



# CrOZworld

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Language never deceives, if only we know how to question it aright.  
Richard Chenevix Trench, 1851, 'On the History in Words'.

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Spring is here once again! It seems to come around so quickly these days! With this edition of *Crozworld* we are delighted to announce that we have not one new compiler this month but three! Spring has well and truly sprung!

In Slot 2 we welcome the Quizmaster Merv Collins who has devised a challenging cryptic which should please all solvers. Read Merv's fascinating Profile on p4. In Slot 3, new member John Gillis who has chosen the compiler name of *Drover's Dog* has given us a cryptic which contains clues which have been skilfully devised. John's interesting profile can be found on p5. And in Slot 7, the e-odgment expert Ian Williams has teamed up with the popular Jenny Wenham to devise an innovative puzzle which they have titled *Herd in Parsing*. Their cruciverbonym is *Hot and Cold* and this is explained in their charming Profiles on p14. I am sure that all members will warmly welcome these new compilers to the ranks of the ACC.

In addition we welcome *Virgo* with another of her popular thematics, *St Jude* has compiled the AJ this month and *Timid Terrier* features an innovative puzzle in Slot 5. The Slot 6 puzzle is a challenging puzzle by *Sinbad* which he has titled *A Lot of Fuss*. Plus a Quiz by *InGrid* and plenty of other reading which should make the new Spring Days totally delectable. Finally, Steve Trollope has devised another Clue Writing Competition and to round out the month, a couple of Chess problems. It's another bumper issue! Happy Crozworlding!

The Forum on our website (which we have called DEEF) continues to be extensively accessed (average 6,500 hits per day) and the discussions have ranged over a variety of topics. See for yourself! It's worth visiting anytime!  
—Patrick

Having completed these puzzles myself before receiving the adjudication material, I considered them to be much easier than usual, and was surprised just how many members struggled with them. Like last month's Adjudicator, I found it distressing to come across perfectly solved puzzles just with a blank square or an obvious spelling error – tough when the member has done all the hard work to get a tick. I hadn't realised just how many new members we have until now – all the old familiar names from previous adjudication stints and so many new ones – most encouraging for the club, though the sheer volume of entries can be somewhat daunting for the adjudicator. Once again all the good wishes and words of encouragement have been much appreciated, thank you very much.

**Slot 1:** This slot caused almost more problems than the rest put together, which is surprising for one of Noel's carefully crafted puzzles. I would like to think it was a transcription error – that people couldn't read their own writing and put SOAR/ROBS in place of SOAK/KOBS. Other errors were IDOLOCLAST, ICONOBLAST, KAFFRR, LINNG, ADDIT, REACTED, INCENCE, SOAKENS, TIKO, OVOLI, RARELY, ICONOCLASM/MAKI, DIPSY, DESESTER, DOLL and lots of blanks – again the incorrect words were mostly spelling errors, or clues not read correctly.

**Slot 2:** HOST, CHILES, HOMOCIDAL, SEXY, TUUCAN, DOLL and some blanks were the culprits here.

**Slot 3:** Several members commented on the cluing for SASSY, so I contacted the compiler for his explanation. "Sassy" means 'smart' which in this context doesn't fit me at all. It's an editing blooper, which went past me about five times without my realising I hadn't replaced it. It's the stupidest mistake of many I've made, and it has to be in my debut for the club. My apologies to all. Clue should be It's smart to repeat points in quote." (PS Stephen – in spite of the foregoing all but one got sassy right, so you are forgiven: PG) EIRIE – one member commented on the cluing, however his problem was that he had decided that the lake was Erie instead of Eyre. HINDI, DUMP, SASAY, EARIE, BIRO, EERIE, OFFCOLOLR, TEGS, BARE, DILETTENTE, TEES, DROPT, DAME, CABELLERO, EIRIE also appeared, as well as the regulation blank.

**Slot 4:** I was happy to accept Bureaus/Bureaux as I feel they are equally correct. RUFF (not a loud noise), VENDRETI, TRIFLES, GENTEEL, DAMN, RUDE, RENSIONS/OIL RAINTINGS, VERDIEDI – not many problems there, mostly carelessness. It was interesting too how many members consider KNEEPAD as a part of the leg, again a case of faulty clue analysis.

**Slot 5:** This month's favourite, this delightful puzzle caused the fewest problems for everybody – just spelling again - TINKERES, ORAGAMI, USSRS, ASHLERS and one blank.

**COTM:** Several nominations for Slot 6. Many members commented that there were so many good clues this month, it was hard to single one out. A total of 29 different clues across the whole range of Slots from 57 members, however the winner was *gizmojones* Slot 3 with a grand total of 10 different clues being chosen, and the winner of these being SECONDHAND. A close runner-up was SWIMS from slot 5. Congratulations Stephen – I hope it encourages you to set more puzzles for us.  
—Pat Garner

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	126	119	110	123	119	597
Correct entries	91	110	90	111	113	515
Success rate (%)	72.2	92.4	81.8	90.2	97.9	86.2
Prizewinners	Y Ainsworth	E Seale C Heenan	A&D Callan O Greenberger	S Taylor J Wenham	S Atkinson	from 130 members

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### Aug 1-2005

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## MEMBERS RESULTS FOR JULY 7 & AUGUST 1-6

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
AINSWORTH Y	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ANDERSON C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ANDERSON JB	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ARCHIBALD C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
ATKINSON S	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
AUDRINS K	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
AUSTIN A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARBOUR J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARNES J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BATUM C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BENNETT B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BRYANT R	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BUTLER D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
CALLAN A&D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
CAMPBELL G	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
CHANCE C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
CLARKE S	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COATES D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COCKBURN B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLE G	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLLES J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLLINS M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COPLAND F	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COWAN M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
CROMER H	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DAVEY J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DAVIDSON D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DAVIS A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DAVIS K	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DAVIS M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DEARIE P	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DENNIS M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DINHAM V	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DODD M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DUCKER R	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
EDWARD J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
EGGLETON B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
EISENTRAGER D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
FOOTT B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
FOSTER C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
FREELAND J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
FULLER D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
GALBREATH M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
GARNER P	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
GILLIS J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
GLISSAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
GRAINGER D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
GREENBERGER O	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
GREENING D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HAGAN R	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HAMBLING C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HARPER K	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HEENAN C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HEMSLEY D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HO, E	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOCKING A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOWARD L	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOWARD V	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOWELLS S	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
IBBOTT B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
IKIN D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
JERMY A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
JESSOP N	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
JONES C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
JONES D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
KENNEDY D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
KENNEDY M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
KITTO J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
KNIGHT S	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
KNIGHT V	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEE C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEE K	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEEDS G	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
LOBSEY V	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McCLELLAND C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
MACDOUGALL I	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McGRATH J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKENZIE I	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKINDLAY Y	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McPHERSON T	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
MANNING R	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
MAY S	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
MEEK D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
MERCER P	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
NECK J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
NOBLE C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
O'BRIEN E	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
O'BRIEN S	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
O'HARA H	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
O'ROURKE R	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
PARKER J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
PATTERSON A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
POGSON M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
POTTS M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
PREWETT G	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
PROCTER D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
PROCTER M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
PYC M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
RANDALL J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
RAW M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
REARDON C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
REEVES V	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
RENDELL Dr A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
RODDICK M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
RYAN A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
RYAN W	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SAVANAH T	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SEALE E	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SHIELD A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SIEGMAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SKILLICORN A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SMITH J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SOLOMON B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
STANDARD J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
STOCKS J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
STOREY N	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
SYMONS B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TAYLOR R	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TAYLOR S	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TITUS-REES D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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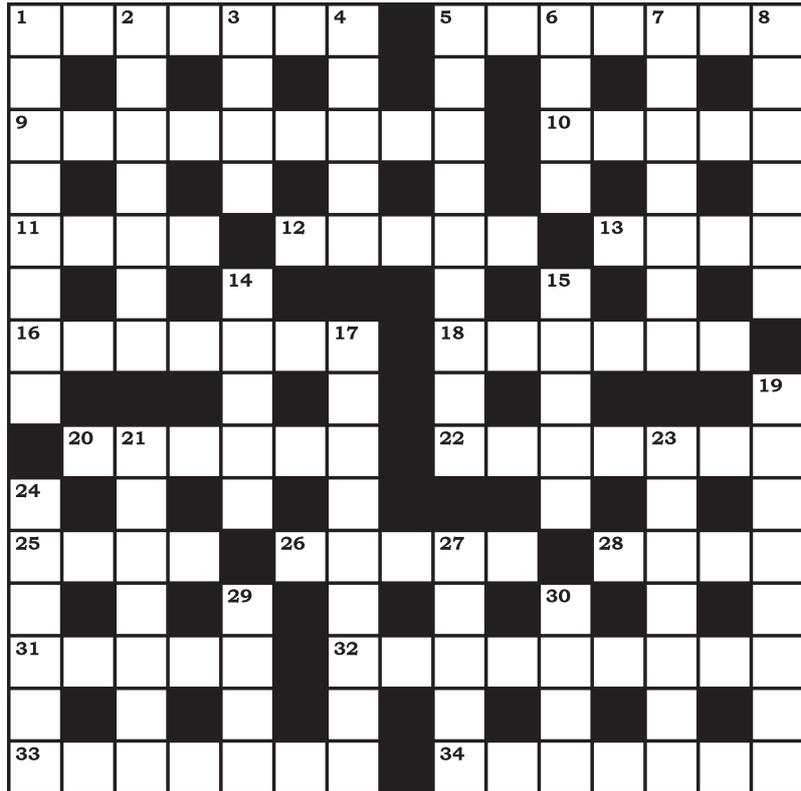
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**Thematic**  
by  
*Virgo*



