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Dictionary, n. A malevolent literary device for cramping the growth of a language and making it hard and inelastic.
Ambrose Bierce, 1911, *The Devil's Dictionary*.

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David Astle 'Mr Dictionary' has released another book. This one is titled *Riddledom* and contains 101 riddles and their stories. For example: Why are ladies like arrows? When is a bird not a bird? What do you call a nun with a washing machine on her head? DA has already written two novels, plus five non-fiction works such as *Cluetopia*, *Puzzled* (1 and 2), *One Down*, *One Missing*, *Offbeat Australia* and now *Riddledom*. We have made several of these books prizes for some of our *Crozworld* Slot puzzles and they have been well received. So we will be making DA's latest book a Slot prize soon. You will remember DA as the dictionary expert on that popular show SBS's *Letters and Numbers* and you have probably solved his tough cryptics in Friday's *The Age* or *The Sydney Morning Herald*. See p9 for further details.

Our accomplished Puzzle Editor, **Ian Williams**, has selected another outstanding set of excellent puzzles for you this month. Distinguished puzzlers like *Virgo*, *Manveru* and *Both Sides* are there for your ongoing enjoyment plus another skilful offering from *Bogeyman* in Slot 5. Our brilliant compiler *Betelgeuse* has given us another of her challenging puzzles in the slot 6 and *Raoul* will entertain you with his cryptic puzzle in Slot 7. A new compiler *Elsie* has contributed the Slot 2 puzzle and you can read her interesting profile on p4. And *The Eager Beaver* has submitted another fascinating Quiz titled *The A-Z of Extremities*.

Our brilliant Clue Writing Competition Adjudicator **Michael Kennedy** challenged clue-writers to devise a clue for **TROUBLESHOOT (12)** and his results together with his insightful comments and analyses from the entries submitted can be found on p16.

Best of Luck with your solving this month. —Patrick

What an interesting month to adjudicate! A month of two clues. Although anagrams are often the easiest of cryptic clues, nevertheless beware, check, do not rush or assume. Even many of our most experienced solvers fell into the – perhaps unintentional – traps.

Slot 1: Few errors apart from typos. Only WRECK (w + ist letters of next 4 words) caused any trouble.

Slot 2: A popular puzzle with its rhyming couplets. The three main mistakes were LIFESERVERS for timeservers, misspelling of DEPRECATE x 5, and SILVERIZES, SILVERISED and SILVERISER (must end in 20dn rises).

Slot 3: Mainly spelling errors though IRAQI and SHAPE UP cost a few dots. The requested explanation of PRINTING is in Members' Comments on p10. Several members questioned, I think correctly, IRANI in this context. A citizen of Iran is an Iranian.

Slot 4: A difficult AJ to orientate. In fact two separate orientations were possible and accepted. PENDULEM and various other one-offs occurred but the big culprit was DISQUIETED (26 times) (Dis + anagram of queen and it = DISQUIETEN). ZANDER x 4 fits the definition but not the clueing.

Slot 5: SPECULAR caused a few errors but HEPTATHLON was answered as PENTATHLON 21 times! (anagram of help on that).

COTM: 38 separate clues were nominated for COTM!! Eventually OWNER DRIVER with 8 votes was the winner. Congratulations to *The Lady & The Scamp* (Bev Cockburn and Len Colgan). Well done! LLOYDS REGISTER by the late Noel Jessop was the only other one with more than 2.
—Brian Symons

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	109	99	100	100	91	499
Correct entries	99	75	83	60	59	376
Success rate (%)	91	76	83	60	65	75
Prizewinners	Alison Hocking	David Bennett	Alison Shield	Jean Evans	Dale McManus	from 112 members

Prizewinner: August 2015 Slots 1-5: Ulla Axelsen. Congratulations!

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August 1-2015

Word search grid for August 1-2015 with words like VIBRATE, APPLES, DEALERS, etc.

August 2-2015

Word search grid for August 2-2015 with words like SHCT, WINGDING, PEEWEE, etc.

August 3-2015

Word search grid for August 3-2015 with words like ADJECTIVE, KAFKA, HOUSECALL, etc.

August 4-2015

Word search grid for August 4-2015 with words like BFMY, JEALOUS, IMPETUS, etc.

August 5-2015

Word search grid for August 5-2015 with words like CUMS, SHIE, HENBANE, etc.

July 6-2015

Word search grid for July 6-2015 with words like SINCETHEN, ARROW, RETICENCE, etc.

MEMBERS RESULTS for August 2015 Slots 1-5 & July Slots 6-7

Table of member results for August 2015 slots 1-5, listing member names and slot completion status.

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**Half 'n Half
by
Virgo**

Prize:



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Each across solution has a connection with the clue and those solutions themselves are consistent with a theme. The form of one other solution is not in *Chambers* or *Macquarie* but is in *SOED* and *Collins English Dictionary*.

Across

- 1 Sin (8)
- 5 No (6)
- 10 Tenterfield (7)
- 11 Pat (7)
- 12 Master (4)
- 13 Town (5)
- 14 Lakeland (4)
- 16 Touch (6)
- 18 Night (8)
- 21 Ship (8)
- 22 Baseball (6)
- 24 Captain (4)
- 26 Character (5)
- 27 Movie (4)
- 31 Olympic (7)
- 32 Dispensing (7)
- 33 Page (6)
- 34 Classical (8)

Down

- 1 Copper to dry unit (5)
- 2 Communist assault with capsicum (3,6)
- 3 Not busy, Eric? (4)
- 4 Initially you liked it. Recently I attempted climbing in a light-hearted way (6)
- 6 Kick out of tournament without justice (4)
- 7 14 male changing the rhythm (5)
- 8 Recalcitrance of teen – nicer when resolved (9)
- 9 Struggling traps an old warrior (7)
- 15 Dodge about in sadomasochism (4)
- 16 Measure map as aid to planning (4,5)
- 17 It's oh, very large, up in London (4)
- 19 Keeps principal saint working (9)
- 20 Peacekeepers' men do the twist! (7)
- 23 Jacket in the shop on choirmaster (6)
- 25 Else book that woman! (5)
- 28 Eddy, too confused when into writing and arithmetic, say (5)
- 29 Helium, note, is present (4)
- 30 Look both ways! (4)

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Slot 2
by
Elsie



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Across

- 1 President's flipped – removing the head of king beetle (6)
- 5 Turn up very quiet film, Pinocchio perhaps (6)
- 9 Eliminate, initially, every negative risk from an incorrect, compounded drug that might cause sleep (8)
- 11 Spooner's worker to score allowance (6)
- 12 A kind of bicycle somewhat extravagant and embellished (6)
- 13 Ultimately, men in odd jeans might be turtles (6)
- 14 Even offered commission (3)
- 15 Case of Swede leaving to get married (3)
- 17 A type of joint, known to be evacuated with ease, we hear (4)
- 18 Great deal of hair (4)
- 20 Way you might irritate your eye (4)
- 22 Slight, vague hint (4)
- 24 Dip a piece of sausage (3)
- 26 Spot doublet without slip of blue (3)
- 28 Slowly row around Silver Island (6)
- 29 Friendly mother's heading off after child (6)
- 30 Violin folder contains identical violin strings (6)
- 31 It's overcast and humid (8)
- 32 Hearing why one abrupt communist goes back over there (6)

33 Cherish extreme attention (6)


Down

- 2 It may be a travesty to burn candles regularly (7)
- 3 Withdraw ludicrous decree (6)
- 4 Utah's top soldiers after scrap asphalt (7)
- 6 Sounds like Dad cut a sort of vegetable (7)
- 7 Delivers mad rant on servant's first iron – starts to really smoke (9)
- 8 Perhaps a degenerate zebra lacks resistance in wild gales (9)
- 10 Argumentative doctor's not nice to us (11)
- 15 Fantastic flower arrangement, including the heads of numerous daffodils and ursinias (9)
- 16 Cowardly lad darts all over the place, close to Muttley (9)
- 17 Guide East in Kentucky (3)
- 19 Invoiced a motel! (3)
- 21 For example, Galilei's first and foremost an intellectual genius, perhaps (7)
- 23 Prefer half of income thread (7)
- 25 Perhaps I'm a man with a bald patch in the middle and a kind of gas (7)
- 27 Turned over and heated with spices (6)

Compiler profile: Elsie (Claire Louise Clark) Elsie has enjoyed solving cryptic crosswords since the early 1990's, when she tackled the London *Evening Standard* crossword every weeknight. She graduated from Edge Hill University College in 1997 (BA Hons Urban Policy and Race Relations with English) and moved to sunny Brisbane in 2000 where she kept up her crossword interest and would occasionally tackle *The Boxer* in the *Courier-Mail*.

She started setting her own clues through a Facebook group called "Cryptic Crossword Society" and is particularly grateful to two Indian crossword enthusiasts she met on the site called Ramki Krishnan and Sanket Shrivastava. They both helped shape her cluing techniques. Elsie is married to Barry and has two lively boys: Samuel aged 11 and Peter aged 13. She works for a fantastic disability support service that really keeps her on her feet during the day.

