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Books do not exhaust words, nor words thoughts.
Proverbial (Chinese)

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It's September! And it's Springtime! "Blossom by blossom the spring begins." It's that time of the year when we think about the cruciverbal Get-Together to be held at Rydge's Hotel on Sunday 21 November. Visitors are coming from far and wide. We hope to see you there! Further details, see p9.

Crowworld calling! Adelaide function. Pressure is growing for another get-together in the City of Churches. If you're visiting Adelaide in the near future, contact doug.butler@finders.edu.au and he will try to make the two coincide.

Brian Symons has come up with an excellent suggestion. As there are many crossword reference books available to solvers these days, why not find out the ones regularly used by members to solve the ACC puzzles? Brian has come up with a list of his five favourites to start the ball rolling. See page 9. If you would like to add to the list, simply contact Brian and let him know your innermost thoughts!

Crosswords and chess are linked. They both involve checking not to mention the black and white squares! Try your hand at a chess puzzle on page 9.

We present another excellent range of puzzles for you this month starting with a Thematic by the ever-popular *Virgo*, cryptics by *Jack* and 'Mr Crossword' Noel Jessop. An orthodox AJ by *Southern Cross* is always popular and *Aeolian* has presented us with his first Double Acrostic. This puzzle will be warmly welcomed by many solvers. Finally, *Stroz* is back 'just in time'. It's a straightforward cryptic but with something to lay your hands on!

Many thanks to the compilers for their valued contributions. They are all worthy of Gold Medals! Happy Crozworlding!
—Patrick

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Thank you all for your kind wishes and lovely cards. I especially envy those of you who live on the coast who remarked on the wonderful warm weather you were enjoying. I can only endorse the comments of Brian Symons, last month's adjudicator in relation to careless errors – it is distressing when otherwise correct entries have to be marked as incorrect because a letter, or in some cases an entire word has been omitted. There were also several spelling errors. On the whole an easy month, with very few errors, as evidenced by the large number of perfect scores. One of my biggest problems was deciphering some members' comments – so my apologies for any that do not appear.

Slot 1: DAUBED was accepted as an alternate answer to DABBED – and in fact only 1 person used the given answer. UNIQUITY, HELET/EAR, TACKOS, UBIQUITE/REAL all caused problems.

Slot 2: Once again, *St Jude the Obscure* upset a few members, with several not attempting this slot. ELAN, RUIN/URON, MOR, TOON, GLEN, IKONS, LEON, TEE, MOO, LYON/BLIN, RUIN/UPON were the main offenders.

Slot 3: CLEANED was the downfall of several members. After consultation with wiser heads and total dissection of the clue, it was deemed an unacceptable alternate answer due to the fact that it is not a synonym for the definition "a domestic". Other errors were caused by RANTAN, SEAN, VACCINATE, STAN, TRUSES.

Slot 4: ZEAURUS, TOURINE, APANTHUS, ZENUSUS, OURERI, URITHANE, BACKLINE, ZAMARRO, SNUFFLY, BANKSIDE and YIPPIE were the cause of missing dots.

Slot 5: SHAKES, TWEES, CRIB, CLOSETERS, ARTHUR, MUFF, FIBULA, CORSOLETS, CULLOTTES, SHIFT, STUFF, TROUS and CLOISTERS were the material errors in this slot.

Clue of the Month: Great differences in members' opinions this month with 23 different nominations. The narrow winner was in Slot 2, 10ac TROY narrowly from GIRL OF HIS DREAMS. —Pat Garner

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Entries received	89	75	79	82	86	411
Correct entries	81	62	60	75	73	351
Success rate (%)	91	82.7	75.9	91.4	84.8	85.4
Prizewinners	S Atkinson	K Watt M Cowan	I Macdougall P Dearie	N Storey D Coates	V Reeves	from 89 members

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August 1-2004

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August 4-2004

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August 2-2004

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR AUGUST

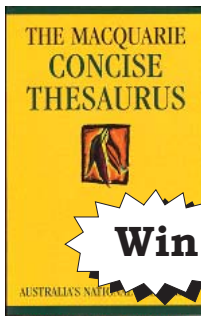
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COATES D
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MACDOUGALL I
McGRATH J
McKENZIE I
McKINDLAY Y
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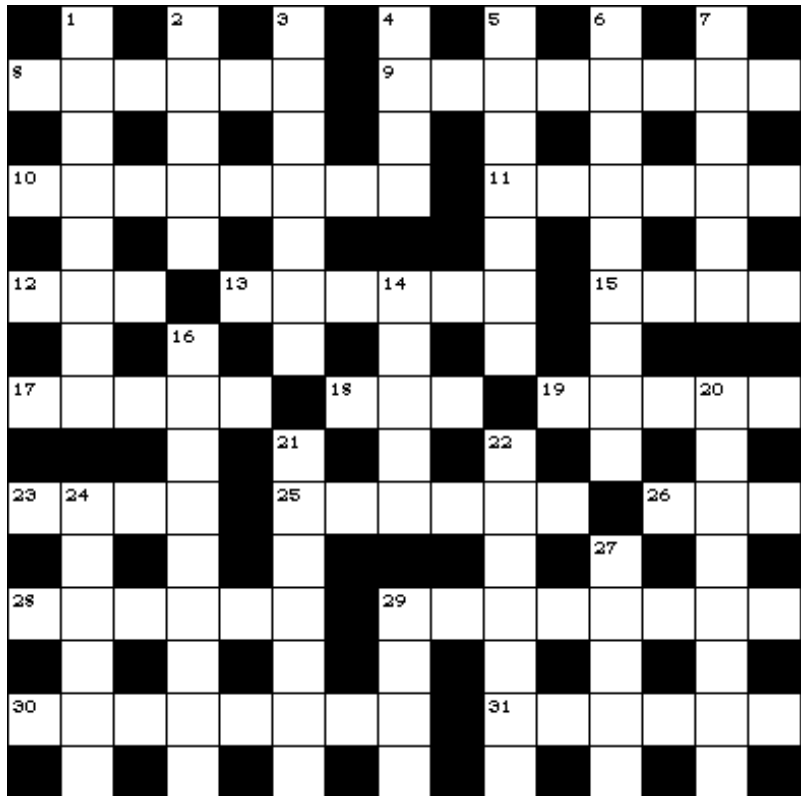
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SKILLICORN A
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SOLOMON B
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**Cryptic
Thematic
by
Virgo**



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Down words are clued differently. All have something in common. 3dn gives a hint.