**Win!**

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Across words have something in common

**Across**

- 1 Butterfly (7)
- 5 Drill (7)
- 9 First (9)
- 10 Jewish (5)
- 11 Captain (4)
- 12 Greta (5)
- 13 Cobra (4)
- 16 Star (7)
- 18 Super (6)
- 20 Happy (6)
- 22 Loud (7)
- 25 Nurses (4)
- 26 Automatic (5)
- 28 Jenny (4)
- 31 Stuart (5)
- 32 Story (9)
- 33 Bank (7)
- 34 School (7)

**Down**

- 1 Barrister (8)
- 2 E.g. The forget-me-not (7)
- 3 Spoil (4)
- 4 The Russian Space dog (5)
- 5 Information stored on hard disks (9)
- 6 A clumsy uncharismatic person (4)
- 7 Constructed inside a building (7)
- 8 A sudden shooting pain (6)
- 14 A length of yarn (5)
- 15 Trojan beauty (5)
- 17 Remnant (9)
- 19 Vastness; splendour (8)
- 21 Escaroles (7)
- 23 Member of an Iranian tribe (7)
- 24 Druid (6)
- 27 A group of eight (5)
- 29 True (French) (4)
- 30 Acronym for the University of California Los Angeles (4)

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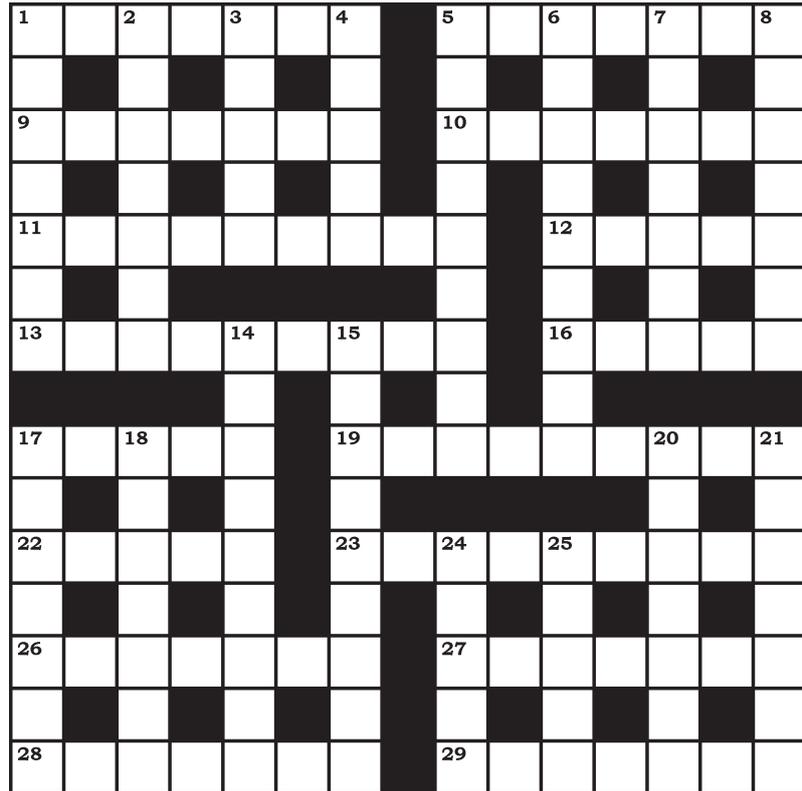
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## Cryptic by Merv Collins



### Across

- 1 A monster in charge of an ill-fated vessel (7)
- 5 Behold, behold – have a squiz (4-3)
- 9 Used ire to make leftovers (7)
- 10 Songwriter Jimmy is unfinished before the principal net user (7)
- 11 Dob in gratuity – it’s the end of the hand (9)
- 12 An expectorating one has a remarkable resemblance (5)
- 13 The holder of the hose is a tribunal member (9)
- 16 Alan initially gambles, finds it helps (5)
- 17 A hundred had an uncomfortable ride and complained tearfully (5)
- 19 A pyrotechnic highlight, it’s the limit and a ticking off (9)
- 22 To allude to a joint with lessee! (5)
- 23 The big guns shoot through with a variety of beers and a rum (9)
- 26 Tonsillitis first then measles ruins everything (7)
- 27 Charles and Les Southaway cause a gentle laugh (7)
- 28 A ring opening the ear or a person closing the eyes (7)
- 29 Paddy used the bird for a template (7)

### Down

- 1 The duties involve thanks with repeated phrases (7)
- 2 Infusions and confusions of tea and sins (7)
- 3 Another of these and a couple of winks – know what I mean? (5)
- 4 A box from trees without nuts (5)
- 5 The outdoor do is regulation north and liberal! (4,5)
- 6 Got a musical accompaniment from a bolt, bag and half a viol (9)
- 7 Imagine an attendant creating leaks (7)
- 8 Smaller bottom? Unfinished, in fact (7)
- 14 The older person’s joint is his office (9)
- 15 The late princess misspelled her name and became an apothecary (9)
- 17 The clergymen give tips about a deserter (7)
- 18 In loud gold fabric make sore (7)
- 20 A handy bit before a sandwich, duster or head (7)
- 21 The control strap is inside (7)
- 24 Heard by September – quite shortly – there’ll be a muscle (5)
- 25 Full grown with two queens she’d be a philanderer (5)

### Compiler profile - Merv Collins:

"I emigrated to Australia in the 60's as an RAAF musician. Since then I've made a living from music, teaching instrumental music in High Schools, performing, conducting and generally showing off! It's been great fun. Now as my 'chops' and hearing deteriorate, I've exchanged my trumpet and baton for pen and paper and am endeavouring to get published, sometimes successfully, in various magazines on a variety of topics – see for example the latest edition of the AFL Quarterly at your newsagents now – you'll realise from that I'm also a sports fanatic. Married to Chris, with two kids and two grandchildren – a third due in October. What a joy – life is good! If Carlton could win a game or two it'd be perfect!"

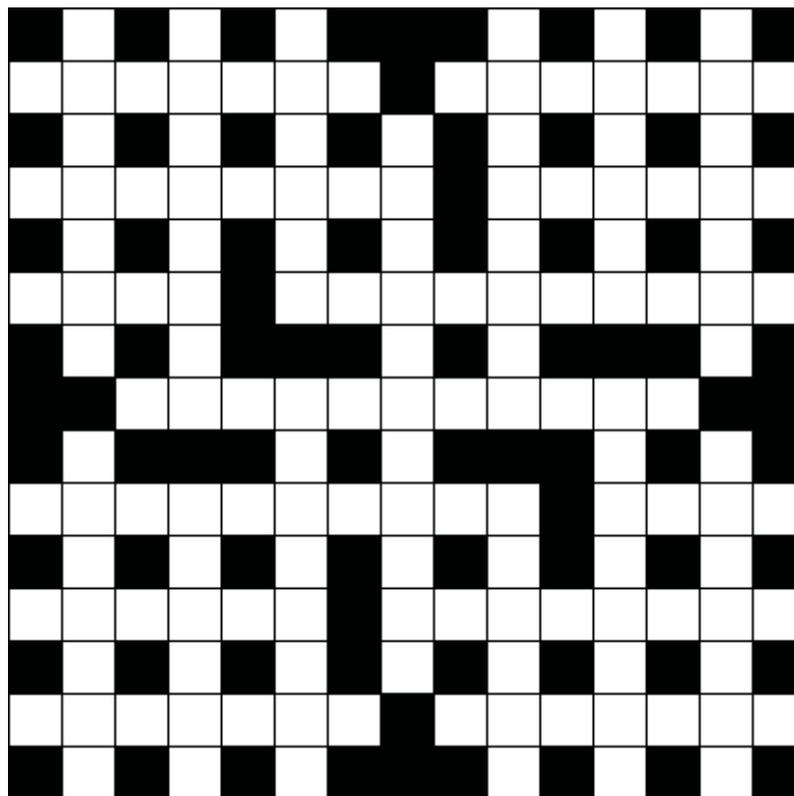


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**AJ**  
by  
**St Jude**



Solve the clues and fit the answers where you can. All answers begin with the leading letter. One answer is not in the Club's standard references but is to be found in part (Ch) of another widely published reference. Several other standard answers relate to the same reference.



- A** Gautama Herodus embraces Biblical man (4)
- B** Suit aft part of old ship, almost home (6)
- C** Alloy rake for one named in two epistles (10)
- D** Half desire to become god (8)
- E** Make machines to measure drink eternally (8)
- F** Search around almost all sundry items to find a charmed object (6)
- G** Dazed heartless guy leaves the drink (4)
- H** His opposite officer in charge is courageous (6)
- I** Increases inspirations (10)
- J** Old Queen's a scheming woman (7)
- K** Dance out of joint and eat (5,2)
- L** Threatened to frame Edward (6)
- M** Happy saint is a fool (5,6)
- N** Indian dancers, naturally support going to church when confused (6)
- O** Little organisation since Mississippi erupts (7)
- P** Desecrated academic article by journalist (8)
- Q** That French senator leaves foundation for rest (7)
- R** Dismiss and dig again (8)
- S** Quiet before religious period is over (6)
- T** Has old money and is skilled (8)
- U** Curious, even dux is not worried (7)
- V** French face one barbarian or another (8)
- W** Location west of here is approximately south (11)
- X** Noel altered my sax ad (4,3)
- Y** Unknown poem first sung in the mountains in America? (7)
- Z** Tops philosophy and hits out (7)

