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Words are part of action and they are equivalents to actions.
Bronislaw Malinowski, 1935, *The Language of Magic and Gardening*, in
Coral Gardens and their Magic, II, Part 4, Div 1.

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RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS!

The Annual Membership subscription for 2015 unfortunately has increased to \$45 for the paper copy but the *e-Crozworld* remains at only \$35. The increased costs associated with printing and sending *Crozworld* and book prizes via Australia Post is the main reason. We hope that the present delivery times will not be changed in 2015, but it's quite possible that they will be reduced to three times a week. This makes the receipt of *e-Crozworld* a better alternative and much quicker not to mention the environmental issue of less paper usage. Why not opt for the email version in 2015?

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 2015. We have a special offer whereby you can sign up a new member for 2015 for only \$35. 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 2015.

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 30 November. Like last year, there will be plenty of highlights! See page 12 for further details.

Puzzleman **Ian Williams** has another masterly selection of puzzles for you this month. Included are your favourites *InGrid*, *Southern Cross*, *Virgo* and *St Jude*. The skilful *Penobscot* has contributed another fine Double Acrostic in Slot 5. We are delighted to see another challenging cryptic from *Flowerman* who has devised an excellent puzzle in Slot 6. And one of our top class compilers *Valkyrie* has challenged us with another of her excellent Quizzes. Happy Crozworlding. —Patrick

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It is always a pleasure to receive so many nice cards and comments from members: thank you very much. 27dn in Slot 1 was the major problem with many comments that it was the last word to enter: unfortunately there were many variations for this clue. A few other comments that the puzzles were challenging and probably why most entries came this last week, many with only a few slots completed. 83 entries is the smallest number I have had to adjudicate.

Slot 1: Not everyone sent in entries for Slot 1 saying that the four-letter word was the most difficult. 33 incorrect answers for MICE the main ones being DICE (16) and PILE (10). The other problem was TRIES (6) and FREES (4) for FRIES.

Slot 2: No snail mail members commented on Slot 2 being an AJ in disguise (I had the privilege of being informed by the compiler) but there were quite a few of Slot 2 missing from entries. The mistakes were with BARDILY (6) BAWDILY (2) for HARDILY and ZENOPHON (2) for XENOPHON, TETES and BETES for ZEZES.

Slot 3: Not many entries but very few mistakes by those who did the puzzle. This was the only puzzle with a typo USHEE for USHER. The others were a couple of CAPONES and MALONES for PAROLE.

Slot 4: No major mistakes with the AJ KIDDIWINKIE (3) for KIDDYWINKIE (many saying they could not find it in their dictionary) and a couple of Cajoles for CAJOLED.

Slot 5: Another slot with very few major errors MARC being the one to cause more problems with MARK (4) and SITA (2) for SETA.

COTM: Nominations (39) for all the puzzles but the winner with 7 votes was W in the AJ WHEELWRIGHT. Congratulations *Betelgeuse*. —Joan Smith

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	76	65	68	75	75	359
Correct entries	26	52	62	65	65	270
Success rate (%)	34	80	91	87	87	75
Prizewinners	Jim Fowler	Lynne Coulton	Julie Crowe	Alan Dyer	Tony De Gry	from 83 members

Prizewinner: September 2014 Slots 1-5: Bev Cockburn. Congrats!

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September 1-2014

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September 2-2014

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September 3-2014

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September 4-2014

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR AUG Slot 6 & SEPT 2014 Slots 1-5

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
ALLEN W	
ANDERSON C						.
ARCHIBALD C		
AUDRINS K
AXELSEN U	
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BLAKE M
CAINE R
CARROLL L
CHAMPION G		
COATES D	
COCKBURN B
COLE G	
COLGAN L	
COLLINS M	
COPLAND F		
COULTON L	
COWAN M	
CROWE J		
DAVIS M	
DEARIE P
DE GRYS A	
DOBELE T						.
DOUGLAS R				.	.	.
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FWOYER J
FREELAND J	

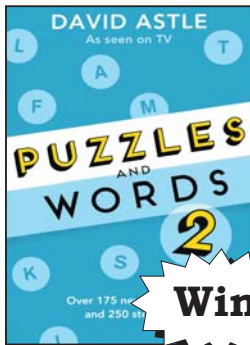
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GRAINGER D
GREENBERGER O						.
HAGAN B
HAMBLING C	.		.	.		
HARPER K						.
HOWARD V				.	.	.
HOWELLS S
IBBOTT B				.		
JARMAN L						.
JONES D
KENNEDY L						.
KENNEDY M
KNIGHT S						.
LANKSHEAR J					.	
LEEDS G	
LEIGH J	
LORD P
LOW R			.			
McADOO G						.
McCLELLAND C
MacDOUGALL I	
McKENZIE I
McMANUS D	
McPHERSON T						.
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MASON I	.			.	.	

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
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MOLINE R	
NOBLE C
O'BRIEN E	
PARSONS D		
PATTERSON A
PERROW H			.	.		.
PINDER S						.
POTTS M				.	.	.
PROCTER D
PROCTER M	
PYC M	
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RODDICK M						.
ROULSTON S	
RYAN W	
SHIELD A		
SIEGMAN B						.
SIMONS A				.	.	.
SKINNER R	
SMITH J
STOREY N	
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TAYLOR S		
THOMPSON I
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Half 'n Half
by
InGrid

Prize:



Win!

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Across

- 9 Ignorant (7)
- 10 Hawk (7)
- 11 Decent (7)
- 12 Butcher (7)
- 13 Yarns (4,5)
- 15 Temper (5)
- 16 Pipes (7)
- 19 Small thing (7)
- 20 Principle (5)
- 21 Distinct (9)
- 25 Cat (7)
- 26 Sedition (7)
- 28 Intellect (7)
- 29 Implement (7)

Down

- 1 Dignified time of year (6)
- 2 Look back after losing part of monitor (6)
- 3 Called for deranged heart (4)
- 4 Left tile broken around nuclear pulse (6)
- 5 Sign of approval for digital drink (6-2)
- 6 On air trial potentially groundless (10)
- 7 Time it so rodent meets bird (8)
- 8 Flatten to eliminate shrub (8)
- 14 Subject leaves car at entertainment centres (5,5)
- 16 Advantage of talent (8)
- 17 Sounds like fresh option over relative obsession (8)
- 18 Shaky and timid around teats (8)
- 22 Off up the hill before 10 (6)
- 23 Fabric suites made of (6)
- 24 Depth of irritation at hazard ... (6)
- 27 ... just like a plane (4)

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Closing mail date: 7 November 2014.

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Cryptic by Virgo



The ACC thanks
Audrey's daughters Carolyn,
Amanda and Joanne.
for their permission to
publish this crossword.

