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*If one word is useless so will a thousand be. Chinese Proverb*

## GRIDATORIAL

The Executive Committee wishes a Happy and Healthy New Year to all our members. We hope that you will be as satisfied with the range of puzzles and quizzes that we plan to present in 2025 as you seem to have been last year, according to your feedback. We have a surprising number of familiar names that do not appear in our list of financial members for 2025. If the covering email notes that you are amongst that number but you have paid your subscription, that is due to our faulty record-keeping, for which we apologise. If so, would you please contact Jenny at the email address below with information on the date and form of your 2025 subscription. If not, for your convenience a subscription form is included at page 18.

A cornucopia of cryptic challenges awaits you within. A half and half puzzle by Virgo leads the way. Prolific though she was, we regret that this is the last of her puzzles that remained on our books. P-brane presents his Aussie-flavoured cryptic in slot 2 and Lexi Conner provides one of his polished puzzles in Slot 3. KA will have you scratching your head with an interestingly-formatted (but nevertheless solvable) AJ and Crowsman conducts you on a tour of (some of the) USA. CT treats us to a fairly tricky puzzle in slot 6 and we feature a feast of fifteen-letter clues in Crowsman's Corner. Child's Play makes a welcome return with one of his ingenious quizzes, which we are sure you will enjoy.

Happy puzzling

Ian

## FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

The January edition of Crozworld presented a great start to 2025 with a brilliant selection of puzzles eagerly embraced by our members. Clearly it is time to put the Christmas tree away and get on with the serious business of crossword solving!

**Slot 1:** Bogeyman kicked off the year with a cleverly devised Christmas theme which was well received despite presenting difficulties for some solvers. By far the biggest pitfall was ROSY which generated 15 occurrences of ROSE. ON THE AIR for IN THE AIR was another dot loser for 2 solvers. BARBECUE and BARBEQUE were both accepted spellings.

**Slot 2:** ZINZAN presented a challenging puzzle with the theme 'MASH' very much appreciated by fans of that TV series. The main traps encountered were AGAR for IGOR (9 occurrences) and RADII for RATIO (7 occurrences). POTTER (referring to Col. Potter in MASH) produced a variety of solutions: 3 of PUTTER and 1 each of BUTLER, MOTHER and PUTTED.

**Slot 3:** Crow-boy gave us plenty to think about with this one. The NINA (MERRY CHRISTMAS) not being readily apparent, was brilliantly constructed by the last letters of the across clues. The key to this was in the title "Ultimate Epistles (Last Letters) for NINA". Hats off to those who spotted it. The main dot blasters were ESSAYS for ASSAYS (17) and AMARETTO for AMARETTI (8).

**Slot 4:** MANVERU presented his usual polished rendition of the AJ, which elicited many very positive comments. The mysterious NINA of ZEPHYR, across the top, was somewhat intriguing for some, one solver commenting that the puzzle was 'Not a breeze'. Three dots were lost by the spelling error XYLINE for XYLENE amongst a variety of one-off errors.

**Slot 5:** VALKYRIE gave us an enjoyable but quite challenging job with this one. The frequent porcine references produced several appreciative comments demonstrating the popularity of pigs! The main pitfalls were: SATIATED for SATIABLE (6 occurrences), SWALLOW for SPARROW (5 occurrences), EXPEND for EXPAND (4 occurrences), REHEARSE FOR clueless (4 occurrences) and SLEIGH for SLEDGE (3 occurrences).

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## LEADING FIGURES

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	82	82	81	84	76	405
Correct entries	61	55	55	72	55	298
Success rate (%)	74	67	68	86	72	74
Prizewinners	Con Flinkenerg	Rob Milton	Jeremy Barnes	Julie Leigh	Betty Siegman	from 87 members

Prizewinner: January Slots 1-5 correct: Richard Skinner . Congratulations!

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January Slot 1

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A	N	N	A	L	S	U	N
G	S	L	O	G	T	E	

January Slot 2

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January Slot 3

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January Slot 4

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I	B	E	R	I	A	T	L
T	E	A	M	W	O	R	K
S	A	I	R		I	T	
W	I	N	D	S	U	R	F
K	D	S	I	G	C		
V	E	N	E	T	O	S	A
G	L	O	O	M	F	U	L
S	V	P	L	I	U	L	
N	O	S	E	G	A	Y	
N	R	T					

January Slot 5

M	E	S	S	A	G	E	
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S	L	E	D	G	E	C	L
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L	A	N	D	R	A	C	E
N	G	R	B	T	S	E	T
H	O	G	O	V	E	R	I
A	R	Y	W	R	U	L	L
T	R	I	A	L	L	I	S
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D	R	E	S	S	E	R	

January Slot 6

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S	E	T	P	I	E	C	E

## MEMBERS' RESULTS FOR JANUARY 2025 Slots 1 to 7

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Abbott P.	•	•		•		•		Gamer P.			•	•	•	•	•	Milton R.	•	•		•			
Allen W.	•	•		•		•	•	Goodman S.	•	•	•			•	•	Moline R.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Anderson C.	•		•	•		•	•	Grainger D.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Parsons D.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Audrins K.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Graves C.	•		•		•	•		Patterson A.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Axelsen U.	•	•	•	•	•	•		Hagan R.		•	•	•	•	•	•	Peach S.	•	•		•	•		
Barbour J.	•			•				Harper K.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Pinder S.						•	
Barnes J.		•	•	•				Hearn R.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Randall J.	•						
Batum C.	•	•	•	•	•			Hocking A.			•					Rosendorff D.				•	•	•	•
Bettles K.	•	•	•		•	•	•	Horadam K.	•		•	•				Roulston S.	•	•		•	•		•
Blake M.	•			•	•	•	•	Howat S.		•		•	•	•	•	Ryan W.	•	•		•		•	
Carpenter R.		•		•	•	•	•	Jarman L.	•		•	•	•	•	•	Shield A.	•	•	•		•	•	•
Carroll L.	•		•	•	•	•	•	Jarman R.		•		•	•	•	•	Siegmán B.	•		•	•	•	•	
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Cockburn M.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Jury M.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Simpson F.	•			•	•	•	•
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Ducker R.		•		•	•			McKenzie I.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Void T.	•	•	•	•		•	
Dyer A.	•	•		•	•	•	•	McKenzie R.		•	•	•	•	•	•	Williams K.	•			•			
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Gamble K.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Millard A.	•	•	•	•	•		•								

## From the Adjudicator - continued from p 1

**COTM:** A wide selection of votes was received across all slots. However, the award for the first place goes to MANVERU's Slot 4 for LIQUID [Solution to Question 1 inside cover] with 4 votes. Nice work, MANVERU! This was followed closely by FINALIST, also from Slot 4 and BILLABONG by Robespierre (3 votes each).