**READERS DIGEST** Special Deluxe edition of *Chambers Crossword Dictionary* \$69.95 rrp.

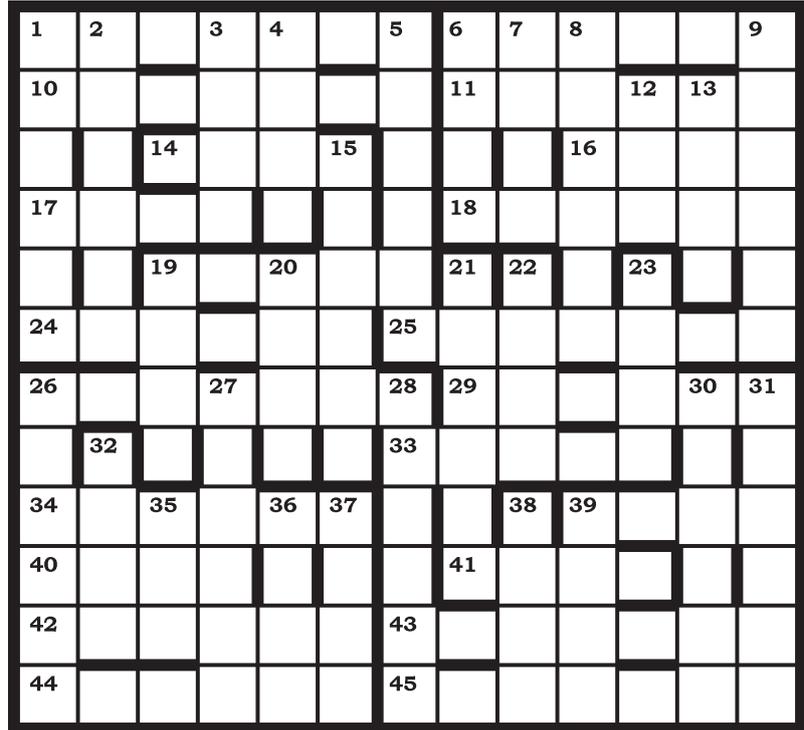
This new edition contains the same list of entries as the old edition (which was originally priced around \$90 and now sells at \$44.95). It also has a 4-page article by Michael Kindred and Derrick Knight in the preface titled "Advice for the Cryptic Crossword Solver" plus a mini "Two Way Crossword Glossary" of abbreviations of 8 pages. For those who just need the alphabetic word list, the old edition saves you \$20.

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**Gone With the Wind**  
by  
*Timid Terrier*



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14 unclued lights form two different themes.

**Across**

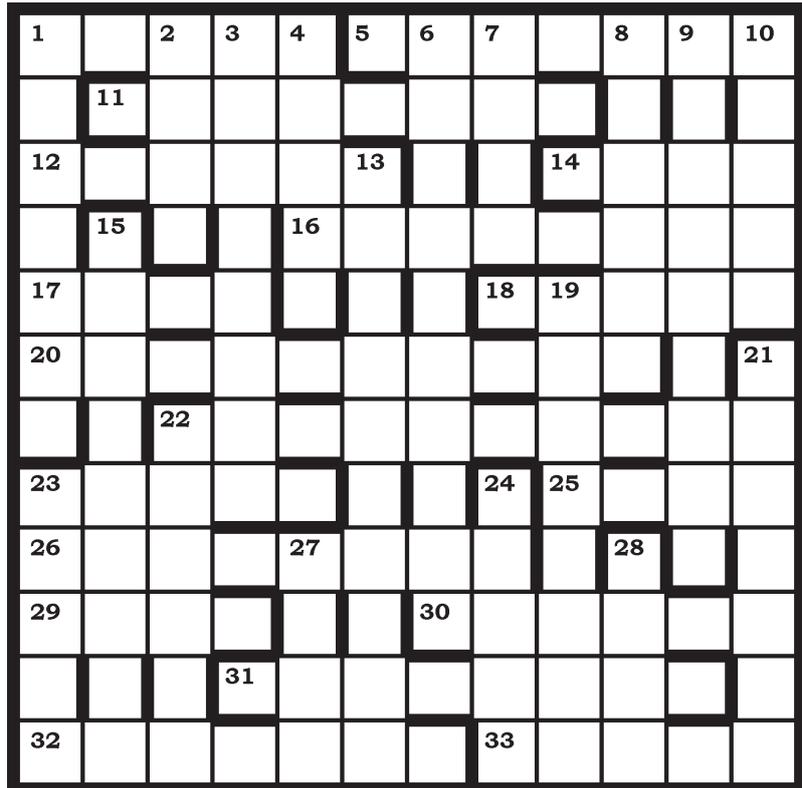
- 1 A thousand in footwear and military caps (7)
- 6 Theme (a) (6)
- 10 Theme (b) (7)
- 11 Some nematode return with shipworm (6)
- 14 Befitting a Scottish corpse (4)
- 16 Warning sign (4)
- 17 Theme (a) (4)
- 18 Theme (a) (6)
- 19 Caress ten in courtyard (5)
- 24 Draw slowly on paper kite (6)
- 25 Theme (b) (7)
- 26 Theme (b) (7)
- 29 Measure grave to bury (6)
- 33 Short sword part of prize stock (5)
- 34 Theme (b) (6)
- 39 Theme (b) (4)
- 40 Bird embraces English bird ... (4)
- 41 ... second pale and sickly bird (4)
- 42 Admiral's man back on issue (6)
- 43 Theme (a) (7)
- 44 Theme (a) (6)
- 45 Track team on border of path (7)

**Down**

- 1 Foolish boss holds Greek letter (6)
- 2 Theme (b) (3,3)
- 3 Intertwine first of knots nervously in test (4)
- 4 Soak shady trees (4)
- 5 Painful unfinished brawl creates grief (6)
- 6 A species of skunk back at Mascot Airport (4)
- 7 Animal stamp (4)
- 8 Military forces love sport combination (6)
- 9 The more distant Spenser's furious with queen (6)
- 12 Measure square measures (3)
- 13 Heard beloved animal (4)
- 15 Woman scattered neroli (6)
- 19 Long for quiet worker (4)
- 20 Extremely new Indian tree (4)
- 21 Stupidly set his essay (6)
- 22 Theme (b) (4)
- 23 Abbreviated disclosure in a pocket (4)
- 26 Married upper-class girl's favourite food-fish (6)
- 27 Bet at Cockney's home with wife (6)
- 28 Relation to write up initially his exceptional windfall (6)
- 30 Theme (a) (6)
- 31 Happen to exist with strange diet (6)
- 32 Initially fire unit minimises enveloping smoke (4)
- 35 Fruit not on honey (3)
- 36 United Press working on (4)
- 37 Grant doesn't begin to rave (4)
- 38 Theme (a) (4)
- 39 Passages to make you gasp unbelievably (4)

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<b>A Lot of Fuss by Sinbad</b>


The answers to clues marked with {} have nothing in common.



### Across

- 1 Some of your travel, Denis Thatcher, is in the open country (5)
- 5 The estate seemed North (about) (7)
- 11 They would find it difficult to ride these land-crabs (8)
- 12 Come around by car for this delicacy (6)
- 14 {} (4)
- 16 Concerning the gymnast who comes back (8)
- 17 {} (4)
- 18 A man causes a reaction (5)
- 20 Supercharger has some muscle (10)
- 22 Tobi Poi has not an aversion to food (10)
- 23 Fit, with a slight adjustment, the flared skirt (1-4)
- 25 Arranges the paving stones (4)
- 26 Come back to this for some sanity (8)
- 29 {} (4)
- 30 This Secondary division is part of the oldest series in the Tertiary division (6)
- 31 Burnt Etna firs are rapidly growing plants (8)
- 32 Colour green (almost) is a mock-orange (7)
- 33 Spinning top on board leaves marks (5)

### Down

- 1 {} (7)
- 2 {} (4)
- 3 Pressure bolt is a bar for hole adjustment (8)
- 4 Autocratic rulers, leaders of the South American Republican States (5)
- 6 {} (5,5)
- 7 A list of some prime numbers (4)
- 8 Speedy (*Shak.*) is earlier (6)
- 9 {} (9)
- 10 Exercise using X-tree (5)
- 13 Leopard, pig and monkey (not odd-man yak) help in the restocking of animals (10)
- 15 See, in the wood, youse; hark the termite (9)
- 19 A web-footed bird with a hat on is a chook (8)
- 21 Dandies prepare the spuds! (7)
- 22 Mister Carr declared a government (6)
- 23 Battered sedan on mountain range in South America (5)
- 24 Story about Indian peasants (5)
- 27 Put the first name last and let it be (4)
- 28 {} (4)

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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 20 November 2005 commencing at 11:30am. We have booked the Boardroom on the 12th floor. 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*.

**CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL — JULY 2005**

The Annual Victorian Get-together 2005 was another great success. Held on Sunday 31st July at the Heritage Room, Bruce County Hotel, Mt. Waverley, 18 members and friends made the trip to commune with people who have an interest in all things cruciverbal. We welcomed champion solver David Procter, Jim Colles (*Cactus*), Max & Dorothy Roddick, John & Wendy Villiers, Barbara Reaper, Robyn Whitehead, Paula Mercer, Cheryl Wilcox, Denis Coates, Pip Winter and Valerie Howard just to name a few. 'Queen of the Slot 1 puzzles' Heather Zucal was there together with her brilliant son Leigh who has been more than helpful to the ACC in development of the website. We extended a warm welcome to one of our newest members Dr Bob Crossman. A Quiz was conducted and won by Denis Coates on a play-off with David Procter.