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Across

- 1 Example of popular attitude (8)
- 5 Drift to the empty apartment (5)
- 8 Delivered tree to give animal cover (3)
- 9 Amended laws to Len Jackson, maybe (9)
- 10 Illicit tastings found back in the top of the house (5)
- 11 Gene, the one dancing to a number (8)
- 12 Live life in a whirl, gaining confidence (6)
- 14 A nut needs money, two ways (6)
- 15 An idea put forward to support Big Al (8)
- 17 Pouch for Scottish Arts Council (3)
- 18 Vigorously and (without repose) obstreperously disconcerted (8)
- 20 It starts off green, wet and lumpy (6)
- 23 Pleistocene setting perhaps for so-called author savant? (3,3)
- 25 Believing this, cite problem (8)
- 28 Capital invested in nymphomaniac craving (5)
- 29 Put in position on the platform perhaps? (9)
- 30 Fight against independent Spain! (3)
- 31 Desert state can be summed up in two letters! (5)
- 32 Control outlet – make new again (8)

Down

- 1 The problem with offspring (5)
- 2 Cakes found underwater? (7)
- 3 Warn Eliot about being on the ball (9)
- 4 Tea is allowed in the hut (6)
- 5 Loud sheep? Easy start: put in the picture (5)
- 6 Suits fist, say (7)
- 7 Cook cut flatly and with diplomacy (9)
- 8 Rush to the buzzer (3)
- 13 Type of lamp showing half of sign (3)
- 14 Joker gains funny version of knitwear (9)
- 15 Constantly speak up for remuneration (3)
- 16 Patriot in struggle for country division (9)
- 17 He starred in the Rockies! (3)
- 19 Container to be turned mother-of-pearl (4,3)
- 21 Hot teens in fashion (7)
- 22 Harper's bizarre without right, it may be said (6)
- 24 Excessive reward from force of attraction, lacking sex appeal (5)
- 26 Trainee is one who behaves dishonourably with an alien (5)
- 27 Employ in the houseboat (3)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

• What a timely package from the ACC to reward my limericking labours – a copy of David Astle's *Puzzles and Words 2*, just in time to take with me on my much-anticipated trip to Italy. Kath Harper


• To Patrick, Brian and the team at ACC:
Some people, on ballads, are keen –
For others, sweet sonnets, serene...
But nothing can lick, The frolicsome kick
Of a limerick – slightly obscene!

Many thanks for my prize in the recent CruciverbaLimerick Competition. Greatly appreciated. Let's **not** wait ten years for the next one! Perhaps this could become a regular feature based upon different themes each time. Arthur Barrett

• Many thanks to the ACC for David Astle's personally signed book *Cluetopia* which gives the story of 100 years of the crossword. This book shall take pride of place in my crossword library next to David's previous bestseller, *Puzzled*. His books are always thought provoking. Alan Walter

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Cryptic
by
Southern
Cross



The ACC thanks
Jack O'Brien and
The Guardian
for permission to publish
this crossword.

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Across

- 1 Georgia digs for the last of truffles with a wild flavour (8)
- 5 Psyching oneself up for a dance? (6)
- 9 Big Bird is to fly out to produce a milky substance (8)
- 10 No diamonds found in Venice – about time to get even? (6)
- 12 Youthful singing group needs coach – nothing rich about it (6,5)
- 15 Egg white imparts a dazzling shine, so they say (5)
- 17 A suitable vehicle for Kermit? (9)
- 18 Coming back in take heart about English copper – he's unduly critical (3-6)
- 19 The first wife, not heartless, has an affair (5)
- 20 A soft glow can please the student within (6-5)
- 24 Tree in fashion, though not with upper crust (6)
- 25 Flier about to hunt all over for something brown to eat (8)
- 26 Dislike the journalist returning before the trial (6)
- 27 Codicil changes liturgical books (8)

Down

- 1 Film on Aussie experts – they help keep the wheels of industry turning (6,4)
- 2 Opening strap up to show mandibles, say (5,5)
- 3 Ogden has nothing on this old Aussie conscript (5)
- 4 Succumbing to pressure after secure, criminal occupation (4-8)
- 6 These days it shows up in poetry – to do it pays, they say (9)
- 7 Dispatched, we hear, for very little money (4)
- 8 Born and died in poverty (4)
- 11 Company member takes on fishermen and financial officers (12)
- 13 Gamble about the maiden said to be a distraction (10)
- 14 Sets up professional bodies (10)
- 16 Castration's timeless remedy for what flashers use (9)
- 21 Watering place preferred by one on a diet? (5)
- 22 Potato in Christmas pudding? (4)
- 23 Stain may be jam (4)

Explanations to September Grids, where provided by compilers. Thanks to Roy and Ian

Slot 3 Blue King. Across: 6 D (RAM)A, 7 LO + maGICIAN, 10 (NUCLEAR)*, 11 "read cote" homoph, 12 (LESIONS)* -> 13 (L + TORIES)*, 14 (DEAF MANS GUN)* -, 19 SAT + A + NIC(k), 21 (EEYORES)*, 23 E + LE (MEN)T, 25 HOOD + MUL(l) >, 26 MAGNE(t)S + I + A, , 27 (p)UN(CU)T. **Down:** 1 BADLY + OFF, 2 GAUCHo + E minus O, 3 (OR LUNATICS)*, 4 hidden, 5 P (A) ROLE, 6 Two Defs., 8 CAD + M (l) UM, 9 S (T) ASH, 13 LOGGER + HEAD, 15 NAN + KEEN, 16 S + HOE + LACE, 17 U (SHE) R, 18 PERM (formerly Russian city of Molotov) + IT!, 20 (PARENT)*, 22 (SUD (French for South) + OXEn) all >, 24 H + SOT >.

