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Big words seldom accompany good deeds.
Danish Proverb

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A Ton of *Crozworlds*! The Executive Committee sincerely congratulates Patrick with this edition of *Crozworld*. It marks the editing and publication of his 100th *Crozworld* and is a remarkable achievement. *Crozworld* has been of a consistently high standard under Patrick's stewardship and we hope that he can continue to publish *Crozworld* well into the future. Well done! Patrick.

There seemed a general lack of enthusiasm this month – I'm not sure whether it was caused by the end of winter or a couple of fairly tough puzzles. Whatever the cause, entries only trickled in until the last week. There were very few comments from members, in fact most of them were marked 'not for publication'. Thank you for your cards, letters and good wishes. I would also like to record my gratitude to Ian Williams for his ongoing support and for handling the *Axword* submissions. Sadly still blanks and spelling errors in otherwise correct submissions. I feel sure that I will be contacted by many irate members wondering why they didn't get dots!

After considering the Members' Comments and other matters, the Executive Committee has decided to keep the ACC Forum DEEF open. Maintaining the Forum is quite time-consuming but we are pleased to announce that the dynamic Jenny Wenham has graciously offered to monitor the Forum in the future. Part of Jenny's task will be to ensure that wherever possible the Forum will not be used to post comments which are in breach of the Guidelines namely, discussion of current puzzles and the making of offensive and insulting comments. She will also see that all comments made on the Forum are within the spirit of the ACC and she will be able to deal with spammers who seek to undermine the Forum. Thank you Jenny for taking on this task.

Slot 1: A nice gentle introduction to this month's puzzles. The bogey word in this puzzle was ELCHI with several members attempting to use ENVOI or variations on it, which in turn spawned further errors. Other errors included IMURE, LURED/XERODED, AIN, LYREX.

Our wonderful Shirl O'Brien has a message for us on p9. Congratulations on a highly successful career as *Southern Cross*, Shirl. And congrats to David Stickley who has added another successful feather to his cruciverbal cap.

Slot 2: Another of Noel's gems. The largest proportion of errors was caused by BILBO and words leading off it. Other errors included KHANSIN, MISUSE OF SPEECH, CHAMBERED, APPRAISES/HAMERESLY RANGE.

Our masterly Puzzle set-up person, Ian Williams, has selected a challenging set of excellent puzzles and quizzes for you this month. Perennial favourites like *Jesso*, *Virgo*, *Southern Cross* and *Waratah* are there for your ongoing enjoyment plus skilful offerings from *Manveru* and *InGrid* in Slots 5 and 6. *Zinzan* has compiled another fascinating puzzle in Slot 7 and we have Quizzes from two new compilers *Fortuna48* and *Calathumpian* and Steve Trollope has challenged clue-writers to devise a clue for the word KOOKABURRA. Best of Luck with your solving this month. —Patrick

Slot 3: A good straightforward puzzle with lots of anagrams. Two words caused the most headaches here. PECCADILLO was the main culprit appearing as PICCALILLI nine times, as well as PICCADILLO and PECKADILLO. A classic case of a word that fits with the letters in the grid but does not fit the clue. The second problem word was VEHEMENT which appeared five times as REVERENT as well as RETICENT. There were also several cases of what I believe were spelling errors here.

Slot 4: This one caused a lot of angst and many solvers didn't attempt it, or at least didn't manage to solve it. SISTERS and SYSTEMS were interchangeable in the grid. The most common error was SNIPS as 9 solvers opted for SPINS. I conferred with my co-adjudicator Ian, and he said "To my mind the clue is in two parts, "turns around" (ie spins in reverse) [and - as a linking word] "cuts" – the definition.. To take "turns" as the definition of spins would require "around 'and cuts'" as the secondary indication'. SPOOMING was submitted in several variations – STORMING,

[Comments continued on p4]

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	94	95	96	63	54	401
Correct entries	76	80	77	40	46	319
Success rate (%)	80.8	84.2	80.2	63.5	85	79.5
Prizewinners	D Window S O'Brien	T Savanah A Hocking	B Webber S Knight	W Ryan	C Hambling J Gillis	from 97 members

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Prizewinner: August 2008 Slots 1-5: Michael Kennedy

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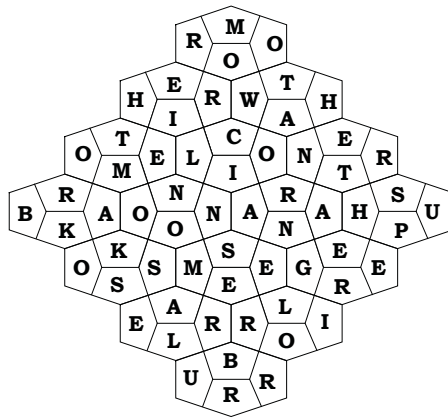
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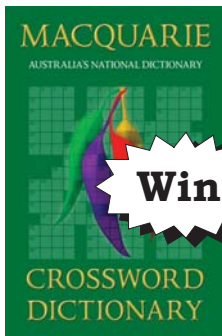
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BENNETT D		HOWELLS S	SHIELD A			
BUTLER D	.	.	.					IBBOTT B	.	.						SIEGMAN B	
CAINE R		JERMY A		SMITH J			
CALLAN A&D				JESSOP N	.	.						SOLOMON B	
CAMPBELL G	.	.	.					JONES D		STEINBERGER M	
CAUGHLEY J						.		KENNEDY D		STOCKS J	
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COOKE L		McCLELLAND C					.		TOFONI B	.				.			
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COWAN M			McDOUGALL I		VILLIERS W			
CROMER H	.	.	.					McGRATH J	.	.	.					WAITES L			
DAVIS M		McKENZIE I		WALTER A	
DEARIE P		McPHERSON T		WATT K			
DINHAM V	.	.	.					MARTIN A		WEBBER B			
DUCKER R		MARTIN Cally		WENHAM J	
FOOT B	.							MARTIN F		WEST W	
FOWLER J		MEEK D		WILCOX C	
FREELAND J		MILES A		WILLIAMS K&I	
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FULLER D		O'BRIEN E		WILSON R	
GALBREATH M		O'BRIEN S	.	*		WINDOW D	
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Half 'n Half
by
Jesso

Prizes: \$50



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Across

- 1 Pencil refills (5)
- 4 Taken by air (5)
- 9 By way of (3)
- 10 Eject (5)
- 11 Sound (5)
- 13 Saltpetre (5)
- 14 Baby bird (5)
- 15 Lived (5)
- 16 Beginning (5)
- 17 Beard of barley (3)
- 18 Lairs (4)
- 19 Letter of the alphabet (3)
- 20 Fabled bird (3)
- 22 Cab (4)
- 24 Fur (5)
- 26 Capital of Fiji (4)
- 28 Suspect (sl.) (4)
- 29 Power (5)
- 31 Wristband (4)
- 33 Commercials (3)
- 34 Conclusion (3)
- 36 Staple grain (4)
- 38 First woman (3)
- 39 Broadcasting (2,3)
- 41 Tapestry (5)
- 42 Small islands (5)
- 43 Eskimo (5)

44 Double curves (5)

- 45 Cancel (5)
- 46 Bullfight cry (3)
- 47 Flight of geese (5)
- 48 Fashion (5)

Down

- 1 Outline switched for rugby arrangement (4-3)
- 2 So Ida is silly – goodbye (5)
- 3 Slender steel forged without vanadium (6)
- 4 Music for supporter taking time on continent (8)
- 5 Dismissing public in going back (6)
- 6 Require not as much – it's unnecessary (8)
- 7 Old Greek to rule a Rifle Brigade (6,1)
- 8 NSW, say, incorporating internal combustion plant (7)
- 12 Scandinavian is stylish around credit centre (7)
- 21 Man from around Louisiana (4)
- 23 In with a silly rising (4)
- 25 State backed money advancements (7)
- 27 Unless it changes implements (8)
- 28 Painter terse about not going up (8)
- 29 Paving given by lady without account (7)
- 30 Tax round garment? (1-6)
- 32 Anticipate warning shout. Understand? (7)
- 35 Me rude? Quite different ... staid (6)
- 37 Calls company round to ease sound by the second (6)
- 40 Speak below as test of metal (5)

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Closing mail date: Friday 10 October 2008.

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Cryptic by Virgo



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Across

- 1 A saying from one who brings the party into line with a flexible tool (7)
- 5 Act less aggressively in moves across the board (7)
- 9 NATO? Peacekeepers just the same – but different (7)
- 10 Fretful about what might lie beneath the ground (7)
- 11 One of the girls from the Latrobe valley (3)
- 12 Hangs five hundred different ways (7)
- 13 Abnormal regularity in otherwise irregular flowers, i.e. polar swirls (7)
- 14 Milk container from Stroud, Derbyshire (5)
- 16 Happy with 1051 flowers (8)
- 19 Place of an endless shot (3)
- 20 A cow with a marathon instrument (8)
- 21 Chromosomes divided by students are derived from hydrocarbon (5)
- 23 Oxford English in both copyright of a basic form (7)
- 25 Get loan organised for fruit (7)
- 28 Pasture pleases some (3)
- 29 A three cornered hat from the hatter Ibsen sent back (7)
- 30 The sauce of the Turkish Barbarian first Empire (7)
- 31 E.g. a ragan (7)

- 32 Freud can make it fine weather (7)

Down

- 1 Open sore and twisted (5)
- 2 Orca sides undoing peculiar extinct reptile (9)
- 3 Poor Yorick in a row we heard (5)
- 4 British country gets a Polish president (6)
- 5 Launch a touch in vogue (8)
- 6 Squad Lily trained poorly (9)
- 7 One sentenced for using a rifle (5)
- 8 Undulating as in core plan of a play (8)
- 15 The stupid boxer I hit in the shower (9)
- 16 Shooter starts gathering up nerve (3)
- 17 Bovine unknown, age ten, used to enrich the atmosphere (9)
- 18 The Moorish palace where criminal gives actor support (8)
- 19 Declare in favour of the plaintiff? (8)
- 22 Snow on the TV? Cast it out! (6)
- 24 Sheathing on a stem produced from a core (5)
- 26 Care for each other in guard shed (5)
- 27 Public rove about and get stern (5)

wrong letter – spawns several more errors and often real words do not appear to be made so not possible to quote actual mistakes.