**THE CREAM OF ENGLISH SETTERS:** Derek Harrison, the manager of the UK's Crossword Centre ([crosswordcentre@yahoo.com](mailto:crosswordcentre@yahoo.com)) tells that 3 setters tied for *Azed's* Annual Clue Writing Competition. The winners of the 2005 *Azed* Shield were Don Manley, Colin Dexter and Tim Moorey. If you would like to see these well-known setters together with *Azed* (Jonathan Crowther) visit: <http://www.crossword.org.uk/azedshield05.htm>

Derek also mentioned that *The Times* Setters' lunch was held recently at The Garrick Club. If you would like to see a photo of these notables visit: [http://www.maths.leeds.ac.uk/~mark/crosswords/Times\\_Team.html](http://www.maths.leeds.ac.uk/~mark/crosswords/Times_Team.html) If you try the Back button at the foot of the page it should take you to the Home Page of Mark Kelmanson (known as *Monk*) and the opportunity to download many of his fine puzzles.

**WordSolverUK** (v3.0) (<http://home.btconnect.com/Gamms/>) is a must for those people who love words, crosswords and other such delights but always have one or two clues that completely baffle them. **WordSolverUK** is designed to find the answer in seconds instead of hours. **WordSolverUK** uses a dictionary which contains approx. 670,000 words and phrases and has a built in Thesaurus with over a million cross references. Using this dictionary and the Thesaurus, the program will find all those words with the letters that you have available, unscramble anagrams and find common phrases in the blink of an eye. Cost: £10 and can be downloaded from the website.

**August Slots 1-5 Winner:** Margaret Raw, Congratulations!

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**New Members:** We extend a warm welcome to **Margaret Jamieson** from Hendra, Qld, **Eugene Ho** from West Pennant Hills, NSW and **Mike Pogson** from Eltham, Vic. Welcome to the wonderful world of

Crozworlding!

**Thank You:** Many thanks to **Barbara Reaper** and **Maurice Cowan** for their kind donations to the ACC Prize Fund.

**Puzzle adjustments:** Bev Cockburn gained dots for July Slots 1 and 2. The allocation for dots for June Slot 6 was incorrect. Dots were gained by Jim Colles, Michael Kennedy and David Procter.

**Quiz 4/2005:** Doug Butler got 20/20 for this Quiz.

**Adjustment to Quiz No 7/2005:** Although all Greek words are in alphabetical order, number seven is out of order.

**The Australian Oxford Dictionary**

**WORD OF THE MONTH**

**bodge** *n. Aust 1* a male Australian youth, especially of the 1950s, as distinguished by his conformity to American fashions and antisocial behaviour. **2** something flawed or worthless. [ORIGIN: from *bodger* 'something (or someone) that is fake, false, or worthless', from British dialect *bodge* 'patch or mend clumsily', an altered form of **BOTCH**.]

*The Australian Oxford Dictionary*, Second Edition, 2004 Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$99.95 ISBN 0195517962

**The Australian National Dictionary Centre** was established in 1988 with the twin purposes of conducting research into Australian English and providing Oxford University Press with editorial expertise for its range of Australian dictionaries. It is jointly funded by the Australian National University and Oxford University Press Australia. W.S. Ramson was director of the Centre from 1988 to 1994. Bruce Moore became director in 1994. The Centre takes its name from *The Australian National Dictionary: A Dictionary of Australianisms on Historical Principles*, ed. W.S. Ramson, which was published by Oxford University Press in 1988.

**A COMMENT from Audrey Austin**

**R**e the difficulty of the recent slot 6 puzzles: while I agree with Brian Tickle that crosswords should present a challenge, I feel that it is better to amuse than to frustrate. Brian's puzzles were always a challenge that also *tickled* my fancy.

I have not seen a puzzle from Brian in *Crozworld* for some time although there were a few in the last Compendium, some of which seemed familiar from days gone by. I remembered some of the answers and comments in the following *Crozworld*.

I have spent hour upon hour with some slot 6s — hours in which I could be doing something more constructive, such as writing a book, making a rug or planting some vegetables.

In the recent slot 6s, although some clues were amusing, they were in the main filled with obscure references and least known definitions which finally led the persistent solver to a plethora of obscure words that were not included in word lists or small dictionaries and could not be found in larger dictionaries either when one didn't have any starting letters.

I am beginning to wonder if, instead of presenting the members with a good challenge, compilers were now attempting to outdo one another in the construction of a crossword that would bring the fewest responses with the fewest correct entries.

Well, guys, here's how to do it: just construct a puzzle with no black squares or numbers, make all the clues in a code that solvers would have to crack before they could begin, give no indicator lengths and ensure that all the words to be solved are either obscure or in a foreign language. That should do it...

## August 1-2005: Half & Half by Noel Jessop

• 1ac Anger (7). I knew the answer ended in E. Was it PROVOKE, INFLAME, OUTRAGE, TROUBLE, OFFENCE, EXPLODE, FLOUNCE? None of these! I eventually settled on INCENSE which enabled me to solve the challenging top left hand corner. Thanks for your thought provoking puzzle Noel.

Alan Walter

• Suitable for this slot. I thought 3dn very clever, but doubted whether 35ac (snakier) had the right twist.

Irene Watts

• ICONOCLAST knocked me for a while.

Max Roddick

## August 2-2005: Cryptic by Daintree Lady (Daphne Titus-Rees)

• 2dn took a while to see that deleting LOG from DIA(LOG)UE left the letters of ADIEU, muffled being the anagind! 5dn: Strange-looking = anagind and 'has many flaws we hear' is a homophone indicator, so this clue seems to have two seconds and no proper definition! Is this because MULTISTORY is not the proper spelling of MULTISTOREY!?!? (From my research it is an acceptable alternative: PG). 7dn: If the breakdown intended is DE+TRI+MENT, DE does not equate to 'The French', it should be of 'The French', TRIM = orderly and mends net = ENT. Your clue for 18dn Game for part of Crossword Club (8) was a clever clue for GRID+IRON and so was 21dn for AC+TI+V+E, quite a 'Mobile' clue! Also much liked your clue for AL+GI+D in 22dn. Thanks Daintree Lady for an enjoyable puzzle.

Alan Walter

• A most enjoyable puzzle. The more so because unfamiliar words were made solvable by such clear clues. I was going to suggest that 5dn is misspelt, but Chambers gives it as a spelling by the world superpower, and who would dare argue with that?

Jim Colles

• Except for 'The French', an almost perfect puzzle – especially loved ENVY and GRIDIRON.

Brian Symons

• Bit of a doubt about the clue for MULTISTORY. I always thought STOREY was the correct spelling for a floor in a building. Although the compiler did add 'we hear', it doesn't seem to make the solution a valid word.

Audrey Austin

• Is not the spelling of 5dn and 27ac very naughty? I cannot find these versions anywhere. However ... (not naughty, just alternate: PG)

Karl Audrins

• Daintree Lady's 7dn gave me some terrible trouble as I was assuming 'The French' signified LA, LE or LES – however DE seems to be indicated which only means 'of' as far as I know.

Peter Dearie

• I always have difficulty with solving Daintree Lady's puzzles, but I do enjoy her humour and wit.

Irene Watts

• 7dn: De is not 'the French' but 'of French'.

Drew Meek

• Nice to see something from the Daintree Lady again! I liked the clue for 17dn.

Max Roddick

## August 3-2005: Cryptic by gizmojones (Stephen Clarke)

• 11ac: If FLOTSAM is correct, I don't follow your second. Could this please be explained? 18ac: If SA+SS+Y is correct, where 'remark' = SAY, I don't understand how 'article has some point' = SS. 25ac: If 'Public' = OVERT, how does 'indemnity not capitalised' = OVER? 1dn: Liked your Spooner's CASKET BASE + BASKET CASE and 24dn HYPE+R and 26dn E+ELS. Overall a challenging puzzle for your first Crozworld publication.

Alan Walter

• For a Roosters man to be clued up about the Melbourne Demons (8dn) certainly shows a broad knowledge of the things that matter. Thought the Spooner clue (1dn) was deviously clone.

Jim Colles

• As usual a new compiler is very welcome but very hard – especially the lower left hand corner – SPECIES and EMIGRES are excellent.

Brian Symons

• The bottom left hand corner caused most uncertainty. SASSY, SPECIES and EMIGRES are all more hunch than deduction. (Good hunches then: PG)

Merv Collins

• A superior effort!

Audrey Austin

• With dogged determination I did my best with gizmojones cur-ryptic. It certainly gave me something to get my teeth into.

Peter Dearie

• Nice work gizmo.

Geoff Campbell

• Another new setter, so I found it difficult to get started. Clue 3ac is brilliant (SECONDHAND). However I am not sure that SASSY at 18ac quite fits the clue's requirements, and I dislike the localised clues (football teams) which are rather unfair.

Irene Watts

• 23dn: the clue suggests 'eirie' but this is not a spelling of 'eyrie' with which I'm familiar. 18ac: smart= sassy; remark=say but how does 'article has some point'=ss? 30ac: what role does 'in books' have in this clue?

Drew Meek

## August 4-2005: AJ by Cha-Cha (Catherine Hambling)

• This AJ was enjoyable enough to Cha-Cha to! Thanks, Catherine.

Alan Walter

• Led a merry dance by some of Cha-Cha's extremely clever and original clues, though the T clue gave me a lot of trouble. I think 'step around' instead of 'step inside' would be a truer indicator of how this clue worked. But I've got two left feet anyway.

Jim Colles

• Chambers gives the plural of bureau as s or x, but of beau only an x – but Macquarie says both. (In the absence of a given dictionary as the authority for this puzzle, I have accepted both answers. The majority of members settled on 'x': PG)

Brian Symons

• Nice to have an AJ without too many obscure words!

Audrey Austin

• The B word – last letter X or S must surely be acceptable.

Karl Audrins

• The 'B' clue presumably can be either BUREAUX or BUREAUS, depending on which dictionary is consulted.

Peter Dearie

• Alphabeticals are wonderful – I love them. Thank you Cha-Cha for a good one.

Irene Watts

• PENSIONS made me pense a bit.