She has not published a crossword before, but has shared her work with Christine Lovatt, who provided her with encouraging words and the motivation to continue with her love of setting. Elsie has been delighted by her warm welcome to The Australian Crossword Club. "Elsie" was a childhood nickname and is also a homophone that can be heard in her initials.

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Across

- 7 Tasmanian animal disease, facially malignant (5)
- 8 Periods of extra-time sees each player smashing sixes from the start (4,5)
- 10 A love affair involving head of Royal Mail (6)
- 11 Meetings to contest float? (8)
- 12 Look to secure role outside Academy – not United (8)
- 13 Sprite after removing top is bubbly (4)
- 15 Mug shocks bishop and scrubs out *Catholic* from sacred composition (6)
- 17 Bug editor on the phone (6)
- 20 see 6
- 22 A chart turned upside down featuring a name or a type of picture (8)
- 25 Coalition extraordinarily failing to secure one Australian farm (8)
- 26 Live with a mauled leg from small shark (6)
- 27 Dine out over her sex appeal that is genetically acquired (9)
- 28 Commanding officer, King and soldier – one is the Queen's favourite (5)

Down

- 1 Go-getter runs to tire out – always chasing (9)
- 2 Around end of Cretaceous, I went out! (8)
- 3 This person is eager to row about mistake (7)
- 4 Satirical poems featuring two farm animals in Erse, oddly (8)
- 5 Street, in need of repair, is prone to gridlock? (6)
- 6 and 20 Bluetooth, perhaps a kind of canine (5,4)
- 9 Motorcade transporting one who could make a big splash (4)
- 14 *Science for Beginners* function changed my logo (9)
- 16 Translated folio epics include 101 Roman characters, to be exact (8)
- 18 One can tell a Republican traitor nothing following Nationalist rule (8)
- 19 King Charles, for instance, reformed Naples with invasion of Italy (7)
- 21 Bewildered by a puzzle with dogs at the forefront (6)
- 23 Points made from offence held up over book (4)
- 24 Harry Houdini worked without eyes, reportedly (5)

GENERAL COMMENTS

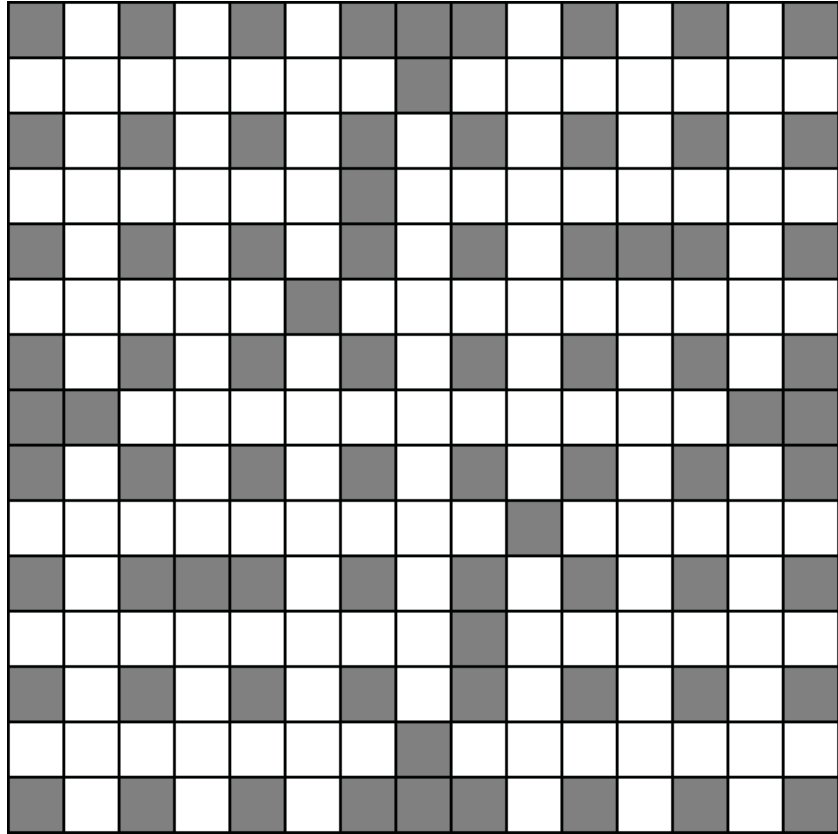
- Was thrilled to receive my \$75 prize for July's slot 2 – perfect timing as it coincided with my 65th birthday!
Patricia Abbott
- I would like to pass on my thanks to the adjudicator who plucked my name out of the hat as winner of Quiz 6. I was delighted, as this is the first time in the years of my membership that I have won a quiz.
Barbara Glissan
- The usual challenging selection of puzzles. Liked slot 2ac rhyming clues.
Peter Dearie
- As always some new words to add to the vocabulary.
Bob Hagan
- A great batch of puzzles as always. I never cease to be amazed at the great themes presented by our compilers. The undefined clues in slot 5 were clever and I loved slot 2. Ages since I've heard the expression teensy-weensy.
Betty Siegman
- It is always fun to discover new words such as bebeeru, porsena and mussel duck.
Jean Evans
- Stunned at the cleverness of the compilers.
Eileen O'Brien
- Many thanks for the slot 4 July prize.
Roy Taylor
- Love Accolade.
Gabriel Fuller
- Very clever and great fun with all those rhyming words in Slot 2.
Hilary Cromer

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AJ
by
Both Sides



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



- A** He takes bids to sell beer with no head (10)
- B** Returning commode, Robert assumes disinterest (7)
- C** Charlie reveals secret onsets! (9)
- D** The German drummer captures Jedda's heart with bold action (7-2)
- E** Pierce sent flying directly over major upheavals (10)
- F** Wealth dug up in Rue Font (7)
- G** Information has no bearing for these Italian citizens (7)
- H** That woman, a Goddess (4)
- I** Is alarmed to see plant of quillwort genus (7)
- J** Holy man surrounded by mockery of buffoons (7)
- K** Due to movement, cattle tick can be heard (7)
- L** Old-gold coin for Sun King, eg (5)
- M** Created mayhem mate, pulling a hammy at athletics competition (4)
- N** Goddess (Isis) emends in retrospect (7)
- O** Opening overflow spout (6)
- P** Exotic pomp displayed by country commanding loud, rhythmic sound effects (3,5)
- Q** 13 Cards on board (11)
- R** Quire re-written by Em for Mass (7)
- S** Stable cat? It's spoilt rotten! (6)
- T** Aquatic birds fly around coral formation and tropical plants (4,5)
- U** A French tea-set ornate and naughty (8)
- V** Old queen loves male to rev engine (5)
- W** Girl gives cyst hot and cold treatment (5)
- X** Hybrid oxen with gene of sibling, produce something altogether different (11)
- Y** Skipping university, you're stung badly, baby (9)
- Z** Trace of breeze becalms sailing ship (5).

GENERAL COMMENTS continued from p5:

- Thank you for lovely prize last month. What a lovely surprise!
- Many thanks for my prize cheque for the July competition. The money always comes in useful!
- Can't imagine life without these crozzes and you clever compilers. Well done.
- I think Accolade is brilliant!
- I haven't sent in an entry for a looong time; this was such an easy way to submit! Thank you.

*Sonia Roulston
Roger Douglas
Sue Robertson
Laurence Kennedy
Mary Dodd*

From Riddledom by David Astle

- Why is a raven like a writing desk? One is a pest for wrens, the other is a rest for pens.
- What was the first scene at the Chicago fire? Kerosene.
- Why is a turnpike like a dead dog's tail? Because it stops a-waggin'.
- And where will that kind of monster find sympathy? Under S in the dictionary.
- What sort of key climbs trees? A monkey.
- Why is O the noisiest vowel? Because all the rest are in audible.
- What's the difference between a jailer and a jeweller? One watches cells, the other sells watches.
- What's the difference between a dasher and a haberdasher? One has short spurts, the other sport shirts.
- How does the snail keep his shell shiny? With snail polish.

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Cryptic by Bogeyman


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Across

- 1 Type of spaniel to assist monarch in jail escape? (8)
- 7 Monarch's father has sex appeal and toughness (4)
- 11 Smelly boy immersed in book (5)
- 12 Australian decoration given to men having nothing – so tender? (7)
- 13 Bird having attendant taking black, ancient transport (7,5)
- 16 Relaxes, as I would shortly with the French (5)
- 17 Adrian, fly wildly to mythical place (9)
- 19 Henry follows Republican into temple, causing anger (5)
- 20 International institution's party reverse (4)
- 22 Phase-angle element is all over the place (4)
- 23 Unknown, colloquially, is at home to unimportant person (5)
- 25 Precursors of 3 displaying treats containing tip of hollyhock flower (3,6)
- 27 Coastal town to note, friend (5)
- 30 Affirmations on a series of races by electronic post succeeded (12)
- 31 Equine or porcine portion? (7)
- 32 Medals for working surrounded by children's horses (5)
- 33 In the middle of Lake Erie, tracks – strangely frightening (4)

34 Dry, comfortable home is most calm (8)

Down

- 1 Propitiatory gifts – in a high degree an afterthought (4)
- 2 God found returning in plus fours perhaps? (7)
- 3 Cooler sporting judge to arrange time on hill (12)
- 4 Arrive at fashionable iron rule (5)
- 5 Scot's gone, heading after Georgia (4)
- 6 Folk hero heard to be stealin' American bonnet (5,4)
- 8 Richards' American magazine maybe? (7,5)
- 9 Composition from Versailles after Ravel has left for British homelands perhaps (5)
- 10 Plays and dances in emporia beloved by children (8)
- 14 "Cry list" is assembled for the likes of Hammerstein and Lerner (9)
- 15 Agreement with Lucifer! (5)
- 17 Boring tea for live-in companion (8)
- 18 Routes back from Arsenal (5)
- 21 Beatings covering the old discolourations (7)
- 24 Set fire to about 1.6 pints approximately (5)
- 26 Divine grace lacking court association (5)
- 28 For equal value, take salmon (4)
- 29 Power of trans-sonic plane is a means of gaining attention (4)

Some Weird and Wonderful Words by Erin McKean, OUP, 2002.