COTM:


Interestingly very few nominations this month; several members commented that they couldn't pick a COTM this month. 13 different clues from 4 puzzles were chosen, with no clear preference. With two votes each, we have a four way tie between PADDLEPOP and PRAIRIE CHICKEN in Slot 2, LATE in Slot 3 and RANA in Slot 5. —Pat Garner

CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2008

Our Annual Victorian Get-together – **Christmas in July** – held on Sunday 27 July at the Heritage Room, Bruce County Hotel was a successful event. We were delighted to see Ian (*midships*) and Kay Williams from the ACT and the delightful Del Kennedy (*Mother Superior*) in attendance. Also, the Victorians were well represented including Max (*Aeolian*) and Dorothy Roddick, Valerie Howard, Jean (*InGrid*) and Bill Barbour, Gillian Champion (*Betelgeuse*), Alison Hocking, Robyn Caine, John and Wendy Villiers, Denis Coates, Pip Winter and David Fuller, just to name a few. The meal was of an excellent standard as was the fascinating quiz which was won by Robyn Caine. Our sincere thanks to all who attended.

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<h2>Cryptic</h2> <p>by</p> <h2>Southern Cross</h2>


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Across

- 1 American square mother converts to triangle? (6)
- 4 Two animals on the sheep-station increase the level of activity (4,2)
- 9 Reveal what one might do to holder of canned food? (4,3,3,3,2)
- 10 Useful plant, though if fine, associated with a scam (6)
- 11 Ever-changing communication company with a yen to deviate? (4,4)
- 12 One seaport ruined by termites (8)
- 14 State Department study to cause sorrow (6)
- 15 Decks out heartless 1 down (6)
- 18 Attire is a drawback to the unfortunate Boer ... (8)
- 21 ... chained cruelly to a ranch-house (8)
- 22 Squirrel with dog's body, so they say (6)
- 24 The eye doctor, Holm, got to hospital somehow (15)
- 25 Annoyed, Kelly is shown over the old ship (6)
- 26 Frank has the ability, having acted in the past (6)

Down

- 1 They fume, as uni fellows suppress a prank (7)
- 2 A male factor (5)
- 3 Measure height before a new church upgrade (7)
- 5 Focus on "The Street Where You Live" (7)
- 6 Reptile seen in a small cloud of smoke before summer (4-6)
- 7 Secret Serviceman? (7)
- 8 154 supported by Iowa plant? (6)
- 13 He won't give up agent brought up by sibling (9)
- 16 Greek god follows, absolutely expressionless (7)
- 17 Cook bun in rice wine to make brown all over (7)
- 18 A very short distance in – why a big hit? (6)
- 19 Insignia of office presented by Grundy and former Albanian leader (7)
- 20 Given favours – though not so much in bed! (7)
- 23 Called for, say, when up inside apartment (5)

GENERAL COMMENTS

- I really enjoyed the challenge but thought these were very difficult – so many obscure words.
- A tricky batch this month, and no clear COTM.
- Thanks to the ACC for my book prize for July 08, slot 4. A welcome addition to my book shelves!
- Thank you for the prize cheque I received last month.
- Let me thank you for the beautifully written cheque as prize for Jenny's delightful quiz. It would have been enough to have solved it – such a lot of fun working out the rhyming animals – and no Google needed!
- Thanks Patrick for my prize! I guess I was lucky. The certificate, as always, a work of art! Please convey my gratitude to all those who irritate, annoy, infuriate and exasperate us month by month!
- I've just received my wonderful trophy and it would have gone straight to the pool room if I had one but it is now on my mantle piece in pride of place for all to see. Many thanks to Brian Symons for his time and trouble in organising it and posting it safely. I will treasure it particularly as it was so hard to get.

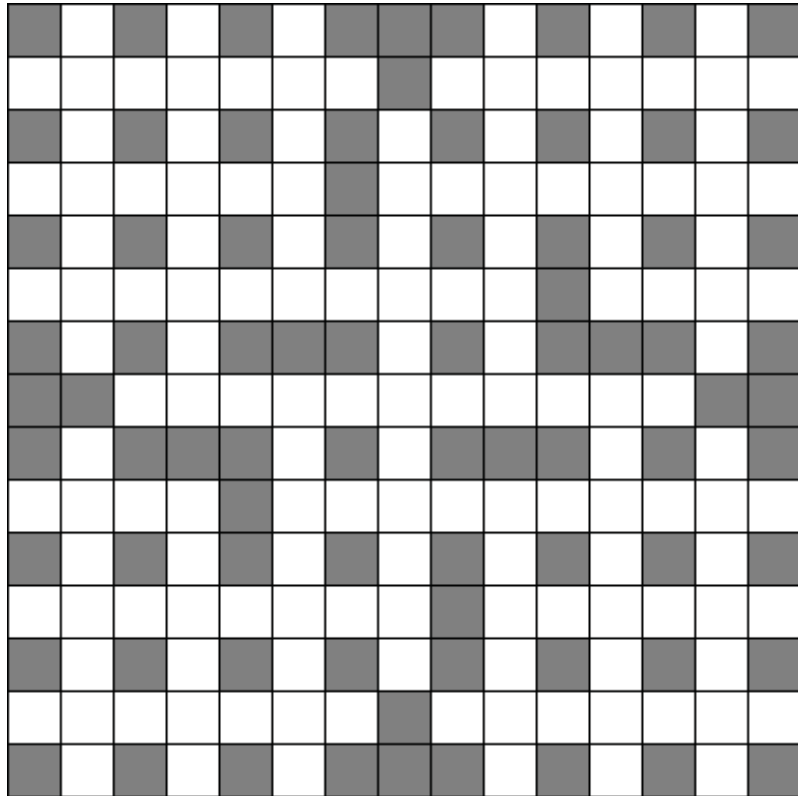
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AJ
by
Waratah

Prize:
Chambers
Dictionary of
World History
3rd edn.
[rrp \$79.95]

Solve the clues and place the solutions, jig-saw wise, where they will fit.



- A** Changes the small apartment in the promotions (6)
- B** Through cables, paper articles that acknowledge scribes (7)
- C** Tia is disturbed in the academy pertaining to the university town (10)
- D** Inside Monica, dwells the evil spirit in charge (7)
- E** Substance secreted in organ may grow behind the lug (6)
- F** After the lie you told, Sal returned the brooches (7)
- G** Entrance money taken at the game (4)
- H** Thrifty manager with not so much as a single woman (11)
- I** Ita left Ian but they got together for the race (7)
- J** Planes flew over north north east to get small Spanish horses (7)
- K** The equipment at school is trash (6)
- L** Fastens broken satchel (7)
- M** I heard film lead in a state is secretive (8)
- N** Sharp and pointy objects are almost useless (7)
- O** Greasy liquid set up a well plant (3,3)
- P** Private had it unknown – a distinctive character (11)
- Q** Tee off in short set of five strokes and calms (8)
- R** Guttred ray are left inside infrequently (6)
- S** English boy chased hose connected to a joint (8)
- T** Try chair renovated for a triumvirate (8)
- U** Speaking out regarding circulating counterfeit money (8)
- V** Opinion that is expressed in “The Love Bug” (4)
- W** Jerk runs into the serving girl (6)
- X** Alien, fearing unknown new hope, rattled old boy in charge (10)
- Y** Apply ash make up. Uncovered by veil (7)
- Z** Girl about to work on hob is one scared of animals (8)

Canberra Get-together:

It seems that the proposed venue and timing (see p6 of the August *CroZworld*) are suitable to a number of enthusiasts, so – the George Harcourt Inn (pictured), Gold Creek Road, Ginninderra Village, just off the Barton Highway on Sunday 21 September at 12 noon it is! We have acceptances from Young and Goulburn as well as Canberra, so come along and meet your fellow cruciverbalists. Please let me know (with numbers, please) if you haven't already done so or let me know if you have previously expressed interest but can't now come. A couple of days' notice is all that the innkeepers need, so you have until 18 September to decide. Kay and I look forward to meeting you again/at last! **Ian Williams**



Compiler Profile: *Calathumpian* (Cally Martin)

"I joined the club a few years ago after meeting Patrick Street at Melbourne Uni where I worked at the time. I've always loved quizzes and trivia and word games, particularly those with a twist, and I'm slowly, very slowly, getting better at the cryptic crosswords. I still work in higher education and my other interests include fun-runs, history, cinema and art and I'm thinking about taking up the long lost – to gen-Xers – craft of sewing. If only I can find the time."