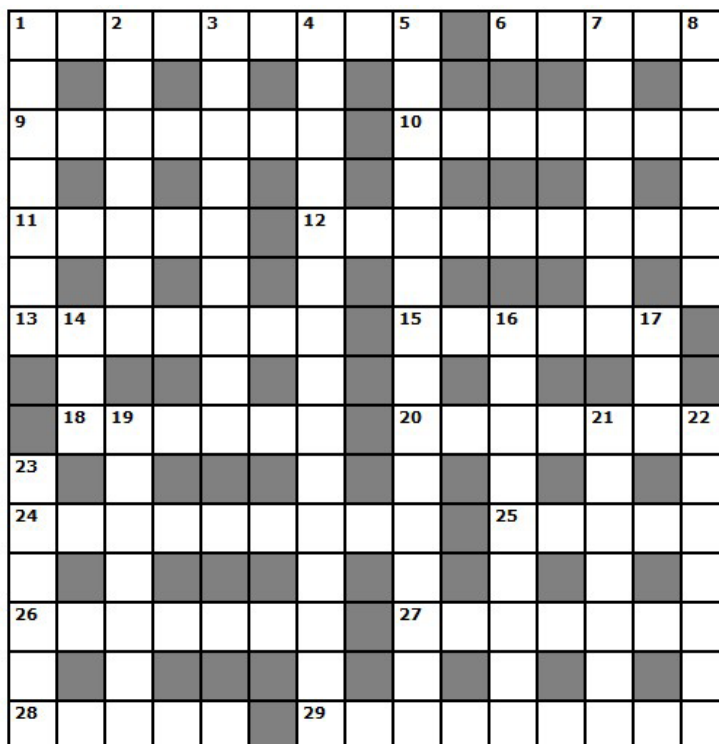
A big thank you to the compilers and all working behind the scenes for providing a great start to the year. Happy solving in 2025.

Larry Kennedy

## Slot 1

**Half and Half  
by  
Virgo**

**Prize  
\$50**



## Across

- 1 Not all yearning for eating, we hear (9)  
 6 Argumentative sportsman (5)  
 9 Most of cucumber's about to go under (7)  
 10 Paradoxically very quiet in gay mad barking (7)  
 11 Odds, or not? (5)  
 12 Cloned at a game of reminiscing (9)  
 13 Moneylender's attempt to achieve security (7)  
 15 A turn on a bicycle (6)  
 18 Holy person was an average boy (6)  
 20 Pet runs around the Joker (7)  
 24 Closures of NSW huts do upset (9)  
 25 The age of Ayers Rock (5)  
 26 Folded paper found in backing of Yemeni magi robe (7)  
 27 One more from the player who will make up the side (7)  
 28 Early bedtime for 6-acrosses? (5)  
 29 Means of admission for converted Presbyterians abjuring brie (5,4)

## Down

- 1 Colours (7)  
 2 Garden feature (7)  
 3 Sudden separations (9)  
 4 Set down clearly (2,5,3,5)  
 5 19th Century French author (3,2,10)  
 7 Summons (7)  
 8 Entertain (6)  
 14 With it (3)  
 16 Fine! (5-4)  
 17 Shelter (3)  
 19 Droll (7)  
 21 Windpipe (7)  
 22 Holiday locations (7)  
 23 On land (6)

**SEND  
SOLUTIONS  
TO:**

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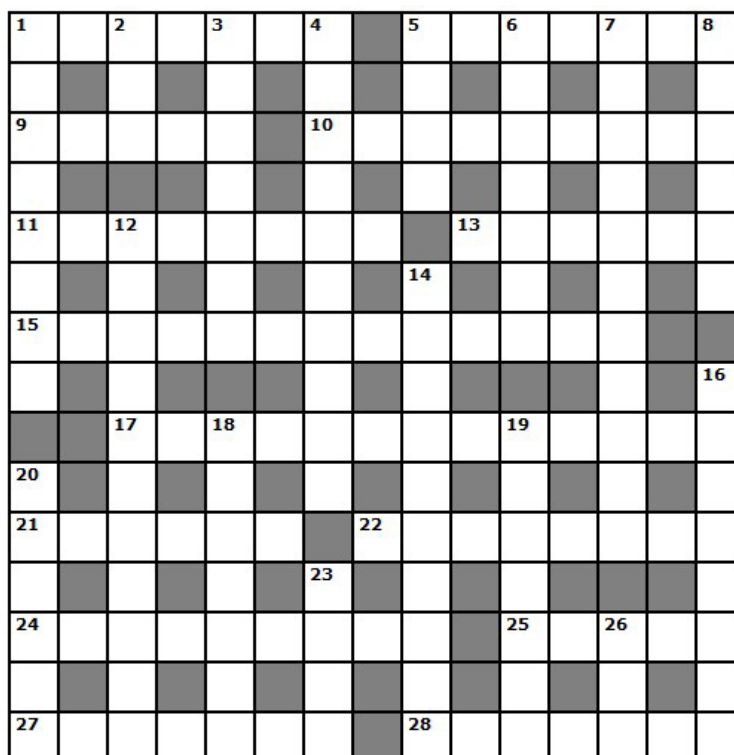
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GRIDS  
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## Slot 2

Cryptic  
by  
P-brane

 Prize  
\$50


## Across

- 1 To adjust numbers with herbicide ... bring the mob together and have the cops arrest the lot (5-2)  
 5 Current betwixt Cancer and Capricorn, but lacking the heart of Virgo (7)  
 9 Lower porch (5)  
 10 Rebirthing is granted to dying stars (3,6)  
 11 Outback tradition involving gum leaves and twigs producing infusion for a diminutive conqueror of Pommyland! (5,3)  
 13 Regular rearrangement covers what's outstanding (6)  
 15 The crux of navigating an Australian gold rush town (8,5)  
 17 Shut imposters out to incite a controversy in Australia (4,3,6)  
 21 Romantic writer's tired of a conflict over direction to story ending (6)  
 22 Supporting belief in partnership (8)  
 24 Travellers may knock off a cabby's wheels (4,1,4)  
 25 Reportedly remained respectable (5)  
 27 Romeo gatecrashing stages with short idiomatic expressions (7)  
 28 Saw to it conclusion conceals dodgy ruse (7)

## Down

- 1 Bed-ridden resident perhaps got up and took public transport to hotel (8)

- 2 Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No! What then? (3)  
 3 Spooner's gratuity to Little Richard for an artwork (7)  
 4 Keep alive Royal replacing leader of uprising, then execute (10)  
 5 Backing expedition's sampling the rise and fall of water level (4)  
 6 In advance of power, uproar about resistance to old ... (5,2)  
 7 ... agreements that steer perceptions covering us (11)  
 8 Those beaten left with horrific sores (6)  
 12 Chamber's Presiding Officer behind head-splitting megaphone (11)  
 14 Data retrieval delay to approach a few micro seconds possibly (6,4)  
 16 Mimed scratching head, concealing slow heavy walk, then collapsed violently inwards (8)  
 18 Territorial encroachments in anchorages (7)  
 19 Boots is made for musos ... (7)  
 20 ... running one leg of race against the best number cruncher (6)  
 23 Crazy to attempt reversing (4)  
 26 Make public, just, but not loudly (3)