Across

- 8 Maybe room to plug centre in gilt brass mosaic (6)
- 9 Choosing electric the second off right before integrated circuit starts (8)
- 10 Description of the air when uncommon field loses its centre (8)
- 11 Welsh valley girl (6)
- 12 Laughter has the sound of disgust (3)
- 13 Cane, two thirds hocus-pocus (6)
- 15 Act to swing both ways (4)
- 17 Out in an Australian state — or an American one (5)
- 18 Self-conscious subject to leave after the Oriental (3)
- 19 Starts shooting overhead — Russian roulette you mean? (5)
- 23 Little Sir's called it sounding (4)
- 25 Laugh — Ha! and wheeze mostly in distress (3-3)
- 26 Tom Turner's turn! (3)
- 28 A desperate search for principals (6)
- 29 A book about beasts — a superior one on a track (8)
- 30 Japanese currency Lords deceived Sir Joshua (8)
- 31 The drunk need a little operation first. Cut! (6)


Down

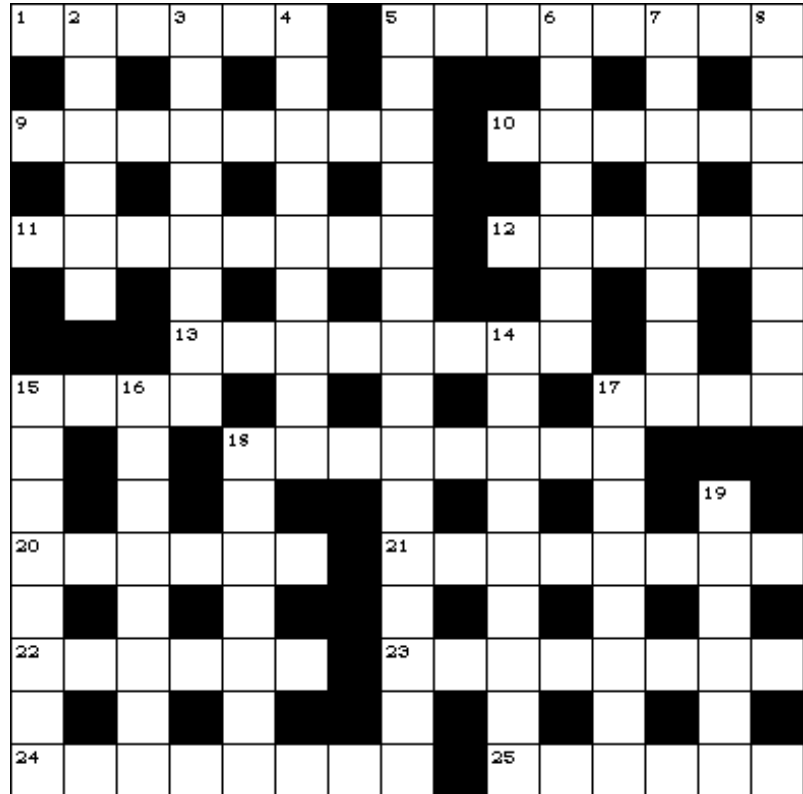
- 1 Cheese (8)
- 2 Dry (5)
- 3 Chairs (7)
- 4 Oliver (4)
- 5 Call (7)
- 6 Piano (9)
- 7 Second (6)
- 14 Call (5)
- 16 Tenor (9)
- 20 Tape (8)
- 21 Blower (7)
- 22 Big (7)
- 24 Ice-cream (6)
- 27 Water (5)
- 29 Strait (4)

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<p> S E P T 2 0 0 4 S L O T 2 </p>
<p>Cryptic by Jack</p>




Across

- 1 Rush an odd job in front of Uranus' wife (6)
- 5 Famous husband is hill commander (8)
- 9 Cuts down a support pole (8)
- 10 About halfway open in flight (6)
- 11 Barrier of sticks is heard to be a benefit to cattle (8)
- 12 Take advantage of Chile's resort (6)
- 13 Tiara got broken by troublemaker (8)
- 15 Opening charge (4)
- 17 Responsive modern male stands for a catch (4)
- 18 Consensus out east gives approval to a diplomat in France (8)
- 20 Short stiff hairs brother cut from plant fibres (6)
- 21 Reduced the effectiveness of a weekend revolt (8)
- 22 Trojan horse bearing one hundred to royal leader! (6)
- 23 Flustered oriental diver — after silence is shattered (8)
- 24 Noel, heard you will shortly get hitched (8)
- 25 Course dry man took (6)

Down


- 2 Laugh at scraps of garments (6)
- 3 Spit on hair makes a yank slicker (8)
- 4 Relief to see little general go off rambling (9)
- 5 Saw sweetmeats stewed during disjointed hakas! (5,5,5)
- 6 The king-hit used to that end in the past (7)
- 7 Rule over fool once again appropriate (8)
- 8 Confused girl caught twice in roundabout? (8)
- 14 Harangue about exercise management (9)
- 15 Rashly, one king returned in a stylish way (8)
- 16 All at sea in actual shipwreck (8)
- 17 Most extreme slope sets Pete in a frenzy (8)
- 18 Added flavour determined by beer price? (7)
- 19 About to abandon retreat (6)