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Across

- 1 and 18 An indication of the times? (14,4)
- 10 More modern city rejects Queen (5)
- 11 Australia, for one, is untroubled to have current National involvement (9)
- 12 Deliver bulletin (7)
- 13 "College left idiot in charge". What a great story! (7)
- 14 Holy and popish bunkum became the pursuit of wisdom (10)
- 16 Praise God with voice (4)
- 18 See 1
- 19 Pull raincoat out to keep dry (10)
- 23 Version of Marcia Hines "Without A Sin" is called "An Impossible Dream" (7)
- 26 Universal element! (7)
- 27 Support rally (9)
- 28 Race sees the front-runners of the relay incorporating baton etiquette (5)
- 29 New Edition: "Aliens in Mt Ossa!" is an example of this, perhaps (14)

Down

- 2 Defiant Sir William Gunn was shot and had one arm section amputated! (9)
- 3 This storm threw up rubbish and mess over Ohio (7)
- 4 Full store due to refurbishment (6,3)
- 5 Superhuman decapitated by order of the Greeks (5)
- 6 Rabbit, for one, brought up part of a leaf (6)
- 7 It's about me making a return to produce stories (5)
- 8 Paid attention to advertisement stuck on bottom of billboard (7)
- 9 Estranged partner has no right to deceive (6)
- 15 Cryptic clue: He ran with extraordinary strength! (9)
- 17 Talents result from chances to eliminate problem (9)
- 18 Hit somebody (7)
- 20 Fossil fuel is located around the east, mostly near the shore (7)
- 21 26, for example, it can have an unnerving effect? (6)
- 22 Unable to make out a faint cloud (6)
- 24 Contents of woodskin canoe from ancient South American civilisation (5)
- 25 Ticks off America to exclude the Middle East (5)

GOING GREY!

• It has been suggested that the black blocks in all grids published in *Crozworld* be changed to grey ones. One of our members has pointed out that the cost of ink (some \$2,000/litre – and we thought petrol was expensive) inhibits her from printing out *Crozworld*. We know that toner is an expensive component of any printer and it is felt that if we lessen the black blocks it will save on the amount of toner used and thereby make a cost saving. Also, it will make the production of *Crozworld* something that is good for the environment: the fewer toner cartridges used means less bulk in landfill. Accordingly, with this issue of *Crozworld*, Ian Williams has set up all grids with grey blocks. If you have any comments or problems with this initiative, kindly contact Ian Williams.

BONUS PRIZEWINNER

• In our last edition of *Crozworld*, we mentioned that a bonus prize would be awarded for August Slot 1. It's a Crossword Pencil *Tornado* 0.9mm Twist Action with a Huge Eraser! The lucky name drawn from the hat was *Delores Kennedy*. Congratulations Del. We are certain that you will put it to good use in solving your crosswords.

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Double- header by InGrid



Each clue contains two solutions. Solve them and insert the appropriate solution in the appropriate grid.

Post solution to:
**Jean Barbour, PO Box 290,
Wonthaggi Vic 3995.**
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Good grids see p16.

Across

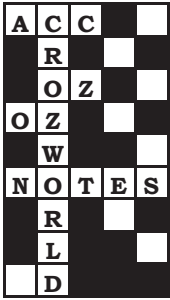
- 1 Blind fool left in vessel? Swell! (5)
- 4 Be so adept over craft that girl can measure border (9)
- 9 Aim to camp at first island on which rogue will again prove his will (9)
- 10 Pale as a chook or a sheet (5)
- 11 Bring a dude over to complete work when carers tend to domestics (10)
- 13 Give the bird some new rentals when Indian local was found in undesirable circumstances (4)
- 15 no clue – see grid (6)
- 16 Naughtiness during bridal waltz is really extreme, but service remains smooth with the strain (8)
- 19 Introduction before the walk of old solitary to the east to pay those in charge (8)
- 20 Circle foremost PC with crucial stuff for a part of it (6)
- 23 Read and saw problems opening file on spike with a nil return (4)
- 25 Resentful about termite bed in melon of certain ash varieties (10)
- 27 Body sculptor sometimes has a single, carbon tipped, copy (5)
- 28 Pure lives become ugly when ordering undiluted measure (in grams) (9)
- 30 Every other sentry gloomy about word development when snug young bear is found near den (9)
- 31 Denied lack of energy then overate at musical about work time (5)

Down

- 1 Town does smell rugged when matched against oddly toned and blended wine (7)
- 2 Hope rang a mental home before arranging to bury lustful speakers during the break (9)
- 3 Done, as you know, getting more than one hot word in (3)
- 4 First friend is over the edge and shy about drink (6)
- 5 Plunged after bellbird when six geese flew from Biblical interpretation (8)
- 6 Shorn more down either end of sheep after first deciding measurement (4)
- 7 Cutting parent short is different to talking balderdash about such food (5)
- 8 Note on girl's residence stinking of making do again (7)
- 12 Damp eyes from a generous talk on cake eaten cleanly at first in den (6)
- 14 Trainee a popular bird with priest and stumbling hat man (6)
- 17 Quarry put off first decree of instrument that is no Rio harp perhaps (9)
- 18 Formerly beat her to fire officer of the dance (8)
- 19 Mistake a twitch as bizarre when style of nap potentially causes hurt (7)
- 21 Stretch out short dish for guard with gout capsule at Indian city (7)
- 22 Put a match to any recital when revolution let rip three times (6)
- 24 Dryness of metal took years to clean out undergrowth) (5)
- 26 Imitate shy page in awe of the royal champion (4)
- 29 Backward in language spoken by the boy, not the short woman (3)

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SOUTHERN CROSS PASSES THE BATON

Shirl O'Brien (affectionately known to us as the renowned compiler *Southern Cross*) has retired from composing crosswords for Brisbane's *The Courier-Mail*. Shirl has always loved words and word games and always did crossword puzzles but was never 'grabbed' by them until



The Courier-Mail started publishing first *The Times*, then soon after *The Guardian* puzzles in 1979. She was hooked! Five years later Shirl was wanting to find Aussie puzzles and in desperation tried her hand at compiling them. She approached *The Courier-Mail* and sold four puzzles on trial; they first published Shirl's puzzles in 1985 and since then she has compiled more than 1200 crosswords for *The Courier-Mail* and many for *The Guardian*. Her last puzzle published on 16 August had the clue: 8ac: Constellation setting for the last time (8,5). Shirl chose the name *Southern Cross* because her initials begin with SO and that the name has 'unashamedly Aussie connections', and the 'Cross' of crossword is there too. In *The Guardian* she uses the name *Auster* – the south wind. Shirl's husband Jack helps out by doing a goodly number of the *Crozworld* puzzles for her these days. The July 2001 Slot-3 was published originally on Shirl and Jack's 50th wedding anniversary (the golden theme). In May 2004, the *The Courier-Mail* published

Shirl's 1000th weekly cryptic crossword. A job well done! Shirl says: "I love *Crozworld* and all the friends it has generated for me, even those I haven't met." Shirl's coveted spot has been taken by our own marvellous compiler David Stickley who will compile the weekly cryptic for *The Courier-Mail* using the cruciverbalmym *The Boxer*.

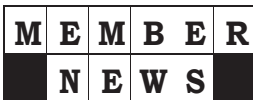
TRIBUTES TO IRENE WATTS

• I too will treasure a recent card from Irene Watts. What a wonderful member she has been. My sympathy goes to Hilary and Barb, but how blessed they were to have Irene for a mother.
Shirl O'Brien

• I would like to pass on my condolences to Irene Watts' family. I met Irene once at one of the luncheons in Sydney and she recited one of her 'Scouse poems'. A lovely lady who will be sadly missed.
Marian Procter

• It was sad to read of the loss of our two members. Irene, in particular, added so much to the club with the wit and wisdom of her popular verses. There's no doubt we will miss them.
Roy Wilson

• Thank you most sincerely for the tributes to Mum (Irene Watts) in the August *Crozworld*. It was wonderful to know how highly Mum was regarded by the ACC and it was humbling to receive so many messages from members with their condolences and memories of my mother. It has been strange this month doing the puzzles without being able to check with Mum to see how she is going on them. It is hard to believe she is gone. Everyone has been very kind since Mum died with messages, phone calls and cards of sympathy. Such support means a lot.
Barb Ibbott



New members: We extend a warm welcome to new members **Greg McAdoo** from Weetangera, ACT and **Adam Brooks** from Brunswick, Vic. Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworlding!*

Clue Writing Competition No 3/2008.

Write a clue for the word KOOKABURRA (10). 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

Closing mail date: Friday 10 October 2008. Book prize.

Miniquiz 7 by Ian Williams

How many words in the English language end with "mt" (excluding derivatives and proper nouns)? Answer: Only 1 – Dreamt.

Miniquiz 8 by Ian Williams: This is an unusual paragraph. Just how quickly can you find out what is so unusual about it? It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is highly unusual though. Study it and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching!

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

eleemosynary *adj.* **1** of or dependent on alms. **2** charitable. **3** gratuitous. [ORIGIN: medieval Latin *eleemosynarius* from Late Latin *eleemosyna*.]

The Australian Oxford Dictionary, Second Edition, 2004
Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$110.00 ISBN 978019557965

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BONUS QUIZ

The Not So Great Quiz by Calathumpian

Many of us would want to be remembered like Charles I of France, Alfred (King of the Saxons), Otto I and Friedrich II of Prussia or Ivan, Peter and Catherine of Russia, each of whom is known to history as "the Great". But what about those who didn't quite make it? Given below, in alphabetical order of their moniker, are the names of 24 rulers from various European Kingdoms and empires, each of whom earned themselves a not-so-great moniker. Your task is to provide the correct moniker; none are repeated. Send your answers to Cally Martin, 4/6 Newman Avenue, Carnegie Vic 3163 or by email callymartin@bigpond.com Closing mail date: Friday 10 October 2008. Book prize.