Max Roddick

## August 5-2005: ACC Jigsaw by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

• Lovely to see The Australian Crossword Club theme woven into the clues of this entertaining AJ. Thanks Virgo. Alan Walter

• The surprise is that it took 15 years for someone to add up that The Australian Crossword Club has 26 letters, perfect for an AJ. No surprise, though, that Virgo was the one to produce this superb variation on the theme. A great idea.

Jim Colles

• An ingenious AJ from Virgo.

Peter Dearie

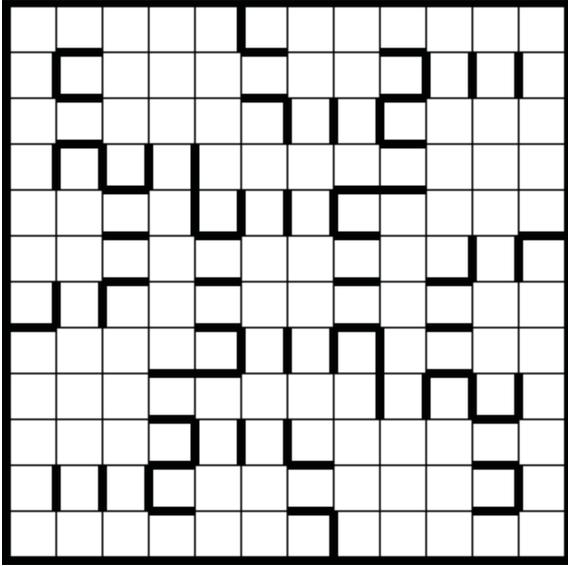
• Another Jigsaw – what a bonus! It looked difficult at first, but after solving the 11 and 12 letter words, everything fell into place.

Irene Watts

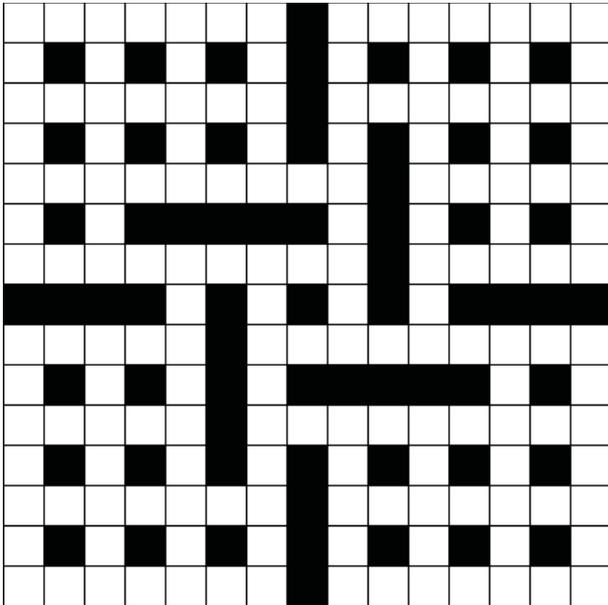
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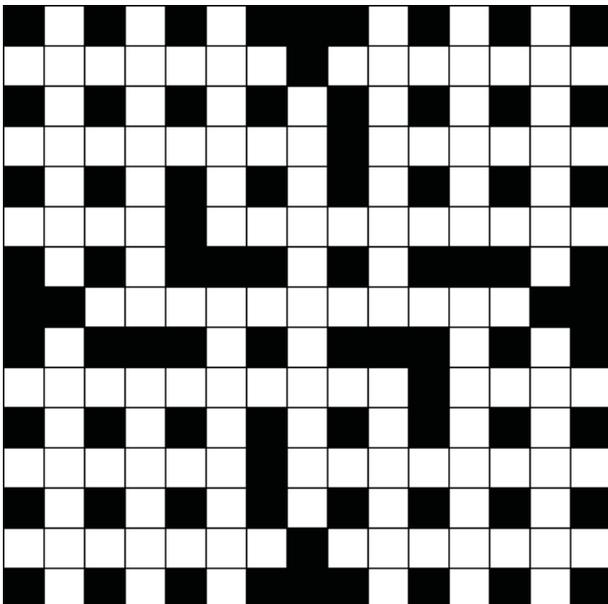
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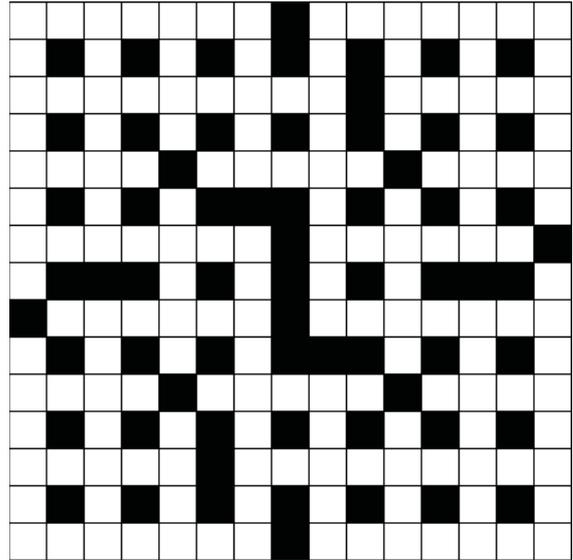
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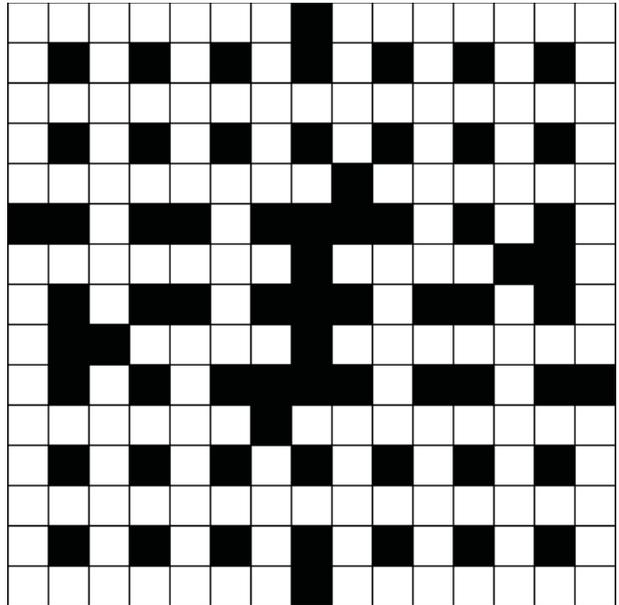
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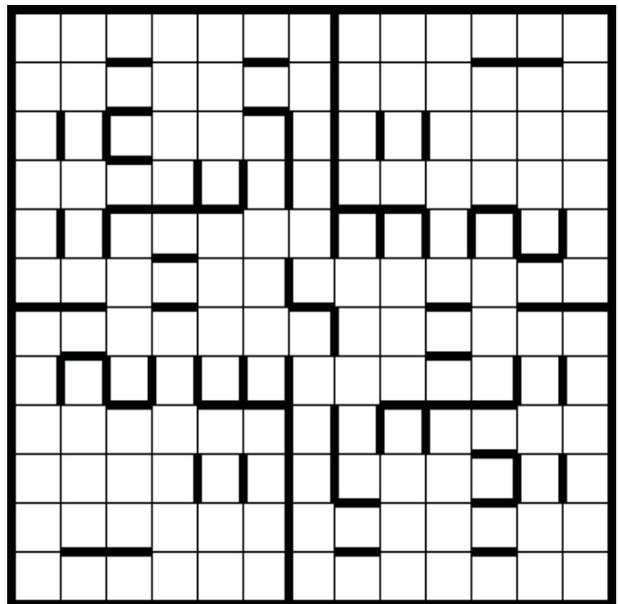
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Clue of the Month .....

**July 6-2005 - Rice in Greece by Red One (Doreen Jones)**

**Entries: 101. Correct: 91. Success rate: 90.09%. Prizewinners: Doug Butler and William Ryan. Congratulations!**

**Solvers' Comments:**

- Very cleverly put together. *Doug Butler*
- Many thanks for a clever and well thought out puzzle with many excellent clues. There were several new words too, to add to my list including PROYN, GUSLI, DIBASIC, TSOTSI and TAPADERO. *Bev Cockburn*
- Thank you for an interesting and, I hope, 'doable' puzzle. 19ac SAME? and 21dn TYE? I cannot find references to these 2 answers. (Neither can I for the first, I got myself muddled up with SAM and YSAME which are Spenserian for 'together'. Also commenting on this were Catherine Foster, Margaret Galbreath and Catherine Hambling. Luckily no one got it wrong. TYE is in *Chambers* – the second meaning. DJ). *Graeme Cole*
- Nice work to get all the trains into the puzzle as unclued answers, and your clues were challenging and very fair. Particularly liked 25ac and 39dn. *Jim Colles*
- *The Prospector* was the only one I was not familiar with but I have to confess I was too clever by half with 5ac and 51ac. At 51 I had -URO-A and convinced myself that, as well as the Asian *Trans-Siberian* you had included a European one which I did not know but which must be the *Southern or Northern Europa* (this was an unintentional red herring – several solvers thought the same and three never did discover the error). Eventually, of course, I realised I was on quite the wrong track! (Good pun, Margaret). *Margaret Davis*
- I'd never heard of *The Prospector* but now I know it is one of your locals. (It is the day train from Perth to the goldfields which has recently been upgraded with a new train and it runs like silk). *Catherine Hambling*
- I loved your puzzle. I always like it when you set the No. 6. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Loved your puzzle. I'm just about to go on the *Spirit of the Outback* from Brisbane to Longreach, early August. *Del Kennedy*
- I always enjoy your No. 6 puzzles and this was no different. Thanks. *Carole Noble*
- Your use of the word "spotting" in your intro should have pointed to trains straight away but I was just about finished before the penny dropped. *Ted O'Brien*
- I don't know if you did it deliberately but you managed to work the Red – Roan – Rattlers into it. (just coincidence) This is what Sydney called its original old electric trains and they did great service for many years. *Ron O'Rourke*
- Loved your clue for HICCUP. *Audrey Ryan*
- Thanks for your enjoyable *Rice in Greece* puzzle. 17ac: I started with *The Overlander*, next tried *The Gulflander* and finally settled on *The Prospector*. Having obtained *Southern Aurora*, *Spirit of Progress* and *Indian-Pacific* I then looked for another Australian train for 28ac but only could find *Trans-Siberian* which then led to an international train of thought! Just one small point to query. In 36dn shouldn't Abbott's be spelt Abbot's with one 't'? *Chambers* defines PRIOR as the deputy of an ABBOT in an abbey. Your puzzles are always much appreciated. *Alan Walter*
- 1dn: I was tempted to put TSETSE based on the first two letters but luckily waited till I had 23ac and looked a bit harder at the clue. 18dn: Had HA for no particular reason other than it's the middle of the word ALPHABET. Worked it out eventually. As usual with this type of puzzle I struggled for a while till I got the unclued answers, but the clues were fair which always makes it so much better. Particularly liked 49dn. *Jenny Wenham*
- Thank you for giving us another of your lovely No. 6 puzzles. Yours are just right, difficult but possible and worthwhile spending the time on solving. *Irene Watts*
- A delightful puzzle and a great theme. *Roy Wilson*