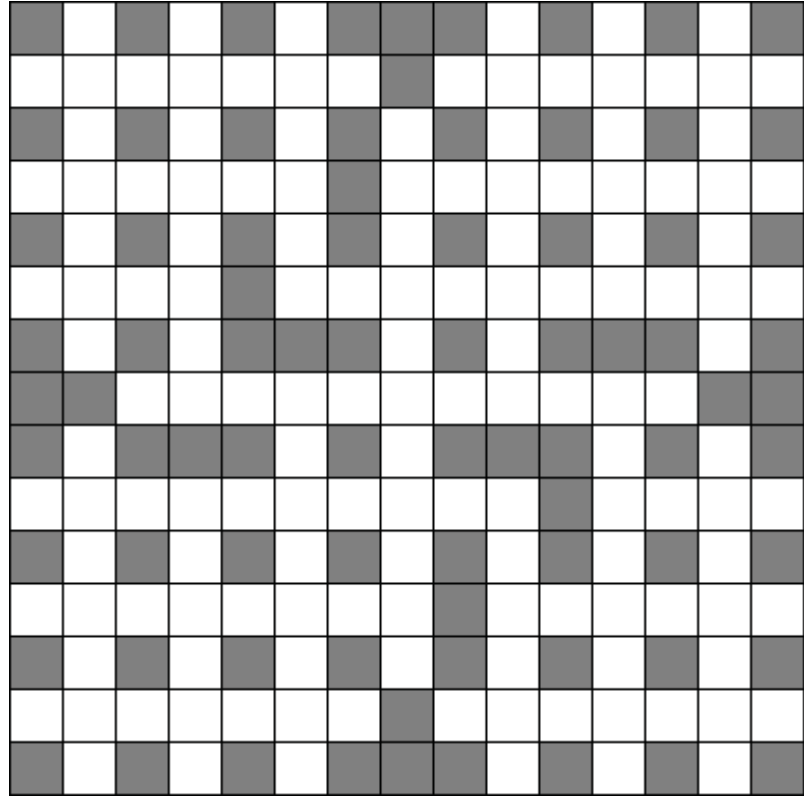
Slot 5 Bogeyman. Across: 8 homoph roomer, 9 A (MB + RO) SIA, 10 BACK >, 12 anag, 13 CAVE + MEN, 14 anag + reference to perimeter, 15 anag, 16 AC + RE, 18 UN + RED>, 19 homoph Mark, 20 Hidden, 22 QUEST + A DILL + A, 24 EM + PRESS, 26 DD, 28 (HER - a)*. **Down:** 1 anag pARAMOUR, 2 MOB + I + ISLE*, 3 mARCH, 4 hidden, 5 Single def + ref to palindrome, 6 PO + SE + UR, 7 anag, 13 COM + PEN + SATE, 17 DD + Homoph tee, 19 MAIL + DROP, 21 anag, 23 LOW + HILL, 25 homoph cete + A, 27 OR + C(homoph see) A.

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AJ
by
St Jude




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



- A** Scottish one attaches to king that is meeting resistance becoming less substantial (6)
- B** Funny that business area accepts rupees (7)
- C** Like Halley perhaps, using make-up without hint of scent (7)
- D** After marching about dry soldier is bothered (10)
- E** Aragorn's forebear took train to terminus in Israel (7)
- F** Like state of substance when it is L-ed? (7)
- G** Artisan made fish lair with small mistake (8)
- H** Oh, if peer is excited, optimism becomes plentiful (4,2,4)
- I** In my subject (California), I'm restrained yet opposed (8)
- J** Spring commenced but departed early (4-7)
- K** A thousand he had back to build an elephant enclosure (6)
- L** Ye with flu! Qi disturbance could result in meltdown? (7)
- M** Drink spot acclaimed (4)
- N** Thief and hooligan came to knight; a measure of hostility ending (3,5)
- O** Christians, discarding beginning of creed, establish a science (6)
- P** Wanderer's circuit record on first year achieved by scientific endeavour (11)
- Q** Calling taxi for god generates an esoteric knowledge (7)
- R** Will's whore's travelling tour of highway (4)
- S** To be sisterly, at first Sally amassed gold and no money (8)
- T** Give in to cheese! — a bed of local cheese (7)
- U** Grand First Lady abandoned you — announced replacement by band of loving, obedient husbands (8)
- V** Old Dr Hackenbush, for example, has an age measurement (7)
- W** Begins when I put roller onto a hot fish (6)
- X** Dye Compounding: The Annex (8)
- Y** Discussed bovine fly (6)
- Z** A frame displaying French sea behind very short Zimbabwean (6)

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Sometimes I wonder how interesting it might be to see which clue, in each crossword, solvers solve last! For me, Slot 1 was definitely 27dn and I suspect it is still wrong! In Slot 6, the last clue answered was 1dn. *Julie Leigh*
- I felt the degree of difficulty for slots 2 to 5 was higher than usual. I actually found slot 7 to be slightly easier than these. *Ian Thompson*
- A big THANK YOU for my prize cheque for August. It comes in very handy as we have a lot of birthdays at this time of the year (including mine!). It is said that this happens because it is 9 months after the summer holidays! *Catherine Hambling*
- Quite a challenging group of puzzles this month! *Jeremy Barnes*
- A heartfelt thanks for the Slots 1-5 award. What a lovely surprise. When I deposited the cheque, the teller commented on the beauty of the script. Take a bow Patrick. Weren't the limericks fun? David's was a worthy winner – I'm still chuckling. *Robyn Wimbush*
- My grateful thanks to the Club & the Sorting Hat picker-outer for the cheque (Quiz No 7/2014). Next year's subs are secured. An excellent set this month. I suppose #6, 7 get the comments next month, but Oh, what a joy they were. *Jim Fowler*
- Many thanks indeed for the fascinating book by David Aistle. *Roy Taylor*
- Some obscure words and clues made this month's offerings a little less enjoyable than usual. *Ulla Axelsen*
- A while back there was talk the crosswords were becoming easier. This issue surely refutes that! Seven crosswords, and I needed a dictionary on every one of them. *Rob Moline*

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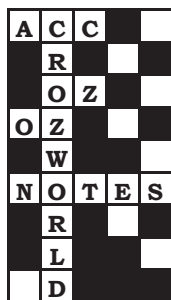
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- 6 Groups affected by slow start (5)
- 9 First Amendment's opening lines? (5)
- 10 Tormented prude restricted sex after day of depravity (9)
- 11 Remaining name to add to the mix? (7)
- 13 Showy bract to be formed by the following spring (6)
- 15 Narrowed section unfortunately restricting traffic at first (8)
- 16 Walk is better when boundaries are ignored (5)
- 18 Old fodder that's stacked or interspersed (5)
- 19 Pilot foolishly accepted shorthand of Australian physicist (8)
- 21 Offensive chappy missing program is irritable (6)
- 23 Such an attitude tends to be found with those returning after vacation (7)
- 25 Nothing to lose by increasing application of scent (9)
- 26 Scoffed when at first nothing's left tidy (5)
- 28 27s about one's planned activities (5)
- 29 Radiographer must have one tiresome day organised! (9)

Down

- 1 Incentive to have precious original rather than carbon copy (6)
- 2 Disease contracted from climbing (3)
- 3 Converted scenery I'd set in place (9)
- 4 Might Spooner's excellent main course be a remote possibility? (4,6)
- 5 Drinks up without western European (4)
- 6 Cold snack (5)
- 7 Slippery snake numb to snake oil salesmen (11)
- 8 Misshapen clothes the Queen fastened with a pin (8)
- 12 Former partner's entertaining purchase of drawings (11)
- 14 Moving short message about law-breaker's struggles (10)
- 16 After probing articles, think about abandoning small place of scholarship (9)
- 17 What we hit could be a confusing weather effect (5-3)
- 20 Celebrity needing one to replace a pothead (6)
- 22 They succeed in hearing broadcasts (5)
- 24 Pickle container leaked at the bottom (4)
- 27 Voice dislike of pupils. Not half! (3)

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Results of Quiz 8/2014
It's a Wrap by *The Familiars*
(Audrey Austin and Bev Cockburn)

Entries received: 37.

Winner: Brian Tickle. Congratulations!

