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The words of the night are coated with butter;  
as soon as the sun shines they melt away.  
Proverbial (Arabic)

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**RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2018!**

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

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 2018. We have a special offer whereby you can sign up a new member for 2018 for only \$35. Just a reminder that we distribute more than \$6500 in cash prizes per year. 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 2018.

Puzzleman **Ian Williams** has another masterly selection of puzzles for you this month. Included are some of your favourites *Pentangle*, *Crowsman* and *Bogeyman*. The skilful *Flowerman* has contributed another fine Cryptic in Slot 5. In Slot 2 we are privileged to publish the first cryptic by JAXA. See p4 for some fascinating details about our new puzzle compiler. And *Betelgeuse* has devised an excellent puzzle in Slot 6 called OFF COLOUR. Nea Storey (*Fortuna 48*) has contributed another one of her outstanding Quizzes.

Kindly note that the Closing Mail Date for the Slots 1-5 puzzles is 27 October 2017. Best of Luck with your solving. Happy Crozworlding.  
—Patrick

I thought slots 1 to 5 were quite challenging this month, so if you got the dots you deserve a pat on the back.

**Slot 1:**

There was a hidden theme here where all across solutions had one, two or three Os. OLD OWL is apparently a reference to this nursery rhyme: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A\\_Wise\\_Old\\_Owl](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_Wise_Old_Owl). The majority of lost dots appear to be misspellings due to transcription problems.

**Slot 2:**

RECEDE for RENEGE (6) was the biggest stumbling block, not sure where the Frenchman was hiding there. Some met the 18dn wordplay by creating a new fish, the PICKELER.

**Slot 3:** I so wanted 2dn to be Long Necked Goose (makes me feel so loose). There were a number of ANATOMISMs for ANABOLISM, other problems again seem due to transcription.

**Slot 4:**

VACATES and KAYAKED were interchangeable so no dots lost for placement. There were quite a few VACATED for VACATES and DANGLES for DANGLED. All members I'm sure would know that tense in the answer must match that in the clue so these are no doubt transcription problems. A pitfall to be aware of since spell-checker won't pick them up.

**Slot 5:**

Another hidden theme where all letters on the diagonal from top-left to bottom-right are Rs, referenced by five clues. DISHER for DASHER was the most popular mistake, with a couple of TOM TOM's to beat.

**COTM:** There were 42 nominations over all slots. Slot 5 scored 21 of them, spread over 10 clues. Runner-up was Slot 1's FURLONG with 4 votes, topped by Slot 5's TOUPEED with 7 votes. Well done *Crowsman*!  
—Tony Dobelev

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	91	98	97	95	86	467
Correct entries	77	83	82	73	70	385
Success rate (%)	84.6	84.7	84.5	76.8	81.4	82.4
<b>Prizewinners</b>	<b>Claire McClelland</b>	<b>John Baylis</b>	<b>Robyn Wimbush</b>	<b>Bev Cockburn</b>	<b>Christina Lee</b>	<b>from 102 members</b>

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**Prizewinner: September 2017 Slots 1-5: Andrew Patterson. Congrats!**

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## September 1-2017

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## September 2-2017

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## September 3-2017

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## MEMBERS RESULTS FOR AUG Slot 6 & SEPT 2017 Slots 1-5

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
Abbott P.		.	.	.	.	.
Allen W.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anderson C.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Audrins K.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Axelsen U.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Barbour J.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Barnes J.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Barrett A.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Batum C.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Baylis J.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Blake M.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Caine R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Carpenter R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Carroll L.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Coates D.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cockburn B.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Colgan L.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Collins M.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Copland F.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Coulton L.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cowan M.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cromer H.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Crowe J.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dearie P.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dennis M.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dobele T.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Ducker R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Evans J.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fowler J.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Freeland J.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Garner P.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Glissan B.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Gooderick R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Grainger D.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hagan B.	.	.	.	.	.	.

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Hagan R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hambling C.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Harper K.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hearn R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Heyes N.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hocking A.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Horadam K.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Howat S.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Howells S.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Ibbott B.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Jarman L.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Jones D.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kennedy L.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kennedy M.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lankshear J.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lee C.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Leigh J.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lemon G.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lloyd G.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lord P.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mackay-Sim C.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mackenzie I.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Martin A.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Martin F.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mason I.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McClelland C.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McDonald P.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKenzie I.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKenzie R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKindlay Y.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McPherson T.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Meek D.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mercer P.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Miles A.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Millard A.	.	.	.	.	.	.

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Milton R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Moline R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
O'Brien E.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Parsons D.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Patterson A.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Perrow H.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Pinder S.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Potts M.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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Procter M.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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Rolfe G.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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Schulz J.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Shield A.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Siegman B.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Simons A.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skinner R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Smith J.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Steinberger M.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Storey N.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Symons B.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Taylor R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Taylor S.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Thompson I.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Tickle B.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wilcox C.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Williams K.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wimbush R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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**Almost  
Half & Half**  
by  
**Pentangle**



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**Across**

- 1 Counting frame (6)
- 5 Tolerate (6)
- 10 Desert (7)
- 11 Small boat (7)
- 12 Small ingenious device (6)
- 15 Spiky plant (6)
- 16 Union (7)
- 17 Cushions (4)
- 18 Positive (4)
- 19 Implore (7)
- 20 Trend (4)
- 22 Consumed (4)
- 25 Lean (7)
- 27 Exercise sound judgement on an issue (6)
- 28 Deny (6)
- 31 Refined (7)
- 32 Actuate (7)
- 33 Religious retreat (6)
- 34 Drive away (6)

**Down**

- 2 Weaved plot involving invasion (7)
- 3 Club member recoiled following food that has been brought up (6)
- 4 Tanks crumbled after time and collapsed (4)
- 5 Everyone cuts the top off fruit (4)
- 6 Fruit has grey-brown colour concealing upturned appearance (6)
- 7 Article reviewed musical performance (7)
- 8 Dog and horse brought up to join forces (4,2)
- 9 Cyclone initially becomes less intense then stops altogether (6)
- 13 Asian giant consumes beer regularly (7)
- 14 Deviate from different direction for good (7)
- 15 Business agreement with time for new start (7)
- 20 Nameless prison guard is a complete failure (6)
- 21 Doctor wears kinky underwear (7)
- 23 False answer provided by medicine men (7)
- 24 Train stops running on elevated line (6)
- 25 Perhaps shock about books gives rise to pretentious talk (3,3)
- 26 Condescend to include head of state in plan (6)
- 29 Staunch family (4)
- 30 Refuse to dock time for appearance (4)

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**Cryptic**  
by  
**JAXA**



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**Across**

- 1 Start of yearning in a brief affair gets you in the clouds (6)
- 4 Planarian orifice proposed for inter-galactic rapid transit (8)
- 9 Something that gets excited when kangaroo is immersed in nitrogen (6)
- 10 God, Susy! No ID? Turn back! (8)
- 12 One man stirred ear-related type of fluid (8)
- 13 Little magical chap, at a distance, returning for game of chance (6)
- 15 Technique for winning chess and cricket? Crew Titanic (12)
- 18 When mixing, Rick adds glee for things to eat (12)
- 21 Naked young man follows mum's brother (not the French) (6)
- 22 I bet Alec could change into someone like the Pope (8)
- 24 Linked, or otherwise heard in the synagogue (3,5)
- 25 That woman's officer in charge is like Ulysses (6)
- 26 Excerpts discovered after Guinness, for example, swallowed by insects (8)
- 27 Babe in shark skin going west for BBQ products (6)