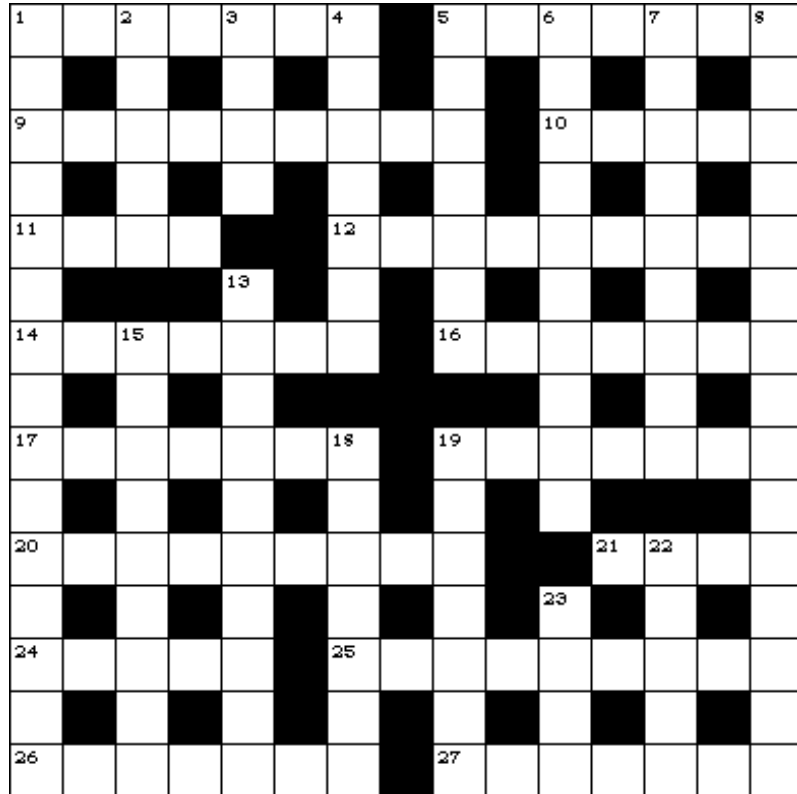
PRESIDENTIAL PAEAN

Dear other *Crozworld* members,

I am nearing three years with the club, and over that time have come to realise what an excellent job Patrick does in his role as President. The effort he puts into the preparation and presentation of *Crozworld* each month must be considerable, as well as the continual updating and maintenance of the club website he himself created – and those duties are only the ones of which I am aware. Indeed, everyone working for the club – compilers, adjudicators and others do a great job and deserve our thanks. However, I would like all members to take particular note of the wonderful effort Patrick makes, and wish to thank him on their behalf.

—Heather Zucal

<p> S E P T 2 0 0 4 S L O T 3 </p>
<p>Cryptic by Noel Jessop</p>




Across

- 1 Disobedient class's unacceptable behaviour (3, 4)
- 5 Georgia, guided about books, talked incessantly (7)
- 9 Regular calico Nan tailored (9)
- 10 A ghost left a letter with Virginia (5)
- 11 Relieve in area setting (4)
- 12 Pitched low, finishing without key intensification (9)
- 14 Barrel contains two lots of slangy information (3-4)
- 16 Swank surroundings! One to take up a means of ascending (3,4)
- 17 Gets derelict boats in (7)
- 19 Agent ran some partial cross-piece (7)
- 20 Grenade grinds up jalopy (5, 4)
- 21 Run off after bass in stream (4)
- 24 Fixed turnover in a hot contest? (3-2)
- 25 Back to find English record dismissed in quiet part of America (4, 5)
- 26 Beaten cheer-leader bored out (7)
- 27 Scale initial catch with everything inside pecten (7)

Down

- 1 Graduate composer, with something to play, turned from melody (8,2,5)
- 2 Northmen caught out of hops (5)
- 3 No colour? In a pig's cry! (4)
- 4 Paving given by lady without account (7)
- 5 Turn left following royal southern swingers? (7)
- 6 A bill's near settlement for high-steppers (10)
- 7 Frolickin' round Rhode Island with southern roughs (9)
- 8 Fellow drinks around vessel, showing technical skill (15)
- 13 Support in charge is a great idea (10)
- 15 Pinky, fired, allowed to kick around (6, 3)
- 18 Rated a nagging woman with bleeding heart (7)
- 19 Betting authority leases inscribed plates (7)
- 22 It's customary unless unusual? (5)
- 23 Continent featured in atlas I acquired (4)

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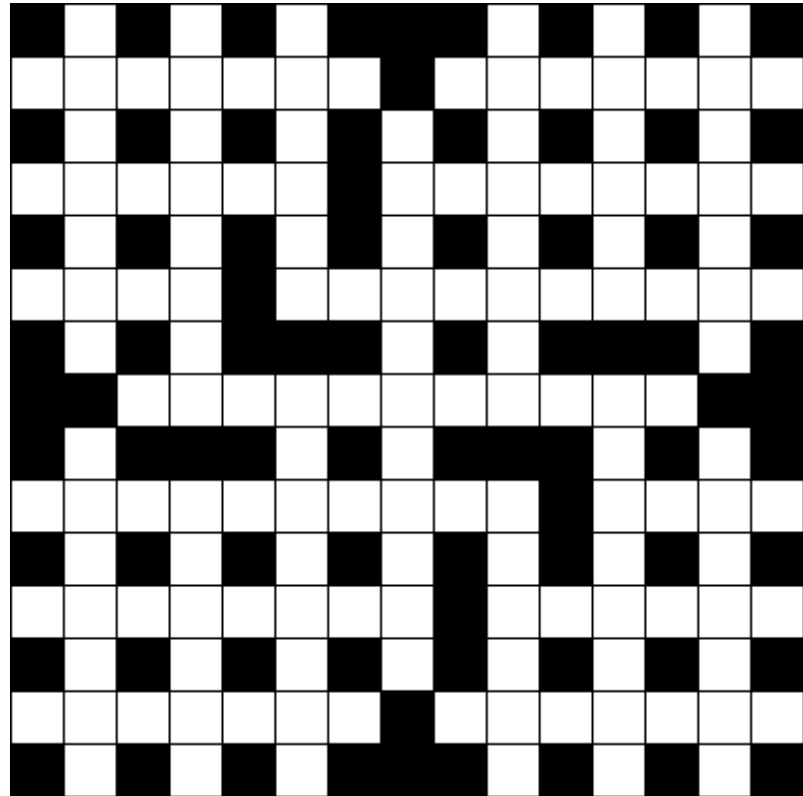
- An exciting parcel has arrived in the post! It is the *Oxford Crossword Dictionary*; and I should like to give heartfelt thanks to the club, and to you Patrick, in particular, for such a great prize. If I don't solve 100% of every *Crozworld* from now on, I shall have absolutely no excuse! Thankyou, thankyou. *Margaret Galbreath*
- I would just like to thank the club for my two cheques. *Bev Solomon*
- I was thrilled to receive the Cumulative prize. Many thanks to the Club. How different solving puzzles is to setting them! *Audrey Ryan*
- Many many thanks to the ACC for my prize for July No 3. It was a big thrill; the elegant certificate is reward enough, but the cheque makes for a very pleasant bonus. *Betty Siegman*
- Many thanks for the \$50. It was much appreciated. *Enid Holford*
- Thank you for my \$50 cheque. I will put it to good use. I will probably update my now ancient *Chambers*. *Aileen Skillicorn*

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AJ
by
Southern
Cross



Fit the answers where you can. All answers begin with the leading letter.