Results: 25: P. Abbott, W. Allen, K. Audrins, U. Axelsen, G. Cole, A. Dyer, J. Evans, P. Garner, B. Glissan, R. Gooderick, S. Howells, D. Jones, G. Leeds, J. Leigh, G. Lemon, G. Lloyd, P. Lord, F. Martin, C. McClelland, A. Miles, C. Noble, E.

O'Brien, H. Perrow, S. Pinder, M. Potts, B. Siegman, A. Simons, J. Smith, M. Steinberger, B. Symons, B. Tickle, A. Walter, C. Wilcox and R. Wimbush. **24.5:** J. Fowler. **24:** T. McPherson and J. Creagh.

Answers: 1. Paula Abdul, 2. Tina Arena, 3. Bob Brown, 4. Eric Coates, 5. Ted Danson, 6. Gerard Depardieu, 7. Gerald Durrell, 8. George Eliot, 9. Randolph Hearst, 10. Elizabeth Hurley, 11. Jack Klugman, 12. Carl Lewis. 13 William McMahon, 14. John Nettles, 15. John Newcombe, 16. Yoko Ono. 17. Walter Raleigh. 18. Christopher Reeve, 19. Ginger Rogers, 20. Eleanor Roosevelt, 21. Wallis Simpson, 22. Margaret Thatcher, 23. Andrew Wilkie, 24. Woodrow Wilson, 25. Johnny Young.

Solvers' Comments:

- Good fun. Knew some, didn't know others and some surprising (or embarrassing) eg couldn't remember Christopher Reeve for Superman!
Jim Fowler
- A pleasant afternoon's research, though I was pleased with the number of answers I did know.
Cheryl Wilcox
- I was rather pleased that I had at least heard of everyone on this

list and that Paula Abdul was the only one about whom I knew almost nothing!
Susan Howells

- Enjoyed the challenge! However do wonder how on earth the setters came up with the idea let alone sourcing names to fit!

Glenda Lloyd

- I would like to add my late husband to this list, although he wasn't famous and his full name was Leonard really, but he always went by Len.
Carole Noble

- I enjoyed finding the answers. A good variety of subjects.

Claire McClelland

- A good mixture of those one could pull out of one's own mind and those which required a bit of research.
Gabrielle Leeds

- Pleased to say I knew a few but the more modern ones needed younger family members!
Eileen O'Brien

- Thank you for an interesting puzzle. It was great fun.
Jean Evans
- Lots of googling but I enjoyed that, so many thanks. I appreciate the effort involved in constructing it.
Robyn Wimbush

- You could have put my name on your list!
Ulla Axelsen

- An interesting collection which required a lot of digging to find the answers. I nearly called out for wrong letter indicators for 17 (til I found the real answer.)
Alan Dyer

- I enjoyed the quiz and only had to check a few answers.

Joan Smith

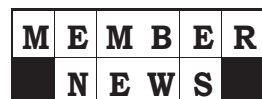
- Many thanks for your quiz this month. An interesting piece of trivia I used to teach at the school where Eric Coates' wife was music teacher!
Julie Leigh

- I enjoyed this quiz. Funny how you only need to say "French actor" and one name springs to mind...!
Andrew Miles

- Thanks for an interesting Wrap Up of eliding names.
Alan Walter

- I was able to do most without any reference but did have to look up a few to refresh the memory.
Warren Allen

- A bit of light relief after the Crosswords!
Pat Garner



Puzzle Adjustment: Warren Allen gained dots for August Slots 1-5.

Appeal by Rob Moline re July clue slot 7 1ac. The Executive Committee considered an appeal by Rob Moline re July slot 7 *Spot*

The Theme by *Flowerman* to accept a solution of SKIM for 1ac in place of the required SWIG. The Committee regretted that it was not able to allow the appeal.

Vale Christine Heenan

We were deeply saddened to hear of the death of member Christine Heenan on 7 August 2014. Her husband Michael told us that "Chris had not been too well for some time now and eventually her body "cracked up". I miss her dreadfully, of course, and our 2 boys have been a great help in getting us through this time. Thanks for the happy time we enjoyed at Christmas in July celebrations and best wishes to all at The Crossword Club." Christine joined the ACC in June 2002 and was a very capable and successful solver of the puzzles. She attended many of the Christmas in July celebrations and she will be sadly missed. We send Michael and his loving family our sincere condolences.

Vale Daphne Greening

We were saddened to hear of the death of Daphne Greening on 19 September 2014 aged 87. Daphne joined the ACC in May 1993 and was an outstanding solver. In fact Daphne won prizes on at least 20 occasions and was a cumulative prizewinner seven times and a Slots 1-5 winner. Daphne's son Seth wrote: "My mother enjoyed her puzzles immensely over the years and looked forward to their arrival eagerly each month. Many thanks for the years of pleasure the ACC has given my mother." We send our deepest sympathy to Seth and his loving family.

Tributes to Audrey Austin (cont'd from p14);

- On Sunday, 27/10/1991 I, being a very new member, went to an ACC get-together at Alan Walter's home and there I met Audrey Austin. She had also joined the Club that year and we all had a great time. Later I really enjoyed Audrey's clever contributions to *Crozworld*. She will be greatly missed.
Catherine Hambling

- I did not know Audrey personally but will always be grateful for the many hours of pleasure and challenge she gave me with her prolific and stimulating cryptics and quizzes.
Brian Symons

Quiz 10/2014 Colourful Clues by *Valkyrie*.

All answers contain something in common and are in alphabetical order. Word length indicators relate to the complete solution that contains the common element. Send your entry to Ulla Axelsen, 6 Maud Street, Donnybrook, QLD 4510. Closing date 7 November 2014. \$75 Prize.

- 1 Plug (9)
- 2 Prophetess of disaster (9)
- 3 British Prime Minister (11)
- 4 Dashing (8)
- 5 Quality of morning wetness (8)
- 6 Sprinkle (6)
- 7 Thwart (9)
- 8 Arraignment (11)
- 9 Angered (8)
- 10 Fuel (8)
- 11 Affectionate (5-5)
- 12 Forestry worker (10)
- 13 Treated with caustic alkali (10)
- 14 Slight disagreement (16)
- 15 The study of the structure of the nervous system (12)
- 16 Aisle (10)
- 17 Rejecting (9)
- 18 Newly enlisted member (7)
- 19 Plant yielding cereal from its pith (4,4)
- 20 Someone causing great mirth (8)
- 21 Furtive (8)
- 22 Everyone in Paris (4,2,5)
- 23 Socialist (10)
- 24 Unfathomed (9)
- 25 Climbing orchid (7)
- 26 Book genre (8)

September 1-2014: Half 'n Half by KA (Karl Audrins)

• I nearly gave up on 27dn until a thorough and time-consuming grind through *Chambers* unearthed MICE. Phew!
Len Colgan

• Slot 1 was strange – a fair bit too easy, but ultimately with two straightforward clues that I couldn't find a satisfactory answer for.
Ian Thompson

