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Language may have created man, rather than man language.
Jacques Monod, 3 November 1967,
Inaugural lecture, Collège de France (trans.).

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The Club's man overseas, Drew Meek, has been busy with his statistics lately. Drew has trawled through all of the *Crozworlds* from September 2001 to August 2006 and extracted the compilers' puzzle contributions in that time. 'Mr Crossword' Noel Jessop leads the way with 49 puzzles published in that time, *Virgo* 46, *Southern Cross* 39, *Praxis* 36, *Timid Terrier* 18 and *St Jude* 12. These are impressive results indeed and it shows that we have our favourite and treasured compilers. Drew has designed a chart which shows all compilers' contributions. See p16 for these useful and interesting stats. Many thanks Drew for this info and for your cryptic crossword in Slot 3.

The AJ is a firm favourite with the solvers. This month we publish an AJ by *ÆOLIAN*. It's his first puzzle in this format and we are sure you will find it to be a skilfully-crafted and enjoyable puzzle. In addition we publish a puzzle by Karl Audrins titled *Odd Man Out*. You can find this bonus puzzle on p9 together with his engaging Profile. Your favourite setters are also included: *Virgo*, Noel Jessop and *Praxis*. *Brother Naga* has been puzzling with a poem by John Milton in Slot 5 and the dynamic duo of *Hot and Cold* are featured in the coveted Slot 7 position with their quality puzzle *Hyde and Sikh*. Our Quiz on p14 showcases a new compiler team of Doug Butler and Margaret Galbreath (*Max*) and their subject is *ACCused in vain*. This one is sure to delight all puzzlers.

We congratulate singing sensation Steve Trollope in landing the lead role in *Fiddler on the Roof* (see p9). And we welcome Michael Kennedy (*manveru*) who will become the adjudicator for the Clue Writing Comp whilst Steve is enthraling the masses. Finally, make a note in your Diary for 19 November for the Get-Together at Raoul's Cauliflower hotel. It's an event not to be missed! Happy Crozworlding. —Patrick

Nice variety in the puzzles submitted for our enjoyment this month. I am particularly grateful to the setters who readily supplied me with explanations of their clues, so that they could be included against the queries in Members' Comments. During August I rashly decided to spend a week's holiday with my younger daughter who lives in Dubbo and came home to find almost 70 envelopes in my PO Box – great to see so many members participating though. Disappointingly there are still squares left blank and some obvious spelling or transcription errors. Thank you for all your cards, letters and kind comments – always the most enjoyable thing about adjudicating!

Slot 1: DYAR/RITES, OIL/OWEE, AMBLE, MEDUSAS, ELISL, CARRETS, THAT, HLBE, ELBAE, ALBIE, TAAR, PEEPER, CARPETS, UMPIRED, EXPEL, CURES, several occurrences of CORRECT/PREFECT and two blanks lost members dots this month.

Slot 2: The easiest this one for this month with very few errors, most of which appeared to be misspellings. PAYDESK, INTERRS, INTERES, SHINIIR.

Slot 3: SWEDISH (x5), NICOSEA, CUES, CPEW, ROZANNE/TOZIC were the culprits here.

Slot 4: In spite of the lack of first letters, most who attempted this Slot did well. The majority of members appeared to realise that it was still an AJ with one starting letter for each letter of the alphabet. It has been suggested that, in fairness to less experienced solvers, perhaps it should still be stated. BREWER, GREYHOUND, DEERHOUNDS, DONATED, KNEEING, DEALERS, HELLISH, ANTENNA and XONATED were amongst the ring-ins here.

Slot 5: Perhaps a bit of carelessness slipped in here; I don't think that we can lay the blame on *Praxis*' shoulders for most of the errors. Multiple occurrences of SUPERCEDE (which doesn't fit the anagram component of the clue), and several BAHAS (likewise), RANASIAN, INEUENDO, ALMOST, AGAPANTHA, COMNISSAR, ALOSE, AGALACTAA, RANARIAL, AMAAGAM, OTTRIA, RANIDIAN, HEWFREE and six blanks. Five entries which were otherwise correct either omitted to nominate or wrongly named to whom the author was referring, so lost dots.

COTM

Twenty-one different clues were nominated this month, of which seven each were from Slots 2 and 3 – take a bow Shirl and Michael. IDIOT (slot 3) led from the start and finished with a massive 14 votes, well ahead of the runner-up WHIP CRACKER from slot 2 with 3 votes. —Pat Garner

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	114	113	102	92	91	512
Correct entries	88	109	89	83	57	426
Success rate (%)	77	96	87	90	63	83
Prizewinners	M Cowan	V Howard S Workman	B Siegman L Howard	J Gillis J Balnaves	I McKenzie	from 115 members

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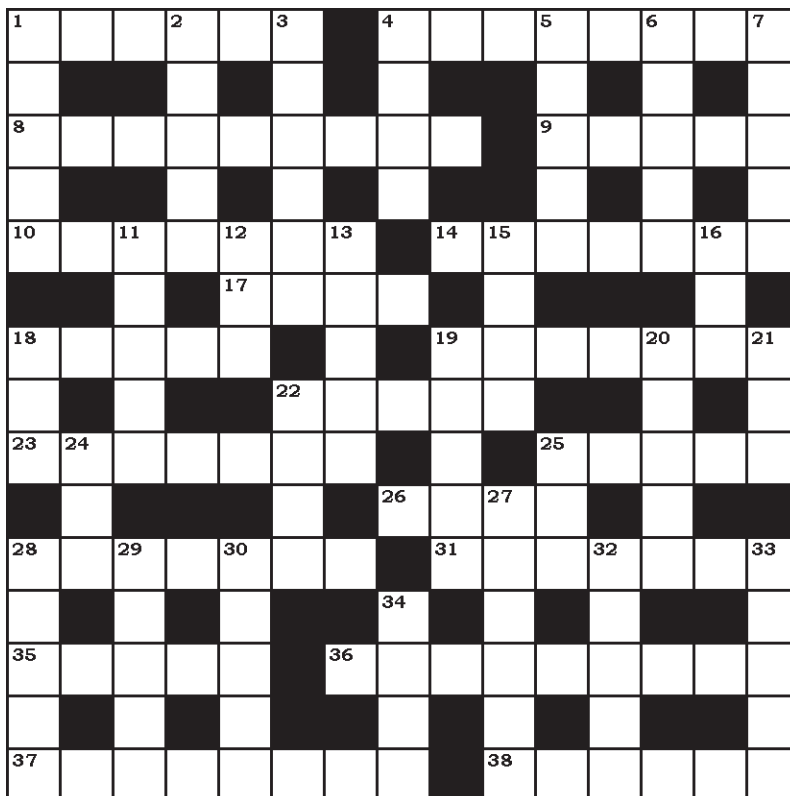
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**Thematic
by
Virgo**



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Win!



Across words are clued differently and relate to a common theme

Across

- 1 Light (6)
- 4 Table (8)
- 8 Races (9)
- 9 San (5)
- 10 Sale (7)
- 14 Boots (7)
- 17 Lots (4)
- 18 Nebraska (5)
- 19 Wave (7)
- 22 Face (5)
- 23 Edition (7)
- 25 Drive (5)
- 26 Napoleon (4)
- 28 Italian (7)
- 31 Major (7)
- 35 Lily (5)
- 36 Spider (9)
- 37 Strong (8)
- 38 Railroad (6)

Down

- 1 A purgative of dried leaves (5)
- 2 Snowy Mountain town (5)
- 3 Repugnance (6)
- 4 Buzzers (4)
- 5 Cloaks (5)
- 6 Lines from a fixed point (5)
- 7 Prickly part of plant (5)
- 11 Linked series (5)
- 12 50's actress, Lupino (3)
- 13 Greek Island (5)
- 15 Drug addict (4)
- 16 Turkish official (3)
- 18 Beef cube (TM) (3)
- 19 Reminders (5)
- 20 Porcelain (5)
- 21 Eccentric person (3)
- 22 Flat-bottomed boat (4)
- 24 Extinct bird (3)
- 25 Facetious spelling of 'What' (3)
- 27 Clergyman (Slang) (6)
- 28 Chop (3,2)
- 29 Period of darkness (5)
- 30 A drunken frolic (5)
- 32 Voice-over actor, Mel (5)
- 33 A large tub (5)
- 34 Small burrowing mammal (4)