**Compiler's Comments:**

Very many people commented on the title of the puzzle and what it meant. While it is not at all compulsory to solve this, it is a clue to the theme and in this case I thought that it was very easy and would give the game away immediately. However, not one person seemed to have solved it. GR is the short form for Greece, put RICE inside and it gives the word GRICER which means 'train-spotter'. Clue 1dn caused trouble for six members who used TSITSI, TSETSI, TSETSE, TSUTSE, there was one RISOTTA for 9dn, a SOUTHERN EURORA, a SOUTHERN EUROPA and a NORTHERN EUROPA. Thank you to everyone who wrote, sent cards and kind comments. Solvers enjoyed the theme and I find that these puzzles bring out not only reminiscences but desires to enter into the spirit of the puzzle – I received a lovely photo of the *Ghan*, a letter with the train stamp and an apology for only sending an ordinary card and not one about trains. —Red One (Doreen Jones)

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

- Thanks to the club for my Slots 1 to 5 prize. Lucky in a month when many members got all correct. Congrats to the two geniuses who solved *Cactus'* devilry. I think it's the first time I have just given up. PS: I enjoyed the 2 chess problems and their solutions. Keep them up! *Brian Symons*
- The excellent *Oxford Crossword Dictionary* and attractive certificate has just arrived! Thank you so much to the ACC for the prize and for the many hours of entertainment. I was amazed to win July 5-2005 as it was my "maiden entry"! I shall enjoy using the prize very much. *Chris Heenan*
- Thanks to the Club for the splendid new *Macquarie Thesaurus*. It will complement, but not replace, the broken and dog-eared old *Penguin* I've used for years and have a sentimental attachment to. *Merv Collins*
- Many thanks to the ACC for my \$50 prize last month. I almost didn't enter as I only managed to solve one puzzle for the month. I always look in the results column to remind myself that there are others who only get one or two dots. But its all good fun anyway. Thank you for many hours of enjoyable "brainwork" — I tell my family I'm warding off Alzheimers! Thanks again. *Judy Randall*
- Many thanks to the Club for my prize in Quiz No 5/2005. *Bev Cockburn*
- Thanks for the certificate for the chess problems. I should frame it. This month's crosswords were reasonably tough and very enjoyable. *Roy Taylor*
- Thank you for the \$50 for the July Slot 2 puzzle. I will buy a replacement for my tattered *Macquarie Dictionary*. *John Davey*
- I thank the Club for my prize OXFORD WORD GAMES. The postmistress was most impressed with Patrick's handwriting! *Margaret Watzinger*
- I'm a new member this month. Good crosswords! I hope to be submitting some of my own in the near future. *Mike Pogson*
- Once again a thoroughly enjoyable month of puzzling and I was particularly impressed with *gizmojones'* (Stephen Clarke) debut. I'm sure their Bichon Frise was delighted! Likewise Audrey's No 5 is deserving of special mention, they are not at all easy to set. *Roy Wilson*
- A great selection of puzzles this month with plenty of variety. *Ron O'Rourke*
- A magazine full of puzzles good enough to be a bit of a challenge, and enjoyable too. *Margaret Davis*
- As usual, a very enjoyable issue. *Catherine Hambling*
- I would like to say thank you for my prize for 'Lost for Words' and thank you to Jim for setting such a tough puzzle and to *Manveru* for also successfully solving the puzzle. Also Patrick did some excellent calligraphy on the certificate that accompanied the cheque. *David Procter*
- Thank you for a great bunch of puzzles. *Catherine Foster*

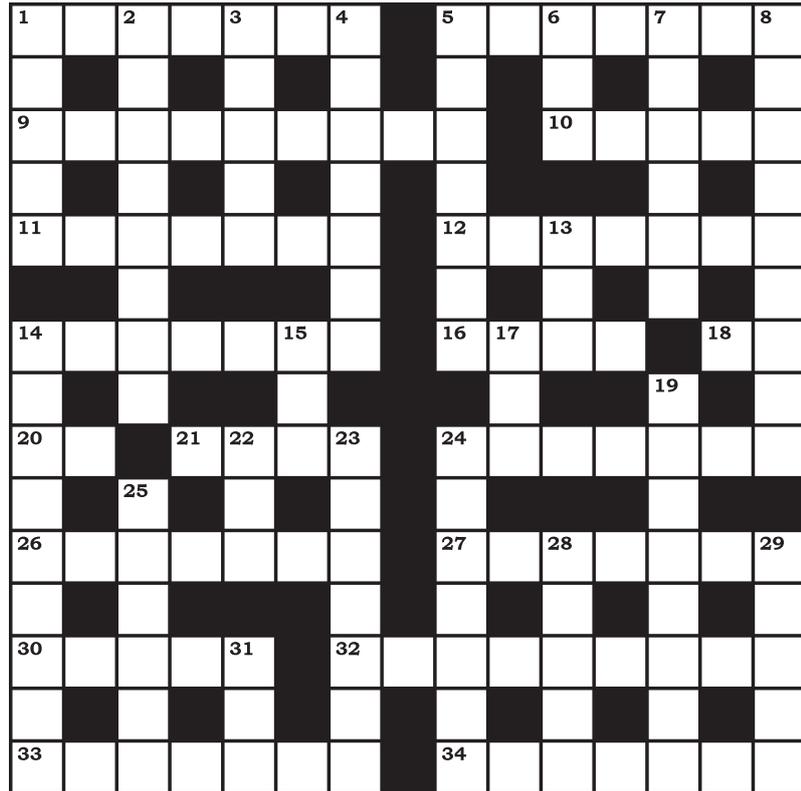
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**Herd in  
Passing  
by  
Hot and  
Cold**



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Solutions to across clues are associated in a consistent way with the word to be entered into the grid. Down clues are normal. Not all words appear in *Chambers* and one trade name is used.



**Across**

- 1 Workers surround revolutionary trees (7)
- 5 Article F can be heard (5)
- 9 Paling illumination outside Central Avenue (10)
- 10 Walked and retreated inside to evade capture (5)
- 11 Mundane interests run in open country (5)
- 12 Vomited, but not up-chucked (5)
- 14 Country resistance in Somerset town (5)
- 16 17dn for example left in tip (4)
- 18 Maiden is on points in retreat (3)
- 20 Be acquainted with large number immediately (4)
- 21 Domestic wipes around egg pastry (5)
- 24 Rounded up steer floundering in mud (8)
- 26 Urge in French city (6)
- 27 Mentioned during rearward rude tickle (5)
- 30 Am right into my French (4)
- 32 Tastes of father's late constituent (7)
- 33 Reverse direction in bays and arrive at small islands (7)
- 34 University spirit creates computer operating system (4)

**Down**

- 1 Under bent elbow (5)
- 2 Churchgoer can align with new order (8)
- 3 Very warm railway accommodation (5)
- 4 Slid, as desk did when shifted (7)
- 5 Posh fool joins backward agency to learn of mineral (7)
- 6 Cut back short head (3)
- 7 Australian result was to turn a horse to the right (4-2)
- 8 Expensive sounds harass sporting dog (9)
- 13 Plant for repentance (3)
- 14 Communicant is against company directions (9)
- 15 State governor possesses self-confidence (3)
- 17 Foreign currency takes one out of place (3)
- 19 It's Mac it troubles, referring to mammary inflammation (8)
- 22 Arch, castrated boor we hear (3)
- 23 Person with influence confused coot before discharge (7)
- 24 Doctors French lady by river (7)
- 25 Perceptive like old Egyptian taking drug (6)
- 28 Colour of author missing Spain (5)
- 29 Measures old operating system directions (5)
- 31 Born lacking cap of leg joint (3)

**Solution to July 2005 Slot 7**

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**Note: Allow at least 3 days prior to the closing date to ensure posted solutions arrive in time. Send to:**

**Jenny Wenham,  
c/o Post Office, Comet Qld 4702  
email: jawenham@ozconnect.net  
Closing mail date: Friday 14 October 2005.**