**Down**

- 1 Cooler kung-fu level? Go for a dance (8)
- 2 Convert money (AUD) for us (3,3,2)
- 3 Conversation Eve rescripted for economic theorist (15)
- 5 Beginnings of outside broadcasts include the death notice (4)
- 6 Chimandarnese spoken by many? (8,7)
- 7 Diminish boss if you get hard (6)
- 8 Eats improperly before mid-term holiday (6)
- 11 "I saw", said Julius, hugging Kilmer – a man of music (7)
- 14 Postscript: change book of church songs (7)
- 16 Look: A ham has gone off on Broadway! (8)
- 17 Old Jewish people embrace 100 intrinsic qualities (8)
- 19 Nepalese rug reversed with some khaki (6)
- 20 Danger to navigation broadcast when Desert Queen rejects half-priced component (6)
- 23 Very dry in retrograde disturbance (4)

**JAXA (Jack Alexander)**


Born in Sydney a long time ago. Retired from full time academic work some years ago, to allow more time for crosswords and my other passion, music. Started doing SMH Crosswords in the 1960s (the elder Lindsay Brown, I think), discovered *Ximenes et al* in the BBC *Listener* a little later and have been hooked ever since. Now living in the Sydney seaside suburb of Maroubra, but don't own a motorbike or a surfboard. My pseudonym *JAXA* is actually the initials of my full name. The X stands for Xenophon, not Ximenes.

**Derek Harrison** from the UK Crossword Centre has mentioned that the crossword compiler for the next prize puzzle for October will be J MILT@N by *Flowerman*. Solutions to these puzzles are available at <http://wp.me/p7qTXm-6f>

We are also pleased to be publishing the Slot 5 puzzle by *Flowerman* in our October *Crozworld*. We are truly delighted to be making available this skilful puzzle by Ian Thompson from Australia.

**Mike Potts** found this for fans of crosswords and the Two Ronnies.

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<h2>Cryptic</h2> <p>by <b>Crowsman</b></p>


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**Across**

- 7 Spooner's passionate girlfriend gets oriental foodstuff (4,4)
- 8 A current flowed backwards from fantasy land (6)
- 10 Spooner's rosy promotions for rubber-stamping aids (7)
- 11 Clue is forming an association, but left in centre! (7)
- 12 If expression of annoyance is overturned, silence reef-dwellers! (8)
- 14 Flower expertise neglected my borders (5)
- 16 Spooner's making loud hurting sounds, like cats and dogs (7,4,4)
- 18 Earth pigment from Antioch region (5)
- 19 Records Spooner's lavatory views (8)
- 22 Spooner's order to start cultivating talent (4-3)
- 23 Spooner's Cardinal is distant from rock mineral (7)
- 25 Violinist's ultimate inclination for Ravel? (6)
- 26 Spooner's bonus shot for tropical plant (4,4)

**Down**

- 1, 20 Spooner's pastries shortage leads to false claims (4,2,4)
- 2 Eurocentric outsiders retreat from patisserie item (6)
- 3 Spooner's AFL team is embarrassed by major setbacks (8,5)
- 4 Spooner's need to have a party gets forceful response (8)
- 5 Spooner's light meal while hiking makes slimy path (5,5)
- 6 Spooner's way to rattle serviceman spread (9)
- 7 Security scoop! (4)
- 9 Spooner's battling a perpetrator of 1,20, generating heat (8,1,4)
- 13 Spooner's places in the Netherlands produce successful plays (10)
- 15 Toothed wheels pair occupying power points (9)
- 17 Drug put on flesh wound around mass in Antarctica (3,5)
- 20 See 1
- 21 Bird, just released, turned around right (4)
- 24 Look both ways (4)

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

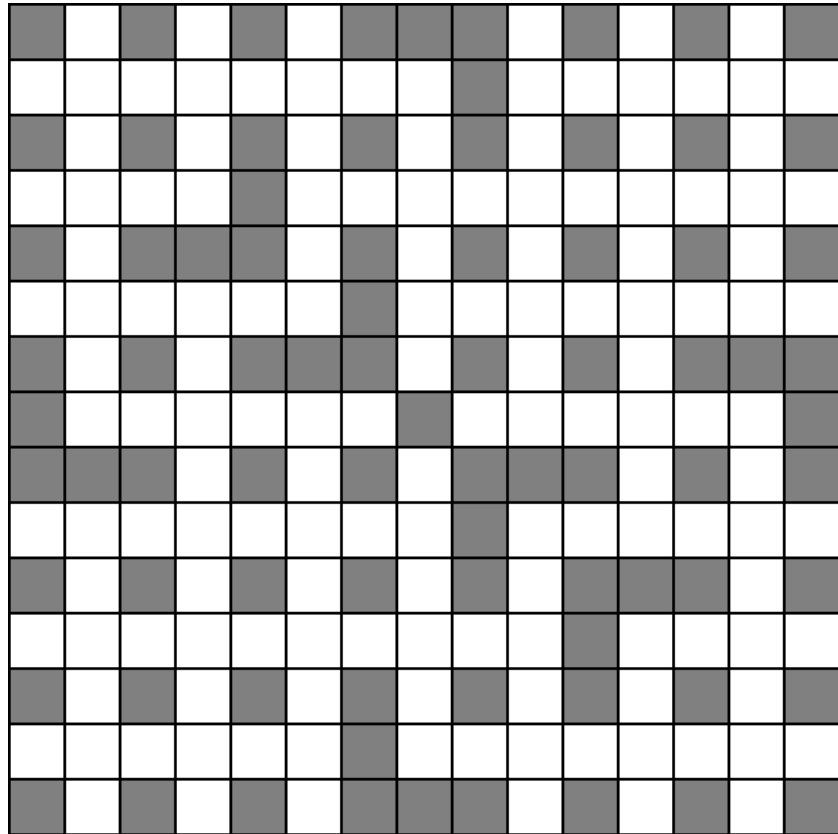
- Lovely to get a cheque for July Slot 7 – which almost turned into a major windfall when the ATM read the amount as \$750! (Transaction cancelled; no hole blown in the ACC prize fund). *Kath Harper*
- Getting in early to give you time to have a cup of tea and a Bex and a good lie down! Had trouble with all the puzzles this month! *Eileen O'Brien*
- Thank you so much for my \$75 prize; it has been redirected into CROSSStitch supplies for teaching embroidery skills on my volunteer job in Timor Leste. *Lynne Coulton*
- Enjoyed the puzzle; especially as I actually completed is as well! *Glenda Lloyd*
- Many thanks for my Slot 1 prize last month – it's such a bonus to receive a reward for such an enjoyable pastime. Mind you, for me, the hourly rate is not so great! *Jeremy Barnes*
- Thank you to all the team for the interesting and varied puzzles. *Jean Evans*
- As always a testing set with the usual collection of new words to add to the never-ending list. *Bob Hagan*
- Many thanks for my prize for slot 4 last month. What a lovely welcome home after a holiday in the UK. I've managed to get a few crosswords sent to ACCOLADE just before cut-off. *Corryn Anderson*