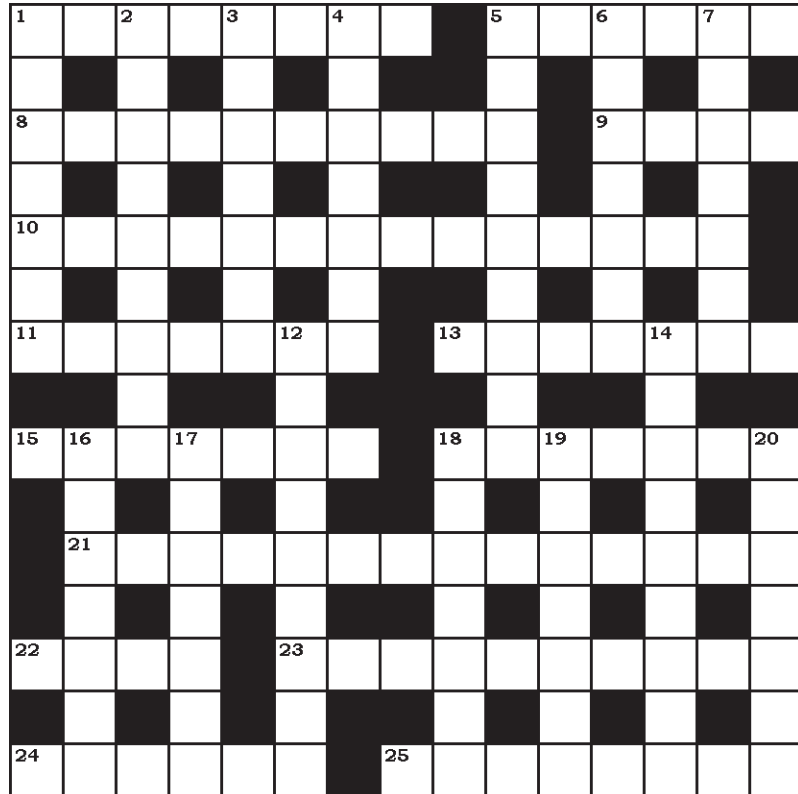
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Cryptic by Noel Jessop



Across

- 1 Indian chief greeting a state that's inconclusive (8)
- 5 The writer is using a pen for a sort of pentameter (6)
- 8 Savages major involved finally with incumbents (10)
- 9 Occasion of general assembly central plan (4)
- 10 A line on the world question about run of disease (6,2,6)
- 11 Thanks rulers for receipts (7)
- 13 Lloyd worried about commercial wife (3,4)
- 15 It's okay to drink in Post Office board (7)
- 18 Old, bald, stupid – a freak (7)
- 21 Choose computer storage before agents change drawers (14)
- 22 Force one female on one woman (4)
- 23 Deserting a group performing in front of gymnasium (10)
- 24 Disease affected pushy types first (6)
- 25 Publican since represented in shelter? (8)

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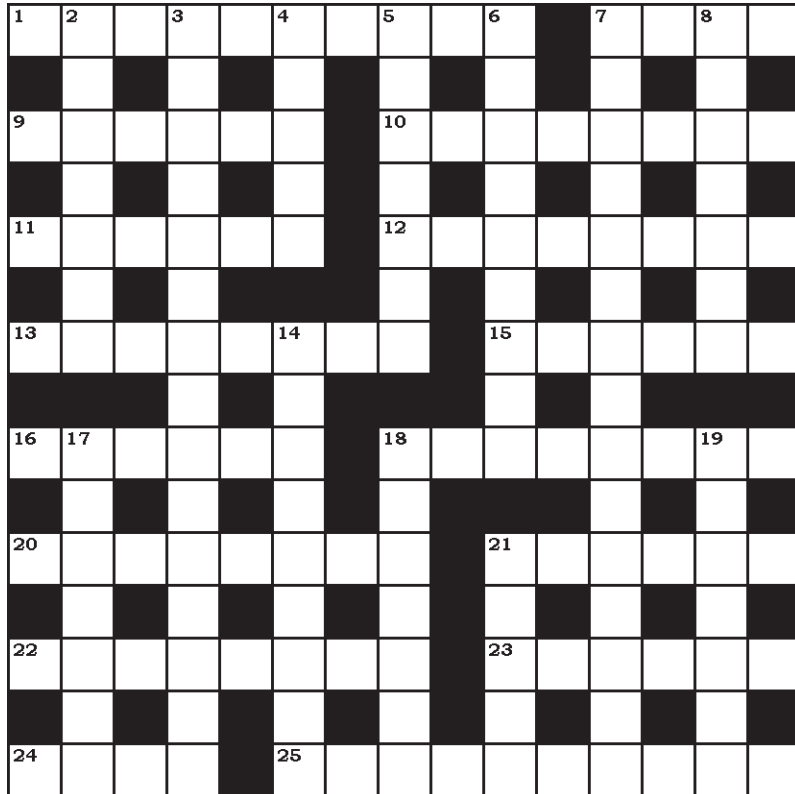
- 1 Back to fetch a piece at home (7)
- 2 Express container – it causes a drop in flying (3-6)
- 3 Help back in a mug Nova Scotian (7)
- 4 Wicked in-house corruption (7)
- 5 Unruly Latins guided and put in place (9)
- 6 Marvellous Persian priests getting top mark in class (7)
- 7 State starting to brand radical rude (7)
- 12 Latin saga set out in a book (9)
- 14 Scholars murdered me cicadas! (9)
- 16 Be dutiful about deliberate corpulence (7)
- 17 A church up a straight (3,4)
- 18 A Turk covering servant with broken soil (7)
- 19 Deity returned then departed with a vexed expression (7)
- 20 Drop into alley for some food (7)

GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN: WONDERFUL LOCATION! BEAUTIFUL WEATHER!

The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's 'Gastro' hotel The Cauliflower Hotel, Waterloo, Central Sydney on Sunday 19 November 2006 commencing at 11:30am. William says: "It is South Sydney's most famous pub, a lovely place, established 1836, five minutes walk from Green Square Station and 10 from Central. Parking is plentiful. It has a fabulous bistro and private room upstairs. Come along and meet the team! Delicious meals at bargain rates and drinks at pub prices. It will be a lot of fun and we can discuss all manner of things cruciverbal!" President Patrick will be making an appearance and there will be plenty of the Club's best known personalities in attendance. Why not come along and say 'hello'? Pay on the day. We will have some prizes to give away and Patrick will be conducting a fascinating Quiz. Why not come and join in the fun? Make a note in your Diary now!

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Cryptic
by
St Jude



Across

- 1 Crazy inn quean so essential (10, 3 words)
- 7 Band Father (4)
- 9 Warmed up and duelled within last minute (6, hyphenated)
- 10 Quintessential American named this feathered hat (8)
- 11 He puts up barriers and fights (6)
- 12 Drink almost sounds like it makes the heart grow fonder (8)
- 13 Army goon develops farm science (8)
- 15 Fashionable fibber in the enclave (6)
- 16 A mark on fire (6)
- 18 View above the land (8)
- 20 Definitive determination of bitter trial (8, hyphenated)
- 21 Drunk bedevilled start of game (6)
- 22 Shuns one type of baby's noisy beds (8)
- 23 Songbird or ten the French unite (6)
- 24 And others appear briefly in The Talmud (4, 2 words)
- 25 Protective officer will gather the firmament (10, hyphenated)

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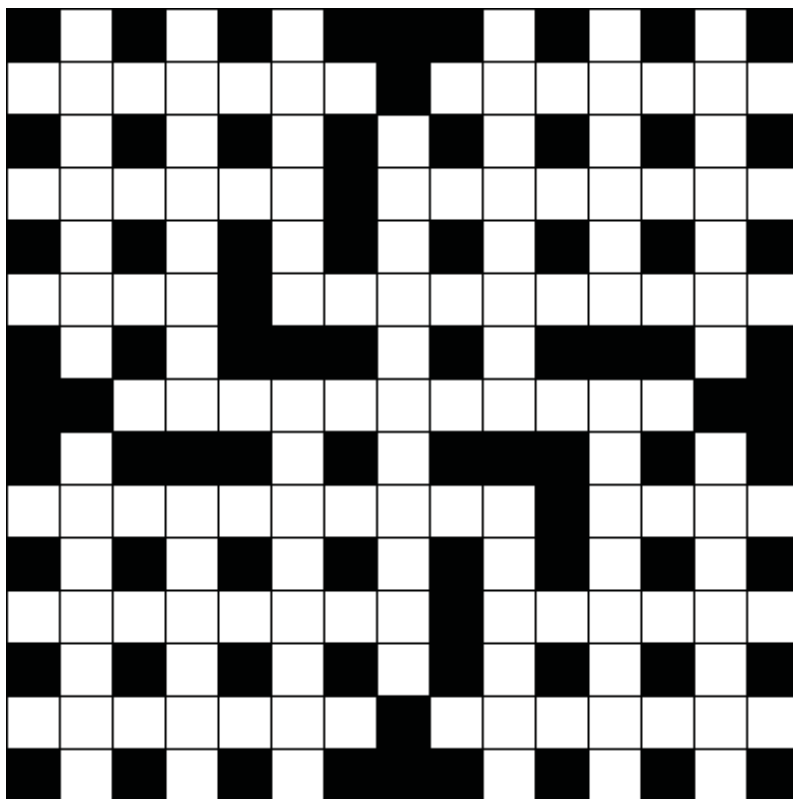
- 2 Iconic Sydney swimmer a shipping hazard? (7)
- 3 Ply with laced cocaine to develop wide-ranging knowledge (15)
- 4 Dug beneath pole which was removed and a daisy top planted (5)
- 5 It's about money – but free without retirement income (7)
- 6 Proverbially, she could be a member of Frank Zappa's band (9)
- 7 Have these caused the loss of stimulus for fight or flight in disturbed emaciated loners? (15)
- 8 Prohibit woman taking premier exotic spirit (7)
- 14 Essential to destroy ova for these, so it's said (9)
- 17 Failure of power left beginner in retreat (7, hyphenated)
- 18 Please compensate for suit (7)
- 19 Frisk woman's joint (7)
- 21 Short life story thanks all life in the area (5)



Slot 5 August
(Poetic Licence? by Praxis)
Photos from Drew Meek.
(Right) Some Byron graffiti from Chillon Castle at Montreux near Geneva, the setting of his *The Prisoner of Chillon* poem.
(Left) A view of the castle from the lake + Drew.