**Members Comments:**

**July 7-2005 - Cryptic by Zinzan (Andrew Patterson)**

**Entries: 62. Correct: 46. Success rate: 74.2%. Prizewinner: David Grainger. Congratulations!**

**Solvers' Comments:**

- This was difficult. I liked the puns in 1dn and 8dn – liked the way you fitted the ‘Stones’ in the latter. *Audrey Austin*
  - Good on you for having another go. I wonder if we were born on the same planet – we don’t think the same! *Jean Barbour*
  - Thanks for the great puzzle! I really liked the 15 letter words and use them a lot myself. I particularly liked 24ac and 23dn and dropping the ‘b’ in 27ac was puzzling me for a long time. Looking forward to more. *Bill Bennett*
  - I enjoyed the challenge – took me quite a while to fill in all the squares. I found 10ac quite tough, but I got it! There were many other excellent clues, too viz 9ac, 20ac, 24ac, 1dn, 8dn. Looking forward to more of your puzzles. *Graeme Cole*
  - Thoroughly enjoyed the confrontation with this puzzle and I like the grid which provides for such a high proportion of full length words, as well as a majority of other words of a decent length. It must have been a big job putting it together. Thought your clues were excellent, particularly with the 15 letter answers, all of which required plenty of lateral thinking. Clues such as 16ac & 23dn were gems. My only queries concern 11ac & 27ac, the wording of which suggests down clues. *Jim Colles*
  - Thanks for your puzzle – I think I’ve got it out. Enjoyed the cluing – thought they were all ‘fair’. Learned a few new words – rugose, etaerio, eyalet and oar-laps, though I confess I still don’t ‘get’ the clue for the latter. Keep ‘em coming. *Merv Collins*
  - I shall have to try and remember ETAERIO for the next time I play Scrabble and have a rackful of vowels. *Peter Dearie*
  - They don’t come much tougher than this! I gave it away several times but it kept bugging me! I deserve a dot and you deserve a medal for compiling such a horror. I liked 19dn, although it was a bit cheeky, and 16ac was so clever! *Catherine Foster*
  - It was a thoroughly enjoyable challenge and I’m really enjoying your puzzles. For someone so young you have a delightfully devious mind. Keep up the good work. *Pat Garner*
  - Thanks for the puzzle – it took me quite a long time to finish it as I can’t tune into your wavelength. *Daphne Greening*
  - A very clever crossword, not easy to compile with so many 15 letter words or phrases, very good!! Hopefully I’ve figured it out correctly! *Ann Jermy*
  - Loved your puzzle – just hope I worked it out correctly. Being an avid ‘Bunnies’ supporter from way back, I especially loved your 10ac clue. *Del Kennedy*
  - Typical Zinzan-ness with less than obvious but entertaining definitions. Could be described as slightly DA-esque which for you will be a compliment. Best clue 10ac. Worst clue 5dn cause I don’t get it. *Michael Kennedy*
  - You made me work very hard to get this out. *Veniece Lobsey*
  - Indeed “more than entertaining”. A fine set of clues. *Iain MacDougall*
  - I found this a very heavy-going puzzle – I hope I’ve got it right after all the stress. *Joan McGrath*
  - Thank you for a challenging crossword. It must have been difficult working in 8 fifteen letter answers. *David Procter*
  - I really enjoyed solving your no. 7 crossword – it was quite a challenge – with lots of original clues. Too many good ones to choose the best – but I especially liked the way you had The Rolling Stones & Elvis included. *Marian Procter*
  - A rich pie full of plums! OAR-LAPS was the hardest to extract but what a find! Bravo *Zinzan*! *Max Roddick*
  - Congratulations on filling out what must be the grid from Hell. 8 x 15 letter words are very hard to interlock. *Audrey Ryan*
  - Congrats on fitting in all those 15 letter clues. Amazing!! *Betty Siegman*
  - A challenging puzzle with some very clever clues. *Joan Smith*
  - I liked 2dn and 22dn and many others. *Roy Taylor*
  - Thanks *Zinzan* for your puzzle. 8 x 15 letter words and phrases intersecting is a remarkable feat. Many clever clues. Particularly liked 1dn: HAND ON ONE’S HEART. The answer GAP to 22ac had me puzzled for quite some time till I realised that PGA stood for ‘some golfers’. If they have trouble with the first this becomes GAP which equates to ‘hole’. Your 23dn clue for PARROT was v. cleverly worded. For 25ac, if this clue had NO question mark the answer would be ABETTER. Because you included a question mark then this should be ABETTOR, BETTOR being questioned as a spelling of BETTER. *Alan Walter*
  - I’ve enjoyed your clues so far. I was worried by 10ac for ages and concerned it was a football reference. Eventually I settled down and deconstructed the clue, then read my dictionary and found the bunnies. Think I might be one. *Jenny Wenham*
  - We enjoyed the puzzle and admired the 8 x 15 letter clues. LESSEE was a great charade and 2dn & 26ac excellent anagrams. The derivation of some of the answers escaped us, if we have them correct, especially 22ac GAP. *Kay & Ian Williams*
  - An excellent challenge covering a wide range of subjects. I hope I’ve measured up to it. Loved the sense of humour displayed in any number of your clues and found it a very enjoyable exercise. Looking forward to your future work. *Roy Wilson*
  - I’m not confident of a dot for this but was so enthused at winning a prize last month, I’m having a go anyway. *Jan Wood*
- Zinzan replies:** My first adjudication was made a very pleasant task by the good wishes, good humour and great application demonstrated by all the respondents. I enjoyed receiving each letter, card or e-mail. Many commented on the 15 letter answers. I must have been lucky as they fitted together relatively painlessly. They did however lead to some exotic 6 and 7 letter words. The most troublesome answer was 8dn – 7 solvers had ‘LOSE . . .’ rather than ‘LOST . . .’ – missing the tense and the ‘Rolling STONES’ aspect. Then for 10ac, 6 solvers had various versions of OAR-LAPS. After those, there was a sprinkling of errors for half a dozen other answers. Many enquired about ‘GAP’ – see Alan Walter’s above. Alan also raised the issue of ABETTER/ABETTOR. I feel that Alan’s explanation is technically correct but as my own solution had ABETTER, be it far from me to withhold a dot for that – so both were accepted. I must tighten the clues more. Other explanations – 10ac) s/OAPS around ARL gives OAR-LAPS. 4dn) old = O, runners = RUGS, direction = E, so RUG(O)S,E. 13dn) alternative = OR, T-bone within As = A(OR,T)A. 19dn) topless underpant pranks = wEDGIES, start to ‘test’ is T, so EDGIES,T. For any other enquiries, feel free to e-mail me or hit DEEF on the ACC website – I’m usually lurking there. —Zinzan (Andrew Patterson)

**COMPILER PROFILES: Hot and Cold (Jenny Wenham and Ian Williams)**

**Jenny Wenham:** "I have been enjoying the delights and frustrations of the ACC since the early 90s. I was enticed into the club by *Virgo* via one of her puzzles in the *Mensa* magazine. I live with my husband in Comet in sunny Central Queensland and am, therefore, the “Hot” part of *Hot and Cold*. The free time I was anticipating when our children left home hasn’t eventuated. There still seems to be enough to do to keep me away from the housework. I work full time in a call centre in Emerald and also claim to be a real writer, having recently received my first rejection letter. Other housework avoidance techniques include homebrewing, homebrew drinking, fishing (under protest) and weekend escapes."

**Ian Williams:** "I cut my teeth on “real” crosswords in the British Civil Service when tea breaks were long enough for a novice to be able to complete the *Daily Telegraph* crossword. I later graduated to the *Grauniad* and still consider *Araucaria* to be the pinnacle of clueing achievement. He may not be rigidly Ximenean, but is unfailingly entertaining, which is what solving should be about. The Cold part of the consortium has been proud to live in our national capital for the last thirty three years. This is our first attempt at compiling a proper crossword and we have found the collaboration enjoyable and stimulating. We hope you do too. We “met” via the Club’s website and its lively and informative chat forum."

## Quiz No 8/2005

by **InGrid**Place it Quiz by *InGrid*

Each answer is an Australian place name. Definitions are not generally included. There is one place name for each letter of the alphabet except G and X. The answers are in numerical order based on postcode from lowest to highest – where two places have the same name the lowest postcode is used.

Send your answers on this or a separate sheet to: Jean Barbour, PO Box 290 Wonthaggi Vic 3995 or by email to: wbarbour@bigpond.com

Closing mail date: Friday 14 October 2005. Prize: \$50.

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| 1 Let in old men around the back at first (4) | 13 Murder lots? All talk! (7)                     |
| 2 Attic country? (6)                          | 14 On after Einstein (8)                          |
| 3 Yearn after turn (5)                        | 15 Ray backs sheep (6)                            |
| 4 Senseless car group (6)                     | 16 Talk about a wanderer (4)                      |
| 5 Newtons? (2)                                | 17 Blanket not square for prince, for example (7) |
| 6 Cool but confused (4)                       | 18 Head on vacation eastwards primarily (4)       |
| 7 Climber's measurement (8)                   | 19 Beginner joins melee (6)                       |
| 8 Hunters mound (8,4)                         | 20 Walter with a lost point installed (8)         |
| 9 Lost onager (6)                             | 21 Floater became confused (7)                    |
| 10 Spread nitrate around (7)                  | 22 Barrier one way to get on (9)                  |
| 11 Milk, milk (4,4)                           | 23 Finally, worker hustled without end (7)        |
| 12 Dog's flower (7,5)                         | 24 Breakfast bark? (3,3,5,3)                      |

RESULTS of QUIZ No 6/2005: INSTRUMENTAL MOVIES QUIZ by *Virgo (Audrey Austin)*

**Solutions:** (1) Bagpipes (2) Balalaika (3) Banjo (4) Bouzouki (5) Cello (6) Clarinet (7) Cornet (8) Didgeeridoo (9) Guitar (10) Harp (11) Harpsichord (12) Horn (13) Oboe (14) Pan Pipes/Pan flute (15) Piano (16) Sitar (17) Trombone (18) Ukulele/Ukelele (19) Violin (20) Zither.