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**AJ**  
by  
**Bogeyman**



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



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| <p><b>A</b> Surprises when around prison (6)<br/> <b>B</b> Frustrated people in Y, perhaps, cabled me furiously, "No wind!" (8)<br/> <b>C</b> Grasp end, inwardly, asserting ownership (8)<br/> <b>D</b> Bans badly behaved boarders, having no alternative (6)<br/> <b>E</b> Encourages light meal but not browned bread (4,2)<br/> <b>F</b> Iron King, taking artisan, is in the manure (10)<br/> <b>G</b> God genus battered fish (8)<br/> <b>H</b> Appropriate place to find wedding music written without two identical notes (6)<br/> <b>I</b> Yen change without direction (4)<br/> <b>J</b> Beams at darling – is saint returning? (6)<br/> <b>K</b> Know food-yard at Derby site (8)<br/> <b>L</b> Hide mentioned blow-up bed (3,3)<br/> <b>M</b> Son of Scots family has rubbish outer clothing (10)<br/> <b>N</b> Heckling – "Want fish" (8)<br/> <b>O</b> Word for grain – first of hybrids (4)<br/> <b>P</b> Looking into a Chinese city, we hear (6)<br/> <b>Q</b> In a sticky situation, paper holds short, regular get-together (8)</p> | <p><b>R</b> Ludicrous article included propensity to make greater (8)<br/> <b>S</b> Rascals succeeded with theatrical son (6)<br/> <b>T</b> Came, say, without end (8)<br/> <b>U</b> Chemical group from ancient city with some molar latent heat (6)<br/> <b>V</b> Act of confirming holiday, taking hat but not cold (10)<br/> <b>W</b> We had briefly heard of unwanted plant (4)<br/> <b>W</b> Animal opposite to BBE (4)<br/> <b>X</b> Legendary place for unknown collection by the Dutch (6)<br/> <b>X</b> Ascertain gender of king coming back – Persian king! (6)<br/> <b>Y</b> Craft remain back in Switzerland? The complete reverse! (6)<br/> <b>Z</b> Element of course from South Africa on quantity of game – big cat and leader of elephants (10)</p> |
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**Some Anagrams:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elvis Aaron Presley = seen alive, sorry pal</li> <li>• Bradley William Pitt = a partially liable dimwit</li> <li>• Jennifer Aniston = fine in torn jeans</li> <li>• Clint Eastwood = old west action</li> <li>• Woody Allen = a lewd loony</li> <li>• Ursula Andress = a rude lass runs</li> <li>• Kim Basinger = semi barking</li> <li>• Justin Timberlake = I'm a jerk, but listen</li> <li>• Britney Spears = Presbyterians</li> <li>• Ian Botham = Oh man I bat</li> <li>• Alec Guinness = genuine class</li> <li>• Dame Agatha Christie = I am a right death case</li> <li>• Oliver Reed = erode liver</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patrick Stewart = cap Star Trek wit</li> <li>• Daniel Day-Lewis = ideal sinewy lad</li> <li>• Rod Stewart = worst dater</li> <li>• Germaine Greer = emerge angrier</li> <li>• Rowan Sebastian Atkinson = I, an artist, so known as Bean</li> <li>• Nigel Havers = girls' heaven</li> <li>• Felicity Kendal = fine tickle lady</li> <li>• Luciano Pavarotti = put on a ravioli act</li> <li>• Harry Potter = try hero part</li> <li>• a decimal point = I'm a dot in place</li> <li>• the countryside = no city dust here</li> <li>• a shoplifter = has to pilfer</li> <li>• The Meaning of Life = the fine game of nil</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">—from <i>Word Play</i> by Gyles Brandreth, Coronet, 2016</p> |
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**Across**

- 1 Proper and timely to move in an imperious manner (12)
- 9 Page calls for head shortly after trainee cut foot (9)
- 10 Spot on one (5)
- 11 Unruly GIs irritated top magician (15)
- 12 Pretty clever (4)
- 13 Agents to render embryos primarily malformed (10)
- 16 Keen about editor returning? Not sure (10)
- 19 Drift after losing king's support (4)
- 21 Pretend to support work at Telegraph Office after I apply for redeployment (3,3,7,2)
- 24 Nobleman's arrest enthralling state (5)
- 25 Felix endlessly referring to drawing (9)
- 26 Sportspersons in warm up exercises left these off (12)

**Down**

- 1 Tidy chief trimmed core of apple (5)
- 2 Fell back with nurse in tall grass (9)

- 3 Avoiding extremes of temperature, termites adapted for deserts (6)
- 4 At first the new leader repeatedly put foot down (7)
- 5 Figure out a haven for ancient biota (7)
- 6 Drink with freedom after The Queen departs (8)
- 7 Outfit female left not meeting required standards (4)
- 8 Conservative extremely iffy about bunch of uglis, say (8)
- 12 Striking fast (8)
- 14 Fanatic's message rejecting leader on film (9)
- 15 It's hard to read game after Australia's opener is out for one (8)
- 17 Fear for American priest held by cult (7)
- 18 Pest is a limitless egg producer on herb (7)
- 20 Decoration can be put up providing nail replaced (6)
- 22 Rock up at *Zigzags* (4)
- 23 Birds ignoring brown outcrops in Central Australia (5)

**2017 GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN!!**

The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's delectable pub *The Harold Park Hotel*, cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW on Sunday 26 November 2017 commencing at 11:30am. William has allocated a comfortable and spacious room upstairs and he serves delicious meals at bargain rates and drinks at pub prices. It will be a lot of fun and we can discuss all manner of things cruciverbal! There will be plenty of the Club's best known personalities in attendance. Why not come along and say 'hello'? Pay on the day. We will have prizes to give away and our dynamic Secretary Bev Cockburn has some exciting intellectual challenges for you. Looking forward to meeting up again. Be there!



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**OFF COLOUR**  
by  
*Betelgeuse*



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The solutions to each across clue include something in common which is omitted from the clue. Definition and number of letters apply to the complete word. Subsidiary indications apply to the word minus the common element. Down clues are normal cryptic.