Name

- 1 Charles (4)
- 2 Phillip (4)
- 3 Louis (5)
- 4 Edward (9)
- 5 Edward (5)
- 6 Philip (4)
- 7 Charles (3)
- 8 Henry (6)
- 9 John (4)
- 10 William (4)
- 11 Charles (3)
- 12 Edward (6)
- 13 Louis (5)
- 14 Pepin (5)
- 15 Charles (6)
- 16 Louis (8)
- 17 Louis (9)
- 18 Louis (8)
- 19 Philip (4)
- 20 Ethelred (7)
- 21 James (4)
- 22 Charles (10)
- 23 Charles (4)
- 24 Louis (7)

August 1-2008: Half 'n Half by InGrid (Jean Barbour)

- Thanks *InGrid* for your 2 halves. 5dn: C+LARE+T where CT = Scan and LARE is a variant form of LORE. *Alan Walter*
- Good starter; I like the Half 'n Half type of puzzle. Well done *InGrid*. *Carole Noble*
- Got bogged down by ENVOI in place of ELCHI – no wonder it didn't feel right. *Andrew Patterson*
- Thanks *InGrid*. This was harder than it looked with plenty of traps that I easily fell into, such as ENVOI instead of ELCHI, and LATEX instead of LUREX. *Michael Kennedy*
- ELCHI, EPHOR and COGUES were new words for me. Not sure how 5dn works. *Jan Wood*
- 28dn: I don't see how 'no' contributes to the clue. 32dn: the second does not quite indicate how the 'xe', 'xe' and 'rod' are put together. [see explanations – IW] *Drew Meek*

August 2-2008: Cryptic by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

- Lovely variety of answers thanks Noel, including 4 x 14 letter answer on the edges. 29ac: HAMERSLEY required careful spelling and 21dn: HONING = keening was a newbie. *Alan Walter*
- I gave 8dn my COTM, *Jesso*. *Carole Noble*
- Thanks *Jesso*. Excellent stuff and it's great to get a full cryptic from you. Great use of connecting clues for added surface. *Michael Kennedy*
- Thoroughly enjoyable "straight" cryptic. *Jan Wood*

August 3-2008: Cryptic by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- 21dn: Neat triangular-shaped neck muscles with interesting plural SCALENI. *Alan Walter*
- I thought we were being served fruit salad with apricots and pineapple. *Carole Noble*
- Some peculiar surface readings, eg 18ac, 28ac, 4dn. 24ac should've been 'Terri and Kay', if anything. *Andrew Patterson*
- Thanks *Virgo*. I loved MINUTE and VEHEMENT especially. *Michael Kennedy*
- Always enjoy *Virgo's* puzzles. *Jan Wood*
- 27ac: guessing at 'student' but I don't understand the clue. (Heads & lit - IW) *Drew Meek*

August 4-2008: S-STARTING GRID by St Jude (Drew Meek)

- Turns = SPINS around and (becomes) cuts = snips, or is it to imply turns around and (becomes) SNIPS? It would appear that a valid case can be made for both SPINS or SNIPS. Thanks for your Super Stunning list of S word answers. Not a gift to enter in all the answers. *Alan Walter*
- Very enjoyable alternative to the A-J with some great clues (PS: I think SNIPS is best but SPINS could be argued). *Brian Symons*
- Simple, just put all the Esses in place and away you go I thought. Not so! *Carole Noble*
- At first I had SAPS instead of SPAS, and this threw me for a while. SEIZING clue assumes the U.S. pronunciation of ZED. I gave STELLAR COTM and SCORPION weakest clue of the month. *Roy Taylor*
- SPOOMING and Screed were obscure words with difficult clues – a tough finish. *Andrew Patterson*
- Suffering Succotash! Such strenuous solving sent s-me spinning. *Michael Kennedy*
- I was ready to give up on this. I was stumped on SCORPION, SPOOMING and SCREED, and for awhile had SAPS in the bottom right-hand corner. Jan Wood Internet wasn't helping, but a cold rainy day today, my trusty old *Chambers* and Hooray! Even if it's not right, they're all filled in! *Jan Wood*
- I'm doing something wrong but what?? One word. One miserable word! *Doug Butler*

August 5-2008: Hexapentagonal by Mother Naga (Del Kennedy and Bob Hagan)

- Big Brother is watching you *Mother Superior!* Loved your clues, and your rules are all okay! GLENN Miller dropping back to GLEN was sneaky though! *Alan Walter*
- I love the brilliantly clued 4-letter words. MOTE is my COTM. *Brian Symons*
- I needed divine intervention to get a few clues, but on the whole a good puzzle. Hope to see more from this (un)Holy Alliance. *Carole Noble*
- OK Brother and mother – what about another? *Roy Taylor*
- Always time-consuming, but a satisfying puzzle. The obscure answers had easy enough clues so that was good. *Andrew Patterson*
- *Mother Naga* – great combination it seems. RANA gets my COTM. *Michael Kennedy*
- I spent hours on this. Couldn't find KOSS on Google, but found it in *Chambers*. Couldn't find BRAK in *Chambers*, but found it on Google. I don't quite understand the clues for 1ac, 2ac and 15ac. *Jan Wood*
- One to sort the sheep from the goats. Even my kids were stumped! *Doug Butler*
- With all due respect to our religious brother and sister, I do feel some of their clues are tenuous if not downright dodgy! Is the remark on the perimeter an in-joke between them? If so, hardly fair to the rest of us. *Margaret Davis*
- Go Mother Superior!! *Robyn Caine*

Explanations to August grids, as and where provided by compiler (for which, "Thank you" Jean and Drew – IW)

Slot 1: Half'n Half by InGrid: Down: 1 anag, **2** c+l+asp, **3** lap+Edge Laser System, **4** anag, **5** C (lare) T, **6** imp+nor is (anag), **7** pre+vent, **8** WHO+list, **13** gRoOvY, **17** e+a+dish, **21** HW FACT OR Some, **22** (b)eer+y, **24** raja backwards, **27** mean+time, **28** miss-s+field, **29** rat+t+led, **30** ici+ness, **34** co+gues(t), **36** leagues-u(anag), **38** affORDable, **40** ThEiR aSsEt.

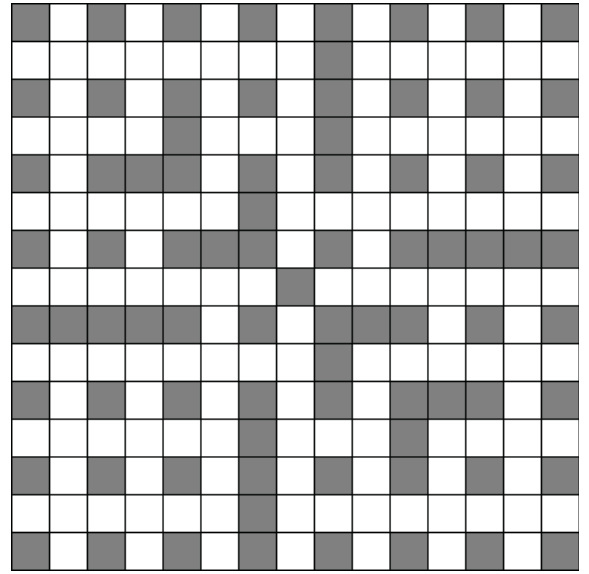
Slot 4: S-STARTING GRID by St Jude:

scorpion; ballista is a nasty piece of work (DOUBLE DEFINITION); **sedatest**; Calmest (DEFINITION) *stead sat* confounded (ANAGIND) (not in *Chambers* but is in *Axword*): **sonsie**; Comely Scot (DEFINITION) layS ON SIEge (to a limited extent) (HIDDEN WORD INDICATOR): **satisfactorily**; Developed (ANAGIND) *arts facility so* competently (DEFINITION): **systems**; Empty cunning (S&Y) stops (STEMS) the procedures (DEFINITION): **Stellar**; Excellent (DEFINITION) way (ST) to start exalting (E) g-god of the house (L-LAR): **sumac**; Existentialist French playwright (CAMUS) reverts (REVERSE LETTERS) to spice (DEFINITION): **saps**; Fools (DEFINITION) who overturned (ANAGIND) *baths*: **sherris**; Haggard woman (SHE) to g-get up endlessly (R-RIS&E) for old drink (DEFINITION) (in *Chambers*): **sasins**; Killers (ASSASSINS) despatch the dismembered donkey (REMOVE THE LETTERS ASS, BUT NOT CONTIGUOUS LETTERS = asSAsSINS - the animals! (DEFINITION): **sensile**; LesSEN SILEnce for display (HIDDEN WORD INDICATOR) affecting the senses (DEFINITION): **slippers**; Loafers (DEFINITION) are mostly slick (SLI) i-individuals (PPERSONS) not working (REMOVE ON) without direction (REMOVE S): **servant**; Maid maybe (DEFINITION) found in unruly (ANAGIND) *taverns*: **stamp**; Mark's seal impression (TRIPLE DEFINITION): **site inspection**; Niceties stop in angry (ANAGIND) work assessment (DEFINITION) (not in *Chambers*/Macquarie): **sash saw**; Old tool (DEFINITION) commandos (SAS) Have Supplied After Warfare starts (INITIAL LETTERS INDICATOR) (in SOED): **sash**; Opens A Show with a band presentation (HIDDEN WORD INDICATOR): **settler**; Pioneer (DEFINITION) group (SET) calls for tea (T) with the French (LE) king (R). **snips**; Turns around (SPINS BACKWARDS) and cuts (DEFINITION).