- **Argute**: an adjective meaning 'shrewd'. Arising in the 16C from a Latin word meaning 'clear or sharp', it is a very rare word used only in scholarly or literary writing.
- **Ascesis**: the practice of self-discipline. Fittingly enough, it comes from a Greek word meaning 'to exercise'. Many people need to exert the *ascesis* to the utmost in order to force themselves to exercise.
- **Brume**: a poetic term meaning 'mist' or 'fog'. It arose in the early 19C and came from a Latin word for 'winter', as did the adjective *brumous*, meaning 'foggy or wintry'.
- **Eagre**: a wave of unusual height, especially a tidal wave up a narrow estuary. The origin remains unknown.
- **Foudroyant**: an adjective meaning 'thundering, noisy'. This word comes from a French word meaning 'to strike with lightning'.
- **Inunct**: a very rare word meaning 'to apply ointment to someone or something'.
- **Meliturgy**: honey-making or bee-keeping. From a Greek word meaning 'bee-keeping'.
- **Nundination**: buying and selling, trade. From the Latin word *nundine*, a market-day held every eight (by Roman counting, nine) days.
- **Orcost**: poverty, indigence. This word comes from an Old Norse word meaning 'want'.

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Displaced Definitions by Betelgeuse



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Clues are normal cryptic except for the definition, which in each case will be found in another clue having the same number of letters. Word length indicators refer to the defined word in its actual place in the grid. For example, if the solution to be inserted at 5ac was LOOK OUT, it might be defined in 11ac as "...beware..." but the indication (4,3) would appear in the clue for 5ac. One solution is not in the normal references but is in *Collins English Dictionary*.

Across

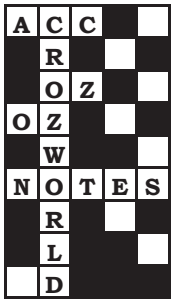
- 1 Retrieved flowers turn out to be a lot (5)
- 5 Gone by lines in lots of paperbacks! (7)
- 11 Stench follows other dodgy rodents (7)
- 12 Amateur operatic heroine about to be rescued (5)
- 13 Dress for a cold house (4)
- 14 Night bird retires topless dressing gown and is accepted by the conservative church (8)
- 15 Time pieces incorporated lengths of brass (3,3)
- 18 Blade idiot retrieved to make an old instrument (7)
- 21 New broom heard to satisfy home for higher living perhaps (9)
- 22 Saudi not one to cultivate rain-loving plant (9)
- 24 Inordinately pleased by butterfly (7)
- 28 Hotel in the country provides coolness (6)
- 29 A good scrap, for instance, comes back to condemn one (8)
- 30 Let out piggy noise – not grand! (4)
- 31 Mule trained for a US city (5)
- 32 Fur hats needed for sleeping apartment with a chill (7)
- 33 More compact transport for insects, say? (7)
- 34 Type of soil, except on the delta (5)

Down

- 1 Frugal, sorts string that is to be recycled (8)
- 2 Helped? Hell, I mop all over the place! (8)
- 3 Year Chairman retired after league upset (5)
- 4 Three cavort on the river grasses (9)
- 6 A few years on a low note? (6)
- 7 Big eaters tuck into ravioli on Elton John's birthday (6)
- 8 Court leading lyricist after vocal hits led CD collections (9)
- 9 English with German capital? (4)
- 10 Run drug, anything very small (4)
- 16 Signs one amateur ignored tests of proficiency (9)
- 17 Those who want to scratch after tin of old drink (9)
- 19 One not into sensitivity became bristly (8)
- 20 Dreadful disasters right away with money changing (8)
- 22 An unfortunate encounter with a piece of fruit, say? (6)
- 23 Man, degenerate, books out (6)
- 25 Bad mark perhaps for a theologian (5)
- 26 Cereal stew? Not quite! (4)
- 27 Smear – one to stick partly (4)

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Explanations to August 2015 Grids

Note: cd = cryptic def., dd = double def., rev or < = reversal, homophones are written in quotes, anagrams as anag or (---)*, and removals as lower case, hw or hidden = hidden word. Explanations provided by individual compilers may vary from this format.

Slot 1: Timid Terrier. Down: 1 very + light, 2 ball + o + on, 3 ad + it, 4 DD, 5 e + asier (init), 6 (m)aria, 7 ps + alter, 8 lau(n)d + er, 9 anag, 11 eve, 13 let + te + rs, 20 ea + gle (anag), 21 w + reck, 22 sam + ba, 25 a(lad)din, 26 anag, 29 nan + keen, 30 idol + i(s)e, 32 i + so + late, 34 hero(n) + ic, 35 hidden, 38 diva <, 39 hidden, 40 hidden, 43 anag.

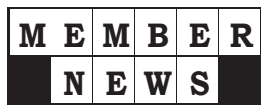
Slot 2: The Lady and the Scamp. Down: 1 PALS< + S + TICK, 2 ENEMY< inside LASH*, 3 CAP + (USE CARE)*, 4 dd, 5 EGAD*, 6 RISES*, 7 AGED*, 12 NEW* inside ORD RIVER, 14 LIVES* + RISES, 15 RUDD + I + NESS, 16 DEPRECIATE, 20 SIREs*, 21 SPAM<, 22 TOW + N.

Slot 3: Jesso. Across: 1 AD + J (E + CT) IVE, 6 KA F KA, 9 dd, 10 HO + USE + CALL, 11 DES + PAIR, 12 anag, 13 anag, 18 2 Lloyds + REGISTER, 22 (OPENS GREAT -

GET)*, 24 PLATO + ON, 26 anag, 27 I + RAN + I, 28 OR + TON, 29 P + LOUGH + IN + G. **Down:** 1 AB + RIDGES, 2 J + INKS, 3 CA P + T (AI) N + CY, 4 IN (HER) IT, 5 E + QU + A TOR, 6 KNEE + L, 7 FLAG + OE< + LET, 8 anag, 14 F (U) L + BRIGHT, 15 hERR, 16 I + MIT + A TING, 17 P (o R) INTING, 19 dd, 20 anag, 21 AP + O (LL) O, 23 (NOT L E)<, 25 OK + A + PI.

Slot 4: Penobscot: A AIRS + HIP, **B** BE + BEER + U, **C** C + HANDLER, **D** DIS + (QUEEN + IT)*, **E** cd, **F** F ("lacks") EN, **G** GRAN (UcLA) TED, **H** HERE + TICK, **I** (STUMP IE)*, **J** J (ALE*) OUSTed, **K** Difficult to clue!, **L** LAUDs, **M** homophone "muscle" + DUCK, **N** NE (ARE) ST, **O** anag, **P** cd, **Q** QUIET + US, **R** RES (ONAN) T, **S** SCUTTLE + BUTT, **T** T (ROUBLES) OME, **U** hidden, **V** dd, **W** homoph "ring out" - bell-ringing changes, **X** REX< + SEX<, **Y** (Y + MAC)*, **Z** ZING + EL.

Slot 5 InGrid: Across: 9 hen+bane, 10 pre+anag need, 11 loVER BE NAMED, 12 cat+mint, 13 sweet+meal, 15 tangy-y+o, 16 pot+her+b, 19 anag, 20 dm, 21 ground+sel(dom), 25 (l)royalty, 26 anag, 28 woo+anag mare, 29 auster+e. **Down:** 1 c(hive)s, 2 anag rent+u+u, 3 anag, 4 cauSES A Mess, 5 spec(tac)ular, 6 anag, 7 in+sign+i+a, 8 anag meditations - mat, 14 the+ms+elves, 16 PIUmB+crawl, 17 ten+ny+son, 18 anag, 22 or+P(rocessor)+H(aving)+A+N(o tion), 23 dm, 24 less+e+n, 27 dm.



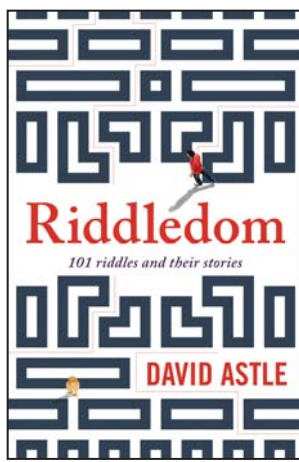
Membership renewal for 2016: We extend a warm re-welcome to **Susie Creagh** from Annerley, Qld.