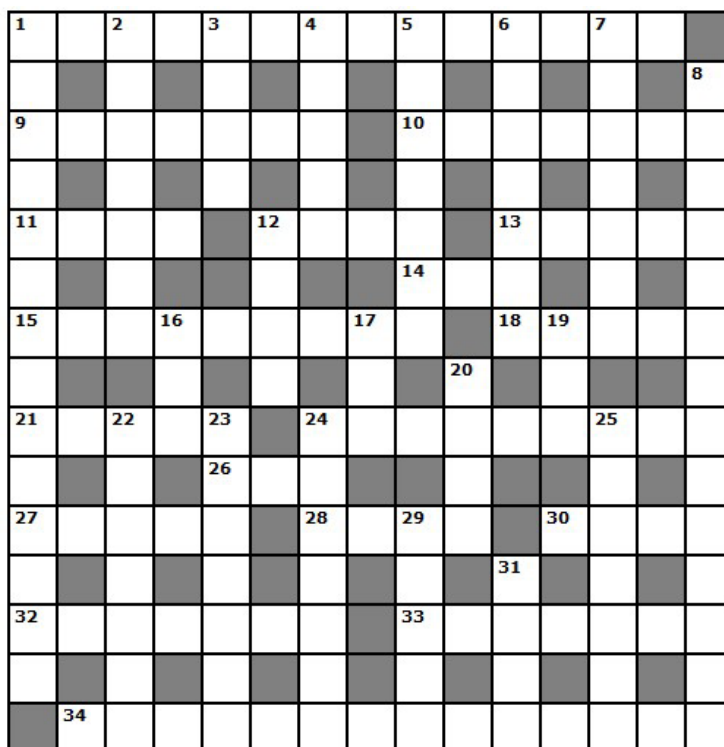
## General Feedback for January

- What a generous Club. Lovely calendar one month (Thank you, Rebel), Slot prize the next! Thank you all and a Happy New Year to the best Club and all its members. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Thank you very much for my slot 2 prize and kudos to all those involved for another great year of CrOZworld. *Ron Jarman*
- I have enjoyed having the time to complete 5 from 5 puzzles; whether or not they are correct! Every puzzle had a word or words I didn't know. Thank you team. *Mary Dodd*

## Slot 3

**Cryptic**  
by  
**Lexi**  
**Conner**

**Prize**  
**\$50**



## Across

- 1** Sharp chance I'll develop into a movie maker (7,7)  
**9** Humour found in unending, dull, empty grimace (7)  
**10** Where competitive bidding requires exceptional caution (7)  
**11** Unlike electricians to maintain a ship's part (4)  
**12** Light rain at Sandy Point (4)  
**13** Before taking leads from university, note the institutional links (5)  
**14** It contains seeds needing only the odd repair (3)  
**15** Australian tourism head obtains Asian accommodation for staff (9)  
**18** Irons out elaborate ceremonies for the controller of such (5)  
**21** Singapore almost hoards land (5)  
**24** Tell target to chase grumpy person to tree (9)  
**26** A quiet, familiar tennis champion specifies timber (3)  
**27** As the director prefers to show the film Like Long Grass (5)  
**28** Resent nothing confiscated from representative (4)  
**30** One member leaps onto beer! (4)  
**32** Party reaches culmination without a single ordinal (7)  
**33** Is a sound measure a pointer to a home for marine iguanas? (7)

- 34** Get fit to pursue revenge: change to healthy food (5,9)

## Down

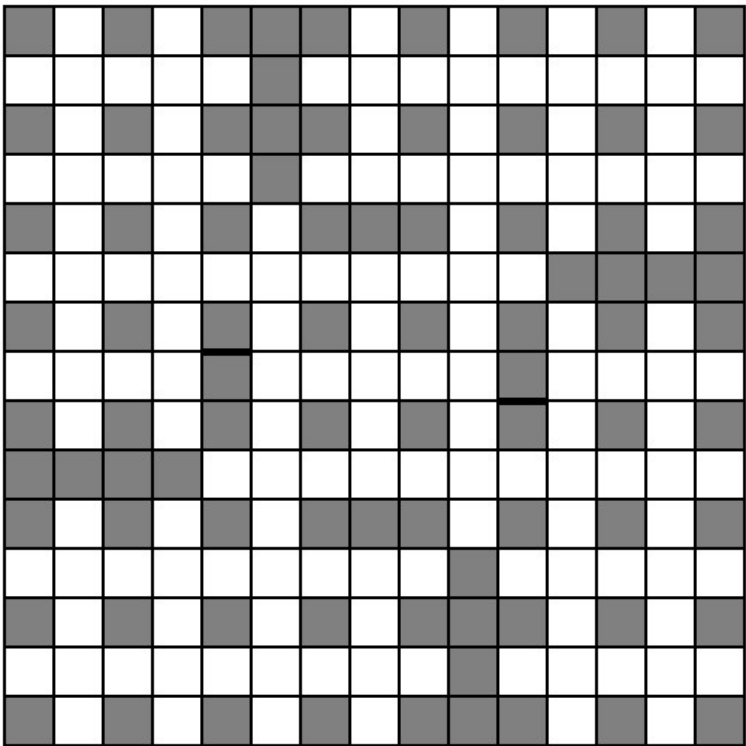
- 1** Results of milling insects on ovals? (7,7)  
**2** Notice groom talk (7)  
**3** Song eradicates a past silence (4)  
**4** Pares back rest period (5)  
**5** Try a number for comfort (7)  
**6** Imagine a drawing (7)  
**7** Possible indication Ann going silly (7)  
**8** The same Victoria in identical situation (9,5)  
**12** Excessive suds in kitchen drain (4)  
**16** A small amount to extract – remove a kilo (3)  
**17** Wind locks out husband (3)  
**19** Clean, cosmopolitan locations curiously withdrawn (3)  
**20** Follow ring master from Turkey (4)  
**22** Heartless, awful, terrible Ivan captured a Spanish palace (7)  
**23** Postgraduate can appear midweek in a daytime performance (7)  
**24** Playwright heard to tick names on a list? (7)  
**25** She who verifies second of objectives saying... (7)  
**29** ...feeling 28 lacks inner strength when competing (5)  
**31** Don't eat last of the chips covered in grease (4)

Slot 4

AJ  
by  
KA



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



- A Arab with fish has no time to go back to American city (9)
- B Blackball Island money (4)
- C One of Australian Ls to rave at resident (9)
- D Like the number (5)
- E End of poem for messenger (5)
- F Uncontrolled temperature is an omen in Scotland (5)
- G Understands empty talk, including hesitation (5)
- H Motherly whimsy conceals returning emotional fervour (4)
- I Damaged diesel loses energy, but ticks over (5)
- J Initially, jettison one vehicle and one tree (9)
- K Man has no diagram of this scientific instrument (9)
- L Communists deserted team members (4-7)
- M Most important pipe (4)
- N Nothing happening for president (5)
- O Away to unknown grog-shop! (4)
- P Famous racehorse having drink replaced by

- conia mixture was quite majestic (9)
- Q Thirteen cards only for the Officers? (11)
- R Toad's friend is angry (5)
- S Sedentary African returns to lounge (7,4)
- T Parsimonious drunk (5)
- U Putting new, confused aunt into river is monstrous (9)
- V Short descriptions of photographs (9)
- W Delaying action to include new, endless tax on wall panelling (11)
- X A chromosome one mixed with transplant for replacement tissue (9)
- Y Hey! The vase belongs to you (5)
- Z Nothing for cigarette lighter? (5)

## Slot 5

**Across 14%**  
**of the USA**  
**by**  
**Crowsman**

**Prize**  
**\$50**

The three empty squares must be filled in to match the title.