- A** Praise be! Allah's not finished (taken in lieu somehow) (8)
- B** Literary award for publication on one of the royals – excellent! (6,5)
- C** Viral infection rendering one low and uncaring (6,4)
- D** Share something that's Great here but not in the west (6)
- E** Maybe red would be out of place for this time of fasting (5,3)
- F** Congregation increased after collapse in business (4,2)
- G** Go blind almost on course, making bogeys (7)
- H** Browbeat heroes' leader, an Aussie athlete (6,5)
- I** Putting on airs after one elected representative gets damages (7)
- J** He presents an argument for banjo we ordered – right? (8)
- K** Understanding food unknown in this state (8)
- L** Girl needs firstly a place for a pet – one of the Canaries? (2,5)
- M** Kind of football match outside an Indian town (6)
- N** Northern shaft is restricted (6)
- O** Yes-man organised start returning from journey (7)
- P** Have one's say – but more's needed here (3,2,1,4)
- Q** Dropout – one in tech. uni. territory (7)
- R** Hiding out after start of riot (4)
- S** In fact, builder's to add a porch (4)
- T** Terry heartlessly raves and bullies (7)
- U** Friar follows one in Paris before first of stories unfolds (7)
- V** In truth, this is a girl's name (6)
- W** Clashed with green-back, then rose (6)
- X** Plastic maker gives co-ordinates to student – Noel is upset (7)
- Y** A long time back the last of pine disappeared and one of the palms (5,3)
- Z** It's safe as houses, with nothing put on the line (4,4)

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Double Acrostic
by
Aeolian



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Write the answers in the boxes and transfer the letters to the grid. An apostrophe and perhaps a hyphen may be inserted where appropriate. The first letter of each answer, reading downward, spells out the name of the poem and its author. Enter these in the space below the grid.

- A** Discard a casual quip (5,4)
- B** Grandee in the midst of a holdup seeks pleasure (8)
- C** Cambrian party deeds do fit awkwardly! (10)
- D** Irish county divisions away from the top (9)
- E** More than mature, but still a bit wild (9)
- F** GBS lives again; Mozart works as reporter (8)
- G** Layer of hay not so sweet — what a commotion! (9)
- H** Seated royally (9)
- K** Just a boy, sadly gone rusty (9)
- L** Blew up but didn't explode (9)
- M** Cry, cry a river (6)
- N** GP smiling curiously, getting a quick eyeful (9)
- O** Woodwind has minimal space between pairs of elements (9)
- P** A type of red pub for offenders apparently? (8)
- R** Tree may flower in a Melbourne suburb (8)
- S** It's February 29th – the extra time makes greens go insane! (10)
- T** After direction, Marcia is brilliant (6)
- U** A sticky situation, sailin' into the wind three points (9)
- V** I am the sun's dispersed warmth (10)
- W** Collection of books in part of ship adrift (8)
- X** Plectrum products (6)
- Y** Away, finished, upset (8)
- Z** Li is thin – he thrives on nothing (8)

A	23	66	130	105	149	31	100	136	175	
B	8	67	119	78	83	160	196	65		
C	3	90	153	102	142	79	190	34	44	157
D	17	52	163	106	41	15	86	174	51	
E	77	159	63	96	128	49	110	25	133	
F	50	114	14	22	81	115	1	28		
G	123	135	144	11	183	5	185	76	82	
H	124	147	60	155	145	176	32	40	116	
K	131	95	111	151	152	107	46	9	39	
L	75	92	139	161	186	19	16	156	30	
M	89	143	179	12	48	61				
N	38	165	35	104	170	138	101	118	195	
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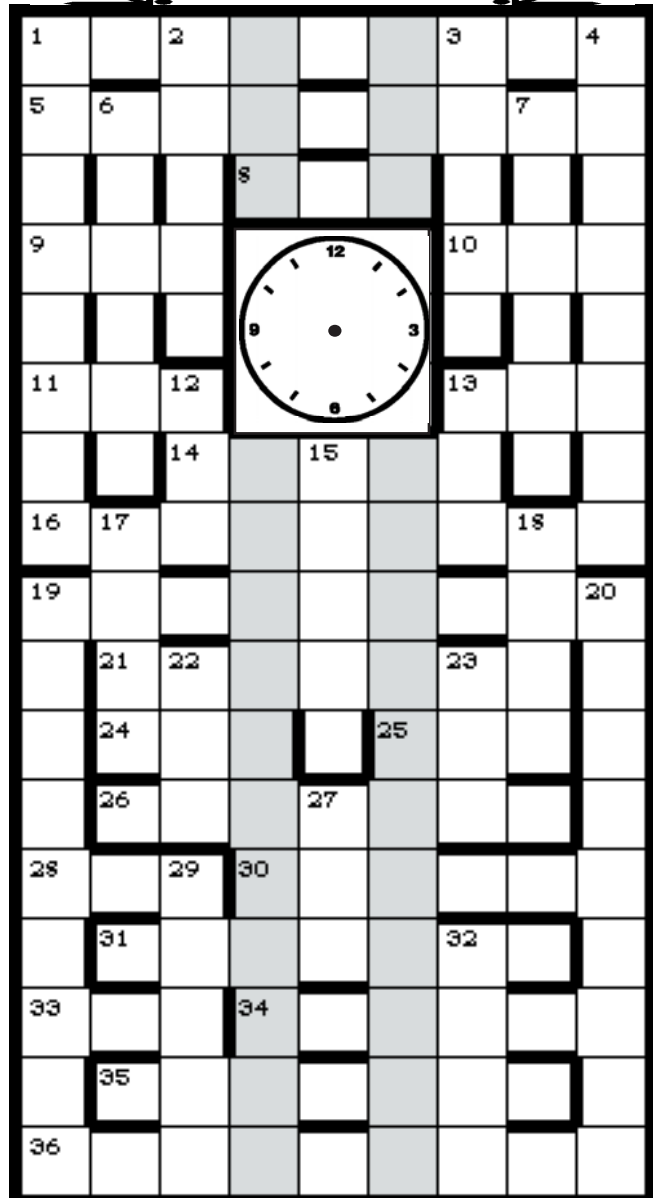
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S E P T 2 0 0 4 S L O T 6
In Good Hands by Stroz


The two shaded vertical columns of the diagram (top to bottom) contain an encoded sentence. In order to decipher this sentence, the alphabet must be altered by means of a simple substitution code. The decoded sentence will reveal a well-known sentence which will enable solvers to place the correct time on the face of the clock.