September 2015 CrOZworld - Errata and Corrigenda. Jenny Wenham received a dot

for July's Slot 3 puzzle. Pat Garner received dots for July slot 1 to 4 puzzles.

Riddledom by David Astle: 101 riddles and their stories.

'Mr Wordsmith' — David Astle — after his recent books *Puzzled* and



Cluetopia has continued on his brain-bending path into the field of riddles such as: Why are ladies like arrows? When is a bird not a bird? What do you call a nun with a washing machine on her head?

Publishers Allen & Unwin have released a weird new word adventure from David Astle, plunging into the realm of riddles, chasing down and prising open 101 curious questions from around the planet. A mindtrip across time and place, *Riddledom* uncovers relics from over 50 cultures, delving into language and deception, sampling Pompeii walls and Dothraki warriors. Readers can unravel each mini-chapter, wrestling

with riddles from Wonderland or Zanzibar, Oedipus Rex or Harry Potter. Come meet French acrobats, coffee slaves, lusty maids and many more along the way. *Riddledom* is your chance to roam Tasmania and Mongolia, Fiji and Peru, seeking riddles on clay tablets and Popsicle sticks.

As David opens *Riddledom*: 'If you think riddles are solely the stuff of schoolyards and Christmas crackers, you're about to have your head refurbished.' Here are some chicken recipes: Why did the chicken cross the road? To see his flat mate. Why did the chicken cross the road half-way? To lay it on the line. Who do all inches follow? Their ruler. Why couldn't the elephant use the computer? He was afraid of the mouse. What goes further the slower it goes? Money. What age do most girls wish to attain? Marri-age. What Australian city is a stale egg? Addle-laid. What is worse than raining cats and dogs? Hailing trams. Read on: it's totally enjoyable and diverting.

Quiz 9/2015: The A to Z of Extremities by The Eager Beaver.

Each word begins and ends with the same letter. Every letter of the alphabet is included. The clues are not in alphabetical order. Some library or internet research may be required. Send your entries to Bev Cockburn 12 Norman Street, Merrylands West NSW 2160. e-mail to bevco4@bigpond.com. Closing date: 9 October 2015. \$75 prize.

- 1 A continent (6)
- 2 River SW of Sydney (6)
- 3 Famous duck (6)
- 4 Japanese porcelain (5)
- 5 1974 science fiction movie (5)
- 6 Town and sea resort in North Wales (7)
- 7 French Impressionist painter (6)
- 8 Ruling body of the Khmer Rouge (5)
- 9 Tropical West African tree (6)
- 10 Bosnian Serb assassin (7)
- 11 Town (and brandy) in France (6)
- 12 One of Australia's best known landmarks (5)
- 13 Soviet prison camp (5)
- 14 Shakespearean play and character (7)
- 15 Former No 1 tennis player (5)
- 16 Shakespearean character and Verdi opera (8)
- 17 Political ideology developed in 19th century (7)
- 18 Town in municipality of Murshidabad in West Bengal (7)
- 19 Medication used to treat anxiety (5)
- 20 Language spoken in Kazakhstan and Russia (5)
- 21 Small town SE of Melbourne (6)
- 22 Bulgarian poet, novelist and playwright (5)
- 23 European capital city (6)
- 24 Nearly extinct Australian aboriginal language (6)
- 25 A plateau region in Asia (5)
- 26 Temple complex in Egypt (6)

August 1-2015: Half 'n Half by *Timid Terrier (Joan Smith)*

- A nice easyish starter. Thanks Joan. *Veniece Lobsey*
- 45 Tinged and tinted are equally correct. Tinned would have avoided confusion. *George Rolfe*
- Testing. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- 45ac could be either TINTED or TINGED. I've opted for the former but think either should be accepted. *Jenny Wenham*
- A great start to another month of enjoyment. *Ann Millard*
- I believe 45ac could be tinged or tinted. *Nea Storey*
- An enjoyable slot 1. Thanks TT. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Good fun; an enjoyable challenge. *Sue Robertson*
- Straightforward grid this month. 45ac could be TINTED or TINGED. *Alan Dyer*
- The Across definitions were, perhaps, too simple to provide much difficulty. *Jim Fowler*
- I think both tinged and tinted should be allowed. (*Agree and tanned – Adj*) *Carole Noble*
- Thanks Jean for a fair slot 1. *Alan Walter*

August 2-2015: Semi-Cryptic by *The Lady & the Scamp (Bev Cockburn & Len Colgan)*

- Great theme for the across clues which were neither humdrum nor claptrap. The third row from the bottom spells Asov Sea. Is this an unintentional Nina? [*You never know when Len is involved! – Adj*]. *Brian Tickle*
- I had my spectacles changed last week & I'm still almost seeing double! *Ray Gooderick*
- Loved the rhymes. Puzzle was quite a challenge. *Anne Simons*
- The across clues were fun. This must have been tricky to compile. *Christina Lee*
- Loved all the rhyming words. *Maureen Blake*
- Once I cottoned on to the rhyming theme I was on my way. Hymeneals was challenging and an addition to the vocabulary. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Thank you. I enjoyed the concept of rhymes for the answers. *Lynn Jarman*
- A fun puzzle. *Ann Millard*
- The rhyming pairs were lots of fun! *Nea Storey*
- This was an interesting puzzle; and not so easy. *Ian Thompson*
- Liked the rhyming answers! *Michael Potts*
- What a wonderful puzzle. All I can say is 'GREAT MATE'. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Entertaining challenge. *Sue Robertson*
- Not exactly double trouble, but definitely a double take when I discovered the double-barrelled words and the linked anagrams. *Kath Harper*
- Quirky! More than one surprise. *Richard Skinner*
- I am not comfortable with my answers to 9ac & 24ac. Good work in fitting the rhyming answers in the across clues. *Alan Dyer*
- Hell's Bells and Holy Dooly. Some brain strain involved but, willy nilly I finished up a happy chappy. A delightful puzzle. *Jim Fowler*
- Very entertaining for the clever use of rhyming couplets for across clues. *John Baylis*
- Loved slot 2's rhyming theme. *Robyn Caine*
- A fine puzzle with the rhyming phrases. *Carole Noble*
- Much enjoyed this puzzle. Double trouble. *Alan Walter*

August 3-2015: Cryptic by *Jesso (Noel Jessop)*

- An interesting puzzle; fairly tough because of a number of obscure definitions. *Ian Thompson*
- Unsure of 17dn. [*But correct! – Adj*]. *Anne Simons*
- A challenging cryptic. I have heard the words which became answers but not very often. *Lynn Jarman*
- This puzzle contained a couple of obscure words with which I was unfamiliar; so I'm not sure of my answers. *Barbara Ibbott*
- I found this difficult and was pleased to complete it; hopefully correctly (or not). *Cheryl Wilcox*
- You can rely on *Jesso* for a tour through history; geography; astronomy; literature; myth and religion; foreign languages – a

- whole curriculum of fun! *Kath Harper*
- Bit tough for a slot 3 we felt. Especially on a cruise ship in the Mediterranean! *Richard Skinner*
- Couldn't find Irani in *OED*, *Chambers* or *Macquarie* but it seemed to fit the clue better than Iraqi. *Drew Meek*
- Very good and, of course, enjoyable but a lot easier than I anticipated. *Jim Fowler*
- Some ingenious clues, especially flageolet. *John Baylis*
- Please explain PRINTING. (*Edition = printing. Indicating is pointing and the O is replaced by R. – Adj*) *Alan Walter and Carole Noble*

August 4-2015: AJ by *Penobscot (Maurice Cowan)*

- An equally correct grid can be completed by replacing scuttlebutt by troublesome and vice versa. U not a very elegant surface. *George Rolfe*
- Couple of guesses here; send in hope not with confidence. *Merv Collins*
- Some angst here, especially M – have made a guess; but cannot confirm. Some good clues. *Anne Simons*
- I am not too confident about some of my answers. However; thank you for the brain exercise. *Lynn Jarman*
- J was a great clue. Learnt lots of new words. *Ann Millard*
- The clue for T described this AJ quite accurately! *Nea Storey*
- This slot could be entered either way in the grid. *Hilary Cromer*
- Some tricky words. BERBEERU took me ages. *Barbara Ibbott*
- K is a bit of a kop-out; if I understand the kryptik is: "Too komplikatad for me to klue"! *Rob Moline*
- Always my favourite slot. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- BEBEERU was a new one for me. *Margaret Davis*
- Problem: which solution to enter – this one or the one achieved by flipping the grid on its top left corner? Only *Penobscot*...! *Kath Harper*
- Alphabetic puzzles my favourite. *Sue Robertson*
- I usually enjoy the AJs and this one was a goodie. *Jim Fowler*
- Tricky to orientate as the second letter of both 11-letter words had to be the first letter of an 8-letter word with the rest of the grid equally balanced. *John Baylis*
- This AJ can go two ways. *Carole Noble*
- Thanks *Penobscot* for a challenging AJ. *Alan Walter*