**Across**

- 8 Capital for mother! (6)
- 9 Food for insects (8)
- 10 Gin-crazed poet (8)
- 11 Amount prescribed for a party (6)
- 12 Dance energy (5)
- 14 Called in question confession of a journalist perhaps (9)
- 16 Told to be quiet about bar on secrecy (7)
- 18 Back at time of inscribed tablet. (7)
- 20 Animal product sounds fat (9)
- 21 Was sick – died (5)
- 24 First signs of upheaval in any American pustules (6)
- 25 Reserve old plant (8)
- 27 Enlists to stir trouble (8)
- 28 Finger pastry (6)

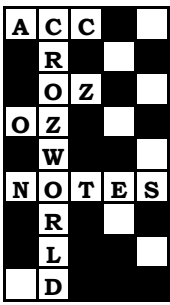
**Down**

- 1 Fishy young bird ignoring pig (4)
- 2 Signal would be comic without top disguise (6)
- 3 Tasteless? Steam our left over fish (5)
- 4 Random mating by a god is a bit rich (7)
- 5 Tinker with weapon to produce musical device (6-3)
- 6 Is clever to make up a little bit of poetry (8)
- 7 Insect, small, let loose over a good plant (4,6)
- 13 Torment a Middle Eastern revolutionary before death (10)
- 15 Bearing a brand new Tourist Trophy is magic (9)
- 17 Those who make better men scared, craftily caught out (8)
- 19 Devil is in want of the weak and ineffectual (7)
- 22 Old Pope, note, was civilised (6)
- 23 Bottom on rider bulges (5)
- 26 To send up most nonsense is easy (4)

**Post  
Solution  
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**Results of Quiz No 8/2017.**

**Versatile Jack by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen).**

**Entries: 32.**

**Winner: Richard Skinner. Congratulations!**

**Results: 26:** R Caine, L Colgan, J Fowler, B Hagan, S Howells, G Leeds, J Leigh, P Lord, I Mason, R Skinner and B Symons. **25:** W Allen, B Cockburn, J Crowe, P Garner, B Ibbott, D Jones, R Gooderick, R McKenzie, D Meek and A Miles. **24:** K Audrins, B Glissan, H Perrow, M Potts, M Procter, N Storey and R Wimbush. **23:** P Abbott, A Millard, B Siegman and K Williams.

**Answers: 1** Alliaria petiolate **2** Beanstalk **3** Cheese **4** Coxcomb **5** Dominate/domineer/dictator **6** Expropriate **7** Firework **8** Giant **9** Handyman **10**

inferior/huckster **11** Jester **12** Knockout/laudable/masterly **13** Lightweight **14** Murderer **15** Nicklaus **16** One and all **17** Pancake **18** Pedigree/purebred/preacher **19** Quickly **20** Refuse/resist **21** Sprat **22** Twenty-one **23** Up the hill **24** Vamoose **25** Whippersnapper **26** Windfall/winnings.

**Adjudicator's Comments:** Wow, what a great variety of answers. I thoroughly investigated all your offerings in all my sources and many as you can see above were acceptable but unfortunately there were quite a few I couldn't accept. Surprisingly #18 was the one with the greatest variety of answers and all I wanted was 'pedigree' although 'purebred' was also okay as was 'preacher', I didn't accept puppydog as it is really two words. I didn't accept Jimdandy for #11 as it should be spelt with a hyphen and this would have been indicated by (3-5). Thanks to all who gave it a go; I'm glad you enjoyed it.

—Ulla Axelsen

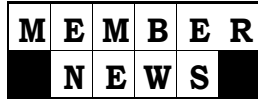
**Members' Comments:**

- Ulla, loved this quiz! Never thought for a moment of Jacking it in. *Kate Williams*
- Thank you once again for a great quiz, it certainly brightened up my weekend. So many Jacks, I had no idea. *Betty Siegman*
- Another imaginative exercise by Valkyrie, which was fun and not too demanding. More please! *Len Colgan*
- Your quiz caused lots of discussion! Big decisions between inferior or

huckster for #10, then at #12 we rather fancied Jimdandy, but were worried as in Chambers it is hyphenated whereas in other sources it is not? Perhaps it could spawn a whole new quiz based on Jim? Very enjoyable. *Julie Leigh*

- Really enjoyed this; who would have thought that Jack was such a busy person. *Marian Procter*
- This was much trickier than I first imagined, especially with fitting in answers alphabetically. I enjoyed it very much. It was a good mix of research and prior knowledge for me. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Thanks for your enjoyable "Jacks" quiz. The St Kilda football club has 6 Jacks on its current playing list, plus a Jake, a Jade, a Jason and two Joshes. Sounds like they are "hooked" on them! *Andrew Miles*
- Not confident I've cracked them all but it was great fun! *Patricia Abbott*
- Thanks for providing such an interesting and challenging quiz. *Graeme Cole*

- This was a great idea – well done! *Pat Garner*
- Thank-you again for one of your great quizzes. *Doreen Jones*
- Happy to say I'm not jack of them yet. *Richard Skinner*
- Another entertaining challenge. *Ian Mason*
- Thanks for another of your imaginative quizzes. *Bev Cockburn*
- The quiz is always a favourite, and this was no exception. *Ann Millard*
- I enjoyed your Jack quiz very much. Club members are very clever coming up with such novel ideas. *Barb Ibbott*
- Thank-you for another brilliant quiz. For quite a while I was looking for a sailor's ladder for clue 2. A thoroughly enjoyable brain exercise. *Robyn Caine*
- Haven't a clue about 18 but will submit anyway. This interesting quiz entertained me for a month. Many thanks. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Thanks for a great quiz. I do like your innovation. *Jim Fowler*
- Thanks for an interesting quiz – the last two (4 and 5) took quite a while. *Michael Potts*
- What an interesting quiz! Who would have thought that there were so many well-known Jacks? Thank you for helping to keep our brains working. *Susan Howells*
- Thank you for this fun quiz, Ulla. *Gabrielle Leeds*



**Welcome to new ACC Members.**

**Kathy Horadam** from Brighton Vic, **Peggy Halkyard** from Port Melbourne. Vic and **Jenny Madden** from Uranquinty NSW. Welcome to the Wonderful World of Crozworlding!

**An unexpected gremlin**

A few members who submitted solutions via ACCOLADE in September experienced difficulty in accessing the August solution checks and the September online puzzles. This affected different users in different ways and was not wholly explained by the operating system and the browser that they were using. This is, of course, impossible as computers are supposed to do only what they are programmed to do.

After a series of extended consultations within our technical team, (during which Roy Low says he lost even more of his hair – which he can't really afford to do) it was eventually discovered that the work to align the format of the ACCOLADE page with that of the new website was the culprit. While this should have involved the background colour and font changes and the simple insertion of the graphic in the page header, the border of the graphic created what can best be described (in my layman's terms) as a virtual mask over a portion of the web page.

This extended down over the links to the puzzles and (much to our surprise) was responsible for preventing access via the mouse to some of the relevant links and hence to the crosswords. After a nifty piece of programming by Rob Moline and Roy, the graphic was relocated to where we thought it was in the first place and the problem was solved.

We apologise to those members who were affected and thank them for their patience. Profound thanks are due to Roy and Rob for their ingenuity in discovering the cause of, and rectifying, the problem in a very short time so that the even flow of submission and adjudication was not affected.

—Ian Williams

**Quiz 10/2017 EVEN SO! by Fortuna 48**

All answers have something in common and are in alphabetical order.

Send your solutions to Nea Storey, 10 Whiteman Street, Wanniasa, ACT 2903. Email: [neachy2@netspeed.com.au](mailto:neachy2@netspeed.com.au). Closing date 10 November 2017. Prize \$75.