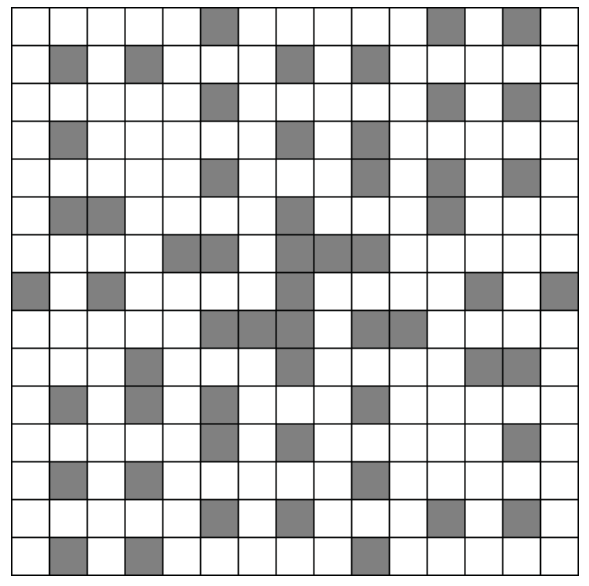
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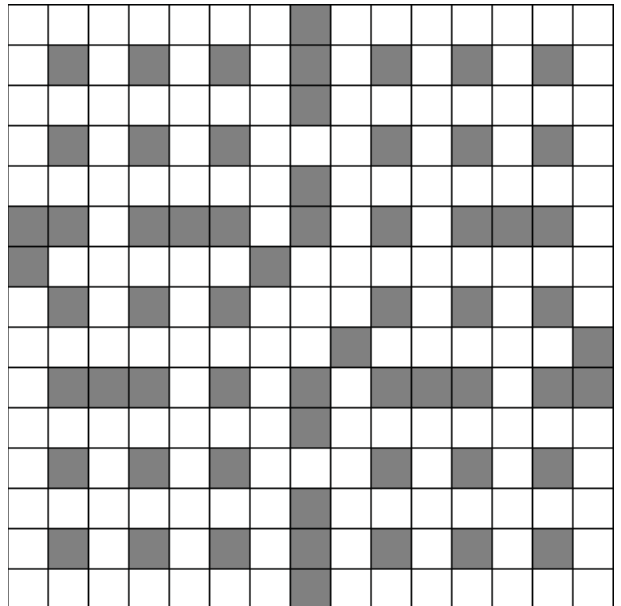
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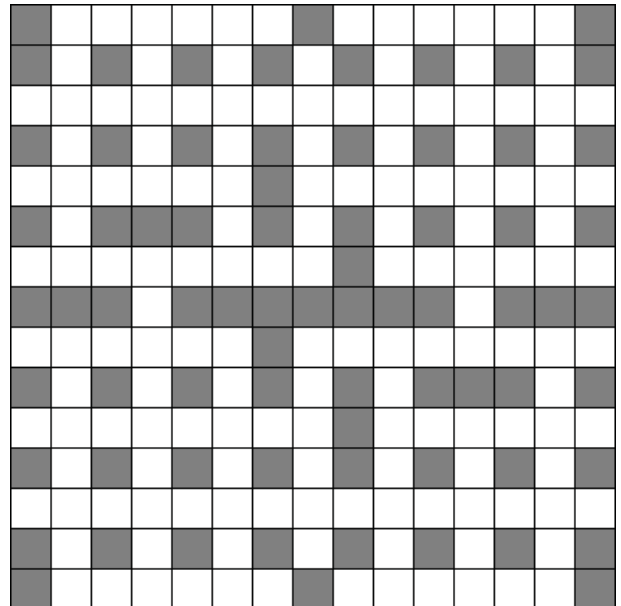
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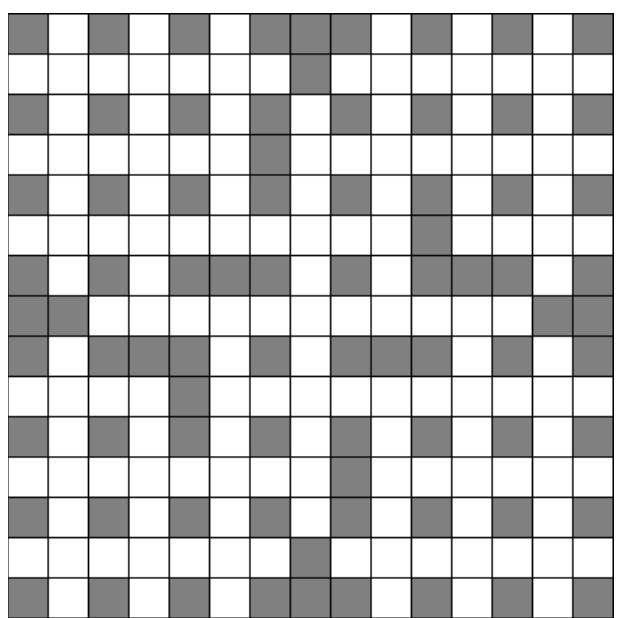
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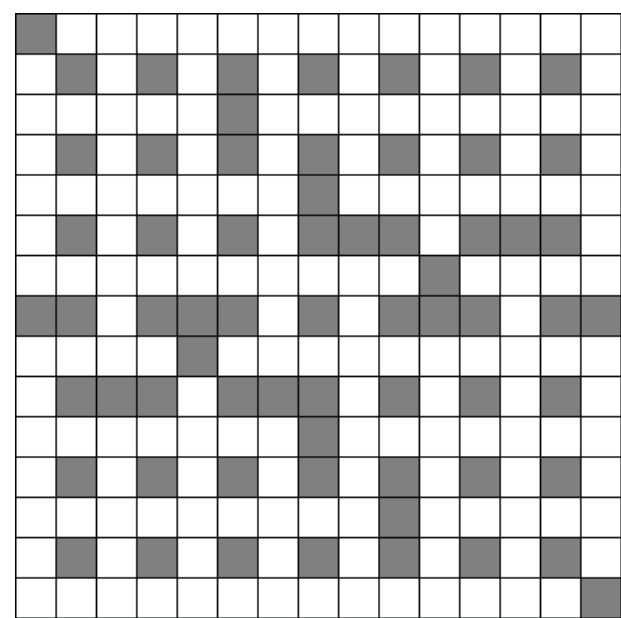
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July 6-2008: Cryptic by Praxis (Roy Wilson)
Entries: 68. Correct: 50. Success Rate: 73.5%.

Prizewinners: Jan Wood and Peter Dearie.

Solvers' Comments:

• Concise and tightly logical setting, as usual! *Denis Coates*
 • A challenge, as always, but a good one – again, as always!! A couple of clues had me scratching my head for a while. When the penny dropped I had to wonder what had taken me so long. I just hope I made the correct choice at 24dn. (Indeed you did, Margaret. See comments below.) *Margaret Davis*

• As usual it was tough but fair and gave my brain and dictionaries a work-out. *John Gillis*
 • You've become a bit classical in your later years. Keep them rolling in. *Bob Hagan*

• Thanks for this crossword – it certainly stretched the brain cells and involved much looking up of words I'd never heard of. *Catherine Hambling*

• Loved it! *Del Kennedy*
 • As usual a wonderful eclectic mix of words! I just loved the word 'macrural', and at first thought it was a term to describe a certain fast-food franchise going country. However, *Chambers* corrected me. It's difficult to choose a favourite clue but it's probably PATELLA for its but clean surface reading. *Michael Kennedy*

• This wasn't an easy puzzle, so I hope it is all present and correct. There were many good clues, as usual with your puzzles, but I really liked 31ac: GNOSIS. *Carole Noble*

• I look forward to your classical allusions when your puzzles appear. I was not let down this time. *Ted O'Brien*

• It's always satisfying to get one of your puzzles to finish the month. *Ron O'Rourke*

• Thanks for another terrific crossword, with the usual quizzical and elusive answers. I did think the clue for LUTEAL was a bit weak. Many clues were inspired, like SEELS. I chose TENOR but hope it is not SENOR. (A wise choice, Roy. See explanation below.) *Roy Taylor*

• Many thanks for your challenging cryptic puzzle. It required a fair degree of concentration to complete. 2dn: Rusa is a genus of deer. In full RUSA deer. Can this genus or adjective be pluralized to RUSAS? (Mmm, probably not, Alan!) *Alan Walter*

• Whew! Almost a month in and I had one word entered – which turned out to be wrong. I'm not an opera fan so I had to do a bit of research. But great cluing brought it all together in the end. Favourite clues were 26dn and 23ac. *Jenny Wenham*

Adjudicator's Comments:

18ac: GANGLAND – nag (to badger - rev)/gland (body part).
27ac: RAYON – ray (a supporting spine in a fin)/on (leg - cricket).
28ac: EC invested in vocalist (alto) = Alecto; one of the Furies of Greek legend. **33ac:** Lad/rone (roof-gutter – Scot). **2dn:** RUSAS – r(US)as – ras: Ethiopian prince. **19dn:** 'Dry land' should have indicated 2 words. **20dn:** Double definition – Anatole France: French novelist and essayist; Nobel laureate. **24dn:** Double definition clue. Direction = tenor (The tenor of the conversation ...) The role of Don Jose in *Carmen* is sung by a tenor. Alas, once again there were transcription errors. —**Praxis (Roy Wilson)**