August 5-2015: Cryptic by *InGrid (Jean Barbour)*

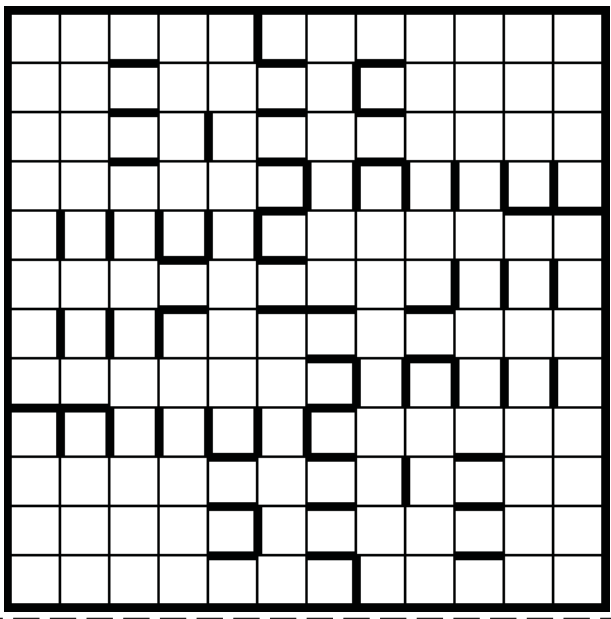
- 29ac reminded me of our much-loved Shirl O'Brien who used the pseudonym *Auster* when setting for *The Guardian*. *Brian Tickle*
- Was easier once I worked out herbs! *Anne Simons*
- With MACE and POSH I thought the theme was going to be herbs ... finally settled on 9 plants: POTHERB; MACE; GROUNDSEL; HERBANE; PAPYRUS; CATMINT; SESAME; VERBENA and CHIVES. I also spotted crushed NUT and RUE in 2dn. *Nea Storey*
- Hardest word in crosswords? 4 letters _A_E! No idea for 3 down; beaten. And not happy with (associated? or not?). 27dn's clue not capitalising the proper noun. *Rob Moline*
- Doubly enjoyed this slot as I often have trouble completing *InGrid*! *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Enjoyable puzzle: ORPHAN a new meaning for me. *Joan Smith*
- What a savoury serve dished up by *InGrid*! *Kath Harper*
- It does make it tougher doesn't it to have undefined clues? Until you work out the theme of course. Good fun. *Richard Skinner*
- 22dn ORPHAN is not a superseded machine (this is "legacy") but a one of a kind system which usually requires specialised support and is usually a burden on the support system. [*Setter's use is consistent with Chambers (2003)- interesting how words can change their meanings with time. – Adj*] *Alan Dyer*
- Is *CrOZworld* going green? First *Flowerman* and now *InGrid* going all botanical. A good puzzle. *Jim Fowler*
- Thanks *InGrid*. Enjoyed your 9 missing plants. *Alan Walter*

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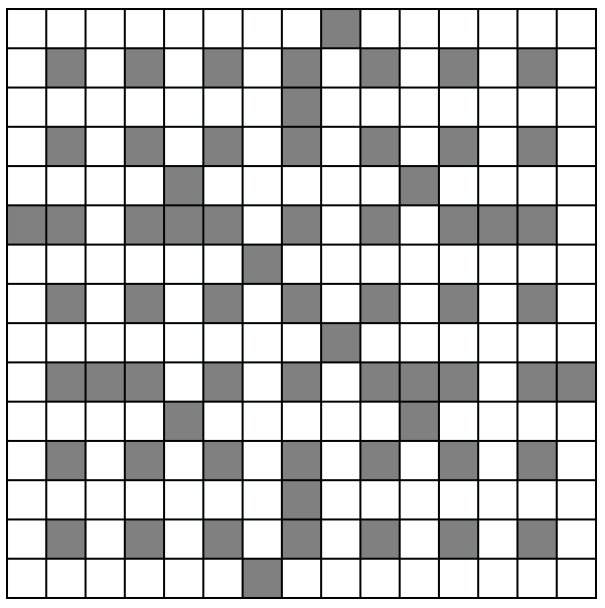
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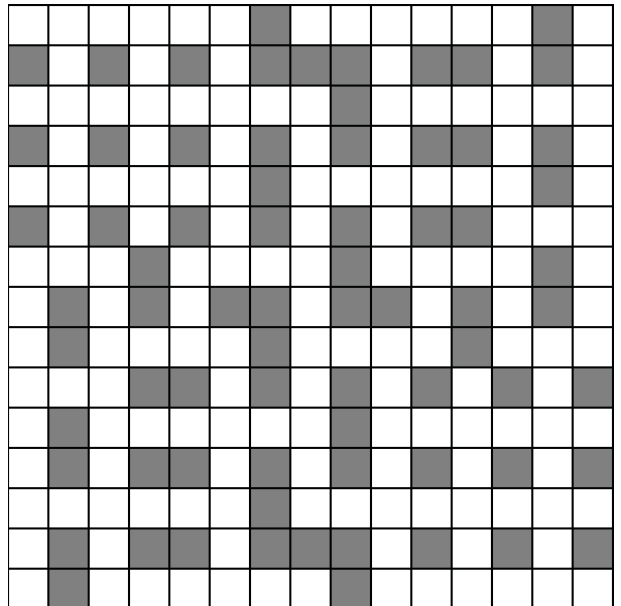


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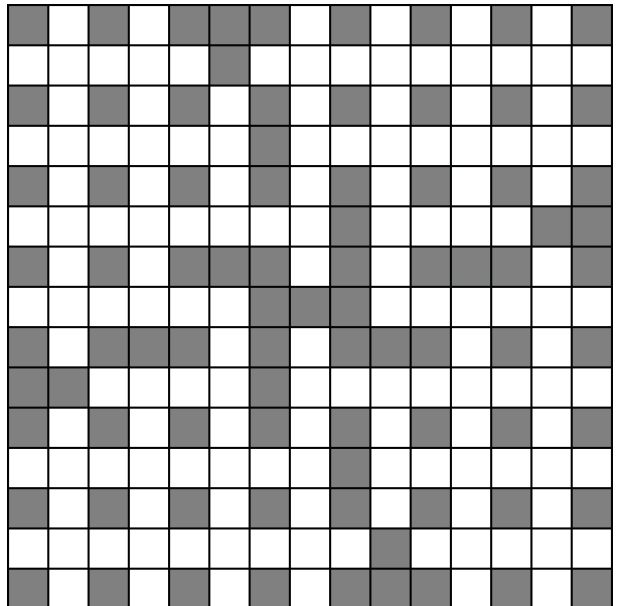


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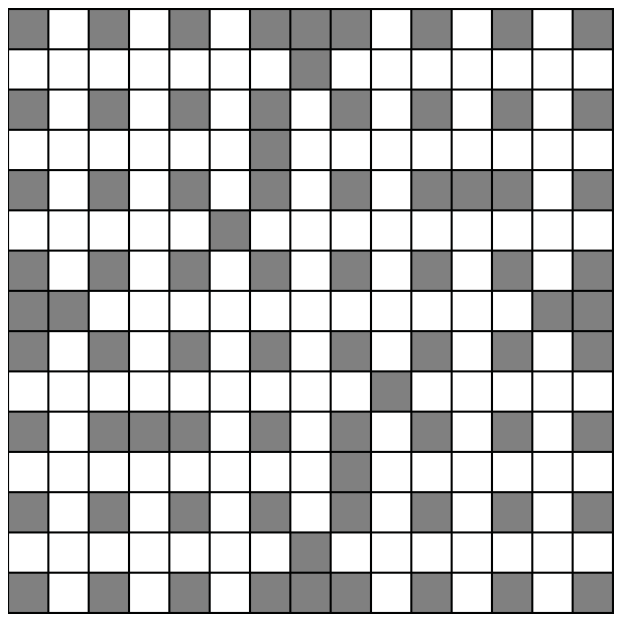
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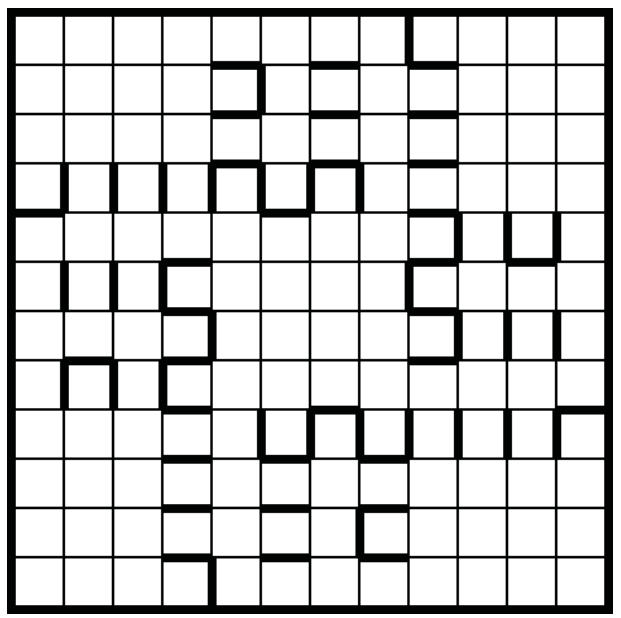
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July 6-2015: Cryptic by Banjo (Chris Bilkey)

Entries: 73. Correct: 53. Success rate: 72.6%.