**Scores:** **20:** K Audrins, B Cockburn, V Dinham, C Foster, P Garner, B Glissan, C Hambling, V Howard, S Howells, A Jermy, G Leeds, C McClelland, J McGrath, C Noble, R O'Rourke, M Potts, D Procter, B Siegman, J Smith, B Symons, A Walter, J Wenham and I Williams. **19:** C Jones, M Procter, W Ryan and I Watts, **18:** P Dearie.

**Prize-winner: Gabrielle Leeds. Congratulations!**

**Members' Comments:**

- Another of your lovely innovative puzzles for our enjoyment. You never seem to run out of ideas which is fortunate for us.  
*Irene Watts*
- Do hope my answers are instrumental in achieving a good score.  
*Alan Walter*
- This was certainly a challenge – being in alphabetical order was my saviour – pointed me in the right direction (I hope) a few times.  
*Pat Garner*
- Thank you for another gem. It took me a while to work out the answers as I rarely went to the movies in the days when these were on. I couldn't find a movie, *Leave it to George*, and I'm wondering if you meant *Let George do it*. I have assumed this is the case and have put Ukelele for my answer as this movie stars George Formby. Here's hoping.  
*Catherine Hambling*
- I could find no reference to the movie *Leave it to George*. I suspected that this was a George Formby movie but couldn't find it in *Halliwells* or on the net, maybe I should have looked longer? Anyway, Ukelele fits in, so that's my answer.  
*Ann Jermy*
- I am not familiar with some of the movies, so have guessed a few. It's always good having the answers in alphabetical order – gives one a fighting chance.  
*Claire McClelland*
- No. 11 is based on the fact that the movie featured Sarabande from Handel's Harpsichord suite No. 1. No. 12 JFK appeared to feature Concerto No. 2 for Horn and Orchestra K. 147. No 13. relies on a mention of a track called Gabrielle's Oboe. No 18 stumped us completely until we realised the name had to lie between tr and vi and George played a ukulele which has seven letters. Thanks for an interesting couple of hours on a cold Canberra day.  
*Ian & Kay Williams*
- 11, 16, and 20 are amongst my favourite flicks.  
*Raoul*
- Enclosed is my entry to your quiz. My knowledge of the subject is very scanty, so I amused myself by creating a fanciful list of instruments based purely on the fact that they are in alphabetical order and have the right number of letters.  
*Peter Dearie*
- In your adjudication could you explain where *Leave it to George* is found?  
*Joan Smith*
- I have made a few wild guesses but better than leaving gaps. It was fun as always and thank you.  
*Valerie Howard*
- I am not sure whether you would prefer the answers to the quiz in the body of this email or as an attachment, so I have done both.  
*Sue Howells*

**Notes from the adjudicator:** I would prefer snail mail actually, Sue. Printer problems. My apologies for the *Let George do it* question. The title should have been *Leave it to George* as Catherine Hambling and Kay Williams rightly pointed out. The American title was, oddly, *To Hell with Hitler*, and there may have been others. I saw it so many years ago! Fortunately nearly everyone knew of George Formby and his ukulele and no one got penalised for my error. There were a few suggestions of trumpet, perhaps you were thinking of George Melee? George Formby played the banjo as well as the ukulele, but that would not have fitted the alphabetical order. Likewise, Kora, for number 10 that might well have featured in *Days of Heaven*, but it was placed out of order. I have accepted ukelele as an alternative spelling for ukulele as both are listed as alternatives in *Chambers* and *Macquarie* (though not in the *Oxford*). Pan Pipes and Pan Flute were both accepted for No. 14. Some of the movies were more recent than Catherine suggested: *O Brother, Where art Thou* in 2000, *Braveheart* in 1995, *Hilary and Jackie* in 1998, and *JFK* in 1991. Most solvers appeared to have fun searching the archives of their memories and the net for the older ones.

—**Virgo (Audrey Austin)**

## The Slot 6 Debate continued...

• I think that Brian Tickle and Nicholas King may have misinterpreted my earlier comments (June) on *Crozworld's* difficulty levels. I have no desire to raise a hornet's nest, nor do I wish to see everything reduced to easy, beginners' levels. Nevertheless I think that most of the puzzles have become much more difficult to do in recent years. Newer members of the club and the battlers must find the situation very discouraging. When I joined the ACC in 1993, puzzle 1 was an orthodox, no 2 was an easier cryptic than no 3. The remainder comprised a similar arrangement to the present one. This arrangement gave me the incentive to 'have a go'. I learnt to do the AJ's which soon became my favourites. I also found the quizzes helpful and enjoyable – they are still. Gradually my skills improved and for some time I have been able to complete puzzles 1 – 5 on a regular basis and with considerable success and satisfaction. I always expect Slot 6 to be very difficult, but can usually manage to solve puzzles by Doreen Jones, *Cha-Cha* and *Virgo*. However I leave the 'peculiarities' alone. Sometimes even the instructions are too enigmatic. At my ancient age (91) my days are surely numbered and I refuse to waste my valuable time on frustrations of that kind. Though my progress was quite lengthy, I am not a slow learner. I have always had good mental ability. I am a graduate of Liverpool University (UK). In my heyday I had a very busy and successful career during 25 years of teaching in High Schools and developing and running their libraries. Students are 'individuals' who are helped by various methods to reach their potential. Some need regular pushing and stimulation, others respond better to gentler methods of encouragement and even some spoon-feeding. Perhaps ACC members are like that. *Crozworld* is wonderful and of a very high standard. With a little 'easing' to encourage the battlers, it could be even better.

*Irene Watts*

• Shouldn't *Crozworld* puzzles cater for the majority of participating solvers, which is the order of 100 members or more per puzzle? When less than 20 members can correctly solve a puzzle, then this type of puzzle is definitely not catering for the majority. Members who like very difficult puzzles could still be satisfied if these super-challenging puzzles are printed in the *Crozworld Compendium*, whilst most keen participating members can attempt 6 solver-friendly puzzles printed in *Crozworld*. Consistent failure to participate in solving any puzzles must eventually destroy one's confidence in continued membership. Success rates of 80% or more on each puzzle in *Crozworld* must strengthen our Club, only on the basis that we have a satisfactory number participating.

*Alan Walter*

• I want to support everything in Brian Tickle's comment about the quality of crosswords to be expected in *Crozworld*. Solvers at all levels should be catered for in the range of puzzles offered, but it is not reasonable to expect that all puzzles should be comfortably solvable by everybody. The purpose should be to provide variety and a challenge, with the opportunity for improvement in solving capabilities for those who care to persevere. Our magazine presently does all this in great style.

*Jim Colles*

• I agree with Brian Tickle's comments about the standard of our crosswords. I'm a modest solver (couldn't get started on puzzle 3, or maybe I should say couldn't make much headway), but I much prefer all the challenges as they are presented now. I don't want them 'dumbed down' either.

*Judy Neck*

• My problem is not so much with the harder puzzles themselves, but understanding the instructions so that I can attempt to solve them.

*Pat Garner*

• I heartily endorse Brian Tickle's remarks on the variety and challenge of the puzzles in our magazine. We all like to get dots, but to have them handed to one on a plate, so to speak, would give no sense of achievement.

*Daphne Greening*

## Results of the Clue Writing Competition: July 2005. Write a clue for Decimal (7)

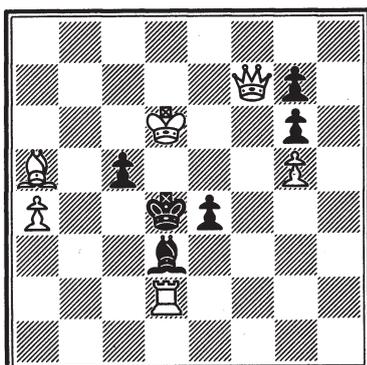
### Adjudicated by Steve Trollope.

25 clues were submitted this month which is almost 50% more than the previous highest. Again all the submitted clues meet the basic requirement of "Fairplay" as intended by Ximenes and his followers, except for a couple of minor cases which I have identified under the clue's comment. I thought that this word would be somewhat easier to clue than the previous ones, being 7 relatively common letters with several common-word anagrams. In my opinion, the best entry this month was:

At what point is it medical malpractice? However unfortunately this clue was submitted by a non-member and is therefore not eligible for a prize (hopefully the entrant – from USA – will join us soon and try again). Maybe I empathised with this sentiment because of the current furore over medical services in Queensland. This is an anagram type clue, to be read as "medical malpractice" as the anagram and its indicator" and "point" as the definition.

The best entry received from a member was: After last month I'm all short of tens submitted by Ted O'Brien. Sadly I empathise with this clue even more, because I'm all short of twenties and fifties, as well !! (but it's payday soon) This is a charade type clue, to be read as "DEC (December – the last month) plus I'M plus AL (all short)" as the Indication with "of tens" as the definition. The standard of clues is increasing each time, so well done to all who submitted entries. To see all the clues, visit the Club website.

**Clue Writing Competition No 5/2005:** This month's word is: KEY (3). Note: only one clue per person. Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Steve Trollope, 28 Pannosa Ct, Capalaba Qld 4157 or by email to: [steve.jt@bigpond.net.au](mailto:steve.jt@bigpond.net.au) Closing mail date: Friday 14 October 2005. Book prize.



### UNCHECKED ... Chess Game Problems Nos 9 and 10/2005

White to play and mate in two moves.

Name White's first move in each problem.

Send solution(s) to:  
[pstreet@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pstreet@bigpond.net.au)