Explanations:

Across: 1, 17 PROSPER – Prosper/m/Eri(Me)e, 6 BIZET- See 18 dn, 11 LUTEAL – lu(men)/teal, 12 MNEME – m(men - rev)e, 13 ASCETICAL – As/CE/It (rev)/Cal, 14 CARMEN – c/a(R)men, 16 CAGED – C(age)D, 17 MERIMEE – see 1 ac., 18 GANGLAND – nag (rev)/gland, 22 ACERATES – ace/rates, 23 ORCHARD – Or char/d, 27 RAYON – ray/on, 28 ELECTO – Elect/0, 29 PARLANCES – rap (rev)/lances, 30 ECLAT – anag around C, 31 GNOSIS – is after song (rev), 32 SEELS – S(eel)S, 33 LADRONE – lad/rone, **Down:** 1 PLACE – Home/town double def, 2 RUSAS – r(US)as, 3 SEEMS – see/MS, 4 PATELLA – pat/Ella, 5 RICHENED – ric(hen)e/d, 7 INLAID – in/dial (rev), 8 ZEUGMATIC – anag about m(eridiem)/tic, 9 EMCCEED – anag minus Sr., 10 TENDERS – double def, 15 RING CYCLE – ring/cycle, 17 MACRURAL – anag (cur) in anag (alarm), 18 GEORGES – Georges/Biz/ET, 19 DRY LAND – double def., 20 FRANCE – double def. [Anatole France – French writer], 21 BHOPAL – La(hop)b (rev), 24 TENOR – double def, 25 STEIN – s(T.E.)in, 26 POSSE – pos(S)e.

Results of July Bonus Quiz To Be...that is the question by Jack (Jack Stocks)

Prizewinner Carole Noble. Congratulations!

Scores: 25: Bev Cockburn, Susan Howells, Ann Jermy, Gabrielle Leeds, Carole Noble and Alan Walter. **24:** Andrew Miles and Ted O'Brien. **23:** Catherine Hambling, Marian Procter and Norman Wilson. **22:** Robyn Caine, Peter Dearie and Betty Siegman. **21:** Trish McPherson. **20:** Audrey Austin and Valerie Howard.

Adjudicator's Comments:

Not a huge number of entries and most commented on the difficulty. I guess that means many who did not submit had similar problems. Perhaps I should have given *Macquarie Thesaurus* as the source where all phrases used (and hundreds more) appear beginning with "BE". Hence the title meaning add a phrase to "BE". There were some inventive, humorous, and poetic answers that satisfied the clue and deserve a place in the idiom. These were awarded a mark. A list of alternative answers appear in brackets. My apologies for errors in the quiz (Oh! to **BE** perfect), and I made generous allowances where these were concerned. In particular, 14, which should have read 'E-Earth Closet' giving Ees C homophone (imperfect) EASY. Any four letter word starting with E earned a tick, and most four letter eff-words also. It seems that most enjoyed the puzzle as a bit of fun which was my intention.

Answers:

1 able 2 all at sea 3 a shingle short 4 a sport (a match) 5 away with the fairies 6 carried out feet first (beneath the dark waves, blowing the mind apart, beating /bashing out your brain, backing out feet first, banging the high spots) 7 caught short 8 crazy about 9 crooked on 10 dirty on 11 disgusted 12 dismissed 13 early 14 easy (see above) 15 full of beans 16 good value 17 in good spirits (in fine spirits) 18 no great shakes (on solid/level ground) 19 set against (set adrift, set behind, not winning) 20 sold a pup 21 too big for one's boots 22 thin on the ground (tops of the charts) 23 up one's alley 24 weak in numbers 25 with child.

Solvers' Comments

• This Quiz was much trickier to solve than first expected. Some took much concentration to completely solve. The key was in noting that each answer could be preceded by "To be" and that certainly settled the question! Many thanks for your Shakespearean styled Quiz. I found No. 6 the hardest to solve, it was 'mind blowing'.. Disgusted = The GUST has been removed, ie We 'Have wind reduced'! DIS + MISSED, where DIS = God and MISSED = failed. *Alan Walter*

• Thank you for a fun quiz which wasn't easy at all and needed lots of try outs before the right (I hope) answers fell into place. *Bev Cockburn*

• To **be** sure (hack into Jack's computer). *Carole Noble*

• It's amazing how many things it is possible to be. I thought your clues were great. I hope you have some more brain teasers up your sleeve. *Betty Siegman*

• Another interesting and mind-stretching quiz from you!! *Ann Jermy*

• Q3 gave me the most trouble. Days of wracking my brains. Look forward to future puzzles. *Audrey Austin*

• I feel 'I am a sandwich short of a picnic' as I can't get two of the answers and had a couple of guesses. *Marian Procter*

• I struggled with this one. Will be interesting to see the answers. *Trish McPherson*

• Try as I might I can't finish your quiz. I will be eagerly awaiting the results (particularly No 6). I am sure I will kick myself when it is revealed. (be gentle Peter. J) *Peter Dearie*

• Thank you for a wonderful time consuming quiz. I hate it when I get things out in quick time. Number 6 kept me occupied for days. *Ted O'Brien*

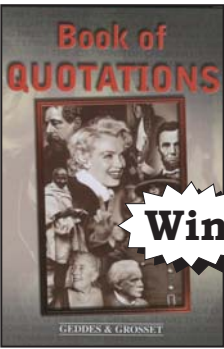
• A number of these are just guesses, with no basis whatsoever for the answers! I love CZARY and LIKE A NOBLEMAN. *Susan Howells*

• Thanks for a fun quiz. *Valerie Howard*

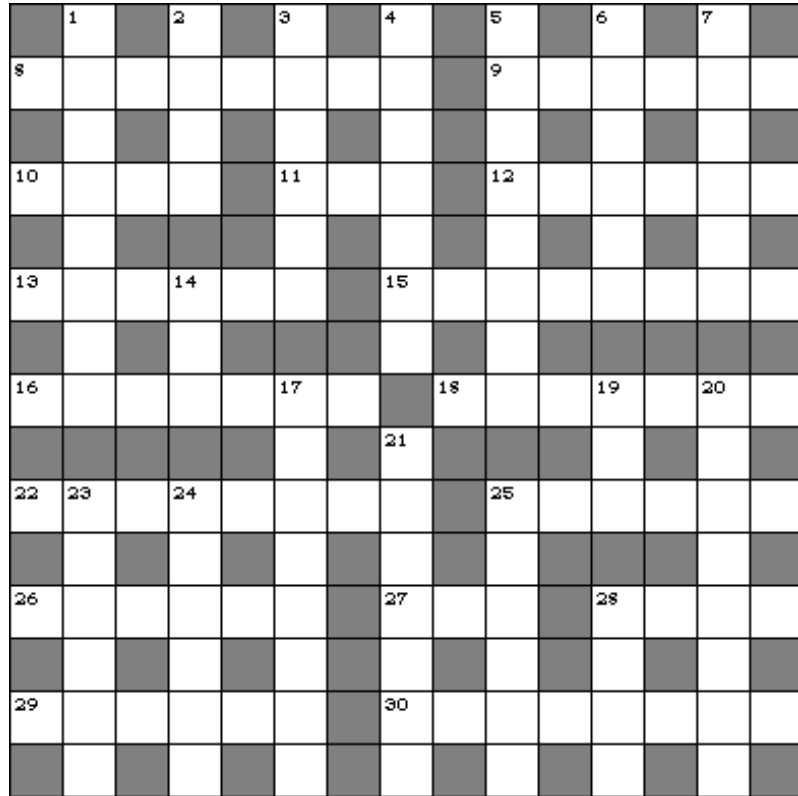
• 'EARLY' made me laugh; so simple and clever. I had to work really hard on 6. *Gabrielle Leeds*

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What's the Answer
by
zinzan



Win!



Solution: _ _ _ _

Instructions: 1. Solve the puzzle. 2. Write down the required answer, evident in the grid. 3. Still no answer? Then take 28 extremely useful letters from the grid and anagrammatise them into the format – 3.13.3,5,4 This will address ‘the problem’ for you! Please note that access to the Internet may be useful after solving the puzzle, but is not necessary to achieving a full and correct solution.

Across

- 8 Condoleezza's complaint – "No hard alcohol!" (4,4)
- 9 Maintained the memory of some blondes running around (6)
- 10 To tan, sit hops in a hot place (4)
- 11 One young bird lost its tail (3)
- 12 Switches were on before this time (6)
- 13 Pull back from the landing in an Isle (6)
- 15 Letting off steam after the final of the equestrian competition (8)
- 16 Preparation for playing tune with gun (7)
- 18 Hell nearly freezes over as spiral structures (7)
- 22 Comes to see about names assumed to be heartless (8)
- 25 Quiet place a collection of songs may take one (6)
- 26 After the joint enterprise, first off her rocker: Alice! (6)
- 27 Clear from 10-across to the left? (3)
- 28 A weakness in Geoff Lawson's short spell (4)
- 29 Herb's news cut through the ambience (6)
- 30 The start of rain interrupting, requires everything inside (8)

Down

- 1 Convulsing, I blame an edible seed (4,4)
- 2 'Sure thing' in soccer terminology (4)

- 3 Time taken for daughter's departure from evil partnership (6)
- 4 Give coverage to elite rowing team, having been stripped of first (7)
- 5 Previously go against the grain, reportedly (8)
- 6 Line something up or it's without directions (6)
- 7 Horse nearly makes that sow's noise? (6)
- 14 Almost hung around to see a bearded antelope (3)
- 17 Nearly smell scents without a set of breathing apparatus (8)
- 19 Girl's name removed from acting school (3)
- 20 Sounds like Mr Charlton and his workplace can be reviewed (8)
- 21 A 9-across smashed to pieces (7)
- 23 Grinds down seed or otherwise (6)
- 24 Neil untidily wraps up a spiky plant (6)
- 25 At work, stood up to chat maybe (6)
- 28 For nearly a pound, an Arabian might deliver it (4)

Post solution to:
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10 October 2008.