1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10
11						12				
	13						14			
15						16				
17	18	19		20	21					
22						23	24			
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36						37				
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## Across

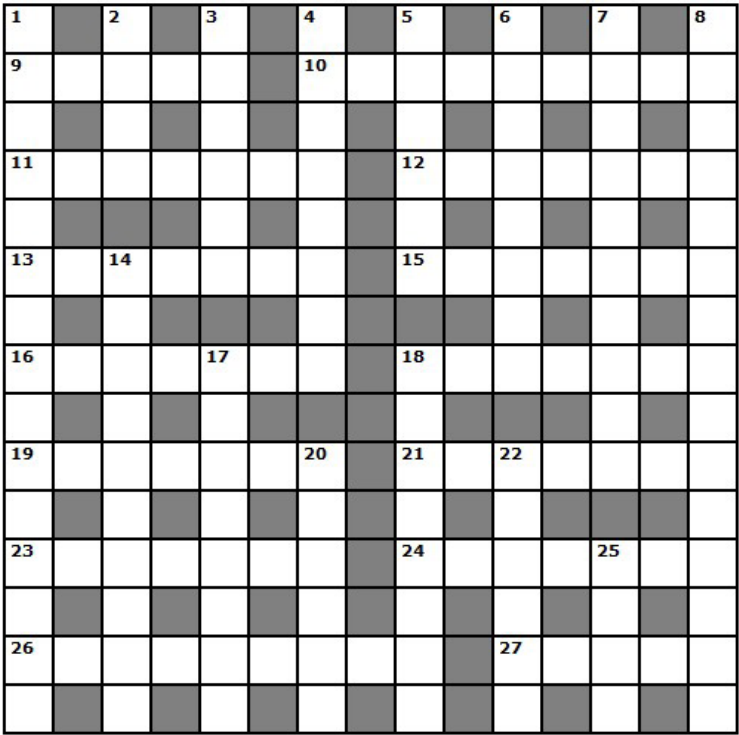
- 2 Killers pass out (4)  
 6 Trifles, backfiring a weapon - end of life! (5)  
 11 Trade Union support for student (5)  
 12 Quaker leader beginning to eat pasta (5)  
 13 Turkish delicacy from almond mixture, but not new (5)  
 14 Type of gun returned - catches! (4)  
 15 I interrupted Moslem leader going around coastal city (5)  
 16 Second time dropping hot tart! (4)  
 17 One representing, but way left! (5)  
 21 A natural back has end of game on the ball (5)  
 22 Music rooms? (5)  
 23 Jane in Wales follows a person from the East (5)  
 25 One bailing out small state (5)  
 28 Classroom on the inside for some time (5)  
 29 Simpson adjusts back to front type of ski-lift (1-3)  
 30 Pound and an extra fraction upon returning, like some rail fare pricing (5)  
 34 Nothing interrupted backtracking of free Christian, perhaps (4)  
 35 Energetic person acquires new hopeless case (5)  
 36 Ornamental work made by popular amateur (5)  
 37 Result of insecure lakes? (5)  
 38 Organ piece contributing to recording on a disc (5)  
 39 Divisions drop first faculty (4)

## Down

- 1 Halt branch (4)  
 2 Automobile check incomplete (4)  
 3 Portico's to fit inside when put up (4)  
 4 Crowsman wearing fur fringe (6)  
 5 It's held before final vehicle at truck stop (4)  
 6 Sent up a state north of African great lake (5)  
 7 Served up a single good port (5)  
 8 Bevan, UK Minister of Health, provided vitamin B<sub>1</sub> (7)  
 9 Beg church to abandon ballet leap (7)  
 10 Stand down head of state breaking rule (6)  
 16 Crossed the channel, perhaps, with uplifting guts (4)  
 18 Trip over spades, toppling (7)  
 19 Old pitch assistance set up top game! (7)  
 20 Groucho's appearance set up place for film (4)  
 22 Hunk getting a  $\frac{1}{2}$  score in photographer's workplace? (6)  
 24 Rather earlier (6)  
 26 Monitor lizard gives a brief resistance in transport vehicle (5)  
 27 Falsify documentation for firm (5)  
 30 Monstrous female leaves blue-veined cheese for French novelist (4)  
 31 Without ice, but really cool! (4)  
 32 Tattoos, but excluding male chests! (4)  
 33 Stay at the rear (4)

Slot 6

Cryptic  
by  
CT



Across

- 9 Capital of nation Ahn Do partly recalled (5)
- 10 Tosca, say, forced into movement (9)
- 11 Spooner's capacity to care for all people (7)
- 12 Wed, maybe, male with papers, soft-spoken (7)
- 13 With internal backing, keen I'm on the party's ticket (7)
- 15 Joke, then punch by Indian, yes Indian! (7)
- 16 Makes fast: runs amok amidst occasional f inesse (7)
- 18 Figure a way to improve your figure? (7)
- 19 Spend a penny, drunk and broke (7)
- 21 Position for US Grad found mostly on the web (7)
- 23 Domain for regular repair with a quiet book (7)
- 24 Shelter in hotel next to garden oasis (7)
- 26 Ex-con in on criminal old contact (9)
- 27 Sign of the times, Wesleyan movement saw a princess and two males banished (5)

Down

- 1 Outline of plan to hitch north: maybe sail on a boat (9,6)
- 2 Desert ship, losing seaman and duke immediately (4)
- 3 With which a bird may wheel? (6)
- 4 Such is a newborn's communication device? (8)
- 5 Yoke ram covering each mile (4,2)
- 6 Come again? That woman's topless for a cleric granting favours (8)
- 7 Mirage once confused film buff (10)
- 8 Deceiver has pay (5,2,3,5)
- 14 Widespread buzz about account liquidating (10)
- 17 The Police record hip-hop cover with this? (3,5)
- 18 Title fight requirement, start of gambling and counting the pounds (8)
- 20 Particular squad (6)
- 22 Festive fare supplied by heartless jailor (6)
- 25 Leaders of only atoll Hawaiians use as their capital (4)



