a homophone indicator. In hindsight, that might be a bit dodgy; if so, I apologise sincerely.
—*Whynot?* (Tony Dobele)

Explanations:

Across: 1. GRAD(u)ATION 6. dbl def 9. (c)OVERT 10. Anag (BAREINTHE)- winter used as a verb 11. MAD + E + PUBLIC 12. AS TIME GOES BY-(‘ME GOES BY’ = ‘YOURS TRULY PASSES’) out 14. Anag (DUALP) + IT 15. anag (PINE) in KEG 17. Dbl def 19. Cryptic 20. Dbl def 22. Alpha characters around U (hom YOU) = T and V = TV 25. AC + QUIT + TAL(k) 26. uNwOrLdLy + S(ection) 27. Dbl def 28. CONCLUDE (= close as verb) + raceS.

Down: 1. G + ROOM 2. Attaché case rather than embassy staff 3. ANTI + anag (pa done) 4. IN (wearing) + HABIT (togs) 5. NIB (bin rev) + LICK (beat) 6, 24. Dbl defs 7. Couch (pronounced 'kooch') is type of grass, as is POTato 8. SEE + MI(Nuclear)G +LY 13. 'Maybe Uncle' = RELATION + AL 14. P(recipice) + anag (dateless) 16. Dbl def 18. Infected = SEPTIC around C 19. GR+anag(ELM)+IN 21. Hom 23. NO S(tate) E(mergency) S(ervice).

Solvers' Comments:

• Loved MANXMAN! Myself a maths man never saw this! Several clever clues using misdirections with words needing different interpretations to the literal surface reading. The most clever is probably GRASS, followed by OVERT, ACQUITTAL, INHABIT. Not sure about TELEVISION, though.
Len Colgan

• It was a nice challenge: 6ac & 7dn stumped me.
Ray Gooderick

• I particularly enjoyed the ingenuity of the TELEVISION clue and the absolutely delightful surface reading of the PEDESTALS clue; but my overall favourite, for sheer cleverness, was your clue for GRASS. Thank you for avoiding the oxymoronic phrase 'punk music' in your clue for POGOS. In all, such an excellent crossword that I even find myself inclined to overlook the hideous Americanism that is INITIALED!
Iain McCulloch

• 7dn: POTATO delete ATO (tax collector) giving POT = GRASS defined by Couch. This is an amazingly deceptive clue, as "Couch potato" seems to indicate an idler or loafer, couch here being pronounced quite differently to "couch", being a type of "grass". This clue of yours is the most subtle & clever clue I've seen in years of solving. Thanks for your mind-numbing puzzle.
Alan Walter

• Some nice clues throughout, particularly liked HIBERNATE, DEEJAYS, INHABIT, and the picture you painted at PEDESTALS (and almost but not quite at ASTI). But the pick was the cryptic definition for 19ac, Bums on Seats. Defeated by GRASS and TELEVISION, had to guess the answers.
Rob Moline

• Great set of clues all of which were clever in some way. Nice job.
Andrew Patterson

• Completing puzzle: 4 hours. Figuring out wordplay for TELEVISION: 6 days. Nice one!
Roger Douglas

• Thanks for an enjoyable puzzle. GRASS, GRAVITY & NOSES were especially good clues.
Brian Symons

• Excuse the stationery – got a new COXA on Monday, still laid up in hospital and this is best I could lay my hands on (*some type of hospital napkin but thankfully seemed unused – TD*). What a cracking puzzle! First half of clues went in quickly, almost too quickly for a 'WhyNot?'. Next batch made me realize I had spoken too soon. Last 3 – 4 clues took some hours – A HEADCASE, RELATIONAL – but TV had me stewing in agony – not just from the 20cm gash in my thigh – for some time. Loved it! Made me think, are there other examples in the alphabet? (*Raoul, I'm sure all members wish you a complete recovery with your new coxa – TD*)
Raoul Ryan

• I enjoyed this very much, esp. HIBERNATE, GRASS (which I would have given COTM) until I worked out TELEVISION (after an eternity).
Andrew Miles

• Thank you for your great puzzle – some excellent clues but also some puzzling ones. Particularly liked 17ac DEEJAYS and 1dn GROOM.
Bev Cockburn

• A very tough one! I thought 20ac (SAPS) was brilliant.
David Grainger

• Thanks for this most enjoyable puzzle.
Ann Jermy

• Some devious ones there – like DEEJAYS. Enjoyable puzzle.
Roy Taylor

• A pleasure to solve. Too many good clues to choose some outstanding ones, well done.
Carole Noble

• I can't see any sneaky Ninas but I do note that the very last answer is quite appropriate. This one took a bit of nutting out, especially ANTIPODEAN and TELEVISION. In fact, I'm still not sure about that one. Anyway, our thanks for the time you clearly devote to the club and we look forward to more in the future.
Richard Skinner

• I'll look forward to seeing the answers in October, as I have my doubts about one or two! I did enjoy it though!
Nea Storey

• Loved the clue for DEEJAYS when I finally worked it out. Thank you for a challenging puzzle, looking forward to more from you.
Joan Smith

• I enjoyed the challenge until 22ac loomed. I started trying to find a word for characters to put around 'you talking' (ie ewe, yew) – no result (*you were certainly on the right track Bob – TD*).
Bob Hagan

• None too easy and most enjoyable. For some reason, NOLLS had me baffled for some time. Liked 23dn 'NO S.E.S.' – very clever!
Peter Dearie

• Thanks for a great puzzle. I thought GRASS was particularly entertaining!
Jeremy Barnes

• I enjoyed the puzzle and NIBLICK made me smile.
Joan McGrath

• Kept me absorbed longer than I expected – a most enjoyable puzzle.
John Baylis

• I especially enjoyed your clues for GROOM and KEEPING.
Jan Wood

• Another great puzzle! Thank you.
Maureen Blake

• I particularly liked the clues for GRASS and NOSES.
Robyn Caine

• Thanks for your puzzle. It was good fun to solve and it took me a while to get on top of it. My favourite clues were NIBLICK and SEEMINGLY.
Ian Thompson

• I particularly liked GRASS – very clever, with a nice distraction.
Susan Howells

• I enjoyed doing your great puzzle. There were so many great clues. Loved GRAVITY and DEEJAYS. Keep them coming.
Bill Bennett

• Thanks Tony! A great mix of clever clues, fun clues, and here and there a real poser (like GRASS and NOLLS). Enjoyed it all!
Max Roddick

• Thanks for this interesting puzzle. I struggled for a while, as I had rashly put "BATHERS" for 4dn, and that screwed up the whole top half (so to speak).
Michael Potts

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