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<p>AJ by ÆOLIAN</p>

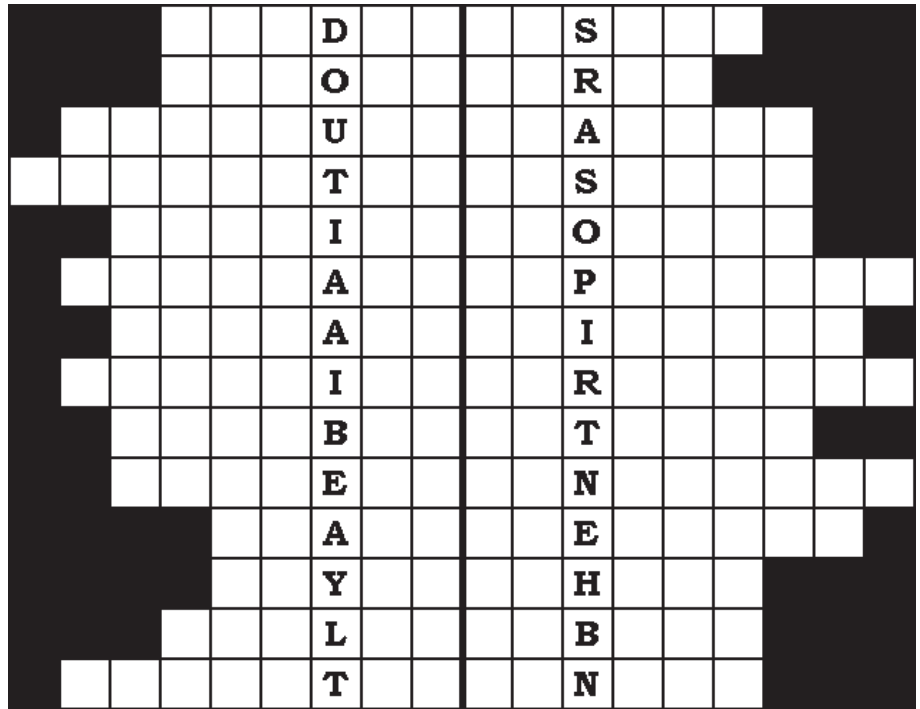



Answers start with the given letter. Fit the answers where you can.

- A** Bill railway 51c for paint (7)
- B** Sad end for a big fish (7)
- C** Sucrose courses might be rich (7)
- D** Tree oil, used carelessly, is bad for you (11)
- E** Display stands from France travelled steerage (8)
- F** Concentrated, ready to snap (7)
- G** It's annoying to see a fair gift misused (8)
- H** White wine, or P? (4)
- I** Mass arrival of the wicked, unknown, confused and without direction (6)
- J** Ecstasy that's not illegal (10)
- K** Depressing activity for computer users (6)
- L** The suburbs preferred by people and possums (8)
- M** Many pledges support this enterprise (4-2-5)
- N** Whale watchers' puzzle? Up away, and no spout! (6)
- O** Right-hand man (8)
- P** Useful man at board meetings (4)
- Q** No sound from the States? They must have had it! (7)
- R** It's I, coming back! (6)
- S** Spectacular decline of star daily (7,3)
- T** Unravelling Tibetan fabric for curtains (7)
- U** Unfashionable writer is clumsy (8)
- V** Force used: Instrument enclosed with string (8)
- W** Industrial unrest, or Genghis Khan's answer to everything? (4,3)
- X** He called Darius Dad (6)
- Y** Seasonal journal provides warmth (4,3)
- Z** A gentle blow (6)

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**On His
Blindness**
by
Brother Naga



Two words from each line are underlined and synonyms chosen for each. Cryptic-like clues (no definitions) follow the order of the lines and the order that the words appear in the line. These synonyms should then be fitted into the grid. Some letters have been given as a guide to solving. Also, a list of the initial letters of the answers is given. An example from the title: if ON and BLINDNESS were the chosen words a clue for the synonyms AHEAD and CECITY could be A PRINCIPAL CHARACTER seen in a VENICE CITY state. The grid also matches the lines.
List of 1st letters: AABDDDEEFFGGGGLLMPPPRRRSTW

- 1 Small amount of water and paper, not pulp/was spread out to dry (6,6)
- 2 Appear indistinctly in grey sides near the focus (6,5)
- 3 Fitting it with due preparation as some will eat here (8,7)
- 4 To assume to be true indeed, in fact, will lessen certainty (9,7)
- 5 Sufficient but not in the opening bid with a small pair first (7,7)
- 6 A head of clergy and his assistant appeared more prim and proper (8,9)
- 7 The resort any visitor arriving in London heads to over again is Dover Head (7,8)
- 8 There is some competition for our time and all (8,9)
- 9 Force fight about injuries or wrongs (7,7)
- 10 Transfer men to city centre and manage many people (7,9)
- 11 Boxing's first light finished Ali's boastful superlative (5,8)
- 12 To reverse some play order he is in best locality (5,6)
- 13 Initial procedures involving light loss around residences can be restored in dark (6,6)
- 14 First Her Majesty after a short time, put the last royal reign in order (8,6)

On his Blindness

When I consider how my light is spent
Ere half my days, in this dark world and wide,
And that one talent, which is death to hide,
Lodged with me useless, though my soul more bent
To serve therewith my Maker, and present
My true account, lest He, returning, chide;
'Doth God exact day-labour, light denied?
I fondly ask. But Patience, to prevent
That murmur, soon replies: 'God doth not need
Either man's work or his own gifts. Who best
Bear His mild yoke, they serve Him best. His state
Is kingly. Thousands, at His bidding, speed
And post o'er land and ocean, without rest;
They also serve who only stand and wait.'

*John Milton (1608-1674)
(went blind in 1652)*

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Eightsome Reels by Praxis



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Numbered squares are surrounded by eight blank squares. All clues are for eight letter words to be entered around the appropriate number, clockwise or anticlockwise, beginning anywhere. Solvers must determine where each word begins and the direction it will go. The twelve unchecked letters at the corners of the diagram could form ADJUST UK SCAN.

Clues

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Una notes new car covers 2 Jade cut Jagger? 3 Wisest old king invested in East's development 4 Falls for good man, top Doctor with the French ... 5 ... US bias about the French may be influenced 6 Southern Alaska gets young Paul's trees 7 Reticent encounter with one about noon 8 One character followed saloon singer 9 Make fun of old Indian custom's growth 10 Ascetics embrace cold natures 11 Prance over with American frieze ornamentation 12 Machinery turned up salt about Oregon 13 First spree's at which French store? 14 Save half beer; a reminder for cook 15 British gent rejected veto on English capital 16 Sailor turned over weapon; created stability 17 Perhaps queen's one to worry about corgi 18 Goldwin girl's head of university college? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19 Yes, Spanish mix quails with dry fruits ... 20 ... brass vessel's used for cooking 21 Otter's hit back with a fin 22 See! Virginia's doubled cloth for skirt 23 Looting! Crazy, grabbing silver 24 Making an adjustment, one let out belt 25 Likely steep reversal! Oracle's spoken 26 Town dwellers' work paid of partners 27 Town urchin's coming over to have dinner 28 She dances with blade, in a frenzy 29 Bank allowance is about to end 30 American girl and Russian take time to flirt) 31 Secure clean new cap 32 Nick's nail's starting to grow, get trimming 33 Quickening measure's introduced into job 34 Ripe vine twisted like a serpent 35 Neat protection includes fairy; it's very moving 36 Helping leading troops adjust without losing direction |
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CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL A TOTAL SUCCESS! Twenty-six keen crossworders came out to enjoy the Victorian 2006 Crossmas Cruciverbal held at *The Calabrian* on Sunday 30 July. Amongst those present were Alison Shield, David Grainger, Kath Harper, Cally Martin, Alison Martin, Max Roddick, Denis Coates, John Davey, Cheryl Wilcox, Jim Colles, Robyn Whitehead, Barbara Reaper and David Fuller. We were delighted to welcome Jim and Elizabeth Fowler who travelled all the way from Nanango, Queensland and Michael Kennedy (*Manveru*) from Figtree, NSW. Patrick conducted a fascinating Quiz which was won equally by Alison Shield and David Grainger.