Quiz No 9/2008

Quiz No 9/2008



by **Fortuna48**

WILD AND FERAL by **Fortuna48**

Questions may lack definition. Answers are in alphabetical order, and while some have something in common, others are not common at all! Send your answers to Nea Storey, 10 Whiteman St, Wanniasa ACT 2903 or by email: neachy2@netspeed.com.au Closing mail date: Friday 10 October 2008. Book prize.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Tree commonly named for the Don's birthplace (6,9) 2 Amphibious reptilian plant (9,4) 3 eg Guppy or Pearl Cichlid (8,4) 4 Edible communications device (10) 5 Elayne Mitchell's were silver (8) 6 Stick to advertising (4,4) 7 May be found in a down pour? (4,3,4) 8 Continental Nag (8,4) 9 English/German White Anglo-Saxon Protestant? (8,4) 10 Burning Stinger (4,3) 11 eg Mem or Brer (3) 12 They are separated from the ewes etc. (5) 13 Sounds like sub-continental excavator (6,5,) 14 Banjo's oath! (8'1, 5) (or 9'1, 5) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15 Lots of Babes! (4) 16 Not too thorny for <i>Cactoblastis</i>? (7,4) 17 Quiet fastener (6) 18 eg Peter and Cotton Tail (7) 19 A Babe who played basketball on highpoint near Picton (9) 20 Alias 14 (8,4,4) 21 Alias 14 (9,4) 22 Sawtooth sorts American stock (8,7) 23 A group of Babes in the crop! (7) 24 Fish among the stars (9) 25 Wet Bucket on screen (5, 8) <p>Bonus Question worth an extra point:
Botanical name for No.6 (4,7)</p> |
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Compiler Profile: **Fortuna48** (Nea Storey)

"I grew up in country NSW, was one of the first graduates of ANU, and married at 20. Lived in Fiji, Sydney, and Canberra. Worked 4 years as a private secretary, spent 25 years raising a daughter and doing voluntary work, joined the public service in my late fifties, and worked for 9 years, mostly as an Executive Assistant. Am now enjoying retirement: reading, tapestry, crosswords, listening to music and assisting my husband (yes, the same one!) with the paperwork for his business. I confess to being an incurable romantic, with a healthy overlay of cynicism. My *nom de guerre* comes from my former role as Rower No. 48 in the ship *Fortuna* – who remembers the Argonauts Club? Any former rowers?"

Results of Quiz No 5/2008. NOT the fishy type

by **Brian Symons**

Prizewinner: Ted O'Brien. Congratulations!

Entries: 23. Results: 20: Robyn Caine, Bev Cockburn, Graeme Cole, Peter Dearie, Jim Fowler, Catherine Hambling, Nancy Hazell, Susan Howells, Ann Jermy, Andrew Miles, Ted O'Brien, Margaret Steinberger, Jack Stocks, Roy Taylor and Alan Walter. **19:** Pat Garner, Claire McClelland, Carole Noble and Marian Procter. **18:** Audrey Austin, Jenny Wenham and Norm Wilson. **17:** Trish McPherson.

Answers:

- 1 aureole/oriole
- 2 brewed/brood
- 3 clanger/clangour or clangor
- 4 discreet/discrete
- 5 groin/groyne
- 6 heart/hart
- 7 invade/inveighed
- 8 jam/jamb
- 9 kales or nails/kails or kayles
- 10 literal/littoral
- 11 martial/marshal
- 12 mustered/mustard
- 13 pattern/patten
- 14 quire/choir
- 15 signet/cygnnet
- 16 straights/straits
- 17 talk/torque or torc
- 18 trust/trussed
- 19 vale/veil
- 20 wright/rite or right

Solvers' Comments:

- What a challenging and fun quiz. Thank you for a good mental work-out. Robyn Caine
- Thanks for an interesting puzzle. Hope they're awl wright! Roy Taylor
- Great/grate to/two see/sea one/won of these/thee's here/hear. Carole Noble
- Thanks for a tantalizing quiz. Claire McClelland
- Very enjoyable. I love wordplay and this was right up there with the most interesting and challenging. Bev Cockburn

Die-hard

Meaning—

A person who holds stubbornly to a minority view, in defiance of the circumstances.

Origin

The title of the 1988 film *Die Hard* was chosen to signify both the 'hardness' of the lead character and the difficulty that he and the bad guys had in killing each other. In choosing not to hyphenate 'die-hard', which is the currently accepted spelling, they reverted to the original meaning of the term – to 'die hard' was to die reluctantly, resisting to the end. This meaning of the term was recorded in 1703, in *Psychologia: or, an Account of the Nature of the Rational Soul*. The text argues the pros and cons of a condemned man's approach to death: Against this Reason he [William Coward] urges the case of those that die hard, as they call it, at Tyburn who will therefore, according to him, out-brave the Terrors of the Lord. Tyburn, near what is now Marble Arch, in London, was the principal location for public hangings in England until 1785. The 'drop' method of hanging wasn't then in use and the process was sometimes a prolonged affair. There are records showing that some of those who were about to be hanged opted to take the opposite course to the 'die hards' and paid people to hang onto their legs so that they died quickly. There's no evidence however for the commonly repeated notion that this is the derivation of the phrase 'pulling one's leg'. The wider use of the term came into being in the following century. At the Battle of Albuhera in the Peninsula War in 1811, William Inglis, the commander of the British 57th Regiment of Foot, ordered all ranks "Die hard the 57th, die hard!", i.e. to fight until the last. The regiment later became known as the *Die-hards*. In the early 20C, 'die-hard' was more usually used to describe a member of the political faction who were prepared to 'die in the last ditch' in their resistance to the *Home Rule Bill* of 1912. In 1922, the meaning took a step away from actual deaths, toward our present-day figurative meaning, when the members of the Conservative Party who followed the leadership of the Marquess of Salisbury named themselves *The Die-hards*. Like 'zigzag', 'meanwhile', and countless other terms which are coined as two words, later to become hyphenated and later still to merge into a single word, the 'diehard' spelling will probably come to be preferred before long. [Thanks to **A Phrase a Week** (www.phrases.org.uk/meanings) for permission to reprint this article.]

July 7-2008. A Haiku-inspired cryptic by midships (Ian Williams)

Results: Entries 40. Correct 32: Success rate 80%. Winner: David Grainger. Congratulations!

Compiler's comments:

Thank you so much for the good wishes and cards: they make the adjudication of ACC puzzles a pleasure. By their comments most members seem to have enjoyed the puzzle nearly as much as I enjoyed compiling it. Explanations are provided below. I accepted ALES for 13dn in place of my intended PLUS. Very ingenious on the part of three solvers – SEA for “drink” backwards containing L with the definition of more [drinks]. DIADOCHUS gave problems to three solvers: he, and his bishopic of Photice have quite a long entry in *Britannica*, cited as a reference. I was very happy that in our company Eric Chalkley MBE (for services to the newspaper industry, ie crossword setting for many years as *Apex* in many publications) only troubled five solvers. Likewise DABABA, that faraway place in Chad for which I tried to make the construction plain (in my giant *Times*, but perhaps less likely in slimmer volumes), only foxed one, although there may have been some guesses. One solver commented that THEODOR GEISEL (aka Dr Seuss) was spelt differently in some references, but latched onto the correct version – I used the *Britannica* spelling – another came up with DEISEL and another SEUSSE. Some guesses were admitted in respect of the prolific and multi-nommed de plume ELEANOR HIBBERT but only one got her real name wrong.