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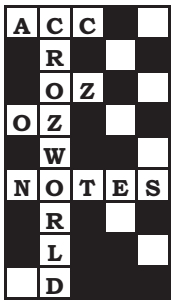
- 1 40 leave refectory table drunk for toast (9)
- 5 Permanently it's the end of threesome leaderless gathering (9)
- 8 Meat hospital takes early (3)
- 9 Bag made from dollar silver (3)
- 10 A headland found in Nebraska (3)
- 11 Backer of England it seems is a rough lady (3)
- 13 Field criminal every second (3)
- 14 A type of ship build (5)
- 16 Lay over beaut model (9)
- 19 K/mh is around 100 if I indicated (9)
- 21 Decide population explosion, Lou omitted (7)
- 24 Amount is more than nothing apparently (3)
- 25 Rap record (3)
- 26 Knelt with difficulty in Anglo-Saxon and US socks (7)
- 28 Canberra law (3)
- 30 No follower of the PM (6)
- 31 Charlie danced wrong on the ballroom floor (7)
- 33 Jack with old money is a leading player (3)
- 34 It's found on the head when wife becomes President (6)
- 35 Confident with a duress alarm (7)
- 36 Bound together when Indian retires in private (5-4)

Down

- 1 It's becoming unnecessary without any slams (8)
- 2 Set free captive ballet-goers (3,2)

- 3 Don't be alarmed when Arthur takes the French (5)
- 4 Sunblock used for head and eyes make-up (8)
- 6 Go to hear Rosie the composer (6)
- 7 A drink found in Aussie camp (6)
- 12 Discover no end of parapsychology (3)
- 13 A male between Cancer and Virgo (3)
- 15 Can do without torn raincoat when on the rampage (5)
- 17 Idiot you find up this fabulous tree (4)
- 18 Badger's burrow discovered by early settlers (4)
- 19 Cutting when using "the language of the devil" (9)
- 20 Put off male cleaner (9)
- 22 Ram a drill without central heating (3)
- 23 Can be up lookout (3)
- 27 Give permission for a service on the Net (3)
- 29 Uproots a body part (5)
- 32 Frank came from Copenhagen (4)

Post Solution to:	Patrick Street, 395 Canning Street, North Carlton Vic 3054 e-mail: pstreet@bigpond.net.au Closing mail date: Friday 8 October 2004.
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DIARY DATE: The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at Rydges Hotel, 54 McLaren Street, North Sydney on Sunday 21 November 2004 commencing at 11:30am. We have booked the Boardroom on the 12th floor and the cost of the Luncheon is only \$35. We have already had indications from members from Melbourne, Brisbane and Goulburn that they will be in attendance not to mention a goodly number of Sydneysiders! Why not come and join in the fun? Make a note in your diary to join us on this Special Occasion. More details next issue of *Crozworld*.



ARMCHAIR CROSSWORDS: Everyone has heard of the renowned English composer of cryptics, AF Ritchie (or by his cruciverbalnym 'Afrif'). He was the one who coined the phrase: "I need not mean what I say, but I must say what I mean." Thanks to Derek Harrison at The Crossword Centre (UK), you can try one of Afrif's puzzles. It's an amazing composition and must have taken hours to compose given the large number of checked letters. Try it at: <http://www.crossword.org.uk/armchair.htm>

THE GUARDIAN BOOK OF CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS, Vol 1. This first volume of the Guardian's cryptic crosswords contains over 150 puzzles, set by the Britain's best-known and best-loved compilers, including Araucaria, Bunthorne, Enigmatist and Paul. It costs £4.79. For further information visit: <http://www.amazon.co.uk/exec/obidos/ASIN/1843542269/apexcrosswords06/026-7782180-2534042>

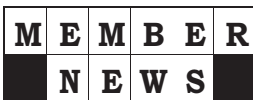
COMMENTS OF THE MONTH:

• I have been a member of the club for eleven years, and cannot complain about my share of prizes. I do not keep track of who wins what, and don't think many members are in it for the money. In fact, it is only in the last few years that the money has become more than a token amount. Looking at the *Crozworld* for July 1996, individual puzzles attracted a \$20 prize, and the cumulative (which I came second in), netted me \$45. I am not sure whether the cumulative prize encourages more participation by members, or encourages people to join. I have achieved a 100% success rate over a six month period only twice in eleven years, and as I think the puzzles have become more difficult in recent years, I don't expect to repeat this. My enjoyment in attempting the puzzles remains undiminished. A significant number of members seem to be perfectly happy to belong to the club without submitting any entries at all. Maybe there should be a compromise – a six month period with a cumulative prize at the end, followed by six months of individual prizes. Or maybe, the cumulative prizes should be kept, and the winners could be exempted from the following cumulative prize, thus allowing a whole new set of high scorers to share in the prize money.

Peter Dearie

• Why do we need to have prize money at all? After all it has to be subsidised by the members, so it costs us all extra annual fees so that the few, who regularly win the cumulative prizes, are the only winners in the long term. After all, if you can win once a year, that just about recovers the cost of the annual subscription. Without prize money, the subscription would be far lower, which would encourage more members to join. If you enjoy cryptic puzzles as all our members must, I'm sure that winning money is a secondary consideration – six ticks is reward enough!

Pat Garner



New Members: We extend a warm welcome to **Sandra May** from Toukley NSW and **Allan Lehmann** from Brunswick in Victoria. We hope you both enjoy Crozworlding.

Puzzle Adjustments: Irene Watts gained dots for July slots 1, 2 and 4.

Acknowledgement: Many thanks to *The Courier-Mail* for kind permission to publish AJ by *Southern Cross* (Sept4/2004).

NEWS from CHAMBERS

The entire Chambers 21st Century Dictionary, The Chambers Thesaurus and the 1997 edition of Chambers Biographical Dictionary are now online. Simply enter the word or person you wish to look up and the relevant entry is instantly delivered. Visit: <http://www.chambersharrap.co.uk/chambers/chref/chref.py/main>

WANTED: QUOTATIONS

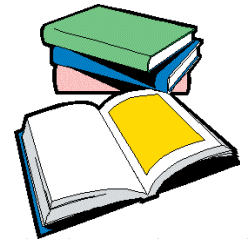
Chambers will be publishing a new edition of its *Dictionary of Quotations* in 2005 and would like to hear suggestions from interested persons for quotations for inclusion. A free copy of the new book can be won! Visit: <http://www.chambersharrap.co.uk/chambers/quotations/index.php>

FAVORITE WORDS: (by Norm Crosby): "My favorite words include "apochryphal;" it comes from the nursery rhyme: "Sing a song of sixpence apochryphal of rye."

Also, "acrylic" — someone who reviews shows!
"Romance" — like, if you had a picnic in a Roman park, you'd probably find ...

"Sacramento" — the capital of California.
"Cabaret — a hat worn by a French taxi driver!"