Slot 7

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Across

- 1 Alters structure of rules involving dress periodically (9)
- 6 Moistly roast lamb as temperature holds (5)
- 9 Australian natives were sitting around bloke, one with sins (9,6)
- 10 Relations devise a right to restrict imp. Patently obvious! (4-11)
- 11 Burgundy bottles right for French president (6)
- 12 Orders friends around also! (8)
- 14 Amorous, but not Arabic jerk! (8)
- 15 They're seen in summer and winter sports (6)
- 17 Vague statements from Miss Simpson amidst periods (15)
- 19 What God said creates Latvian dissent in summit (3,5,2,5)
- 20 Dawn French, one restricted by drink (5)
- 21 Not heed alarm in the past - takes off in reverse! (9)

Down

- 1 Assesses speeds (5)
- 2 Short demonstration to fix, not set up, the measurement of a ship's weight (12,3)

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- 3 Common household arrangement is to run depressant drugs inside boat (6,9)
- 4 Almost caught old form of influenza (6)
- 5 Influence involves ending a discharge (4,4)
- 6 Invested in small cars, money supplies casual fun (4,3,8)
- 7 Spoonerism gets hopeful into trouble (4,2,3,6)
- 8 Writers changed sites around elevated Hume Highway town (9)
- 11 Damage is covering yellow flowers (9)
- 13 Station worker rings after suffering during clash (8)
- 16 Ugly front and black, but fit for purpose (6)
- 18 Found frame (3,2)



**Quiz 2-2025 When In Rome by Child's Play.** All answers have something in common. No word lengths are given. but all are between 2 and 5 letters. except for one of eight letters. All answers are in Chambers. There are no abbreviations. Send your answers by email to Brian Symons Bsymons43@outlook.com or by mail to 1 Kookaburra Place Grays Point NSW 2232 Closing mail date 28 February 2024

1	hero
2	public
3	polite
4	accomplished
5	herb
6	dull
7	tropical pods
8	fish
9	cover
10	instrument finger hole
11	furios
12	gentle
13	grind
14	demure
15	parrot
16	combine
17	intestinal cell component
18	energy
19	bright
20	Greek letter

#### Answers to January Bonus Quiz.

1 Aberration/Brain, 2 Abhorrence/Borne, 3 Bearskins/Basis, 4 Ectomorph/Coop, 5 Furlough/Frog, 6 Galleass/Alas, 7 Intestate/Nett, 8 Macrocosm/Arcs, 9 Maelstrom/Alto, 10 Magnetism/Ants, 11 Nascence/Acne, 12 Oscillate/Silt, 13 Palpation/Plain, 14 Porridge/Prig, 15 Prairie/Pare, 16 Protect/Poet, 17 Recognise/Eons, 18 Salvation/Slain, 19 Saturnalian Strain, 20 Siltation Stain, 21 Slingshot/Sight, 22 Smartweed/Sated, 23 Statuette/Sauté, 24 Stinginess/Signs, 25 Terminal/Trial, 26 Tortuosity/Trust, 27 Unsteady/Used, 28 Whimsies/Wise

#### Quiz 1-2025 Christmas Treats by InGrid (Jean Barbour).

**Results: Correct: Congratulations!**

**Entries Received:** 28, correct 20: success rate 74%

**Prizewinner** - Kathryn Forward. Congratulations!

**Results - 23** correct Ulla Axelsen, Hilary Cromer, Con Flinkenberg, Kathryn Forward, Pat Garner, David Grainger, Kath Harper, Barb Ibbott, Lynn Jarman, Julie Leigh, Alison Martin, Claire McClelland, Robyn McKenzie, Drew Meek Andrew Miles, Anne Millard, Andrew Patterson, Julie Randall, Danuta Rosendorff, Betty Siegman, Roy Taylor, Robyn Wimbush. **22** correct Patricia Abbott, Warren Allen, Maureen Blake, Julie Crowe, Ron Jarman William Ryan, Michael Veress.

#### Compiler comments

Thanks to everyone who took the time to enter this simple quiz. I really appreciated your kind words and good wishes. There were no specific issues, just a couple of spelling problems and the odd omission. I loved the fact that a couple of people submitted DICED CROUTON for DRIED COCONUT. Although the anagram is correct I couldn't find any recipe that called for them so unfortunately I couldn't count it as correct.

#### Solvers' feedback

Mince pies, Christmas cake and an enjoyable anagram quiz. What more could one ask for. Ken Francis Some delightfully weird anagrams went into making these Christmas treats. *Kath Harper*

I hope that your Christmas and New Year were as tasty as the quiz. *Warren Allen*

I was determined to complete it without the use of reference books and got there, although GRATED SUET was nearly my downfall. *Ulla Axelsen*

Here's my effort. The credit should go to my wife who is the cook, but I'm claiming it because I'm the one who does the eating. *Con Flinkenberg*

Quite an easy quiz apart from DEPOSING CUR which had me scratching my head for a while - but an enjoyable diversion. *Kathryn Forward*

Having deciphered your list, I now know why I gave up making my own cakes. *Pat Garner*

Even now - many years since I've eaten it - the recollection of White Christmas brings a shudder. *David Grainger*

This was a marvellous quiz. It actually inspired me to get my recipe book out and make another Christmas cake. *Barb Ibbott*

Thank you for this topical quiz. I had used most of the ingredients but no longer suet. It was a standby for my grandmother though. *Robyn McKenzie*

Thanks for the quiz which was a very gentle start *Andrew Patterson*

Thanks for the enjoyabl quiz. I think I might have sampled most of those constituents over the past two weeks of eating. *William Ryan*

Thanks for the lovely Christmassy quiz. I could just about smell them all. *Betty Siegman*

Very entertaining and hungry making. *Roy Taylor*

January 6-2025 Cryptic by Robespierre (Ian McKenzie)  
Entries received 68; Correct 55; Success rate 81%.  
Prizewinner: Jenny Madden. Congratulations!

Compiler’s observations

We decided to accept LONE PARENT as well as the intended solution, SOLE PARENT: LONE PARENT is clearly an accepted term that fits both the definition and wordplay. Of the three errors with more than one occurrence (each having 2 proponents), FREEBEE and DOODAH are both alternative spellings of the correct solution but fail to comply fully with the wordplay. The third error, KEY PIECE, looks to be a bit of a guess.

**Explanations – Across:** 1 PU(FEE)B<., 5 DRUG + BUST, 9 (DAMNS OIL)\*, 10 DOLL + bAR, 11 SOLE + PA RENT, 12 APE + X, 13 A + (RT+I) in BOON, 16 DO+DO<+(L)AD(Y), 17 (DUE SO)\* round X, 19 FAT I + GUEssED, 21 AirFAReS, 22 BREAK COVER, 25 (I + ERR) in SA, 26 O inside (BIAS+SAY), 27 dd. **Down:** 2 ERA + T + O, 3,28 M(FATE)\* within FEMALE, 4 JAB in (PUN + I), 5 bUDGE inside DON, 6 dd, 7 LIB< + LAB + ON + fittinG, 8 (AT EASEL M artist)\*, 14 dd, 15 DART in (driveR+A+RAP), 18 SUB + BASE, 19 F + IE round BEER<, 20 TOFF round fAKE, 23 ON SET, 24 hidden<.