Solvers' Comments:

- Some nice innovation in the structure. *Ian McKenzie*
- Thanks for your very challenging puzzle. It was very thought-provoking and difficult to complete. In 22dn, if the correct answer is ALBERT, *Chambers* has this as a watch chain rather than a watch [the alternative definition was “may keep (ie retain) watch – m]. Your clue for 17/14ac [ERIC CHALKLEY] proved to be the hardest to get onto the correct wavelength and was quite a buzz to complete. Clue 1dn was another gem to solve, especially finding that the definition was “Department in Chad” rather than “Syrian cloth” [aba]. *Alan Walter*
- You do a mean puzzle. I wonder how many members remember Eric Chalkley (*Apex*) [Guardian, *The Independent* and *The Sunday Times* for many years - m]? He wasn't easy to find. Neither was TSUN [SOED - m], even though you kindly gave it to us as a “hidden”. *Carole Noble*
- Thanks for something different. Especially enjoyed INTESTATE and the ERIC CHALKLEY clue. *Brian Symons*
- My word, I did enjoy your #7 and it was great to see APEX get a guernsey! *Roy Wilson*
- Your puzzle was an enjoyable exercise. I'm not sure of the reasoning behind ALBERT [see above - m]. Also DABABA was not in my atlas but seems to be right. *Bob Hagan*
- Thanks for your really unusual puzzle. I learnt a lot from it and both my *Chambers* and *Google* got an extensive workout. *Bev Cockburn*
- Thanks for your puzzle. It explained one thing – my mother used to have rows and rows of Jean Plaidy books and now I know who was behind them. My only doubt is 20ac which I'm guessing is STRENGTH but the secondary eludes me [*Chambers* gives “strength” as an Oz/NZ term for truth]. *Andrew Patterson*
- Thanks for an interesting puzzle. Think I have most of it, but not sure of DABABA, which I found as a Department of Chad, but not sure where the Syrian cloth fits. ABA? Can't find it [*Chambers* - m]. And my comment on your Haiku inspiration: What a great puzzle/ Eric Chalkley would be proud/Thank you very much. [and thank you, too - m] *Betty Siegman*
- Loved this! You used lots of my favourite people! Got stuck on DABABA for a bit (read for a **long** time) until I went to trusty *Google*. *Del Kennedy*
- This was an interesting puzzle which required quite a bit of soul searching as well as internet searching! For 20ac I had to choose between SERENITY and STRENGTH. As I am not very WIZARD of OZ literate or STAR WARS literate, I couldn't really justify either solution but finally chose the latter. Here's hoping! *Catherine Hambling*
- Big challenge. Found most of the “verse” clues quite obscure. Devastated when Doctor Seuss wouldn't fit into 23-26ac, but *Encyclopaedia Britannica* helped. Loved your clue for 21dn, it should have been eligible for COTM. *Jan Wood.*

- Mr Chalkley had me totally bamboozled as I had never previously heard of him – thank God for *Google*, though it wasn't easy and I followed a few red herrings on the way! For some time I had been resigned to being unable to submit this – and I do not like quitting, so decided to give it one last shot. I really liked your clue for 18dn – any clue that brings a smile to this grumpy old face must be a good one. I guess as Slot 7 it cannot be nominated for COTM – however well done. *Pat Garner*
- Not as difficult as I first thought, but it did take a little while to get my head around it. I particularly liked 18dn. *Jenny Wenham*
- Thank you for the puzzle. It has been a slow grind for me. I found it difficult but very satisfying to complete. *Ron O'Rourke*
- Thanks for a very challenging puzzle. *Robyn Caine*
- Thanks, Ian – some very nice clues/answers here. I particularly enjoyed INTESTATE. *David Grainger*
- Whew – that was a challenge. Took me forever to get 14ac. *Trish McPherson*
- I'm inspired. *Crossword and haiku/ Puzzle partners by midships/ Please show me the dot. [My dear Manveru /I'm pleased to confer on you /The requested dot! m]* Your challenging puzzle was tough – well suited for a Slot 7. I wonder if this is the first haiku puzzle of its kind? [Hope so – I've not seen another – m] Loved INTESTATE and LIT UP. Not sure how STRENGTH works, assuming it's even correct.[t'is spot on – see explanations below – m]. *Michael Kennedy*

- I never did understand haiku – any more than I understood your crossword. I almost completed it before the penny dropped but at last it is finished, correctly I hope. Brilliant again. *Steve Trollope*
- Thank you for an excellent literary crossword. I enjoyed solving the puzzle and it was great to see the authors emerging as the puzzle was solved. *David Procter*
- This is as far as I could go without reference. Where the hell was Photice? [in the fifth Century it was in Epirus (Epeiros) then under Roman control – now Macedonia – m] *Seventeen “leaves” the/ haiku has. Alas it was/not my cup of tea.* *Maurice Cowan*
- Not completely sure that I've bested it but I've done my best. I found it challenging but very satisfying when the answers started to fall into place – especially when I tracked down Eric Chalkley. Thank you. *Kath Harper*
- Thank you for another challenging puzzle. I'm not certain about one or two of my answers but here they are anyway. Thank you for one or two really easy ones which gave me a start. *Margaret Davis*

Explanations:

Across: 5/1 aka Lewis Carroll, 10/11 as Curren Bell wrote novel *The Professor*, 12 *SOED*, 14 Eric Chalkley – *Apex* – awarded OBE for “services to the newspaper industry” [as a crossword setter], 17/9 As George Orwell, wrote *Wigan Pier*, 1984 [Winston Smith] and *Animal Farm* [Napoleon the pig], 19 HW wide-mouthed Chinese vessel (*SOED*), 20 DD [*Chambers* has STRENGTH as truth (Aust and NZ)], 23/26 aka Dr Seuss, 29 B+ Lizards (phonetic), 30 UK + AS + E, 31/32 Wrote as Jean Plaidy, Victoria Holt, Kathleen Kellow, etc, etc, etc.

Down: 1 department of Chad DAB + ABA, 2 anag – Diadochus of Photice (theologian, mystic, (5C), Epirus (*Britannica* 2006), 3 anag, 4 (k)nock-(k)nock joke – horrible pun, 5 CHA (N) T, 6 anag, 7 DD, 8 heads, 13 SU (L) P backwards, 15 play on 13, 16 DD, 18 pun, 21 pun, 22 DD Albert Hall and a chain that keeps a watch, 24 ELI + TE, 25 (B)R (AR) ER, 27 HW, 28 Solomon Asch – gestalt psychologist anag.

**Results: Column 7 page 2
Solution to July Slot 7 by midships**

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Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 3/2008.
Write a clue for BRIDGE (6) Adjudicated by Steve Trollope

Definitions of BRIDGE (from Search Chambers, an on-line version of *Chambers 21st Century Dictionary*, combined with *Chambers Thesaurus* and *Chambers Biographical Dictionary*)

Noun, 1. a structure that spans a river, road, railway, valley, ravine or other obstacle, providing a continuous route across it for pedestrians, motor vehicles or trains. 2. anything that joins or connects two separate things or parts of something, or that connects across a gap. 3. on a ship: the narrow raised platform from which the captain and officers direct its course. 4. the hard bony upper part of the nose. 5. in a pair of spectacles: the part of the frame that rests on the bridge of the nose, connecting the two lenses. 6. on a violin, or guitar, etc: a thin, movable, upright piece of wood, etc which supports the strings and keeps them stretched tight. 7. dentistry a fixed replacement for one or more missing teeth, consisting of a partial denture that is permanently secured to one or more adjacent natural teeth. 8. elec engineering a type of electrical circuit for measuring resistance, etc. 9. billiards, snooker, etc a raised support with a long handle, on which the end of the cue can be rested, eg when playing an awkward shot. 10. cards a game which developed from whist, for four people playing in pairs, in which the partner of the player who declares trumps (the declarer) lays down their cards face upwards, for the declarer to play them. **Verb**. 11. to form or build a bridge over (eg a river or railway). 12. to make a connection across something, or close the two sides of (a gap, etc). 13. elec engineering to make an electrical connection

I received eight clues this month, as shown below. All but one are fine examples of Ximenean crosswording. The winner this month is

**Beginrd: a word absurd and stirred
 when changed around as planned...
 Reveals, in legends you have heard,
 where Horatius made his stand**

by **Arthur Barrett**. The clue refers to the legend recorded by Thomas Babington Macaulay (1800-1859) in his poem *Horatius*, where Horatius and two other Roman warriors defended the city of Rome against a 50,000 strong Etruscan army. This gave time for the Pons Sublicius (the first bridge to span the Tiber) to be destroyed. I love this clue, with its iambic meter, especially the first line's rhyming rhythm. The clue meets all the requirements of *Ximenes*, with the additional advantage of its novelty value.

For the guidelines which I have used to determine the winner, see the March 2006 *Crozworl*d. I have written each clue to identify the **definition (in bold)** and the *indication (in italics)*, and underneath I have added some comments.

Ms Jones removes tank top to reveal rest

The clue refers to Bridget Jones's Diary, a column written in *The Independent* by Helen Fielding. BRIDGET minus T (tank top) gives BRIDGE (see definition 9).

Turn stop off and cruise around No4 Kings **Cross**

Submitted as a Reflex Clue, which is defined as a clue which you are unlikely to be able to solve until you know the answer. This type of clue relies on letters from intersecting words giving additional hints. Try to solve this clue, then look at the end of this article to confirm your reasoning.

Newly-wed takes groom's lead to become **couple**

BRIDE including G (groom's lead) gives BRIDGE (see definition 12)

Assume positions for the news

I can't identify that 'assume' is a synonym for 'bridge', so this clue only provides an indication of the answer. It suggests, somewhat abstrusely, a connection to the four points of the compass as being the positions assumed by the players in a game of bridge. This would not be considered a fair clue by Ximenes.

I'd invested in British Rail and General Electric for a **crossover game**

ID between BR and GE gives BRIDGE (a card game, or a way of life once you become hooked).

Beginrd: a word absurd and stirred when changed around as planned...

Reveals, in legends you have heard, **where Horatius made his stand**

an excellent novelty clue, successfully meeting the Ximenean principles and this month's winner.

Game *bride wore a g-string (without accord, I hear)*

A card game developed from BRIDE and G (GSTRING minus string - a cord).

Girl loses her shirt at **card game**

Another card game clue, again with Bridget losing T (this time her T shirt, rather than her tank top).

Reflex Clue - identifying G as the fourth letter of Kings gives a good start. This leaves BRIDE. This breaks down to B (Bend minus end - stop off) plus RIDE (tour). Overall this leads to the verb BRIDGE, meaning cross. The use of Kings Cross, being a well known term, helps to hide the definition part of the clue and adds considerably to the clue's difficulty. How many of you could have solved this clue without knowing the answer?

Thanks to Bob Hagan and Noel Jessop.

SLOT 6 GOOD GRIDS