Prizewinner: Catherine Hambling. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments: Most of the errors arose from getting MILK COW wrong. This error led to others in surrounding words. Many people expressed surprise at the size of Lawson's oeuvre, so I'm glad to have opened some eyes!
—*Banjo (Chris Bilkey)*

Explanations: The theme was Henry Lawson titles:
Across: 1 SINCE+THEN (theme) 6 A+WORR(y) > 9 FLEa>10 Anag RECENT* (ICE) inside 11 (disc)(l)AIMER 12 Cryptic def 15 pun 18 M+ILK+CO+W 20 TR (Y(front) S) AIL 22 SKELETON+FLAT (theme) 26 Anag DE(a)(d) GO(n)E 28,31,1dn F (CHRIST SEEN AT)* EET (theme) 29 Cryptic def 30 (is)SUE 31 See 28 32 Anag. **Down:** 1 See 28 2 Homoph+SO 3 EX+CEED (Homoph) 4 (WHOS DRIVEN)*+N 5 NEE(ded) 6, 27 dd (theme) 7 R(OMAN)I (theme) 8 DRAW>+E+N 13 dd 14 CERT+IF+I+C(r)ATE 16 O+BIT(homoph) 17 dd 19 CASES* (REV) inside 21 Anag 22 SH+U+F(ence)+IT> 23 ELI+CIT(e) 24 Anag 25 SE(ANC) E 27 See 6dn 29 PEC(toral) (rev).

Solvers' Comments:

- The succinct clue for 13dn PACK is the standout. *Len Colgan*
- Clever clues with lots of traps. Lot of searching through a list of Henry's poems! *Roy Taylor*
- Did your own pseudonym inspire this theme? Very enjoyable especially after I finally got cash cow changed to milk cow. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Definitely the toughest of this month's puzzles. Needed to do a fair bit of research and learned a few new words. HENRY LAWSON was a good clue; especially for the surface reading. *Ian Thompson*
- Really enjoyed visiting Henry Lawson and exploring his prose and poetry to discover the answers. Thank you. *Maureen Blake*
- Great puzzle! I wonder how many solvers can get your Henry Lawson poems from the clues alone; there are over 600. Luckily I can Google. *Tony Dobe*
- Interesting theme. 6ac: Five out of six letters is hardly a "Small anxiety"; 9ac Likewise; three out of four letters is not "briefly" by any stretch of the imagination; 4 "N" is not the penultimate line; but the penultimate letter in line. Better would be " ... by the last of quatrain". *George Rolfe*
- Faces in the Street jumped out at me as it is one of my favourite poems. I very much liked the clues for ELOPE; ADULTERATION; CRAFTSMAN and OBIT. *Jeremy Barnes*
- Not having a collection of Henry Lawson's works, I had to go searching. Hope I found them all. *Nea Storey*
- 11ac was a great clue. *Ann Millard*
- My knowledge of Henry Lawson's work has increased substantially! *Julie Crowe*
- Great crossword. Not that familiar with Lawson's works; though read quite a few at school (40 years ago!) Generally don't like cryptic definitions; but ELOPE was superb. *Rob Moline*
- Henry Lawson was prolific wasn't he? Thanks *Banjo* for extending my meagre knowledge. *Robyn Wimbush*
- I enjoyed learning something of this poet who is not so well known here in New Zealand. *R&P McKenzie*
- Nice to see one major Aussie poet being supported by another – in name; at least. Some unfamiliar works here; so obviously I need to do more reading. *Kath Harper*

- Great cryptic definition in 12ac: Tie a running knot = ELOPE and for a great mixture of cleverness and simplicity 13dn: Prepare to go forwards = PACK. *Brian Tickle*
- I liked 12ac ELOPE! *Michael Potts*
- What an effort; but an enjoyable one. Once I had Henry Lawson the task became a little easier. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Some very good clues in *Banjo's* slot 6. I particularly enjoyed 15ac (ADULTERATION) but 13dn leaves me puzzled. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- Even when I had Henry Lawson and his poems filled in, I found this puzzle challenging. *Susan Howells*
- CASH COW (MILK COW) did my head in for ages – trap for young players. *William Ryan*
- Thanks for the challenging literary puzzle; nicely woven together. *Alan Walter*
- I was reminded that "quarrel" had another meaning besides "row", which led me astray. *Bev Cockburn*
- My favourite clue was CRAFTSMAN. *Carole Noble*
- Whether I'm right or wrong, thanks for an enjoyable, intriguing and difficult puzzle. *Brian Symons*
- Thanks for a sublime cryptic. Your attention to detail to ensure both accurate parsing and surface sense is appreciated. Favourite clue was ADULTERATION. *Michael Kennedy*
- I couldn't even seek help from my neighbour, who is a Henry Lawson (not *the* Henry Lawson, unfortunately). *John Baylis*
- Loved the puzzle, but can't imagine the *Banjo* giving Henry Lawson the limelight! *Robyn Caine*

A selection from Mrs. Byrne's Dictionary of Unusual, Obscure and Preposterous Words, 1979.

- Abigeus: *n.* a cattle rustler.
- Anuloma: *adv.* according to custom, said of a man marrying a woman of inferior class.
- Bicorn: *n.* a two-horned animal; a monster that has grown fat from eating patient husbands.
- Chopin: *n.* 1. a ceramic cup. 2. a liquid measure varying from a half pint to a quart.
- Discalceate: *v.t. & i.* to take the shoes off.
- epizootic: *adj. & n.* an animal epidemic, or pertaining to one.
- Famicide: *n.* a slanderer; a destroyer of one's reputation.
- Fyrdung: *n.* an army prepared for battle; a military expedition.
- Gharnao: *n.* a raft made of inverted ceramic pots (Ganges Valley).
- Goety: *n.* black magic.
- Haecceity: *n.* that which makes something different from anything else; individuality.
- Imu: *n.* a baking pit dug in the Hawaiian sand.
- Jargogle: *v.t.* to befuddle; mess up.
- Lenitic: *adj.* living in quiet waters.
- Lupanarian: *adj.* lubricious, lascivious and lewd, from *lupanar* a Roman cat house.
- Morpunkee: *n.* a long, paddle-powered Indian barge.
- Nimptopsical: *adj.* drunk (listed together with 227 other synonyms by Benjamin Franklin).
- Oxyosphresia: *n.* extreme sensitivity to smell.
- Pipslssewa: *n.* a herb used as a diuretic.
- Quab: *n.* 1. the eelpout or gudgeon; any similar small fish. 2. something immature or unfinished.
- Refragable: *adj.* capable of being refuted.
- Sagaciate: *v.i.* to thrive; to do well (slang)
- Truckle: *v.i.* to submit, knuckle under.
- Vancourier: *n.* an advance man.
- Wanuand: *n.* the waning moon, symbol of bad luck.

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**The liver is
evil;
it must be
punished
by
Raoul**



Thanks to the generosity of the setter there will be a bonus prize of a bottle of Chateau Rene Pögel from the bowels of the Harold Park Hotel.

Post solution to:
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Across

- 1 A quiet Avenger said "Howzat!" (6)
- 5 and 3 Dr No, matinee idol at fluid – worse for wear (5,3,9)
- 9 Nothing in reception room bar (6)
- 10 Perhaps used to counter conditions of 5-across, 3 – hair of the dog? (8)
- 11 Value added, as revealed by Henri Cheddar (8)
- 12 Flag Officer (6)
- 13 Celebrate fermenting Pinot, when ratted (5,3,4,3)
- 17 One who drank what the boys are having? Reeled it in drunkenly in March! (7,8)
- 19 Young maidens reach Big Apple speeds (6)
- 21 5-across, 3 after author 13-ed (8)
- 24 Drink for Welshman, who in France takes scripture (8)
- 26 Agitate for support, lacking resistance (4,2)
- 27 Income reverse strong when chip is cached (8)
- 28 Very small snack for ready partners (6)

Down

- 2 Toss another on the barbie when least important piece takes king? (5)
- 3 see 5-across
- 4 May be long when marketing initiative not active (5)
- 5 Nonsense let adrift with increase inside (7)
- 6 Desert more quickly without her (3)
- 7 Same old PC operating system – dead as! (5)
- 8 Wild goon: i.e. cat related to our local zoological realm (9)
- 12 Run away ninety degrees clockwise from North Pole, upwards (5)
- 14 Usury? However? (2,3,4)
- 15 Chinese societies go with hammer (5)
- 16 Garden centres tend to lose acreage from house (9)
- 18 Salvador takes heroin -when making bloomers (7)
- 20 Ill-feeling expressed on mountain top (5)
- 22 Foreign character, thus savage breast soother? (5)
- 23 Study inside of flat bed ute from top to bottom (5)
- 25 Cheeky fellow – pimp taking first pee (3)

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GOOD COPY – Name

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Results of Quiz No 7/2015. Mirrored Initially by Virgo. Winner: Julie Leigh. Congratulations!

24: Allen W, Audrins K, Axelsen U, Crowe J, Gooderick R, Leigh J, Martin F, Miles A, Noble C, O'Brien E, Skinner R, Walter A and Wilcox C. **23:** Caine R, Cockburn B, Dearie P, Garner P, Jones D, McPherson T, Millard A, Steinberger M and Wenham J. **22:** Abbott P, Fowler J, Grainger D, Howard V, Howells S, Jones C, Leeds G, Potts M, Randall J, Smith J, Symons B, Taylor R, Waites L and Wimbush R. **21:** Ibbott B, Mackay-Sim C, Pinder S and Siegman B. **20:** Evans J and McClelland C.