- 1** A positive rating on Facebook (5)
- 2** Bad clean in evil ((8)
- 3** Beaufort Scale Zero (4)
- 4** What Mozart did ((8)
- 5** Get rid of malice? (7)
- 6** The Spanish hold question & answer (5)
- 7** Twixt day and night (7)
- 8** Unit 10 (7)
- 9** Well supplied (5)
- 10** A gymnast's bars (10)
- 11** Relate one to Capone (9)
- 12** Judge replaces leaders of belief (4)
- 13** First Lady in Hell, after he left (5)
- 14** A marriage! (5)
- 15** No power in this gear! (7)
- 16** The opposite bet (4)
- 17** A gymnast's bars (8)
- 18** One hundred wearing tartan (6)
- 19** Departs abruptly (5)
- 20** A soldier (7)
- 21** Shape found mid-town? (6)
- 22** Gee-gee's home (6)
- 23** Source of spirits (5)
- 24** What 20 wears (7)
- 25** No frills! (9)
- 26** A canonical hour (6)
- 27** The old tense (3))

## September 1-2017: Half and Half by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen)

• I entered FILCHES (steals/nicks) into 6dn early in the puzzle (CH protected by files [records]). It took a long time to see NOTCHES. I liked the clues for PETARDS and FURLONG.

*Brian Tickle*

• FURLONG was my last one entered. Getting old! *Len Colgan*  
• A great start to the month. Thank you Valkyrie.

*Ann Millard*

• Oh; oh! What an overabundance of rounded vowels to start the month. *Kath Harper*

• 19dn was tricky. I solved it first by intuition and then slowly deduced the full significance of the clue. *Denis Coates*

• Liked NOTCHES, NEWS STORY, SALTPAN, FURLONG. *Max Roddick*

*Pat Lord*

• Found this hardest of the five puzzles!  
• Is it a coincidence that all the across solutions featured the letter O? In fact all but one contained two O's.

*Michael Kennedy*

• I liked FURLONG and SALTPAN. *Mike Potts*

• Had a chuckle at 20dn. *Richard Skinner*  
• Loved the clue for FURLONG – almost my COTM. A difficult slot 1. *Anne Simons*

• Quite tricky for a slot 1 but goodly (or betterer perhaps) I liked the proximity of Old Folks and Coot. *Jim Fowler*

• LOOM OILER? There are lots of O's in this puzzle so I hope that 3dn is DUPED and not DOPED. *Doreen Jones*

• Not sure if 'goodly' is correct for excellent. *Yvonne McKindlay*

• 7: All my sources give this as two words. *George Rolfe*

• Great Half 'n Half. Nice clues. *Bev Cockburn*

• Some tricky clues. I spent ages searching for Persian measures until light dawned that you were thinking of Persian cats. A very clever clue! *Barbara Ibbott*

• Raised a sweat on first lap this month. *Roy Taylor*

## September 2-2017: Cryptic by KA (Karl Audrins)

• A great selection of words for all of the answers. *Len Colgan*  
• I really enjoyed this Slot. Some great clues and I especially liked CONFIDE. *Ann Millard*

• Solving 1dn. I learnt that cess=tax. So the ATM is the big cesspool? Yeah well. *Max Roddick*

• A good warm up. *Ulla Axelsen*

• 28ac & 22dn were good clues. *Anne Simons*

• Had to do some searching for a fish called [not Wanda] but Pickerell! *Yvonne McKindlay*

• Much appreciated the feedback as I obviously hadn't checked it thoroughly before submitting it the first time. *Judy Randall*

• I was unable to parse what appears to be shilling at 17dn. [Chambers gives "ing" as dialect word meaning a meadow - Adj] *Caroline Mackay-Sim*

• Breezed happily through lap 2. *Roy Taylor*

## September 3-2017: Cryptic by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

• Quirky and interesting. *Rob Moline*

• Some great clues. Thank you Jesso. *Ann Millard*

• Well, as I said earlier, had trouble with all the puzzles and this was no exception! How do these compilers know these things – "e la" has been obsolete for ever; and who knew there is a town called "Collector"! But good fun!!! *Eileen O'Brien*

• Liked DISPENSES. *Max Roddick*

• Enjoyed the clue for Collector. *Nea Storey*

• Now I know where Collector is. *Richard Skinner*

• Those long words were troublesome! Great clue for EIDER. *Anne Simons*

• 9: Deserves a question mark, given that "drop-off" has to be separated for the parts to work properly. *George Rolfe*

• Another reminder of the cleverness of Jesso! *Bev Cockburn*

• Great to be still enjoying Jesso puzzles. *Hilary Cromer*

• Hope my second try is better than my first! *Alison Hocking*

• Got over the hurdles well, I hope, on lap 3. *Roy Taylor*

## September 4-2017: AJ by St Jude (Drew Meek)

• I liked the clever subtractive clues for ERMINES and REDNESS. *Brian Tickle*

• A very gentle AJ. Thank you St Jude. *Trish McPherson*

• Tricky. *Rob Moline*

• Always enjoy this type of puzzle – have to admit to never having heard of 'glum loner' as a legitimate noun. *Eileen O'Brien*

• Liked XENOPUS, ZENITHS and many others. But we need a new word for some of St. Jude's clues. Convolutions? *Max Roddick*

• A good challenge with clever subtraction clues; but not happy with a = i in FUSSINESS clue. *Ulla Axelsen*

• The clue for LOBELIAS is neat. *Nea Storey*

• Excellent slot 4. *Richard Skinner*

• Good fun as usual. KAYAKED had me stumped for quite a while. Good clues. *Anne Simons*

• E clue is a beauty. *Catherine Hambling*

• This is the first time that I have the word/phrase GLUM LONER if in fact I have it correct. *Doreen Jones*

• X: Query 'little' as an abbreviation indicator. *George Rolfe*

• Enjoyable AJ. Particularly liked the quiriness of the O clue OINKED. *Bev Cockburn*

• I don't quite see how dangled passes as enticed. Surely it's the carrot that gets dangled! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*

• Clipped a couple of hurdles on lap 4, F and K; hope I didn't knock them over. *Roy Taylor*

## September 5-2017: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

• Mr Diagonal has done it again! Great stuff! I enjoyed all of the clues that related to the diagonal; especially FORTHRIGHT as well as TIGER and TOUPEED. *Brian Tickle*

• Great clues. Thanks Len. *Trish McPherson*

• Thanks Crowsman. Another beauty. Found all the Rs on the diagonal and looked for all Ls on the other. *Ann Millard*

• Whilst looking for a Nina I noticed that there is a letter R in every row and column running right down the diagonal – as mentioned in the clues. How do you think up these whacky ideas? *Julie Leigh*

• With lingering doubts about a couple of answers, I'm hoping they're 6dn and not just 21 & 17ac *Kath Harper*

• Crowsman as usual full of great clues – bottom right corner worried me for ages – still not happy with my answers for 20ac and 25dn! *Eileen O'Brien*

• I did like this. The gradual appearance of the R's was a surprise; which then made sense of the clues I couldn't understand! *Julie Crowe*

• Liked GANGLIONS and TOUPEED. *Max Roddick*

• At first I thought "A normal cryptic for Crowsman?" Then I came to all the clues containing 'diagonal' and then had a good look at the diagonal – AHHHHH! Very clever clueing. *Ulla Axelsen*

• RIGHT – I've got it: top left to bottom right. Will Crowsman's next be LEFT? *Nea Storey*

• Right you are Crowsman! *Michael Kennedy*

• Sorry Len but I think "unclearer" is a bit of a stretch. On the other hand loved 26ac TOUPEED. *Richard Skinner*