Jack Driscoll: "My favorite word is "syzygy" because it sounds so nice, has a highly technical yet understandable meaning both in astronomy and in prosody, and especially when written in script it has a wonderful concatenation of loops." *syzygy*
—From *The Logophile's Orgy*, by Lewis Burke Frumkes.



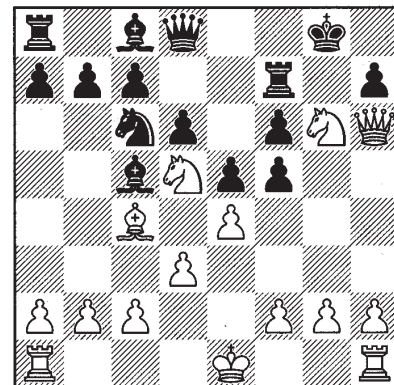
Solvers' Essentials

Do you have any favourite reference books or solving aids which you use when tackling the ACC crosswords? If so, we would like to hear from you. Send your suggestions to Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Pl, Grays Point NSW 2232 or by email: brian_symons@bigpond.com.au
Here are some suggestions from Brian:

- 1 The Chambers Dictionary 1998 edn
- 2 The Macquarie Dictionary Federation Edition
- 3 Google Search Engine
- 4 Chambers Crossword Completer
- 5 Bradford's Crossword Solver's Dictionary

UNCHECKED ...

White to move, mate in two.
Solution to Patrick at: pstreat@bigpond.net.au



August 1-2004: Half & Half by Noel Jessop

- A good puzzle Noel, but Half and Half had Leda and Leda as duplicated answers for 'Helen's mother', a no-no for a professional crossword.
- Noel's second half clues were down-right honest.
- A good half and half except for the case of the same clue/answer twice.
- Helen's mum Leda Spartan life, we're told, so she deserved the encore from Noel.
- An excellent intro, but I was surprised that you doubled up with the 'Leda' solution.
- Reasonable for a No 1 puzzle, though I would still prefer Slot 1 to be an orthodox puzzle.
- Slot 1, Clue 7dn and Slot 3, Clue 8. Two old masters, the same word in almost the same spot, and two masters' clues. It must be telepathy!

Alan Walter
Ted O'Brien
Brian Symons
Jim Colles
Catherine Foster
Irene Watts
Max Roddick

August 2-2004 by St Jude (Drew Meek)

- A difficult puzzle to complete and to rationalise some of the clues.
- What a tough puzzle, especially liked TROY, CIVIL, MAR (sic).
- 11 ac – What a lovely word for "partying!"
- I found myself profoundly irritated by Slot 2. It is so unfair. The grid's across clues have far fewer checked letters than those unchecked. E.g. 4 out of 11 in 1ac. Many of the clues do not 'mean what they say and say what they mean', which is so unfair on the solver. E.g. 'in cinema' cannot mean 'movie' in 14ac. If 'stun' is right for 8dn, could you please explain the clue? (Small = stunted, small bear (ted) leaving > stun = shock. PG). I seem to be always complaining about unfair grids. I think the club used to have a policy of never using them. I think we should revive the practice of setters listing their references with the puzzles – e.g. *Chambers*, *Macquarie*, etc. This would help to eliminate words which are to be found only on the internet and be fair to those who solve without computers.
- Much to be liked in this scholarly production. Interesting answers deriving from many good clues, in particular 10ac, 23ac, 2dn. A great workout for the occipitals.
- So many great clues here! Loved 'troy', 'movie', 'seraphims', 'girl of his dreams' – I could go on forever!
- I think that the Devil got into *St Jude* this month.
- A difficult puzzle and I did not enjoy it for a number of reasons – (a) too many unbarred squares in the grid; (b) clues involved and I could not understand them until I had managed to solve them; (c) Clue 23ac was most unpleasant. Such words should be avoided.
- I thought the puzzles were an easier lot this time except for slot 2 which caused some problems, the grid not allowing for crossed starter letters.
- Difficult puzzles, particularly 2 and 3. I hope I've scored an Olympic Gold Medal.
- I found this month's puzzles quite difficult, especially Slot 2, which I couldn't finish.
- I think Slot 2 should have been a Slot 8!

Alan Walter
Brian Symons
Max Roddick
Audrey Ryan
Jim Colles
Catherine Foster
Denis Coates
Irene Watts
Audrey Austin
Barb Ibbott
Yvonne McKindlay
Col Archibald

August 3-2004: Cryptic by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

- Roy does it again! 9ac sums up his puzzles.
- Thanks again Roy for keeping us on our toes! 7ac: Interesting to note AESC = (Old English) Ashtree, the name of the rune or Germanic letter.
- Great as usual.
- Another example of *Praxis* mastery, with every clue deserving a mention. I was going to comment that in 19ac Nagle backwards (clued 'Kel') was misspelt Nagel, but now twig that 'escorted Oriental' takes care of that. Should have known better in the first place.
- *Praxis* always gives me a hard time with his cluing, which makes the completion of his puzzles one big victory for me. I had some trouble with 'cleaner' or 'cleaned' – hope I chose the right one! Also 17ac was a guess – could not read the clue – hope 'rantan' is OK.
- Surprised myself by solving a *Praxis* puzzle and enjoyed doing it.

Ted O'Brien
Alan Walter
Brian Symons
Jim Colles
Catherine Foster
Irene Watts

August 4-2004 AJ by Timid Terrier (Joan Smith)

- Enjoyed solving this.
- Lots of new words learnt. Thanks *Timid Terrier*.
- Don't have any bones to pick with the terrier over this one. Good clues not too difficult to unravel.
- Still in top form Joan – the 'y' clue was a bit cheeky, but I loved it! 'xenurus' – another new word for me.
- Yippee! A nice normal alphabetical. Some most unusual words as always, but quite do-able. I enjoyed this.
- I have only guessed at VIHUELA (excellent guessing! PG). Couldn't find an old Spanish guitar anywhere!
- An enjoyable AJ thanks TT.

Ted O'Brien
Brian Symons
Jim Colles
Catherine Foster
Irene Watts
Yvonne McKindlay
Alan Walter

August 5-2004: Material World by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- I sat in admiration trying to cotton on as Audrey wove a veritable mercery department.
- Very different.
- Some of those softgoods were pretty hard.
- This type of puzzle makes an interesting variation. Trying to start with the first clue and work through consecutively is the go. Never done it yet, and this was no exception, but it was worth a try.
- I wonder do you enjoy compiling as much as you do solving? I'm sure it must be more difficult to compile than to solve. Great stuff!
- This was good fun. Audrey is so good at giving us plenty of variety.
- Would prefer non-proper crosswords and spirals not included in Slots 1 to 5. *Virgo*, your Material World should have pleased even Madonna!