Vale Bunthorne (Bob Smithies)

The news of the unexpected death of Bob Smithies on 31 July 2006 aged 72 came as a shock to all crossworders. He was known to the crosswording community as *Bunthorne* in the *Guardian* and solvers have struggled over the years with his convoluted clues and long anagrams. He will be remembered by the English fraternity recounting his fascinating tales of Fleet Street and Granada TV, with a gleam in his eyes and a glass in his hand. For example, he once used *s'il vous plait* as an anagram indicator, meaning that you needed to plait (ie twist) the letters involved. For some solvers he could be a bit too clever, but even then the pleasure of being able to crack even half of one of his elegant puzzles was in itself sufficient reward for the effort. The clue, though, of which he was (rightly) most proud was simplicity itself. "Amundsen's forwarding address (4)". Answer: Mush! Shirl O'Brien writes that "Bob Smithies wrote those long, involved anagrams which ran all over the grid, and, though I'm not given to swearing, I certainly used to say when I opened the paper, "Bloody Bunthorne!" Example: 4,15,11. What's the bird call note to be? Fie! (ie perhaps that of the 5,26) (1,6,3,2,5,4,2,6). Solution: A little bit of bread with no cheese. 5,26 was actually "yellow hammer". Not very easy for Aussies, eh? Anyway, I will miss him."

Our Clue Writing Competition Adjudicator Steve Trollope is seeking 'leave of absence' for the next competition due in September/October because he will be in Anatevka in Tsarist Russia for a short time. The name is the setting for *Fiddler on the Roof*, in which Steve has scored the lead role of Tevye the Milkman in a production being performed in Brisbane on weekends from 30 September to 14 October. Steve says: "This means that I will be very busy rehearsing and performing from now until mid-October. If anyone is interested in tickets they can view the company's website <http://www.savoyards.com.au/> or contact me at Steve_Trollope@nemmo.com.au. I will be happy to restart the Clue Writing competition in November." We hope the show is an outstanding success, Steve. Michael Kennedy has agreed to adjudicate the next Clue Writing Competition.

August Slots 1-5 Prizewinner: Roy Wilson. Congratulations,

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New Member: We extend a warm welcome to **Jan Martin** from East Bentleigh, Vic (a Membership Gift from Cally Martin).

Quiz No 6/2006. Both Catherine Hambling and Yvonne Ainsworth scored 30 pts (full marks) for the *On The Double Quiz* by Jack Stocks.

News from Oxford University Press: Carolyn Wadey-Barron Dictionary/Trade Marketing Manager, Oxford University Press has written to say that OUP will supply us with several copies of the new edition of the *Oxford Crossword Dictionary*. We are particularly grateful to OUP for their continuing sponsorship of the Slot 5 puzzles. The lucky winners of this prestigious book will be delighted.

**The Australian Oxford Dictionary
WORD OF THE MONTH**

lycanthropy *n.* 1 the mythical transformation of a person into a wolf (see also **WEREWOLF**). 2 *archaic* a form of madness involving the delusion of being a wolf, with changed appetites, voice etc. [ORIGIN: modern Latin *lycanthropia* from Greek *lukanthropia*, from *lukos* 'wolf' + *anthopos* 'man']

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Odd Man Out by Karl Audrins

Send your answers to:
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or by email to: Karl@supernerd.com.au
Closing mail date: Friday 13 October 2006.
Book prize.

Find the odd man out in all of the following:

- 1 Aging, frump, steam, spied, valet
- 2 Mail, dine, annoy, asset, sinned
- 3 Ethereal, withered, brethren, furthest, untethered
- 4 Wind, row, elope, tear, lead
- 5 Rated, ulcer, edits, trade, easel, crate, armed, sited, merit, taper, dream, react, lease, remit, cruel
- 6 Friends, end, woe, warpath, quashed, apt, ant, remarry, use, red, sampled, magnate, ape, ear, swooped
- 7 Defamation, deputation, persuasion, mendacious, numeration, precarious
- 8 Pile, slim, balustrade, amen, neat, participle, temperable, naturalism, cane, dear, stalagmite, beastliest, item, bale, confidante, site, cognisance
- 9 Algorithms, artichokes, alpenstock, admonished, avouchment, abridgment
- 10 Gun, boy, pay, rob, sin, new.

Puzzler Profile: Karl Audrins

"My full name is Karlis Audrins. I was introduced to cryptic crosswords 40 years ago by my (then) future wife, and became hooked on both. I have always been interested in the aetiology and genealogy of language and words, and being multi-lingual is a great help. The ACC came to my notice through some forgotten publication which mentioned the name Alan Walter as being connected with the Club. Contact followed, I was told where to go, and became a member in June 2005. My cruciverbal tastes are catholic, with no particular favourite setters or styles. However, I do find that since the advent and use of computers, the quality of crosswords has suffered. This quiz is the result of ideas, a few not completely mine, which have been festering for some time - I hope you enjoy it. I graduated Syd Uni 1960 With BDS (Hons). Served in RAAF for 20 years seeing a bit of Australia and a lot of Malaya. Retired, tried private practice at Nelson Bay and Magnetic Island and quit before I became suicidal and dipsomaniacal - now just the latter. Enjoy making classical ship models, playing musical instruments and crosswords and home brew."

August 1-2006: Half & Half by Noel Jessop

- Thanks Noel for your double half puzzle. Much liked 29dn MACBETH = Play a woman wearing a raincoat and 35dn OSAKA = No sex-appeal and Egyptian genius in a nippy place?
Alan Walter
- A hard ½ and ½. TETCHED my favourite.
Brian Symons
- Couldn't work out 1dn for Slot one: clothes/cloches?
Jean Barbour
- 1dn was good – my runner-up for COTM.
Drew Meek
- I like Noel's ½ and ½, but if my solution to 1dn is correct, I can't quite figure out the clue.
Catherine Hambling
- I like Noel's ½ and ½s, but have a small query this month – if CLOTHES is the answer to 1dn – I read it thus: 'clothes being the definition, loth = reluctant, what then for the remainder ces – is it ec's as in abbreviated 'about man's' (name) Eric's? Please spell it out to me. (I interpreted it as the man's name CES: PG).
Cate Foster
- Noel's 10dn gains my COTM.
Ted O'Brien

August 2-2006: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- A sparkling puzzle with brilliant clues for 1ac WHIP-CRACKERS, 12ac SHINIER, 14ac BRIGHTEST, 14ac IMPERFECT, 26ac A KING'S RANSOM, 1dn WHELMED, 7dn SECOND FIDDLE and especially 19dn INSECTS = Six-footers in splinter groups? Much appreciated thanks *Southern Cross*.
Alan Walter
- Lots of wonderful clues Shirl. ROUTINE gets my COTM.
Brian Symons
- I once read a description of a particular television executive as 'perfectly formed', and I think this is the appropriate phrase to describe *Southern Cross* puzzles. My favourite clue from this particular perfect formation is 7dn.
Jim Colles
- 15dn: Detached retina = INTERAlIA; I don't see how ALL is 'trouble showing up'.
Drew Meek
- Shirl's cryptic was a beauty – my favourite clue – 12ac.
Catherine Hambling
- Great clues – spot on!
Cate Foster
- Shirl's No 2 has so many good clues, but I especially liked 1ac.
Ted O'Brien

August 3-2006: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

- 18ac colonials – toll = coniais anag of NICOSIA. 1dn How do Holy Books embodying independence' equate to SUFFICIENT? (Do = suffice (as in 'That will do' or 'That will suffice') Holy Books = NT embodying (enclosing -i.e. Do and Holy Books together) independence = I Read as = 'literally read as' Satisfactory = definition - M) 7dn FINE+SSE = precise directions, but can't find FINESSE as a synonym of 'Manipulate'! Please explain. ('FINESSE' (the verb) as a synonym of manipulate can be found in the *Chambers* online thesaurus, along with bluff, evade, manoeuvre and trick. This particular clue was my 'dummy' clue. At first glance it appears to be a straightforward anagram clue (i.e. recipes) but recipes will not fit the grid. I'm sure this will have a mixed reception. - M) 8dn 'Sounds like this' – dreadful definition! 24dn ADDITION – AND = DITIO anag of IDIOT. Some clever clues in this challenging cryptic.
Alan Walter
- A terrific puzzle. SUFFICIENT my pick of the clues, but FINESSE is very clever as the clue invites the answer RECIPES.
Brian Symons
- Over 22 years of setting puzzles for the papers, IDIOT is one of those words which crop up time and time again, and it was great to see a refreshing novel clue.
Shirl O'Brien
- Some really imaginative clues from *Manveru*. The anagram for 23ac is a gem, and other highlight clues for me were 9ac, 6dn and 24dn in a most enjoyable puzzle all round.
Jim Colles
- My COTM was 4ac (BEATIFIC). Surface reading gives good misdirection on buffet homonyms; 24dn was also good.
Drew Meek
- A particularly good cryptic – I thought 24dn was very clever.
Catherine Hambling
- Brilliant – loved the deep workable clues, especially 1dn, 18ac and 24dn my choice for COTM.
Cate Foster
- 4ac went close for my COTM.
Ted O'Brien