• What a clever puzzle! Once I discovered all the diagonal 'rights' it proved a delight to complete. Thank you. *Maureen Blake*

• Very clever use of diagonals; right! *Robyn McKenzie*

• I was lucky to get RIGHT early on; which helped a lot. Really good clues as usual – had to award TOUPEED my COTM! *Anne Simons*

• A very imaginative crossword as per usual from this compiler. *Doreen Jones*

• I hope this is right. *Jim Fowler*

• Left to right diagonal of R's helped a lot once the penny dropped. Loved clues for GANGLIONS and TOUPEED! *Bev Cockburn*

• Hope I have all the right answers. Great puzzle with good clues. *Joan Smith*

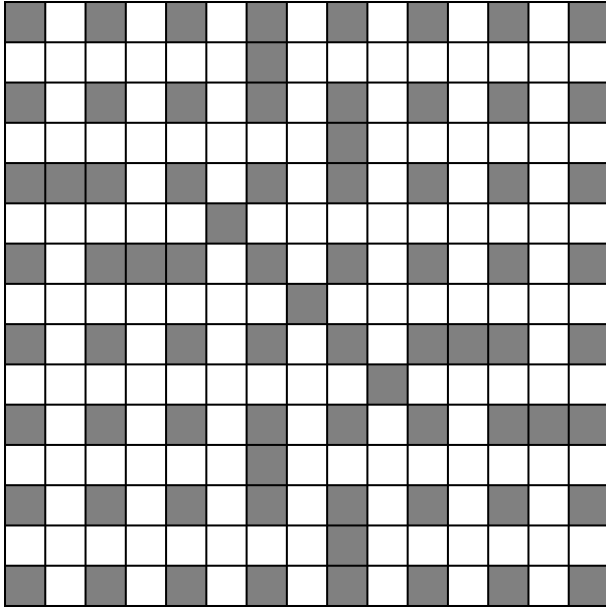
• Crowsman's slot 5 was a welcome bit of fun this month. I liked his diagonal theme. My COTM is Taffetas for holding up fat fetas. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*

• I was running through thick mud on lap 5 until the diagonal lit up with Rs. Gave Toupeed COTM. *Roy Taylor*

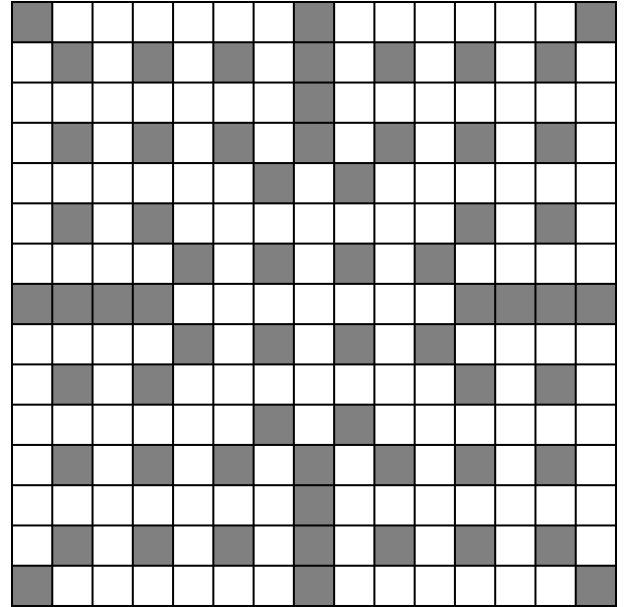
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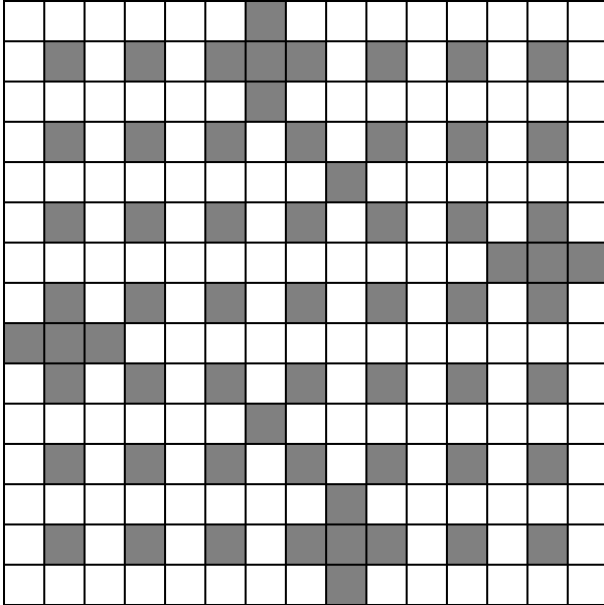


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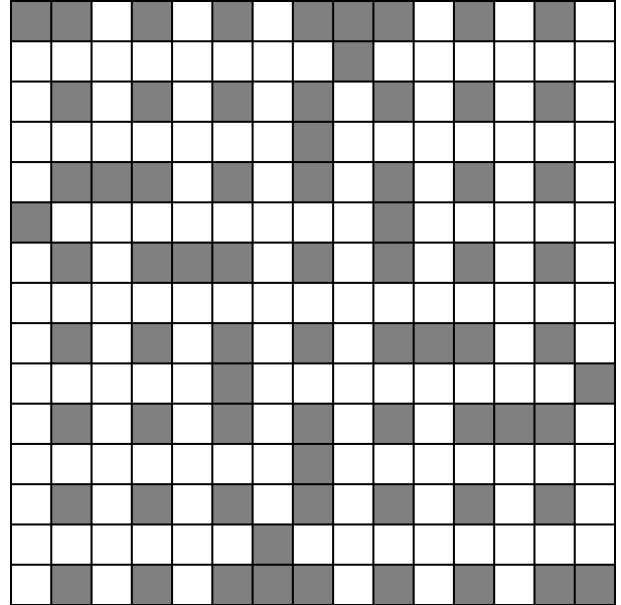