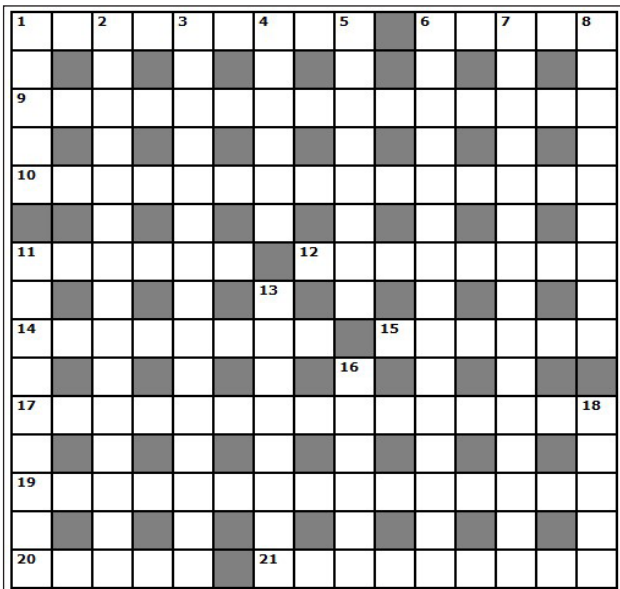
Solvers’ Feedback

- Challenging!; especially for me the SE corner. *Fraser Simpson*
- I voted DOODAD for COTM. Good puzzle with difficult but fair clues. *Roy Taylor*
- Favourite DUDGEON. *The Void*
- Can’t make sense of the wordplay in SOLE PARENT. *Ian Thompson*
- Favourite clues were SET PIECE and BILLABONG. *Len Colgan*
- Are Robespierre puzzle’s getting easier or is my brain just rewired for his devilishly tricky wordplay? DOODAD gets my COTM. *Mal Cockburn*
- So many suggestive clues; so few erotic answers! Good fun. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Lots of good clues here. Thanks Ian. *Robyn Wimbush*
- STALEMATE was a very clever clue. *Robyn Mckenzie*
- Enjoyable puzzle - liked clues DRUG BUST, DOODAD and BILLABONG. *Joan Smith*



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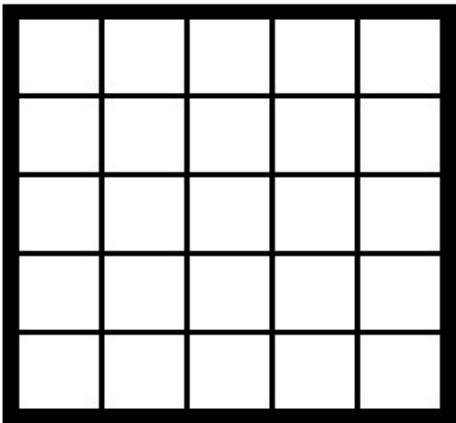
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FRAZ WORD SQUARE 5-Feb 1

(Solution on p 16)  
Identical words read across and down in this square. Clues are not listed in order.

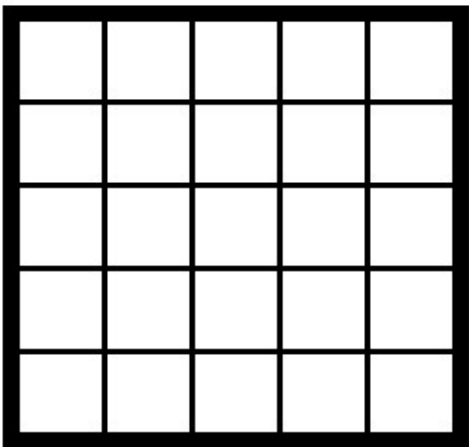
- Announce a door prize
- Empty cell holds unrefined creep
- Greeting underworld ring
- Observe first of women attending church
- Wreck finishes off too tall



FRAZ WORD SQUARE 5-Feb 2

(Solution on p 16)  
Identical words read across and down in this square. Clues are not listed in order.

- A cruise rejected fake name
- Brewer’s supply at a Mediterranean island
- Holding seats for a change
- Label the French chart with columns
- Slim punk grabs front of bottom branches



**January 7-2025 One or the Other by KA (Karl Audrins)**  
**Entries received.55, Correct. 41, Success rate75%.**  
**Prizewinner: Mark Woolston. Congratulations!**

**Compiler's observations.** It's pleasing that many members enjoyed this somewhat different puzzle. A little surprising to find that five members had submitted MONISM for MONIST as anagrams for the former don't fit the clue. Otherwise the usual crop of typos – they can't be otherwise in an anagram puzzle

**Explanations – Across: 6 MAILERS, 8 SCOTER, 10 GERMAN, 11 PLEONASM, 12 TSIGANES, 13 BOLIDE, 14 PURDAH, 17 THESES, 20 NESTER, 22 RELAPSED, 25 CALDERON, 26 REACTS, 27 STOKER, 28 DIAPERS. Down: 1 ARNICA, 2 PREDATOR, 3 REMAIN, 4 DOUBTERS, 5 COLLIE, 7 INMOST, 9 TRASHES, 15 LOCATES, 16 DIASPORE, 18 ANDROGEN, 19 PADRES, 21 OTTARS, 23 SENECA, 24 ARREST.**

#### Solvers' Feedback

- Nice puzzle with clear instructions. Quite an achievement for every single clue to fit the double-anagram template. *Ian Mckenzie*
- This was a neat idea and a lot of fun to solve. *Fraser Simpson*
- A great concept, Karl! *Len Colgan*
- An interesting challenge. *Ian Thompson*
- Enjoyable new concept for a puzzle. Sad., all those discarded words, including DIASPORE which I had trouble finding as a name for aluminium hydroxide. *Roy Taylor*
- Loved doing this puzzles. So many interesting words! *Sue Pinder*
- Surprising difficult to get started - even getting my head around the instructions took a while., but eventually de-anagrammed all the clues. Quite a novel idea for a puzzle. *Mal Cockburn*
- Yet another wonderful variant *Brian Symons*
- I really., really enjoyed this one., thank you. *Julie Leigh*
- Should this have been a slot 7? *Richard Skinner*
- A worthy slot 7. Challenging but good fun. *Ulla Axelsen*
- My favourite puzzle of the month. Thanks, Karl! *Ann Millard*
- That was extremely difficult and consumed many days that I will never get back. *Warren Allen*
- A really great puzzle that took a bit of thinking. *Betty Siegman*
- 7dn needed all the cross-references as it could have been INMOST, MONIST or NOMIST! Pleased that the time had not elapsed and that all clues/answers were great and did not grate! *Alan Dyer*
- Thanks Karl. It was a good workout and not so simple as befits a slot 7. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Most enjoyable. *Danuta Rosendorff*
- Thank goodness for scribble space with this puzzle. I needed all of it! *Kath Harper*
- What an interesting puzzle this was, which provided hours of entertainment during our very hot summer! I'm not sure that it's all correct but I had such fun doing it. *Judy Randall*

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#### January Slot 7 solution

##### Solution WORD SQUARE 5-Feb1

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##### Solution WORD SQUARE 5-Feb2

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**Explanations for clues in January slots 1 to 5:** Note: cd = cryptic definition; dd = double definition; rev or < = reversal; homophones are noted as "homoph" and words from which they are derived may be shown in quotes; anagrams as anag. if straightforward, or (NNNN)\*. "Heads" or "Tails" are first or last letters of part of a clue; letters forming solutions are normally written as capitals and removals as lower case; hw or hidden = hidden word. Explanations provided by individual compilers may vary from this format.