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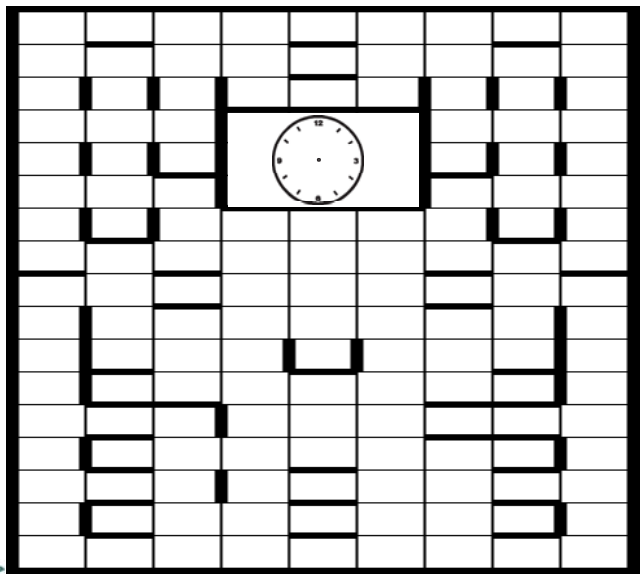
TO WIT: [courtesy of Mike Potts]

- The inscription on the metal bands used by the US Department of the Interior to tag migratory birds has been changed. The bands used to bear the address of the Washington Biological Survey, abbreviated "Wash. Biol. Surv.", until the Agency received the following letter from an Arkansas camper:
"Dear Sirs: While camping last week, I shot one of your birds. I think it was a crow. I followed the cooking instructions on the leg tag and I want to tell you it was horrible."
The bands are now marked Fish and Wildlife Service.
Remember: make it idiot proof and someone will invent a better idiot.
- **And a security tip:** Put six locks on your door, all in a row. When you go out, lock every second one. Then no matter how long the burglar stands there trying to pick them, he's always locking three of them!

Send solution to: Patrick Street,
395 Canning St, North Carlton, Vic 3054.
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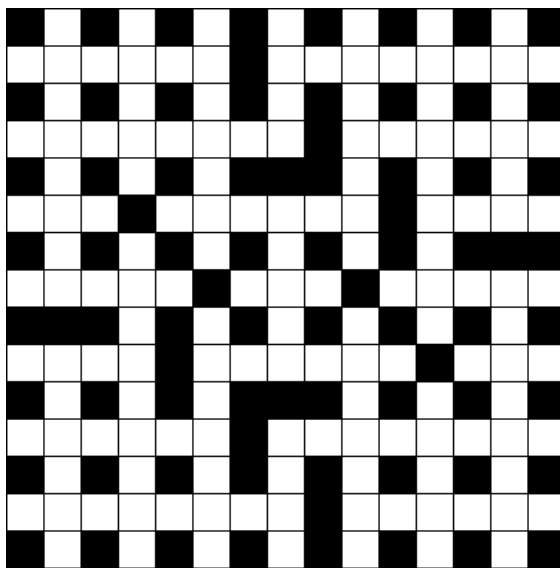


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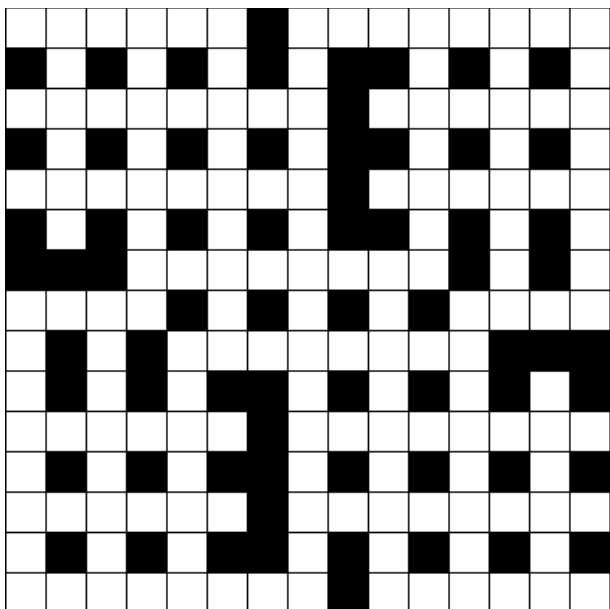
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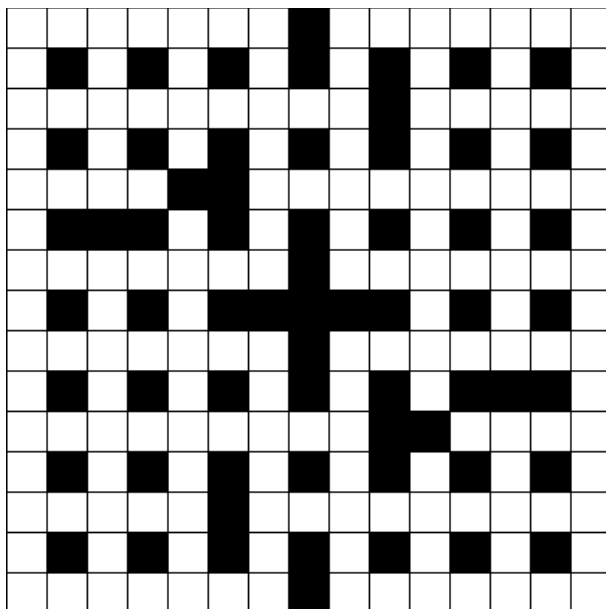