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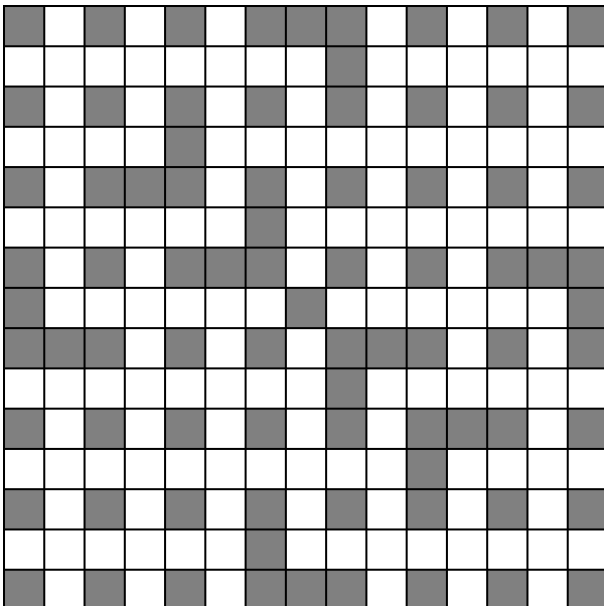
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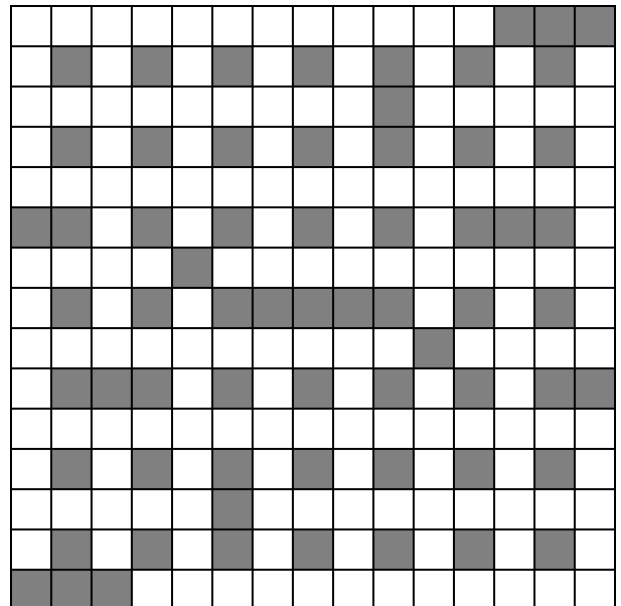
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**August 6-2017: Cryptic by Zinzan (Andrew Patterson)**  
**Entries 59. Correct 39. Success rate 66%.**  
**Prizewinner: Lesley Carroll. Congratulations!**

**Adjudicator's Comments:**

It seemed that most people were appreciative of the theme. That much is good. As usual, however, there were one or two answers that rankled a bit. 15ac Q-TIP, a cotton bud brand, is not so Aussie but it is in *Chambers* as a generic word. The big impediment was 3dn SETT. Rare word yes but still in *Chambers*. I thought 'zinz' was clearly two-thirds of 6 letters meaning a *Zinzan* synonym, you'd see SETT-- was possible but admittedly you'd have to check in the dictionary. Btw, 'closed' = 'to' as in a door is 'pulled to' in 25ac.

—Andrew Patterson

**Members' comments:**

• Very enjoyable. Figured out included Greek letters by guessing AUDIOTAPES; 1dn: after attempting all across clues. Liked RISE, METAL, MURMURS and Q-TIP. Liked most of them but not SETT or GRAPHITE – an allotrope not a compound. Could have left compound out of the clue completely. *Rob Moline*

• This was a real challenge: I had long lists of clues and answers until a couple of words emerged that seemed to make sense. Thanks Andrew for putting my housework on hold for a couple of days. Loved it. *Betty Siegman*

• Deficient in Greek letters. *Pat Lord*  
 • Took a while to find the deficiency but when I did it all made sense; but was left with three 4-letter answers. Eventually got SETT very clever; then TOSH not sure where closed comes in and puzzled for ages with 15ac; then suddenly in bed thought of quip for joke and worked out Q-tip for cotton buds. I had never heard of them. *Marian Procter*

• Right or wrong lots of fun. *Brian Symons*  
 • Greek Letters – a really ingenious crossword. *Julie Leigh*  
 • Very clever! I had to search *Chambers* from cover to cover to find SETT because I had been wrongly assuming Zinz was "Zinzan – an". I cannot fully reconcile "closed shop" in 25dn. *Len Colgan*  
 • Greek Letters – Homeric! *Michael Kennedy*  
 • Greek Letters! Cleverly done. *Nea Storey*  
 • GREEK LETTERS. *Pat Garner*

• The penny dropped when I saw TAU in the middle of STAUNCH. From then it was a mixture of anticipation and discovery. I dips me lid to *Zinzan* for putting it all together. *Max Roddick*

• Excellent puzzle (no beta version required). *Ian McKenzie*  
 • This was a hard but enjoyable puzzle. The common deficiency was "Greek letters". I very much wanted to enter PRIME for 17ac ("get ready") but glad I showed sufficient POISE to refrain from doing so. *Andrew Miles*

• SETT took a while to get. Almost had LOVE GAME for 4dn although VEGA is not a Greek letter. *Tony Dobebe*  
 • Felt great when I got the theme (Greek letters) fairly early; then the puzzle was not too hard except for 15ac! Finally got QTIP. Clever clue; as were 23ac, 13ac, 4dn and 10ac. *Roy Taylor*

• It took me a long time to find a way into this puzzle – it almost seemed to be in a foreign language! *Kath Harper*

• Great puzzle and interesting clue structure with the unclued Greek letters. 15ac: When I first submitted puzzles, Patrick advised against use of brand names. In this case there are choices of non-brand words that could have been used. 20dn: Following on from our chemistry excursion in slot 5, graphite is elemental carbon not a compound. I always like discovering new words or meanings in puzzles; 3dn and 22dn were two for me this month. *Drew Meek*

• An excellent puzzle. Well thought out and executed. The Greek letters worked beautifully. 3dn took me ages to figure out. Many thanks. *Julie Crowe*

• 3dn SETT had me perplexed for far too long at the end. Very clever. *Ian Thompson*

• 12 hidden Greek letters. *Warren Allen*  
 • What an amazing puzzle. Great clues and so clever. It must have taken you ages to compile *Zinzan*! *Robyn McKenzie*  
 • GREEK LETTERS missing from 12 clues.... what a workout for the grey cells this was!! *Maureen Blake*

• Good fun. Stumbled upon the deficiency and all went well from there. GREEK LETTERS are so useful in crosswords.

*Ulla Axelsen*

• I struggled to get started – could not see anything in common at first. *Anne Simons*  
 • Luckily we cottoned on to the deficiency early and that helped as we knew what letter the appropriate clues started with. Still tough though and a fitting slot 6. Good one *Zinzan*. *Richard Skinner*

• Considerable satisfaction from resolving the missing link. *Ian Mason*

• An amazing puzzle and concept *Zinzan*. Loved clue for NEATH! *Beverley Cockburn*

• A cleverly conceived and enjoyable puzzle. *Jim Fowler*

• What an amazing piece of compilation: capped off by framing the clues so as to spell "Greek letters" to identify the deficiency. Wasted hours trying to find out about Bud's joke before I cottoned on to the right sort of bud. *Ron Carpenter*

• I found this really difficult and still have no idea of the deficiencies mentioned. I hate not submitting a solution so here it is warts and all! *Ann Millard*

• Clever integration of letters of the Greek alphabet into the twelve clues from the Golden Boy! *Susan Howells*

• The initial letters of the 12 deficit clues, when placed in alphabetical order of the answers, confirm the deficiency as 'Greek letters'. *Catherine Hambling*

**Explanations for clues in September 2017 grids**

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

**Slot 1 Valkyrie. Down: 2** O+LOV<+O, **3** DUMPED - M, **4** RENE+LAW<, **5** P+rETARDS, **6** NOT(CH)ES, **7** (RORT OR SO I)\*, **8** NEW(SS)TORY, **14** LOOM + tOILER, **15** (TORN FROM)\* around O, **18** NECK+LET, **19** S(ALT)PAN, **20** Persian cats have long fur, **23** F(ROD)O, **24** First letters.