**Slot 1 Bogeyman. Across:** 9 "Bah ....!", 11 CL + AU + S, 12 SO + DA, 16 NOTHING, 20 STUN + T, 21 homoph "Rosie", 22 cd re Speedos. **Down:** 1 OR + homoph "Dane", 2 ELSIE<, 3 heads, 4 AeStIvAl, 5 dd, 6 heads, 7 UP< + DD + SING\*, 14 H + EDGE, 15 homoph "rum", 17 T(H)REE, 19 ASPIRIN + G, 24 HI in RANG, 25 (I + NURSE)\*, 27 hidden<, 29 dd, 30 BA + HT.

**Slot 2 Zinzan Across:** 1 (seems)\* round I, 5 SU(m)+(garlic)\*, 9 (t)able, 10 w(in,chest)e,r-----, 11 L in bake, 13 -i,-g,-o,-r, 14 hidden, 16 (Tr for N)estle, 19 (-urner)\*, 22 bu(r)ns, 24 -e(men)d,-ed, 28 hidden, 31 ratio(n), 34 (urn,default)\*, 35 rib<,d, 36 (-hipol-tas)\*, 37 ddef. **Down:** 2 (b,oil)\* in me, 3 ddef, 4 s+(w)ows, 5 (seen)\*,gal, 6 her<,i,-r,-e-, 7 (his,pan)\*,e-----, 8 ate,a,m, 12 hidden, 15 y,-e- n-s-, 16 tar(t), 17 homoph "Thai", 19 heads, 20/18 red,eye, 21 (bis--i-)\*, 23 -n -o-t,rump, 25 homoph "missed eel", 26 (m(is)o,tuna)\*, 27 (recipe)\*, 29 (sort,o-)\*, 32 (h)am,bit, 33 hidden.

**Slot 3 Crowsman (Len Colgan)-Boy. Across:** 7 DISC + homoph of 'lame', 9 rev hidden, 11 SHARER around PEN, 12 TU(r)NER, 13 AN + TONY, 14 RANA< + CHIC, 16 SLOP\* + (wa)SH, 18 USA + GER, 21 AMORETTI, but O replaced by A, 23 AS + SAYS, 27 S(KIN)T, 28 ISOMETRIC\*, 29 AUR(OR)A, 30 L(EVER)ETS. **Down:** 1 O + (p) ASSED<, 2 S(LIP)ON, 3 F(r)IEND, 4 LIST + homoph of 'eerier', 5 LUNCH around A(ppetisers), 6 (A + CUR + REV)<, 8 (PUT + RATS)<, 10 C(RANK)UP, 15 CH(estn)UT + YEN<, 17 OVERT + URN, 19 AXE< + MINE, 20 dd, 22 (c) AV(e) + AIRY\*, 24 ROSIE\* + (leav)E, 25 AMOS in SA, 26 REPOT<.

**Slot 4 Manveru. A** NATURALIST\*(-UR), **B** BOOM+B+OX, **C** COMPILATION\*(-MAIN), **D** DO+MALES\*, **E** PRIMEd<, **F** F+IN+A+LIST [cd], **G** LOOM in GULF\*, **H** HALL+U+X, **I** s(IBERIA), **J** JACK+(S(c)ULLERS)\*, **K** SKELETON\*(-T), **L** LI(QUI)D, **M** (I+MOVED+NEAR)\*, **N** Spooner 'goes nay', **O** OFF+PA(r)T, **P** POLAR+O+ID, **Q** QUI(z)+P, **R** LIE\* in RAN+T, **S** SANDS+HOE, **T** (TO+MAKE+W+R)\*, **U** REVOLUTIONS\* (-ROLE), **V** Hidden<, **W** (WIRING+FUNDS)\*, **X** waXY+poLE+liNE, **Y** (O+GUNS+LYING)\*, **Z** Z+MOBILES\*(-L).

**Slot 5 Valkyrie. Across:** 1 MESS+AGE, 5 PARR in SOW, 9 (A+LOOM)<, 10 PET+TIT+OE+S, 11 EAR+THE+N+ homophone of WEAR, 12 Reverse hidden, 14 S+L+EDGE, 17 C(L)UELESS, 19 L+A+N+D+RACE, 20 Hidden, 24 HOPING - PIN, 26 (ROVING ELUDE)\*, 28 T+LAIR<+LIST, 29 BRACE replace A with Y, 30 DuRESS+ER, 31 S(PIG) OT+S. **Down:** 1 M+sSUMMERS, 2 SCOUR+G+E, 3 A+W+ASH, 4 EX+P+AND, 5 SA(TIA)BLE, 6 Anag of LASSIE around KEN, 7 R+HONE [lit], 8 SAW<+PS, 13 pIgS in MTS, 15 LL+ONA<, 16 (GREASY LOG)\*, 18 (CREW) in RISE\*, 21 TALLY+HOg, 22 homoph "I"+LET+S, 23 Pun, 24 HATtED, 25 (RE+PIG)\*, 27 DUB+AI.

### Pretty Girl in Crimson Rose

This book has been doing the rounds of members for some time but the list of previous readers is not comprehensive. It is now in Jenny's hands and if any member is interested in reading it she'll be pleased to pass it on. If you let her know, she can assemble a list of potential readers for passing it to after you've read it. Email to [secretary@crosswordclub.org](mailto:secretary@crosswordclub.org)

The book is Sandy Balfour's personal reminiscence and a guide to solving crossword puzzles. But it is much, much more than a 'how-to' book. Each chapter starts with a clue, and uses anecdote, history and autobiography to solve it. In the process, the reader encounters The Best Crossword Clue Ever, The Most Beautiful Clue in the World 'Pretty Girl in Crimson Rose' and the eccentric personalities behind such legendary compilers as the Guardian's Araucaria and The Times 'Ximenes'.

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Audrins, Lyn Coulton, Ron Jarman, Greg Jones, Frank Martin, Andrew Miles, The Void.