• As usual the 4-letter word is the last one I find!
Robyn Wimbush

• This was a lot trickier than I first thought. Not very keen on Fries for Executes – no disrespect to our great ally. I have actually used a mouse in the sash window context but so long ago I was trapped.
Jim Fowler

• 9dn: 'Executes', *Chambers*, *The Australian Oxford Dictionary* & Anne Bradford's *Crossword Dictionary* indicate FRY as a synonym for 'EXECUTE' especially by electrocution in the US, giving FRIES for 9dn. (TRIES = attempts, performs, achieves does not seem to properly equate to EXECUTES.) 27ac: Surprised to learn MICE are small lead weights.
Alan Walter

• This took longer than the other puzzles due to the time taken to discover a mouse can be a small lead weight. I don't think lambency can mean brightness.
Roy Taylor

• Really had to dig deep for 27dn & am probably wrong. Reinforcing my theory about four-letter words being most awkward!
Dale McManus

• APPEAL appealed, MICE were very hard to find in an otherwise gentle puzzle, had me going for a dictionary – though "MOUSING" for threading ropes is something we do and talk of at work. Unsure of executes, tried US slang FRIES. I reckon there's 5 or 6 valid answers for 1dn including Japanese, Javanese, Canarese, Kanarese, Matabele.
Rob Moline

• I disagree with the use of verbs in 15ac and 9dn. In 15ac disarm means make defenceless (transitive), in 9dn "fries" means undergoing execution (intransitive). In both cases the opposite is inferred. 12ac "they" (if that is the solution) is numberless and genderless, so "persons", or "persons and things" would be a more general and apt definition than "he and she", also more cryptic. 6dn and 18dn clues define language but the former is rather "part of language" for vocabulary. 27dn: "counter-weights in sash-windows" would have been a more helpful and precise clue in this supposedly "straight clue" column.
Tony de Gry

• 12ac: THEM or THEY? A quick check of *Chambers* revealed that THEY is plural form for both he and she.
Tony Dobe

• Three in a row I couldn't finish without aids, not enough GK and vocabulary. And right off the wavelength with some of the clues – what are 21ac and 4dn, how do they work?
Rob Moline

• 19ac: After mulling over the connection between satanic and the clue, I suddenly remembered the words "dark satanic mills" in the song "Jerusalem", confirming the solution was right.
Tony de Gry

• Hmm, AGER, UNLACER? Isn't LACE to add spirit rather than 'added spirit'?
Tony Dobe

• I like *Betelgeuse's* Slot 4 puzzles because they always contain some new words and neat clues. My favourite, my COTM, was VOLTA, using a smooth Voltaire-ire construction rather than the more obvious VOLT+A. I am sure nobody else will nominate it, and hence my vote will mean nothing, but it really appealed to me. It is a simple clue that I would be very proud to have compiled. Of course, I might be a bit biased because I have Dali's superb "Slave Market with the Disappearing Bust of Voltaire" adorning a wall in my lounge-room. A quite different picture up close compared to a distant view. One of my favourites in my Dali collection.
Len Colgan

• Tree appears to be clued as a homophone of old actor but I don't see why. [Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree (1852–1917) was an English actor and theatre manager and is quite frequently used in clues in similar contexts to that of the Y clue – Adj].
Drew Meek

• A bit harder than usual I thought. Loved the TIMENOGUY clue.
Robyn Wimbush

• Most excellent stuff as usual from the Betel chewer. I learnt a new word – Timenoguy and will probably file it in my darkest archive. And the groaniest pun prize goes to Spokesman/wheelwright.
Jim Fowler

• I so wanted the D clue to be DICKHEADS.
Raoul

• Some unfamiliar answers: TIMENOGUY, OCTOPUSH, BARYONS, FADO. Surely Wheelwright defined as 'Spokesman' needs an exclamation mark. I do not know which dictionary the setter used, but neither of the words which would fit, ie kiddywinkie or kiddiwinkie, appears in any I have researched. (I found kiddiwinkie in my *Chambers* 2008 dictionary and the SOED but not kiddywinkie. JS)
Karl Audrins

• Another difficult puzzle! But I do like *Betelgeuse's* work; wheelwright tricky (SPOKES) OCTOPUSH nearly COTM.
Roy Taylor

• Mised myself for too long trying to make "T" Thingammy, but wheelwright helped most.
Dale McManus

• Spokesman indeed! Defeated by WHEELWRIGHT (amongst others) – convinced the second half was WEIGHT (dog's spoken command WAIT). Some interesting vocabulary, and facts.
Rob Moline

• "Kiddywinkie" and "octopus" held things up for a while, the first because of the spelling, the second being a fairly new word (no joy from the dictionary [but in *Chambers* - Adj]). "timenoguy" came together easily with eno, mit and guy.
Tony de Gry

• You should not let *Betelgeuse* anywhere near anything less than slot 6!!)
Tony Dobe

• I have noticed the NINA or two. Both palindromes.
Julie Leigh

• How daunting was it knowing that you would need seven answers ending in A merely to fulfil the boundary?
Len Colgan

• This was an enjoyable and challenging puzzle that became very tough towards the end, as I did not know several words. I enjoyed the fascinating (?circular) palindrome with the A of REPAPER and C of CANAL PANAMA at the centres. I discovered it some time after completing the grid, not having fully understood the PALINDROME clue. My favourite clues were MAILDROP, MARC and CAVEMEN.
Ian Thompson

• As I was typing my answers into AxWord I spotted two Ninas in the form of palindromes around the outside. The first one A MAN, A PLAN, A CANAL, PANAMA runs around three sides, and REPAPER on the fourth side. A Google search yielded information that Leigh Mercer's famous palindrome about the Panama Canal was 100 years old on 15th August. Cleverly 14ac PALINDROME and 5dn ABBA complete the theme. 9ac AMBROSIA was my runner-up for COTM.
Nea Storey

• 14ac: "on the outer" (synonym: unwanted, discarded, ignored) escapes me as a definition for palindrome [used in the sense of the outer ring of a target – Adj]. 19dn: This should be (4,4) not (8). The single word is not found in standard club references. [Point taken – but it is interesting to look at "mail" and the variety of its combinations as two words, hyphenated words and one word where there appears to be no logical basis (other than usage) for the difference – Adj] 25dn: sea monster (cete) is pronounced set; a bristle, seta is pronounced seta. These are not homophones. ["to have one" provides the apparently missing A, followed by the definition "bristle" – Adj] *Drew Meek*

• Thanks *Bogeyman*. As is usual, after I wrote in CHOLLA, it appeared within hours in the book I was reading. A common occurrence I find.
Robyn Wimbush

• I hadn't noticed until just now that "A Nina" is palindromic – somewhat akin to A man, a plan, a canal, Panama or Repaper. Very good puzzle.
Jim Fowler

• 14ac PALINDROME, 'On the outer' is Haydn's Symphony No 47 also called PALINDROME! 22ac QUESADILLA was an unknown 'Tortilla' for me.
Alan Walter