**Slot 2 KA. Across: 9** CHA + LICE, **10** O + RIG + AMI, **11** homoph "evil I", **12** anag, **13** dd, **15** S + PEAR, **16** DESK + TOP, **19** anag, **20** S (LIT) S, **21** CAB + (LARGE M)\*, **25** RELI (E) VE, **26** F in SCONES\*, **28** CO (FIND\*) E, **29** ERA + SURE. **Down: 1** AC + CESS, **2** anag, **3** hidden, **4** RENE + GE, **5** HOUSE + TOP, **6** dd, **7** (FATHER)\* + ST, **8** anag, **14** (EI + RESISTOR)\*, **17** SHILL + ING, **18** PICK + REEL\*, **22** BUCK + ET, **23** anag, **24** M + ASKED, **27** (PA (E) N)<.

**Slot 3 Jesso. Across: 1** cd/dd, **5** GAFFE + D, **9** (DROP + E)\*, **10** TE + (ENRAGES)\*, **12** anag, **13** anag, **14** dd, **16** anag, **17** E (L) A, **18** SERB< + LA + U, **19** dd, **20** LOG + IE, **21** RH + IN + bluE + LAND, **24** SHORT (ODD) S, **25** I + SLAM, **26** D REAR Y, **27** ASS + ASS + IN. **Down: 1** hidden, **2** dd + dd + (GOES)\* containing O, **3** (E + RIDE)\*, **4** OUT + MAN + OEUVRE + D, **6** ANA + LOB< + ISM, **7** (SERVE BEST HALF IE)\*, **8** PEN in SIDES\*, **11** (THE PLANE)\* + I + AS IS, **14** MOB + I + LI (S) ED, **15** cd, **22** hidden, **23** DEMO + N.

**Slot 4 St Jude. A** AC(QUAINT)ING, **B** phoBIAS, **C** CO+HE+RE+NT, **D** D(ANGLE)D, **E** undERMINEs, **F** F+USS+I+NESS, **G** anag, **H** HEX(EN)ES, **I** anag, **J** JOCK+EYED, **K** YAK>+A+DECk>, **L** LOB+ELI+AS, **M** MAT+iRON, **N** dd, **O** O+INKED, **P** PICA+ROO+N, **Q** QUEen + AN, **R** tiREDNESS, **S** dd & SUE+D+E, **T** TRANS+MUTE, **U** FULLAGEd, **V** VAC+(SEAT)\*, **W** "way" (homoph), **X** XENO+PUSs, **Y** (S + MAY + CHANT)\*, **Z** ZEN+(THIS)\*.

**Slot 5 Crowsman.** The specific diagonal contains only the letter R = right. **Across: 9** I + RATE, **10** GANG + LIONS, **11** HE + BREWS, **12** bacheLORETTE, **13** RETROS<, **15** BADGE + RED, **19** O + RE, **20** TI (G) ER, **21** dd, **22** dd, **26** TO + U + PEED, **27** (S + WARDER)<, **29** dALLIANCES, **30** A + WAR + E. **Down: 1** dd, **2** BRAG<, **3** SEVEREd, **4** A + GIST, **5** UNCLE + REAR\*, **6** dd, **7** homoph "fourth right", **8** homoph "a sender", **14** dd, **16** ROLLS + D + ICE, **17** RE(BUTT)AL, **18** FAT< + FETAS, **23** OR + DEAL, **24** SAD< + HER, **25** dd, **28** (BAR + A)<.



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## Country Bumpkin

**Meaning: An awkward, unsophisticated rustic; a clown**

### Origin:

The speakers of English have a rich vocabulary to denote stupidity – 'inane', 'foolish', 'laughable', 'ridiculous', 'absurd', 'dumb'... the list goes on and on. There is another side to the coin – 'clever', 'intellectual', 'sharp', 'ingenious' etc. That is, unless you live in the countryside. There are many words to indicate the dim-wittedness of rustics but few to suggest their intelligence. To put it bluntly, as far as city slickers are concerned, the countryside is where the thickos live. Those horny-handed sons of the soil are variously called 'bumpkins', 'yokels', 'hicks' and 'hillbillies', and as you might imagine, these names didn't come out of the air, each has a derivation.



A 'bumpkin' was originally the name that the English had for the Dutch, whom they portrayed as small, comic and tubby. The word is derived from either the Dutch 'boomken', meaning 'little tree' or 'bommekijn', meaning 'little barrel'. The word came into English in the 16th century. Unsurprisingly, as the English at the time couldn't even spell English words with any consistency, there wasn't a consensus on how it should be spelled. The first example in print, by the lexicographer Peter Levens in his 1570 rhyming dictionary, is 'bunkin'. The next attempt, by Lord Windsor in 1658, went like this:

May I not looke more lyke a bumking than the rest.

(and were the good Baron Windsor living today he might want to have another go at that).

'Bumpkin' was the accepted spelling by the 18th century, by which time the term just meant 'stupid fellow'. Bumpkins were downgraded to 'country bumpkins' by Lord Chesterfield in 1774 when he made this observation:

A country bumpkin is ashamed when he comes into good company.

Not that we really needed to import slang terms for rustics from Holland, we had our own 'yokels'. The word yokel was derived as a name for an ignorant rustic from the old dialect name for a green woodpecker. An early example of it in print is found in the *Morning Post*, May 1820:

The great pugilistic match between Oliver and Painter, for 100 guineas, takes place on Monday. A purse of 25 guineas will also be given to Teasdale and a yokel of his own weight.

Meanwhile, across the pond, hicks were emerging from the undergrowth. Actually, although 'hick' is now a *bona fide* American term, it travelled there from the UK. It came about via the habit of changing the first letters of names in order to make a diminutive nickname. Robert became Bob, William became Bill and Richard became Dick or Hick. The British publication *The New Dictionary of the Canting Crew*, 1699, defines 'Hick' thusly:

A silly Country Fellow.

In 1702 Richard Steele was good enough to bring that naming method and 'bumpkin' together, in the comic play *Funeral*:

Richard Bumpkin! Ha! a perfect Country Hick.

A rustic appellation that is certainly of US origin is 'hayseed'. It was coined by that most American of authors Herman Melville, in *Moby-Dick*, 1851, in a sequence where he suggests that a "country-bred ... downright bumpkin" would fare badly in a storm at sea:

Ah, poor Hay-Seed! how bitterly will burst those straps in the first howling gale.

The formula 'rural resident' + 'shortened nickname' was also used to derive the US term 'hillbilly'. There's not more to be said about this name than the definition that the *New York Journal* printed in April 1900:

A Hill-Billie is a free and untrammelled white citizen of Alabama, who lives in the hills, has no means to speak of, dresses as he can, talks as he pleases, drinks whiskey when he gets it, and fires off his revolver as the fancy takes him.



So, the UK prefers 'bumpkins' and 'yokels', while the US goes for 'hicks', 'hayseeds' and 'hillbillies'. [Both Chambers and Macquarie give 'bushwhacker' as the equivalent Australian expression - Ed]. In 1994, when the writers of the *Simpsons* needed a resident moronic character for the cartoon series, they went straight to the countryside. Not a hick, hayseed or hillbilly though; they opted for Cletus Spuckler, the Slack-Jawed Yokel.

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