Solutions: 1 Addis Ababa, 2 Ben Battle, 3 Coco Chanel, 4 Doris Day, 5 Edna Everage, 6 Fred Flintstone, 7 Greta Garbo, 8 Hugh Hefner, 9 Ion Idriess, 10 Jesse James, 11 Kevin Keegan, 12 Lennox Lewis, 13 Miss Muffet, 14 Nick Nairn, 15 Ossie Ostrich, 16 Peter Pears, 17 Ronald Reagan, 18 Siegfried Sassoon, 19 Terry-Thomas, 20 Unseen University, 21 Vivian Vance, 22 Walt Whitman, 23 Yothu Yindi, 24 Zinedine Zidane.

Adjudicators' comments:

The majority of comments we received can be summed up in the four words used by one solver – “Thank God for Google!”, but most solvers found they knew a good proportion of the answers. The two main pitfalls were Ian Idriess instead of Ion, and Ozzie/Ollie Ostrich. Ossie's full name was Oswald P. Ostrich, so we accepted only Ossie. Incorrect word lengths, out-of-order answers and a few typos tripped others. We loved the thought of Bob Bottom as “a soldier bold”, but no. Alternatives to *Virgo's* official answers that we allowed were Terry-Thomas without the hyphen, David Day, and Lucy Locket (we hope this averted a marital split – names are not divulged to protect the innocent!). Thanks for all the entertaining comments and good wishes – and yes, there are two of us!

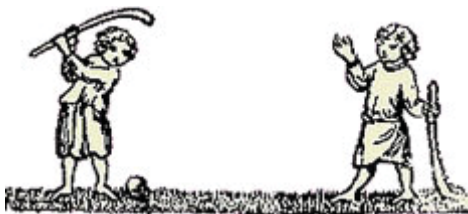
—Alison Shield / Alison Martin

Members' comments:

- Isn't it amazing how many people's names have alliteration? *Virgo* did a lot of these quizzes, so I am surprised she never ran out of them. Carole Noble
- Thank you for your fun quiz. Margaret Steinberger
- Audrey's memory is kept fresh in our minds by the quizzes that she left us. Susan Howells
- This was tricky! I had to do quite a bit of checking up! Carolyn Mackay-Sim
- A nice puzzle that had my research tools going hard. Jim Fowler
- *Virgo* must have had an amazing library of references. Barb Ibbott
- Quite a few happy memories for me, thank you. I quite often listened to Peter Pears on BBC radio & TV as a youth. I loved watching Zidane as a player. He floated across a soccer pitch with the grace of a danseur. Ray Gooderick
- Good fun, and I did learn a few new ones. Robyn Caine

To bandy words

Meaning: To argue persistently.



Origin

To 'bandy' is to 'exchange', to 'toss to and fro'. This is the source of the name of the game *bandy* – a ferocious ball game similar to ice hockey.

The word was in use in English by the 16th century and had counterparts in both French (*bander*) and Spanish (*bandear*), although which of these came first is uncertain. The sport originally associated with bandying wasn't *bandy* itself, but tennis. Raphael Holinshed's *The firste volume of the chronicles of England, Scotlande, and Irelande*, 1577, includes:

"Kingdoms... be no balles for me to bandie."



He was probably referring there to tennis 'balles' and tennis was mentioned explicitly in Randle Cotgrave's *A Dictionarie of the French and English Tongues*, 1611. Cotgrave translated the French verb 'bander' as the English 'bandie' and gave an example of its use as "to bandie at Tennis". The 16th century was well before the development of *lawn tennis* and the game being referred to was what we now call *real tennis* (or in some countries *court tennis*) – which may be a corruption of *royal tennis*. This was an indoor game in which the walls form part of the court. The best known court, which is still in use, was built at Hampton Court Palace by Henry VIII in 1530.

A 'bandy' was a particular sort of tennis stroke. Players would shout 'A Bandy, Sir', when returning the ball. A 'bandy' must have been different in some way from other strokes – players would presumably have soon got tired of shouting the warning every time the ball was played. It is known that a 'check' was a return in which the ball didn't strike the walls, that is, the only form of stroke allowed in modern-day tennis. It is possible that a 'bandy' was a 'check' that was returned – that's speculation though, we just don't know.

Whatever the precise meaning in *real tennis*, the word 'bandy' was taken up to mean 'to and fro' and soon became used in other expressions; for example, Shakespeare used it in *King Lear*, 1605:

"Do you bandy lookes with me, you Rascall?"

Samuel Johnson used it in 1767, as reported by Boswell in a work published posthumously, in 1831:

"It was not for me to bandy civilities with my sovereign."

There are various other records of people 'bandying taunts' and 'bandying arguments' during the 16th and 17th centuries. The first example that I can find of 'bandy words' is in *The Fair Maid of the Inn*, by Francis Beaumont and John Fletcher, circa 1625, in which a character refuses to be drawn into an argument concerning a promise of marriage:

"I'll not bandy Words, but thus dissolve the contract."

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July 7-2015: Cryptic by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen)

Results: Entries 69. Correct: 51. Success rate: 74%.

Winner: Barbara Tofoni. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments: Thanks for all your feedback and complimentary comments: has made me sit down and think of more multi-themed puzzles that I could compile. It was wonderful to still get letters in the post nearly every day despite ACCOLADE. Most solvers lost dots with ALETOP for ALEPOT (it is only the E that is enclosed by ALP), MOTHER LODER for MOTHER LOVE and HOME VIEW for HEMP VINE. There were unfortunately also a few transcription errors. —Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen)

Explanations:

Across: 1. B + E + NAME< 10. Replace AIR for O in HORNET 11. Anag of IDEALISM - I 12 Palindrome 13. Mercury = HEAVY METAL 15. AL(E)P+TO< 16. Pun 20. THE & homophone of heard 21. BE+HE+AD 24. Anag of FOUR EX GOLD with GOLD losing G for B (first letter of BETTER) 25. Hidden 28. E+PI(SOD)E 29. E+LE+CT+E+D 30. NO(N+SEN)SE 31. MA+ALAS<

Down: 1,4. Anag of MADE HRH SAY POO IN + B 2. Anag of THE BLAZE + I 3,22. Pun with leading man = king 5. HE+M+P V+IN+E 6. &lit anag of STAMPED OK+R 7. O+VE(R)T 8. ODE in SLY< 9. Double 14. M|(OTHER)+L| OVE 17. CLEO+PA+ART< 18. PROB(L)E+MS 19. sAD(anag of END)+DUMb 23. QUE+pEN 25. FOREIGN - OR 27. the bRA.

Correct Entries:

Anderson C, Audrins K, Barbour J, Barnes J, Blake M, Cole G, Colgan L, Cowan M, Crowe J, Davis M, Dearie P, de Gryns T, Dobele T, Douglas R, Ducker R, Evans J, Fowler J, Grainger D, Greenberger O, Hagan B, Harper K, Howat S, Howells S, Jones D, Kennedy M, Lankshar J, Leigh J, Lord P, Mackay-Sim C, Mason I, McKenzie I, McPherson T, Miles A, Millard A, Moline R, O'Brien E, Parsons D, Patterson A, Potts M, Pyc M, Roddick M, Roulston S, Ryan W, Siegman B, Skinner R, Taylor R, Thompson I, Tickle B, Tofoni B, Wimbush R and Wood J.

Solvers' Comments:

- Thank you for this puzzle. *Doreen Jones*
- I often wonder if people get stuck on the same clue. Believe it or not 1ac was the last one to be solved. Many thanks for another excellent puzzle. *Julie Leigh*
- Thanks for an enjoyable puzzle. Not as hard as most slot 7s in my experience. I think the best clue was PROBLEMS; and this was my LOI. *Ian Thompson*
- Most enjoyable! I waited for a chess reference but it didn't come. BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY must be one of the best songs of all time. *Len Colgan*
- Great puzzle with such clever clues and associations e.g. HEAVY METAL. *Roy Taylor*
- A great puzzle. Very clever and fair clues. A worthy Slot 7 and the first I have submitted for some time. Thanks. *Jean Barbour*
- Were there two themes here or have I an over-active imagination? Music and royalty both loom large. *Margaret Davis*
- 1dn BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY was a masterpiece! Loved the Queen theme. *Tony Dobele*
- The variety of the "queen" references made for an interesting but not easy puzzle. My favourite clue was for HEAVY METAL. *Jeremy Barnes*
- The key clue; queen; was the hardest to get! I loved 8dn - even when I could see it had to be yodels; it took me ages to see why! *Nea Storey*
- You did well to incorporate so many theme words. I couldn't justify 'heavy metal' until just now - Freddie Mercury! Clever. *Michael Kennedy*
- Great theme. Freddie was the ultimate front man. Took a while for penny to drop. Even then brain hurt. Loved it. *Raoul*
- I enjoyed the clues once I got 23. *Claire McClelland*
- Thanks for a great puzzle. Once I found CLEOPATRA I went looking for NEFERTITI with no success. Then I realised there are QUEENS and QUEENS, and not all the same. *Betty Siegman*