• Fingers crossed for a couple. Thank you all wonderful imaginative compilers.
Dale McManus

• WOW! A NINA, A NINA! WOW! I don't usually spot the Ninas, so was pleased to find the palindromic message.
Peter Dearie

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Tony de Gry

• It's a pangram!
Tony Dobe

• NEEDLE TIN is two words, obsolete, and not in *Chambers*.
Roy Taylor

• Loved clues for Zezes & wildcat.
Dale McManus

• Was there an editorial decision that it was too difficult as an AJ? It would have been a brute; needed the dictionary anyway as a normal crossword. One exception: I might have got JACOBIN knowing it started with J.
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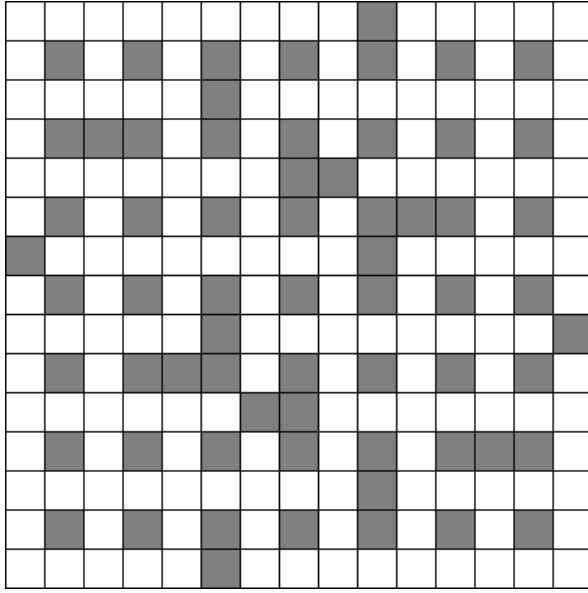
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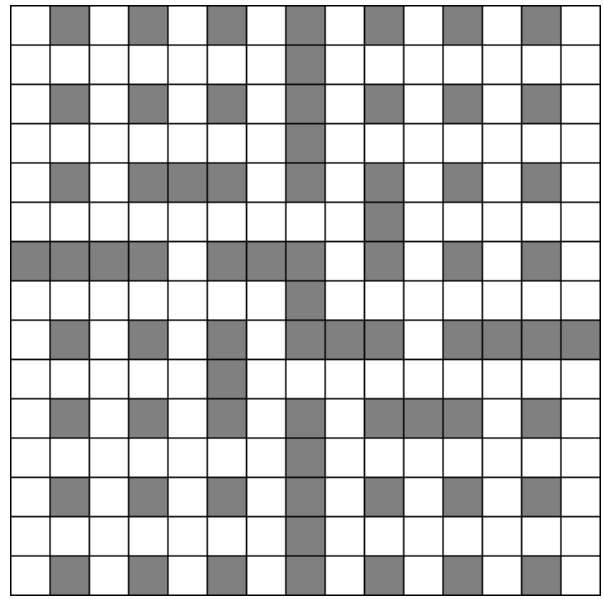
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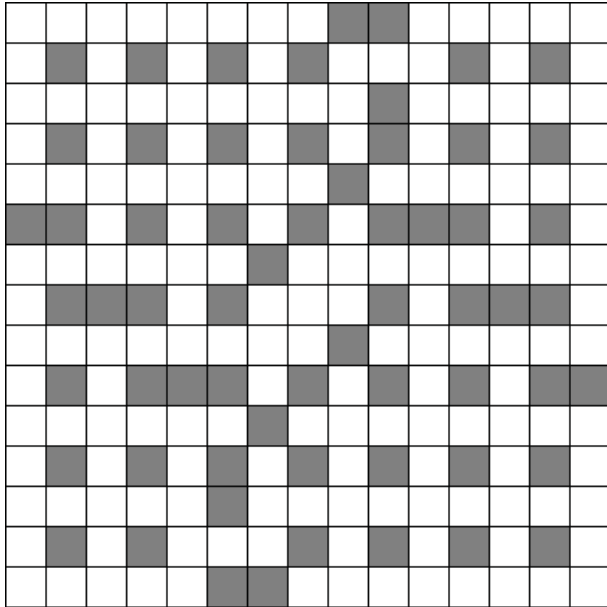


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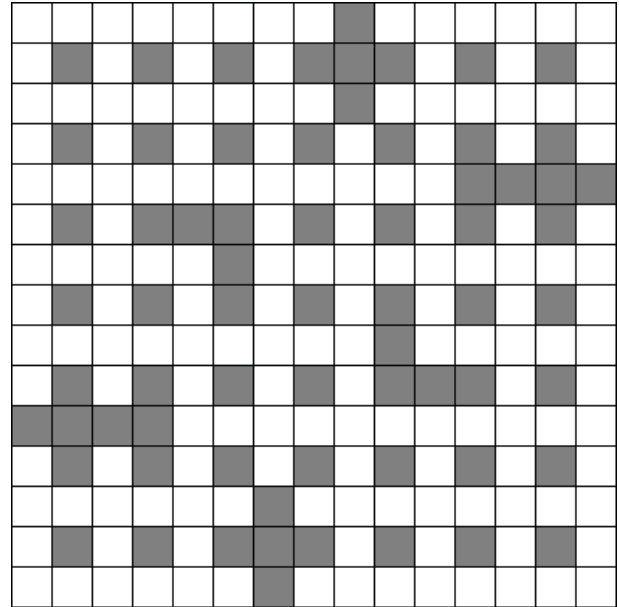


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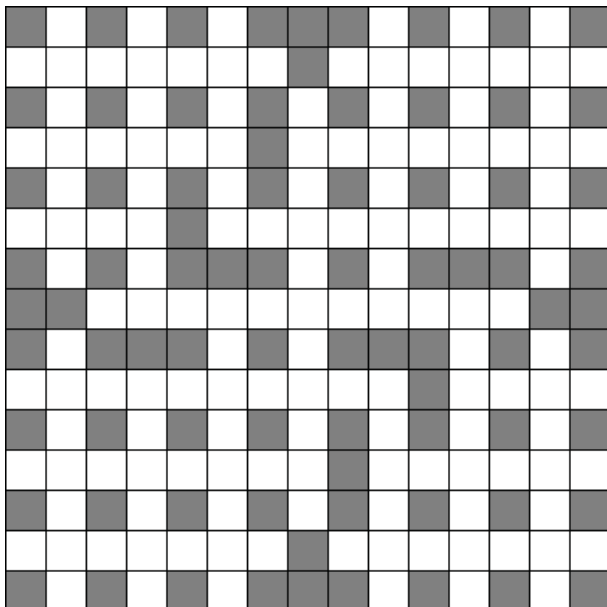
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August 6-2014: Cryptic by Zythum (Roger Douglas)
Entries 86. Correct 69. Success rate 80%.
Prizewinner: Merv Collins. Congratulations!