August 4-2006: AJ by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- An AJ is enjoyable when the alphabetic first letters are given, but without them the puzzle is unnecessarily more complex and frustrating to solve.
Alan Walter
- Found this exquisitely difficult. Specially tricky were ZONATED, KEGLERS(!), WEEDING.
Roy Taylor
- Great one Audrey. Love ERECTED. QUESTIONED may be misclued – should CODE be ODE?
Brian Symons
- AJ harder than usual with no initials indicated, but very satisfying when done.
Betty Siegman
- An excellent AJ. Could you explain 'Put up and elected by a Chinese official (7)?' I've inserted 'erected' but not with any conviction. Of course my grid may be incorrect.
- So *Virgo* decided that it was too easy giving away the first letter, and pulled all the clues at random out of a hat? In spite of this, and after much thrashing about, the alphabet finally appeared and it was all very worthwhile, I hope.
Jim Colles
- Clue 12, curari is indicated by the clue and fits the grid, but curare is the correct spelling of the poison. Clue 9: ioned, an anagrammed form of 'ode in' not 'code in' needs to be added to quest (purpose) to give questioned (doubted).
Drew Meek
- The only clue that has me stumped is Q in the AJ. I'd like an explanation of why the answer is 'questioned'.
Mal Cockburn
- A very interesting AJ from Audrey – how did she know it could be solved without the leading letter clues? If the Q word is QUESTIONED I'm not sure of the clue.
Catherine Hambling
- Making the AJ a bit tougher? I don't give in easily, but expect a dot a least! (You got your dot Cate! PG)
Cate Foster
- QUESTIONED: Could you please explain the clue? I can't find KEGLER anywhere, but can't think what else it could be.
Margaret Davis
- I'm proud of me for solving Audrey's double whammy.
Ted O'Brien

August 5-2006: Poetic Licence? by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

- 5ac: Interesting to note that 'royal' = SAIL (above the top gallant sail ref *Chambers Dictionary*). 25ac Ruby = B + ALAS = (has a boy sadly?). Note sadly here is not an anagram indicator. Much liked your 'Poetic Licence' with Lord Byron, thanks Roy.
Alan Walter
- Almost led to some Byronic unhappiness.
Roy Taylor
- Fabulous as always, but two clues have me in doubt. (1) 33ac – I cannot confirm GREENSOME meaning lush. (2) Can you please explain the derivation of anigh? (a/gin (rev)/h: RW)
Brian Symons
- Another fascinator from *Praxis*, with a bit of extra research necessary. I used to have a few drinking mates who fitted the description in the quote, though there wasn't a poet amongst them. It made for a very entertaining exercise.
Jim Colles
- 5ac: If revelry=wassail and cut back=was, I'm not clear how *royal* indicates *sail*. (saw(rev)/sail (royal - type of sail: RW); 6dn: I don't understand this clue. One hour is possible the I and H, leaving GNA. I can't think of a connection of this to Geneva (see above). 25dn: The answer appears to be 'bahas'. What is the connection to Ruby? (b/alas: RW)
Drew Meek
- An excellent puzzle by *Praxis* but again one eludes me – 16ac. (neb follows go/y: RW)
Catherine Hambling
- Good one *Praxis*! I was about to question "greensome" as a legit word but then I noticed the title "Poetic Licence".
Cate Foster
- The master set a good table and I got the LAMB early but the rest of the meal took longer.
Ted O'Brien

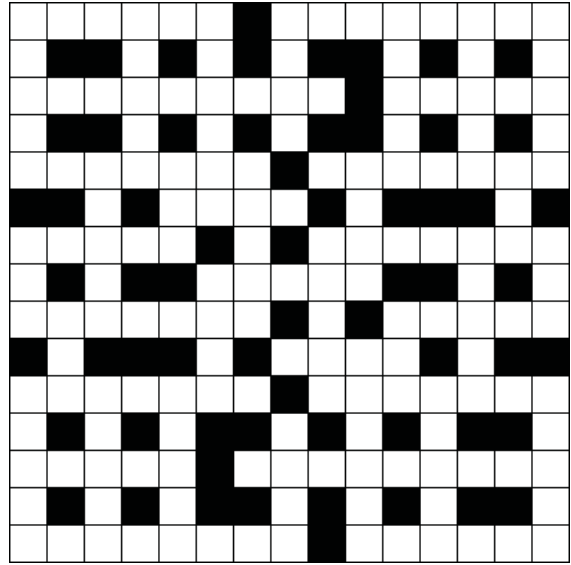
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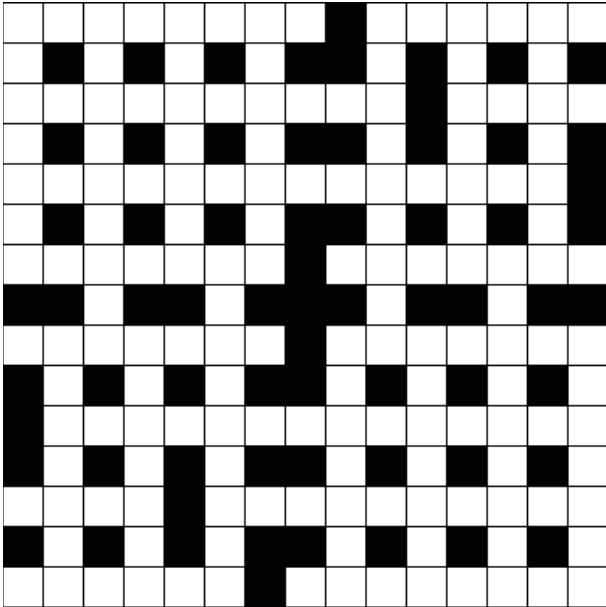
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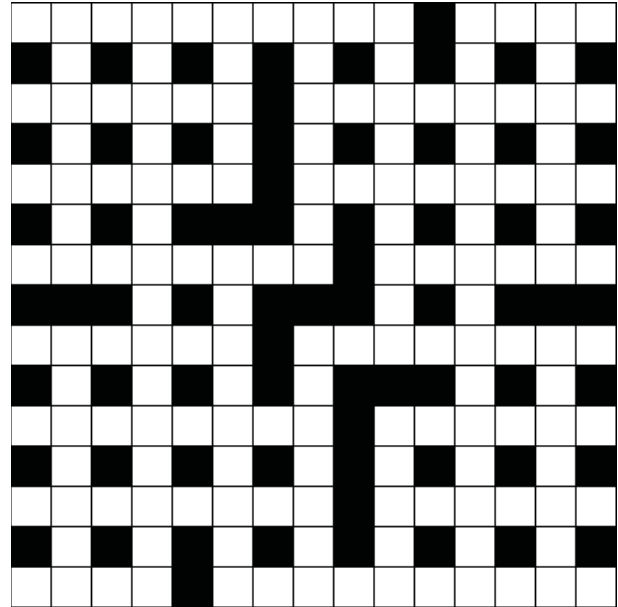
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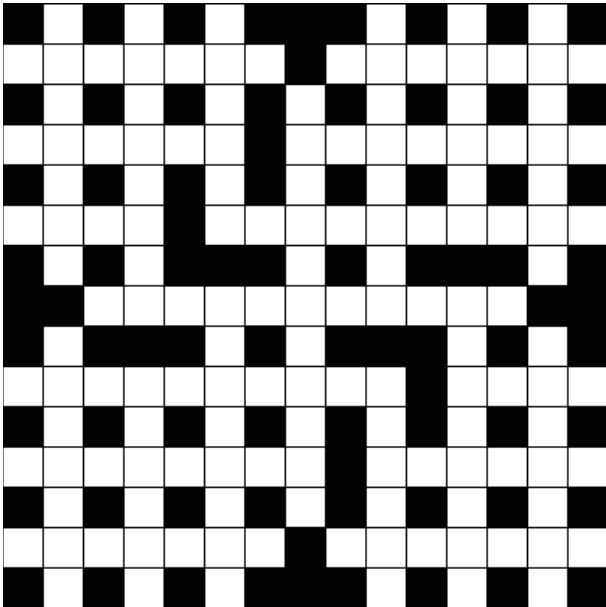
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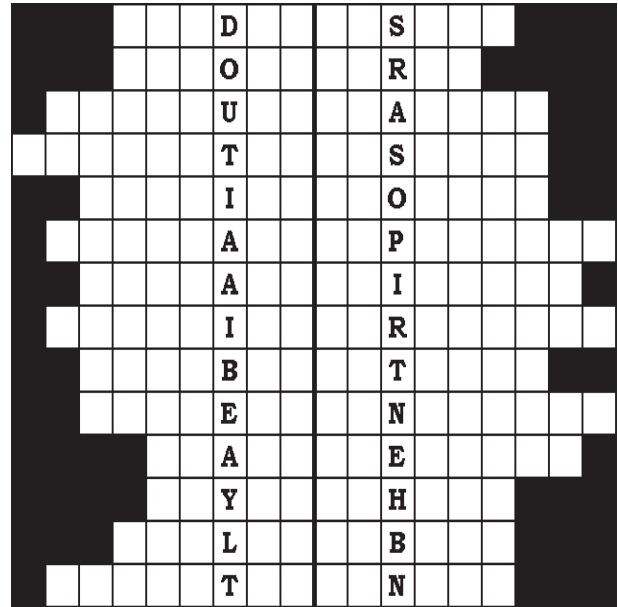
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Clue of the Month