Clue of the Month

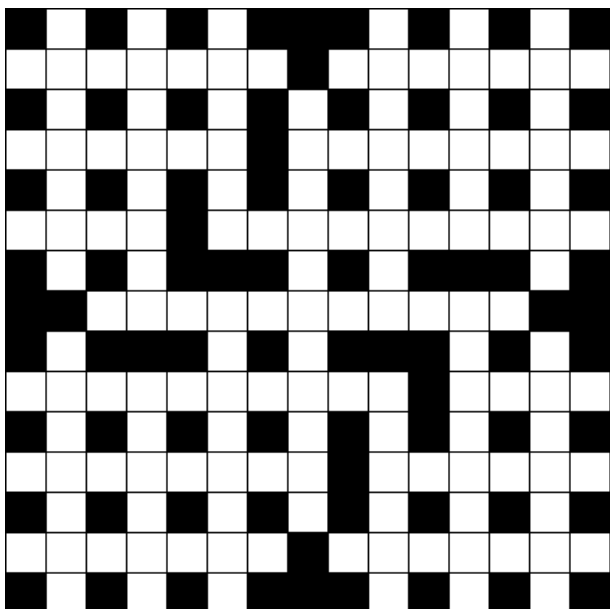
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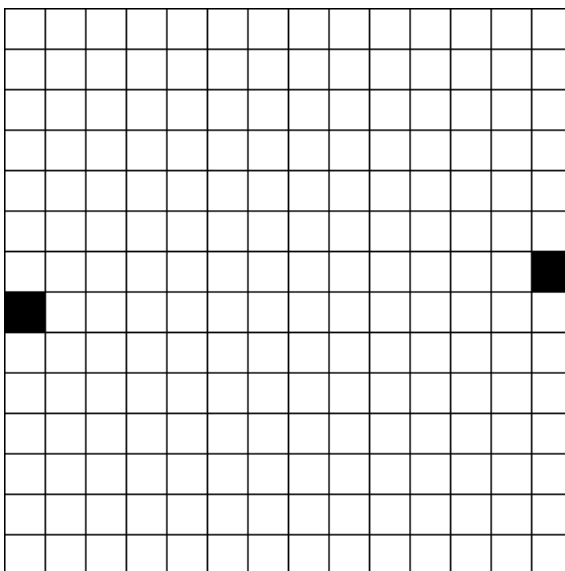
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Title
Author

July 6 2004 – An Elementary Cryptogram by dB (Doug Butler)
20 entries received (one posted from Wales from Christina Lee!); all correct.
Prizewinner Roy Taylor. Congratulations!

Solution:

As you are aware, E is the most common letter in the English alphabet and it predominates to so marked an extent that even in a short sentence one would expect to find it most often (A Conan Doyle *Adventure of the Dancing Men*)

- Enjoyed the decoding. Sounds like Holmes talking to Watson. Max Roddick
- You were right about the doddle – a few educated guesses and half an hour of juggling. It won't be everyone's cup of tea however. Bob Hagan
- Thanks for an entertaining exercise. Bill Bennett
- I really enjoyed this although once I had the letter frequencies it didn't take very long. I much prefer the challenge of a cryptogram to a quiz, which just involves sitting at the computer for an hour. Jill Freeland
- Very challenging but also great fun. Wendy Villiers
- Enjoyable. Bev Solomon
- I found it a bit difficult to get into but with some perseverance it came together. Ron O'Rourke
- This was hard. The telegraphic blocks didn't help. Maurice Cowan
- Too hard for mere mortals. (You're an angel, Bev! dB) Bev Cockburn
- Congratulations on setting the most difficult puzzle to ever appear in *Crozworld*. Audrey Austin
- I would prefer a crossword in this slot – we ARE a crossword club. (Name withheld by request)

Adjudicator's comments:

According to one reference, the eight most common letters in ordinary English writing are E (13%) T (9%) I (8%) A (7%) O (7%) N (7%) S (7%) R (6%), and the longer the passage, the nearer will its letter distribution approach this. Our extract came remarkably close, hence one meaning for the 'Elementary' of the title*. Solvers who then twigged that the repeated trigram 'NKR' meant 'THE' were well on the way. I was disappointed by the number of members who did not persevere, but appreciated the comments both complimentary and critical of those who did. And no, I have no plans for a reprise; some meringues only ever rise once. —Doug

*The second alludes to the famous Holmes cliché, as in "What's Citrus limonum, Sherlock?" "A lemon tree my dear Watson". Sorry. The third can only be known by those who completed the puzzle.

XWORD BOOK REFERENCE: *Crossword Puzzle Challenges for Dummies*. rrp \$10.95

Published by Wiley Publishing Inc. ISBN 0-7645-5622-3

Part 1: A Gallery of 70 crosswords pp7 to 76

Part 2: Constructing Crosswords Like a Pro pp77 to 148 (8 chapters on how to construct puzzles)

Part 3: 10 top Xword Venues, 10 worthwhile purchases for Constructors, Xword construction terms

Part 4: Xword grid solutions pp159 to 170 to the 70 puzzles in Part 1.

Part 5: Comprehensive Index on Puzzle Construction pp171 to 174

Patrick Berry explains crossword construction comprehensively in an understandable manner.

Alan Walter

Chambers Gigglossary is an online project that gives you the chance to write humorous definitions for words in a similar style to those in *The Chambers Dictionary*. If you would like to submit any items for the Gigglossary visit: <http://www.chambersharrap.co.uk/chambers/gigglossary/index.php> Here are some recent submissions.

abbreviation: a long word used to describe a short word used in place of a long word.

argument: an exchange of words between people with diametrically opposed views, all of whom know that they are right.

autobiography: a book written about oneself, now often written by somebody else.

bail: an opportunity to see if you can get away with it the second time.

battling average: in English cricket, the number of runs scored by a batsman in a typical innings, generally about 15; in Australian cricket, the number of runs scored by a batsman in a typical innings, generally about 150.

cat: a partially domesticated animal who keeps you as a pet.

colloquialism: a formal word for an informal word.

commitment: the capacity of a would-be husband to do what he's told.

common sense: practical wisdom and understanding, and as such, not common at all.

comprehension: something that one has to get in order to get it.

computer expert: someone who has not read the instructions, but who will nevertheless feel qualified to install a program and, when it does not function correctly, pronounce it incompatible with the operating system.

democracy: a system which ensures that everybody gets what nobody wants.

husband: a person who empties the waste paper bin and believes that he has cleaned the whole house.

journalist: someone who knows almost nothing about almost everything.

manager: someone who is paid a lot of money to watch other people do all the work.

martial art: a technique that uses aesthetically pleasing movements to render one's opponent less aesthetically pleasing.

mobile phone: an electronic device for one-to-one communication and one-to-many irritation.

personal stereo: a device for playing music, which includes a set of earphones to ensure that it can be heard by all the other passengers on the train.

pittance: the amount a peasant is paid for removing the stones from olives.

recursive: see recursive.

ringtone: a tuneless succession of bleeps, often based on an equally tuneless song, downloaded to a mobile phone by thousands of teenagers as a way of expressing their individuality.

short cut: a more direct route between two points, typically increasing the time it takes to reach your destination.

sport: any game devised by the English and taught to foreigners, who then promptly thrash the English at it.

sprightly: an adjective applied by journalists to anyone over 60 who is still breathing.

wife: a woman who has ceased to be your girlfriend and resents anyone attempting to fill the vacancy.