Setter/Adjudicator comments

When he submitted the puzzle, Roger noted that it was somewhat unusual in that he had deliberately used excessive verbiage in the clues as a way to disguise some quite normal words. He noted that it was not his usual style – or the normally economical style of normal cryptic crosswords. Although he suggested that we might call it “Obfuscatory Circumlocution” or some such, it was decided that we’d leave that aspect of the puzzle for the solvers to discover for themselves.

While there were a couple of suggestions that the puzzle was too easy for a slot 6, in general members seemed to have enjoyed it. Certainly the response was very high for a slot 6, indicating that the majority of members do attempt all the puzzles rather than, as has been suggested in the past, automatically dismissing slot 6 and 7 puzzles on the grounds that they are bound to be too difficult.

Most errors were found in offerings of SYSTEMISE (for SYSTEMIZE – clue was stiffening solution (SIZE) outside) and EMBEDDED (for IMBEDDED – clue was I’m laid...), which two clues accounted for most missed dots. No excuse for either, had solvers read the clues.

Members wished Roger a speedy return to health and we’re all relieved to hear that he is making a good recovery and pleased that he plans to be back on the cruciverbal deck in the very near future.
Kay Williams

Explanations:

Across: 1 FOUR POS (T(itular) ERS around, 7 VI + M and DD, 9 AD + D + T(urkish) + O(ccupation), 10 Cryptic definition, 11 S + GRAFFITI, 12 CRUDENESS - (NUDE)*, 13 (RECLAIM)*, 15 DD, 18 DD, 20 ANTE< inside VIM, 23 (IF + I + C +S)< , 24 S (Y + STEM) IZE, 26 DD, 27 (p)HONED, 28 (S)OWN, 29 Sounds like ROWED I LAND. **Down:** 1 FEARS + OME(n), 2 DD, 3 P(lasticine) + ROOF, 4 SUB + SIDE , 5 (SMITE + GO)* , 6 (LUCID BEES)*, 7 V (O) ICED, 8 MIS (U) S + (sw)E(et), 14 COM(bat) + MISS + (fe)AR, 16 (SIN I GAIN)*, 17 I’M + BEDDED (= laid in various definitions), 19 TEST + U + DO , 20 VISIt + BuLlEt, 21 (TEDIOUS)* - I, 22 AIR + MAN, 25 E + (HOST)*.

Solvers’ Comments:

- I found the clues rather wordy for what eventually turned out to be everyday words (*mission accomplished, see above – Adj*) The exception was SGRAFFITI – a new one for me. *Betty Siegman*
- Absolutely loved the language. Words are wonderful. *Trish McPherson*
- Enjoyed that one, *Zythum*. *Roy Taylor*
- What a great use of periphrasis to confound solvers: torrid gaseous efflux, unpleasant personal effluvium. Wow!*Ulla Axelsen*
- I greatly enjoyed this puzzle because of the well-structured clues and because it contained what are basically common words and phrases which did not require extensive research. *John Baylis*
- Many thanks for an enjoyable puzzle, Roger. Favourite clue was for RHODE ISLAND. *Joan Smith*
- Thanks for a great Slot 6 puzzle. I finished slots 1 to 5 earlier this month and it was nice to have another enjoyable challenge to sink my teeth into. *Brian Tickle*
- Just loved 17dn IMBEDDED. 10ac had me stumped for a while. As for SGRAFFITI! All in all an enjoyable puzzle. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Several very nice clues in this puzzle. My COTM for August, if eligible, would have been for CRESS. *Ian Thompson*
- In 29ac the whole solution is a perfect homonym except that “I alight” has a stress on last syllable instead of the penultimate one. “I liked plasticine covering” for proof. I cannot work back second part of 4dn “subside” (sink into) [SUBStitute + SIDE with “sink into depression” providing the definition – Adj]. *Tony de Gryz*
- Great puzzle. Amazing, the number of ways there are to say “drop the first letter”! BLOW DRIES should be given the “groan of the month” in my opinion. It took me ages to realise that “shock” meant hair. I should have guessed from my own, but I’m hopeless at blow drying. *Eileen O’Brien*
- A most enjoyable slot 6. *Judith Woodford*
- 11ac was a new word to me. I knew of the technique by some

- other name which I’ve forgotten. Whatever – it wasn’t as colourful as SGRAFFITI! I admire *Zythum’s* clever clues for the short words VIM, SMUT and OWN. *Max Roddick*
- Thanks for the entertaining puzzle. BLOW-DRIES had me tricked for a while. *Tony Dobebe*
- Nice one! I liked SGRAFFITI, even though it required an urgent trip to the dictionary. *Denis Coates*

2014 GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN!!

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

Catherine Hambling – Prizewinner

Congratulations to our brilliant crossworder Catherine Hambling who has just won the prize for *The Guardian* Crossword No 26,358. Visit: www.theguardian.com/crosswords

This is what Catherine had to say:
 “I am looking forward to receiving my copy of Hugh Stephenson’s book *Guardian Style and Secrets of the Setters*. What an amazing month – first a prize from *Crozworld* and now another from *The Guardian* (UK). The X-Word Gods are smiling!”

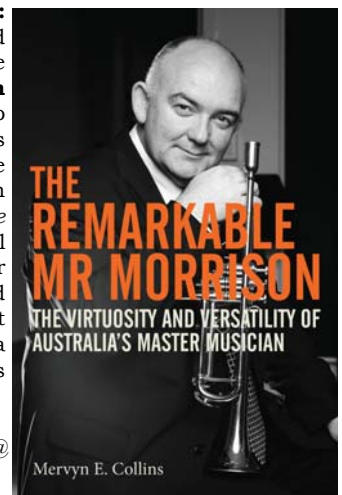
Comments on Slot 5 cont’d from p10:

- Very clever – didn’t understand 14’s Nina until reviewing days later – after needing a dictionary for OLLA/CHOLLA. Couldn’t figure the wordplay for SETA – it must be simple. Liked the <it>ASTRONAUTS. *Rob Moline*
- 14ac Palindrome on the outer? In my experience a clue ending with ... and the following clue beginning with ... usually employ the dots as a red herring, but in 12ac and 13ac there is a real connection: Cavemen utilising eoliths! Bravo, *Bogeyman!* 13dn the “s” in compensate does not seem to be accounted for. 23dn: both “law” and “low” are “old” hills and apparently etymologically connected, making it hard to choose between Lawson and Lowell but as the latter has ell for measure, he won out. 25dn: Monster? *Tony de Gryz*
- My favourite palindrome with another to complete the circle, well done! Unfortunately, 14ac did give the secret away rather easily. [But not to everyone – see other comments – Adj] *Tony Dobebe*
- Slot 5 provided some extra fun this month. Firstly I noticed the symmetry around the edges and then eventually worked out that there were two palindromes! Not quite sure what they mean but I assume (in hindsight) that 14ac was a hint? Sneaky that *Bogeyman*. *Richard Skinner*

A Book Note from Merv Collins:

“I thought you may be interested to read about a biography I’ve written of **James Morrison** whose incredible ability on so many instruments has always fascinated and mystified me. I’ve tried to examine that through his life story. The book, *The Remarkable Mr Morrison*, will be published in early October by Melbourne Books. It would make the ideal Christmas present etc. It’s 320pp and features a 16pp photo section. The RRP is \$29.95.”