July 6 – 2006: Winners by InGrid (Jean Barbour)

Entries: 103 Correct: 94 Success Rate: 91.2% Prizewinners: Ian and Kay Williams and Frank Martin. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments:

Thank you to all those who submitted an entry for this puzzle. I suspect it was a little easy for some of you. Only a few errors, Patten for Patton, atarixia for ataraxia, The Stone for The Sting, nurses for nursed and one with some left out letters but generally a really good response. A special thank you for the lovely cards and letters. —InGrid (Jean Barbour)

Solvers Comments:

- Particularly liked the image of a party gathered round the table saying Salvos poems before pouring their glass of port. Jenny Wenham
- The mind picture evoked by 3dn was splendid as was misdirection. Ian Williams
- Fancy *Oliver* winning an Oscar. Iain MacDougall
- Your puzzle was great fun and brought many happy memories of musicals and big movies. Barb Ibbott
- The theme was not obvious until I recognised BEN-HUR and that made life easier. Catherine Hambling
- Maybe more obscure titles could've been used. Once the theme was cracked a large part of the puzzle became clear. Andrew Patterson
- Still fun though. (I agree and the results bear this out – IG) Carole Noble
- Excellent No 6 puzzle. All were movies even non-movie buffs would know. Geoff Campbell
- Nice work, Jean. Worthy of an "ACC"ademy Award. (Very cute – IG)
- When I read the title of your puzzle my spirits sank as I thought that it was about sport. Thank you for not doing one about sport. (Beautiful card - you must know I am a cat lover – IG) Daphne Greening
- A clever puzzle. I had 16dn as PHARLAP at first, but I didn't recall *The Sound of Music* as a Melbourne Cup winner. Graeme Cole
- GONE WITH THE WIND would be a good name for a horse. Max Roddick
- Loved equinox – when I finally got it!
- Clues which give punning definitions always leave me scratching my head, and your 'beastly ticker' and 'spring balance' were no exceptions. Very devious! Peter Dearie

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- My prize for the July 2006 slot 1 puzzle arrived safely. Thanks very much. *The Macquarie Concise Dictionary* is a welcome addition to my library – I need all the help I can get... Keep up the good work. Ken Watt
- Many thanks for the generous prize for the July Slots 1-5 puzzles. It's really appreciated. Jim Fowler
- Just a thank you to the ACC for my prize for July. I thought I should let you know that when I went to bank the cheque it was shown round the bank to admire Patrick's beautiful calligraphy. Thanks again. Denise Davidson
- *Southern Cross* writes: Explanation of July Slot 4 clue "O": Booked? Sounds bad! (7). We've booked a table for seven (ordered). He bade them say nothing (ordered). Shirl O'Brien
- Thank you for the card prize for a chess problem. [Patrick's art work]. Happy Crozworlding. Bev Solomon
- I would like to thank the club for my Slot 6 prize in June for *Red One's* puzzle. Edna McGloin
- Lots of fun this month with slot 5 a particular challenge. Jean Barbour
- After a long dry spell, I have just won my second prize in as many months, for the July No 2. Thank you so much to all involved. It is a lovely surprise, but I hope that it doesn't mean that this is my swan song. I should like to think that I have a few more years to enjoy *Crozworld*. Irene Watts
- What another great month of puzzles, with our top setters excelling themselves: a beaut selection. Ron O'Rourke

Clue Writing Competition No 6/2006:

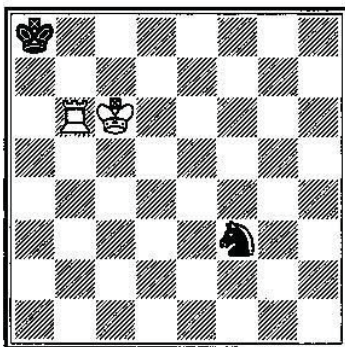
Write a clue for the word **GARGOYLE (8)**.

Note: only one clue per person.

Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Michael Kennedy, 27 Hennessy Lane, Figtree NSW 2525 or by email to: xkennedy@ozemail.com.au Closing mail date: Friday 13 October 2006. Book prize.

See page 16 for the full results of the Clue Writing Competition No 5/2006.

No. 9



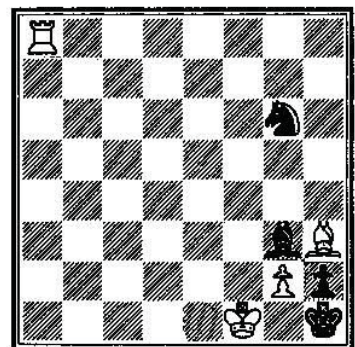
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**Chess Game Problems
Nos 9 and 10/2006**

White to play
and mate in five moves.
Name White's first move
in each problem.

Send solution(s) to:
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No. 10



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**Hyde and Sikh
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*. Two word length indicators follow each across clue. The first represents the solution to the clue and the second the word to be inserted in the grid.

Across

- 1 The seed inside the pinker
nelumbo (6) (7)
- 5 Ring employs new bone material (8) (7)
- 9 What to do when you have too few.
Crazy dames do! (3,4) (5)
- 10 Thug may be found by trench in
Goa (7) (9)
- 11 Scientific law leads to royal adopting one
Poet Laureate (9) (9)
- 12 First class railway is open (4) (5)
- 13 Plotters give a thousand cheers around
Saddam's head (8) (7)
- 16 Elder god, an object in brown! (5) (7)
- 17 Hiatus current in Sydney fun park (6) (7)
- 19 Satisfies two points within legislative
bodies (7) (7)
- 21 Personal transport deterioration gives
incentive (6) (5)
- 22 Storm in Virginia and Delaware (6) (9)
- 26 In confusion, model rallies, making
mistakes (8) (9)
- 27 Mem. Enid is distressed, surrounded by
cockneys (5,2) (5)
- 28 Overcomes disturbing lack of thanks in
Questacon, right? (8) (7)
- 29 Typically fine and warm in Ukrainian city
divided by French sea (7) (7)

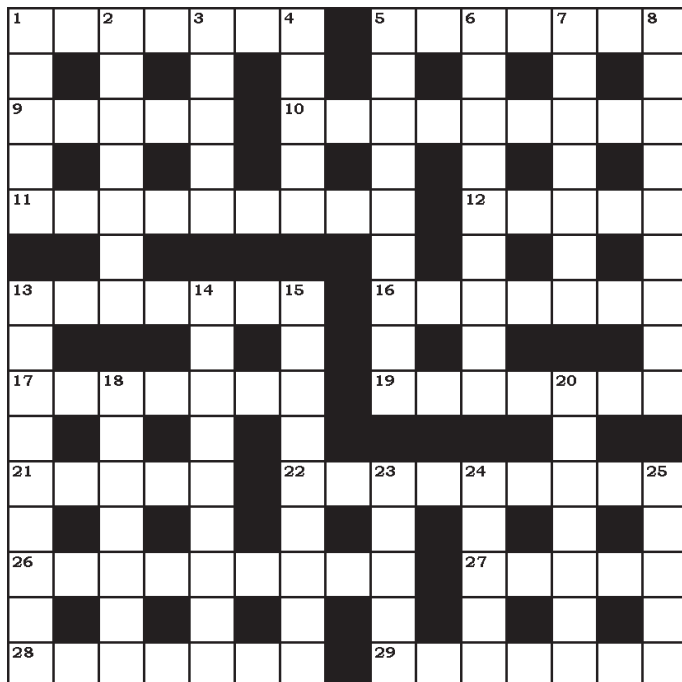
Down

- 1 Short defender will bite! (5)
- 2 Somewhat lazy old runner has rich
surroundings (7)
- 3 Retiring Scotsman in charge is
conventional (5)
- 4 Gel that gives you a lift (3,2)
- 5 To treat the ache I lit isatine inside
the inflammation (9)
- 6 Devious girl led on marble thief (4,5)
- 7 Criminal sect cut prig in (7)
- 8 Captured workers' biases intrinsically
have no origin (5,4)
- 13 Describing an aspirin constituent
decocted from icy lilacs (9)
- 14 Mountie is confused, having detailed
particulars (9)
- 15 Continued existences depend on short
test in southern range (9)
- 18 Plant pigment in carton I crushed (7)
- 20 Woman hugs rebuked monotreme (7)
- 23 West German may say s-singlets (5)
- 24 Leaders of Italian legislature eat up
mouthwatering portion of intestine (5)
- 25 Lair, when found with Jim, is
beaut (5)