- Thanks for a very enjoyable cryptic. 'Heavy metal' to me was the rubbish bins we had before the 'wheelie bins'! I loved 16ac, COTM material. *Eileen O'Brien*
- A terrific puzzle which I greatly enjoyed. *John Baylis*
- Many thanks for your clever puzzle with all the references to QUEEN. *Bev Cockburn*
- This was an entertaining and challenging puzzle with a great theme. Took a while to cotton on to BEE reference in 1ac. *Peter Dearie*
- Many great clues: POSTMARKED was a gem. And UNFROCK for a grin! *Max Roddick*
- In 22ac "Four ex gold" gains a "b" and losses a "g" to become "oxford blue". Is the former explained by adding "b" for "by" and the latter by deducting "g" for "gold" which is only part of the anagram "to lose 25% at the outset"?? *Tony de Gryns*
- A lovely mix of queens - human, insects and musical. Great fun. *Robyn Caine*
- I really enjoyed researching the work of Queen and associated references. *Jean Evans*
- Did enjoy this puzzle. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Many thanks for this little gem: a struggle but ultimately satisfying. *Pat Garner*
- Lots of great clues here. 1ac took me ages to get! *Julie Crowe*
- What a great puzzle. It took me ages to work out Queen and I am in awe of the brain that compiles all the clues relating to that word. Not an easy puzzle but such a sense of achievement upon completion. *Maureen Blake*
- Very good; but no female cats? Can just imagine HRH Phil blurting out a slightly more profane version of "Pool!" Liked the &lit at 6; though 16 needed looking up - "what to do" doing double duty flummoxed me. *Rob Moline*
- Thanks Valkyrie. Loved UNFROCK. Another great puzzle to finish the month. *Robyn Wimbush*
- This went from being a right royal pain to a stately progress; albeit one with a few treasonable republican comments along the way. *Kath Harper*
- I wondered why Mercury didn't get a mention until I understood 13ac. Great clue. *Brian Tickle*
- I have HERA for 27dn though my references refer to her as a goddess. 24ac took quite a while to nut out. (*Hera is queen of heaven: Adj.*) *Michael Potts*
- I found this quite difficult. Things got better once I'd found the leading lady at 23dn. But I don't see the need for the addition of "jump" at 19dn. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*

Solution to Slot 7 Cryptic by Valkyrie

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Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 4/2015.

Write a clue for TROUBLESHOOT (12).

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy

Definition from *Chambers* (12th edition)

n (*troubleshooter*) an expert detector and mender of any trouble, mechanical or other. **transitive verb** troubleshoot.

Somewhat surprisingly, this word disconcerted a few as it doesn't appear in every dictionary, and even in the dependable *Chambers* it only merits the briefest of entries. However, in this burgeoning age of Information technology, I'm sure many of you know precisely what having to troubleshoot is all about. I would add that, technically speaking, troubleshoot is really *an attempt(s)* to fix a problem, and doesn't necessarily indicate a problem solved (my recent iPhone problems are testament to that). However, I've assumed for this competition that the troubleshooting was definitively effective. There was a healthy score of entries and everyone is commended for not using a single superfluous word. The winning one comes from the polished pen of **Karl Audrins** who, fittingly, is a dentist. Nice work Karl – a well-earned crown?

Fix broken tooth – there's money in it! (12)

The entries are listed in alphabetical order and the definitions, where appropriate, are *italicised*.

Bar currency in Russia with launch fix ***½

This first clue is a charade clue with T *bar*, ROUBLE *currency in Russia*, and SHOOT *launch*. Some fine elements to this accurately parsed clue but the surface sense could do with a tweak.

Bother! Fly! Work out how to get rid of it perhaps? ****

This clue brought a smile to my face. The compiler has used a simple charade method with *bother* for trouble and *fly* for shoot. In coming up with the synonyms, the compiler has then made the effort to keep the clue's theme in place. While the definition does take up more than 75% of the clue, it's cleverly done. The addition of *perhaps* is also valid as it indicates a specific type of troubleshooting.

Bother us with tool somehow used to fix problem ***½

The *bother* in this clue is part of the anagram fodder along with US and TOOL, as indicated by *somehow*. The connecting word *used* is to be read literally, providing the solver with the definition. It's an excellent clue and encapsulates the idea of troubleshooting.

Broke our bottles – oh how do we fix them? ***

This is an interesting clue. It's a straightforward anagram of OUR, BOTTLES and OH as indicated by *broke*. I like the idea of phrasing the definition as a question, but it would really need to relate logically to the answer. In this instance, I'm not convinced troubleshooting would be the logical step for fixing broken bottles, but I haven't ruled it out.

Completely fix broken tooth biting coins ***½

This is an anagram of TOOTH around *roubles* coins. It's an accurately parsed clue. The dental surface sense is adequate but doesn't flow as naturally as one would like. A slight alteration such as ...*having bitten coins*, would have improved this. I've accepted the definition as is, but to troubleshoot is to *try* different ideas to fix the problem(s), not necessarily fix it.

Film harassment? On the contrary mediate ***½

A cleverly-parsed charade that joins *shoot* (film) with *trouble* (harassment). The one-word definition is a good choice and works well with the surface reading.

Fix broken tooth – there's money in it! ****½

This is the same idea as a couple of other entries with *roubles* in an anagram of TOOTH. However, with a slight change in wording and emphasis, this clue is a fine example of the whole being greater than the sum of its parts. Anyone who has to pay for dental work will be able to relate to this clue. I think the clue works perfectly well without the exclamation mark but otherwise this is a well-deserved winner.

Fix broken tooth with injection of Russian money ***½

There's a lot of dental work in this month's competition! Again, it's ROUBLES inside an anagram of TOOTH. Perfectly parsed and sensible, particularly if you are in need of some urgent dental work in Moscow.

Fix loose hub, awkwardly caught in rack ****

This is a delightful clue, as not only does it make perfect sense, the secondary indicators are accurate, albeit a tad obscure for the *rack* container. Essentially it's an anagram of LOOSE HUB as indicated

by *awkwardly*. Unbeknownst to me, and I daresay many others, *rack* is defined (*Chambers* – definition no.5) as a horse's gait, or to walk with such a gait, hence trot. It's perfectly accurate but it does raise the level of difficulty. A fine clue though.

Fix problem with toe – hurl boots out! ***½

This clue contains an excellent anagram of TOE, HURL and BOOTS, and also makes perfect sense. In this particular instance, the hyphen could have been replaced with *and* without upsetting the clue's integrity.

Interrupt film session to sort out problem ****

This parsing parallels another clue, but like several other parallels, this one has a more enticing read to it. It's a simple charade of trouble *interrupt* and shoot *film session* (a lovely synonym). The definition works seamlessly and provides the overall clue with a perfectly feasible scenario.

Make repairs to get the French hot turbo so racy ***

This one is an anagram of LE (the French), HOT TURBO and SO. The compiler did query the LE as being an indirect anagram (or at least part of it). Technically it is, but it's one of those commonly accepted exceptions. The clue is mechanically sound although the anagram indicator, *racy*, had me wondering about its suitability. I guess its synonymy with words such as *animated* or *crude*, make it acceptable.

Model with Russian money joins wise bird's call to remediate ***

This charade clue joins T *model* with ROUBLE *money* and HOOT (the call of a wise bird). The surface reading is stretching credulity but perhaps it's something to do with Bishop trying to get in the ear of Putin.

Revolutionary hero lost bout to fix the situation ***

This is an anagram of HERO, LOST and BOUT as indicated by *revolutionary*. It's accurately parsed and the definition is well disguised. It's hard to imagine the scenario of a revolutionary losing a bout to fix something, but stranger things have happened. Still, clues that have that element of truth tend to have a greater impact with the solver.

Sleuth Rob too drunk to investigate ***½^{1/2}

This is an anagram of SLEUTH, TOO and ROB as indicated by *drunk*. It's accurately parsed and despite lacking some punctuation, does read well.

Solve problems primarily to repair or undo bad luck, expose significant heartaches or obvious tensions ****

This may be the longest 'initial' clue I have ever come across. It's a fine effort and the compiler has cleverly expanded on the sort of areas that troubleshooting could involve.

The disturbance put on film to find a way to fix it ***

This charade clue is a clever idea that had a lot of untapped potential. The idea is simply to join trouble *disturbance* with shoot *film*. The definition is also very good as it takes into account the fact that to troubleshoot is to try and remedy the problem. However, the melding of the definition with the secondary indicators is a little on the clunky side and doesn't serve the surface sense well.

To find a discrepancy, sound your horn to obtain monies at the hospital ***

Like all the clues, I attempt to solve them initially without referring to the compiler's explanation. This one stumped me for a time. The clue works by inserting ROUBLES *monies* and H *hospital* into TOOT *sound your horn*. Simple. There are some clever elements and I do like the definition. However, like many clues this month, the surface reading needs more work to produce a convincing story.

Clue Writing Competition No 5/2015

For the next competition, please write a clue for **MANIFEST (8)** complete with explanation. 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: manveru@bigpond.com

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