For all queries: info@melbournebooks.com.au
 Tel: 03 9662 2051.



Vale AUDREY AUSTIN (1933-2014)

Audrey sadly passed away on 26 August 2014 aged 80 yrs 11mths. She joined the ACC in October 1991 and submitted her first crossword puzzle to the ACC in April 1992 when her Cryptic and an Alphabet Crosswords puzzles were published in *Crozworld*. Following that, Audrey then submitted more than 200 crosswords of all sorts and 47 quizzes. She used the cruciverbalmym *Virgo*.

In her Compiler Profile published in *Crozworld* October 1992, Audrey described herself as: "A writer of Puzzles, Humour, Poetry & other Genres". She was author of *The Official Graffitiists' Handbook* 1986 and was revising a Fantasy Adventure novel and working on a stage Farce. She was born in Bridgnorth, Shropshire, England in 1933 and her best subjects were English and sport. She started solving cryptics at 11 and compiled puzzles for Mensa Magazine and other publications. In fact she was a former Mensa member having been both the Regional and Australian Secretary at one time. She worked in Market Research, taught Creative Writing & Communications courses at Evening College and was a member of the Willoughby Musical Society. Her hobbies included Tenpin Bowling, Writing Comedy and Creative Poker.

On the personal side, Audrey was married at 19, widowed at 32 and emigrated to Australia with two daughters. She remarried, had another daughter, then divorced. In 1980, she married Bruce and by 1992 had six grand-children.

Audrey said that she enjoyed all forms of music — from classical to rock and liked watching movies particularly musicals. Besides being a wonderful compiler, Audrey was a very successful solver having won prizes on 18 occasions plus a Cumulative Prizewinner and the ACC Compiler of the Year on two occasions. She also won Clue of the Month (introduced in February 2003) on five occasions. Here are her winning clues:

- No announcement made concerning non-delivery of the morning paper (10) UNHERALDED: April 2004;
- A mixture of 80% mango with 2cc brandy (6) COGNAC: June 2004;
- Author of *The Lion Tamer* and of *The French Rival* (6,5) DANIEL DEFOE: January 2007;
- What the piano singer shook (6) PELVIS: March 2007;
- Given the position of the eighth at Heath (6) HATTED: June 2007; and
- Rock Hudson in 101 Dalmatians, perhaps (6) HOUNDS: February 2014

In May 1992 Audrey wrote a Limerick about one of the puzzles:
 The Neanderthal Man had a few
 Across words that he just couldn't clue
 Til remembering the 'involvers', Left blank by us solvers
 He cried: "I know – I'll leave these blank too."

Bruce was keen on crosswords too and used the cruciverbalmym *Sue Donym*. Bruce was born in Newcastle, NSW in 1949 and was a Mensa member and was introduced to Mensa Tableaux magazine and *Crozworld* by Audrey. Bruce provided 12 excellent puzzles and 2 Quizzes (Aussie Nicknames I and II) to the ACC. Bruce died on 28 January 2009.

This is what former ACC member the late **Irene Watts** wrote in *Crozworld* March 2006:

"All three of us would have voted for **Audrey Austin** as our favourite. She provided us with more puzzles than anyone

else last year, and such an amazing selection, thematic, AJ's, cryptics, quizzes, a double acrostic, general knowledge etc. Her puzzles are enjoyable, lively, interesting, and different. Need plenty of thought, but are do-able. This in no way denigrates the high standard of the expert winners of the poll, who delight us so regularly with their expertise, but in my book, Audrey is 'top of the pops'. Barb and Hilary agree with me. Bravo Audrey, we love you!"

Here is a tribute from our Secretary **Bev Cockburn**:

Audrey and I were more than fellow members of the ACC. We had met several times at our annual Get-Togethers in Sydney and had visited each other on different occasions at our homes and considered ourselves friends. Towards the end of her input into *Crozworld*, Audrey needed a partner to present and adjudicate her quizzes and so we collaborated under her choice of names – *The Familiars*. She was contacting me regularly during those last weeks of her life, adding new names to her long list for "It's a Wrap", tenacious to the end. I will sorely miss her frequent phone calls and her enthusiasm for mind games and *Crozworld* and the ACC in particular. My condolences go to her loving family.

And Puzzle Editor **Ian Williams**:

Audrey was one of our most prolific compilers of crosswords and quizzes and frequently surprised and entertained our members with a new way of looking at familiar words. Two typical clues from one of her recently-published puzzles were "Not a country bird!" (TOWNSWOMAN) and "Painter of a small waterway?" (CANALETTO). Her knowledge of film and actors was legendary and was drawn upon to compile her many enjoyable quizzes on the genre, including her popular and intricate mixed actor anagrams. Her skills and humour will be sadly missed. However, her daughters Amanda, Carolyn and Joanne have agreed that Audrey would have been very pleased for us to use her

puzzles and crosswords in future magazines. We thank them for their kindness. They said that "...the club meant a great deal to Mum and she always got much enjoyment from it – she even had a copy of the recent edition in her drawer at the end." The Australian Crossword Club is very fortunate that Audrey was so active as a compiler that she provided many crosswords and puzzles for our stock. We shall be able to enjoy the results of her work for a long time to come.

ACC Members' Tributes:

- Audrey Austin, also known as *Virgo*, was a remarkable creator of puzzles and quizzes for *Crozworld*. She believed that crosswords should be enjoyable to solve, not esoteric. She liked to add some humour to her puzzles & several challenging clues to test our recall or our research. She was as prolific as Noel Jessop in supplying us with clever clues & entertaining quizzes. The ACC has lost a truly pleasant & adorable member. Her efforts will be long remembered & much missed. *Alan Walter*

- I was very sorry to hear of Audrey's passing. It was Audrey who introduced me to the club back in the early 90s via Mensa. I have just today arrived at the Sunshine Coast and had intended to visit her while I was here, but alas. My condolences to her family. I'm sure she'll keep all those on the other side baffled with some afterlife quizzes. My Mum, a great trivia buff, passed away earlier this year. I'll bet she'll be first in line for a challenge. *Jenny Wenham*

- Please send my condolences to Audrey's family. I still think of myself as a newcomer, and doubt I will ever feel in the same class as the "oldies" but I so much enjoy being in the Club. Imagine the fun going on in "Crossword Heaven" now that Audrey is there with Shiril and Ted *et al.* *Eileen O'Brien*

- *Vale Virgo* ... another Star in the celestial grid. *Nea Storey*