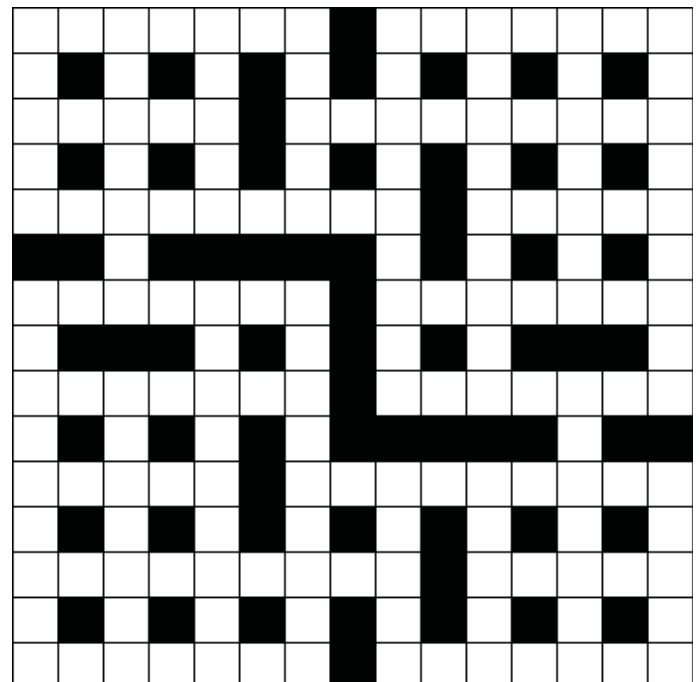
Note: Allow at least 3 days prior to the closing date to ensure posted solutions arrive in time.

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Quiz No 9/2006



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The following are clues to members whose names have appeared in recent issues of *CrOZworld*. No person is represented more than once and one or two may be surname only. No wordlength information, but clues are listed in order of solution length.

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| 1 First a new neighbour is said to have the lurgi | 16 Tailless quail tap highland stream |
| 2 A shilling, first hand, I left once more | 17 Clear after the Flower-Pot Men? |
| 3 The store is on strike! | 18 Frenchman goes to vocal hairdresser |
| 4 Orient bed uncomfortably | 19 Upset bairn needs a light touch |
| 5 She is an inspiration! | 20 Beloved that is after safe |
| 6 A man either side of the pass | 21 Nobler Irish unhinged |
| 7 Steal from Doctor John | 22 ... and maybe ruin a Tuesday |
| 8 Anger? at newts? – crazy! | 23 The royal sail comes about |
| 9 Raise capital | 24 Neckwear left off youngster, without qualification |
| 10 Jeeves is after a rumoured source of milk | 25 Girl casts eye about after five |
| 11 Him, him and him | 26 As events turned out, no less, he wrote about Barset |
| 12 Tra la la, new medley | 27 His shout, so to speak |
| 13 A Seasonal lashing of rum perhaps? | 28 Extracted jargon in the Avro plane |
| 14 Sweetheart in Reno ends last hope distraught | 29 Seeing Art somehow in great counter-tenor |
| 15 Sing a note to Duke, perhaps | |

Results of Quiz No. 7/2006: LINKWORDS QUIZ — AUSSIE ICONS by *Virgo*

Solutions: 1. Mater Hospital 2. Cane Toad 3. Lemon grass 4. Strangler fig 5. George Street 6. Bill Hunter 7. Garden Island 8. Port Douglas 9. Gerard Kennedy 10. Hoop pine 11. Park Royal 12. State Theatre 13. Miles Franklin 14. Timber Top 15. Port Adelaide 16. Little Pattie 17. Captain Cook 18. Green Party 19. Swan River 20. Dawn Lake.

Scores: **20:** Karl Audrins, Bev Cockburn, Peter Dearie, Verna Dinham, Daphne Greening, Barbara Ibbott, Joan McGrath, Trish McPherson, Carole Noble, Shirl O'Brien, Raoul, Ron O'Rourke and Alan Walter. **19.5:** Catherine Foster, Pat Garner, Barbara Glissan, Gabrielle Leeds, Ted O' Brien, Joan Smith, Jack Stocks and Irene Watts. **19:** Michael Kennedy and Brian Symons. **18.5:** Susan Howells, Bev Solomon.

Prizewinner: Barbara Ibbott. Congratulations!

Members' Comments:

- A challenging & enjoyable Quiz. *Alan Walter*
- It was fun. No trawling through reference books or Internet searches – just a lot of head scratching before the solutions were found. However, No. 9 is a guess 'cos I've never heard of Gil Graham. My 89 year old mother-in-law got no. 18 while I was showing her the quiz. Good for her! *Peter Dearie*
- Fish, Pine and King River also fit 19 but couldn't be classed as Aussie Icons. *Brian Symons*
- Toughest puzzle I can remember you posing – had me pondering all day – the sign of a great riddle/puzzle/poser; you can function semi-normally whilst still letting that part of the cerebellum contemplate the possibilities. Wow! *Raoul*
- Well, that was certainly a challenge and lots of fun. Some very clever questions indeed. The Aussie Icon title was certainly of assistance in the first few. I'd convinced myself that Graham Kennedy was going to be the answer to No. 9. but couldn't justify Gil Graham. *Trish McPherson*
- There are pages of Gil Graham on the Internet, so that's my justification for No. 9. *Ted O'Brien*
- I find Linkwords hard to do. 12 might be State Library and 18 might be Green Baggy. *Bev Solomon*
- Your quiz really tested the grey matter. I was tempted to out Little Johnny for No. 16 but thought this might be a little cheeky politically. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Thank you, Audrey, for another entertaining puzzle; there seems to be no end to your clever ideas. I am constantly amazed at the variety, frequency and skill in presentation. Congratulations! *Irene Watts*
- Thanks for a very innovative quiz. It has taken me ages to complete it, but good fun. *Ron O'Rourke*

Adjudicator's Comments:

I guess that exercising the grey matter is the most important. So what if you miss out on a few half points, it shows you were thinking. And there were certainly some very clever alternative answers to the ones I had in mind. So, as long as they were true Aussie Icons – i.e. well-known enough to be considered so – they were accepted. Here are some of the innovative alternatives:

Accepted: Q.3. Sweet grass Q.7 Market Garden Q.9: Graham Kennedy Q.12 State Lottery Q.16 Little Johnny Q.18 Green paper. **And not:** Q.4 Adventure Bay Q.6. Mark Hunter Q.8 Bill Douglas Q.9 Murray Pioneer Q.13. Major Mitchell Q.14 Carrot top Q.18 Bells Beach Q.20 King Lake. Thank you for all the positive comments and cards!

—*Virgo (Audrey Austin)*

July 7-2006 – Alphanumeric Jigsaw by zinzan (Andrew Patterson).

Entries: 47. Correct: 42. Success Rate 89.4%. Prizewinner: Norman Wilson. Congratulations!

Setter's Comments:

For a while I thought I was going to have a 100% success rate then a few problems trickled in – OXEYE (2), AXILLS, MCTEAGLE and WIEF. It was pointed out that JOB may be just as good as JOG, so both were accepted. (I couldn't bear more 'sizzle' wrath). I really didn't know how hard this would be to solve – I just hoped that having the numerics as exclusively 7 letters would be of assistance. Maybe the 47 responses suggests how difficult it was. Well done to those who persevered and sent an entry, whether right or wrong. Some explanations: 'G': rot=go off, endlessly, = GOOF. 'O': Pepe LePew was the amorous skunk from the old cartoons. 'W': old=O, bridge opponents=E,S (N and S play E and W), wife=W, suffering=WOES. '1': is supportive of=FOR, equine=MULE, 'a prosthetic tail?' meant to replace the 'e' of 'mule' with 'a', so MULA. 'Formula 1' is top-class (motor) racing. '9': 'the imaginary Fred'=NERK, surrounding TWO, NE(TWO)RK 9 is (Eddie) McGuire's concern. If there is anything else, please e-mail or hit DEEF on the ACC website. —zinzan

Solvers' Comments:

- I don't know why I found this puzzle so difficult – there were some excellent clues, notably for 'skerrick', 'goof', 'channel' and 'network' but maybe it was because of the lack of starting letters that intersect – normal with AJs – but with the numbers too, not given a starting letter, it was a bit of a slog at the end to solve. *Audrey Austin*
- This was quite a workout. With the numeric clues, the first one I worked out was 10 and I assumed that they would all be indirect anagrams (perfect/prefect). Sent me on a complete wild goose chase for a while but was delighted when it finally clicked. A clever and different puzzle. *Jean Barbour*
- Great one zinzan. Particularly liked "skerrick". *Bill Bennett*
- Thanks for this one – very clever & challenging. A few obscure ones – 'krug', 'mcteaue' – but it may be the littlies that find me out – 'jog' and 'woes'. [In fact, it was 'axills' that did –zz] *Merv Collins*
- Thanks for the rather daunting AJ but I could not let it beat me. Once I got the hang of it and arrived at a starting point, I was away down the track to the finish. Right or wrong it was great fun! *Catherine Foster*
- Thank you for a challenging puzzle; I really enjoyed it by the end although McTeague & pepe were new to me – not to my children! The 'aha!' moment came after wondering for days why there were only seventy trombones. I look forward to your next offering. *Jill Freeland*
- This puzzle was a gem and I enjoyed every minute of solving it. My apprehension re filling the grid proved to be unfounded. I specially enjoyed the clue for 9 – very topical! *Pat Garner*
- Thanks for the pleasure I got from solving this puzzle. Must admit I did not justify all. *Barbara Glissan*
- Not too bad after the penny dropped on the numeric clues. I'm not too sure about the O clue. *Bob Hagan*
- I really liked the numeric clues – the penny dropped when I worked out the reason for the 'wrong' number of trombones! *Kath Harper*
- I really enjoyed this puzzle – such a different concept and it made me think. My only problem is with the J word. JOG doesn't really mean 'hit' that I can see, rather 'push'. *Doreen Jones*
- Great puzzle but I do think you are a seriously disturbed person! At least you have caused me to be seriously disturbed.

You had me going spare over several clues. Please take your tablets!! *Del Kennedy*

- My only hesitation is for J Hit and run (3). JOG seems to do the job nicely, but JOB could almost fit the bill too, if you define JOB (verb) as 'manage' or 'perform a job', hence RUN. However, my gut instinct tells me that JOG is correct as it is the more obvious one. If it isn't then my long range missile will be heading to Abbotsford. *Michael Kennedy*
- What a clever puzzle! I liked the numerical clues even though I don't think that No. 1 (formula) is correct; and just as well my grandchildren have the game Connect 4. It took me ages to discover McTeague and Rowley (thank goodness for Google) and even longer to remember Pepe LePew! *Yvonne McKindlay*
- Wonderful cluing, thank you. I spent days looking for a 'CONNECTA' game. I had thought I'd looked at Connect 4 but obviously had not done so. I had great fun finding the 1-10 links. *Ted O'Brien*
- Congratulations on a brilliant puzzle – I thought I would never complete it. The numerical clues gave me a big problem trying to work out the gist of it. The Y clue should get clue of the month; it took me ages for the penny to drop that water=H2O=HOO. *Ron O'Rourke*
- Thanks for a great puzzle. The last 10 clues were a bit of a problem until I re-read the introductory instructions. Hope to see more puzzles like this. *David Procter*
- Your crossword was quite a challenge – some very clever clues – I liked the EX-WIFE one, cannot confirm the W. *Marian Procter*
- Best puzzle in ages! I always love the AJs because it is a combo of crossword and jigsaw. Brilliant 8 + 9! All well worth it. *William Ryan*
- I hope I've got WOES and JOB correct. I might work on them a bit more. *Bev Solomon*
- Thank you for the work-out. As my strongest grey matter seems to be migrating into my hair, I found it quite a challenge. Had to solve most of the AJ before the numeric penny dropped. Clues were very fair but had to guess at 'P'. *Jack Stocks*
- A wonderful puzzle – lots of fun – with top class clueing (esp. the numerical clues). Probably CHANNEL is my favourite among many candidates. Keep them coming. *Brian Symons*
- The numerical clues in this puzzle were particularly perplexing to solve! THREE BY (THREE understood) was a sneaky reference to NETWORK 9. Much liked your S clue giving S-KERR-ICK. After solving this puzzle I feel as though I need a Section 8 certificate accompanied by a fanfare from 76 trombones. *Alan Walter*
- Thanks for the very challenging puzzle. I particularly liked the I, P & V clues as well as all the numbered ones. I'm not too sure about my answer for the W clue, though. *Jenny Wenham*

Solution to July 2006 Slot 7 Alphanumeric Jigsaw by zinzan

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Results of the Clue Writing Competition: July No 5/2006

Write a clue for COCKTAILS (9).

Adjudicated by Steve Trollope

22 clues were submitted this month. The winning clue for COCKTAILS is **Fancy drinking the last dregs from the tap?** by Doug Butler. The clue misleads by suggesting surprise that someone would drink the dregs. It creates an image of a drunk lying under a barrel with the last drops of wine falling into his mouth. I would have preferred an explanation mark after Fancy, in place of the question at the end, but, overall, an excellent clue.

All the submissions meet the basic requirement of "Fairplay" as intended by *Ximenes* and his followers, except where I have indicated, and maintained the high standard set in recent competitions. Once again, there were several submissions from first time entrants, which is good to see (and they all offered very acceptable clues). I would much prefer if all entrants would provide a description of their clue, explaining which part is the definition and which part is the indication as well as how the indication works. This will make it easier for me to be certain that I understand the author's intent, but it will also make you think more of how your clue is formed. Once again the winning clue is likely to come from those clues that form a meaningful sentence and "tell a story". For the guidelines which I have used to determine the winner, see the April 2006 *Crozworld*.

I have written each clue to identify the **definition (in bold)** and the *indication (in italics)*, and then underneath I have made some comments.

- *Plucky chap joins the queues* for **drinks**

Plucky chap = COCK plus queues = TAILS.

- *Sidecars – something TT folk would avoid?*

A double meaning for TT (Teetotal and Tourist Trophy races – held annually on the Isle of Man), but it lacks an indication for COCKTAILS, because the indication leads to sidecars. It would be an excellent clue for SIDECARS with COCKTAILS as the first word. It almost won for its clever use of TT.

- *Mr Bird hears stories of Margarita, White Lady and Bloody Mary's drinks*

Mr Bird = COCK plus hears stories = TAILS (sounds like TALES)

- *Get ready to take a shot of the back and front of some old fashioned sidecars*

Get ready to take a shot = COCK plus back = TAIL plus front of some = S. Old fashioned seems to be superfluous because SIDECARS are still well known drinks.

- *Fancy drinking the last dregs from the tap?*

Excellent clue where *last dregs* = TAILS (as from a wine barrel) plus *tap* = COCK (as in stopcock).

- *Becomes ill with a clot from too many of these*

Ill = SICK, added to A CLOT as an anagram provides COCKTAIL. Under *Ximenes* ideas of Fairplay, an indirect anagram is not normally acceptable. There is also only a suggestion for COCKTAILS, as something unhealthy, rather than a definition.

- *Some drinks that could include cola stirred with stick*

An anagram of COLA plus STICK. This is known as an "& lit" type of clue because the definition consists of the whole clue, with an anagram included in it.

- *Calvin Klein follows after company for drinks*

CK plus follows = TAILS after CO gives COCKTAILS – an interesting "charade" type of clue.

- *Stick cola in and shake well to prepare these drinks*

Another "& lit" type of clue, which is very similar to the clue two above.

- *Drinks Lift before one last brew*

Lift = COCK plus I and LAST anagram. Brew is the anagram, ie the anagram indicator.

- *Raise hounds for Shirley Temple and John Collins perhaps*

Raise = COCK plus hounds = TAILS (as in follows) with the definition being names of cocktails.

- *Bottoms up for drinks*

Up = COCK and bottoms = TAILS. The clue reads well, but defines TAILSCOCK. It needs an indication that the words must be read in reverse order – such as "Bottoms up! before having drinks".

- *Mixed-breed dog follows familiar man*

Dog = TAIL after familiar man = COCK. This indicates that the first word follows the second. However the clue gives the singular COCKTAIL rather than the plural version as required.

- *Does changing into a slick coat disguise persons of low breeding?*

Anagram of SLICK COAT with a *Chambers* definition of COCKTAILS = "one who apes the gentleman".

- *Prepare animal appendages for appetisers*

Prepare = COCK plus animal appendages = TAILS.

- *Drinks on tick cost most – a pound more if drunk*

TICK plus most of cost = COS plus A plus L with drunk as the anagram.

- *Calvin Klein's A-list company mixed drinks*

CK plus ALIST plus CO with mixture doing double duty for the anagram and as part of the definition. Not strictly correct according to *Ximenes*, but acceptable for a clever clue which is meaningful.

- *Top dog shadows mongrels*

Top dog = COCK plus shadows = TAILS with a *Chambers* definition of COCKTAILS = "a racing horse that is not thoroughbred".

- *Coil stacks turned by sidecars*

A nice clue with turned being the anagram, but the anagram has one 's' too many.

- *Equine outcomes from diverse spirited unions*

A *Chambers* definition of COCKTAILS = "a racing horse that is not thoroughbred" can be read as the whole clue. A second definition is given by spirited unions as mixed drinks.

- *Birdman finishes off zombis, looking for a drink*

Birdman = COCK plus finishes off = TAILS with an extended definition to confirm that a Zombi in this case is a drink.

- *Drinkies is sick after hearing ready*

Drinkies = COCKTAILS made from is sick = AILS after ready = COCKT (sounds like cocked)