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**January 1: Bogeyman (Ian Williams)**

- Not the easiest Slot 1 with a number of clues having only an often loose cryptic definition linked to the Xmas theme. 23ac either BARBECUE or BARBEQUE would appear acceptable. *Ian McKenzie*
- The SE corner was tough until I finally understood what the north/south meant! *Fraser Simpson*
- A jolly romp! *Kathryn Forward*
- Cleverly done. *Ian Thompson*
- Harder than the average Slot 1? Thanks, Bogeyman. *Ann Millard*
- Good cheery fun although not quite sure of some of my answers. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Appropriate theme! *Robyn McKenzie*
- Not sure about 4dn as my answer doesn't fit the theme but I'm out of ideas. *Mal Cockburn*
- Enjoyed the Christmassy theme, many thanks. *Betty Siegman*
- A few weeks pass, and all this seems so long ago. *Kath Harper*
- Relevant theme, thank you! Don't understand ASIA for 4dn. Otherwise a nice cheery start to the new year! *Beverley Cockburn*
- Not at all sure on 24dn. *Chris Thomas*
- A happy festive puzzle, I liked ASIA. *Kathy Horadam*
- Hope the Season was great fun for everyone - like this slot. *Hilary Cromer*
- Clue for 9a?? I don't understand. Otherwise; a great Slot 1. Rahing for Bogeyman! *Lynn Jarman*

**January 2: Zinzan (Andrew Patterson)**

- Outstanding. 15 or 16 related clues! Love your work. Several COTM options. *William Ryan*
- Great puzzle, and I didn't see the theme until late in the solve. *Fraser Simpson*
- Favourites RADAR, STAT and PIERCE. *The Void*
- Some clever tricky clues, like RATIO, MESH and IGOR. *Roy Taylor*
- Lots of M\*A\*S\*H references here. *Len Colgan*
- The M\*A\*S\*H/Food themes are brilliant: Winchester, Potter, Radar, Pierce, Blake, Burns & Igor. *Mal Cockburn*
- Does MASH qualify as a Nina? *Richard Skinner*
- Loved the punny 25dn! *Kathryn Forward*
- Very clever and tricky clues. It took me ages to get bottom right corner. *Ulla Axelsen*
- S-MASH-ing effort! When you look closely, there are so many related answers. *Kath Harper*
- Very clever planting of MASH title and characters! Not realised until puzzle was completed! *Beverley Cockburn*
- 30ac took a long time, had me pacing. *Chris Thomas*
- More challenging than expected with some great clues. I especially liked the M.A.S.H. reference and RATIO; but 37A lost me. *Kathy Horadam*
- Discovering the theme certainly helped. I thought the clue for 5a was excellent. I do have doubts about some of my answers. *Lynn Jarman*

**January 3: Crow-Boy (Len Colgan & Toby McLeay)**

- Fun idea for a nina. I was trying to read the nina message in the grid, until I realised I could type the grid into Accolade and read the message

more easily from the answer list. *Fraser Simpson*

- Favourites ODESSA & CHUTNEY. *The Void*
- Merry Christmas and happy new year. *Brian Symons*
- Clever construction of final letters making seasons greetings. I discovered this at half way, making the rest easier. *Roy Taylor*
- I like the Nina! *Allan Storti*
- Merry Christmas to you too! *Julie Leigh*
- Nice NINA. A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you too! *Sonia Roulston*
- A timely Nina! *Kathryn Forward*
- Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. *Ian Thompson*
- Took ages to work out what meaning was in the theme. MERRY CHRISTMAS! *Ann Millard*
- And a lovely Nina, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. How clever to get all that in. *Julie Crowe*
- Thank you and a Merry Christmas to you too Crow-boy. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Only needed first two across words and title to get Nina. Clever compiling. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Clever concept and once I got the message it really helped. Same to you! *Robyn McKenzie*
- Liked the clues LEVERETS and OVERTURN, hope you had a Merry Christmas too. *Joan Smith*
- ASSAYS or ESSAYS? In the end, here's hoping you had a Nina here. *Alan Dyer*
- Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. *Karlis Audrins*
- I had to complete the whole grid before I worked out the theme - typical! But MC&AHNY to all. Not sure about 23ac. *Mal Cockburn*
- Last letter message. Thank you and the same right back at you! *Beverley Cockburn*
- And best wishes to you too, Nina. *Kath Harper*
- Amazing to fit in the Nina (I didn't see the down half till I was finished; sadly, it would have helped!) An excellent puzzle. *Kathy Horadam*
- Yes; I did have a MERRY CHRISTMAS. *Michael Veress*
- Loved it CB, *Chris Thomas*
- Nice Nina!, *Ron Jarman*

**January 4: Manveru (Michael Kennedy)**

- Loved the clue for F. *Fraser Simpson*
- Favourites ATLANTIS, NOSEGAY. *The Void*
- This time I found solving the clues harder than putting them in. *Roy Taylor*
- Have I missed anything more than "Zephyr"? *Julie Leigh*
- ZEPHYR across the top. Is that a Nina or just a coincidence? *Mal Cockburn*
- A very light Nina? *Richard Skinner*
- My favourite clues were those for LIQUID and WIND SURFING. *Brian Tickle*
- A ZEPHYR along the top of the solution! *Ann Millard*
- A good challenging AJ. You know you are of a certain age when you can work out the U clue without using any references. *Ulla Axelsen*
- I especially liked POLAROID and MAIDEN OVER. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Excellent AJ, thank you, Manveru! *Beverley Cockburn*
- Loved the clue for A, in a really enjoyable puzzle. *Kathy Horadam*

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## Feedback on November slot 4 continued from page 15

- ZEPHYR across the top, but the puzzle was no breeze. *Michael Veress*
- Thanks for a great puzzle, Manveru! What's with the "Zephyr" Nina? *Caroline MacKay-Sim*
- The AJ is always good fun but I'm not sure about the F clue. *Hilary Cromer*
- Liked the clues for LIQUID and COPILOT. *Ron Jarman*
- **January 5: Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen)**
- The use of obscure words or word meanings makes this puzzle challenging. LANDRACE is a particularly clever clue and RHONE is also subtle. I note that GRIPE's wordplay employs a simple indirect anagram cf. the recent adjudication of PASHTO. *Ian McKenzie*
- A few tough definitions here. It took some (enjoyable) searching to verify some of them. *Fraser Simpson*
- Some of these took a bit of thought. *Roy Taylor*
- Favourites MUMMERS, AWASH. The "about" in GRIPE is indirect anagram fodder for RE, which is generally frowned on. Nicely themed. *The Void*
- I was nearly tricked into thinking that 7dn should be Rhine, but then realised that Rhone was correct! Happy New Year *Julie Leigh*
- Marvelous how pigs are worked into nearly every clue. A puzzle set for Babe. *Mal Cockburn*
- I thought this was going to be impossible but I think I finally solved it with a lot of grunt work. *Toby McLeay*
- I never considered that crosswording would teach me about gruntners. *Richard Skinner*
- Pigs rule! Not sure I do though. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Enjoyable puzzle liked DOODAD and DRUG BUST. *Joan Smith*
- BIRTHS or BIOTAS? I went full hog on this puzzle and hope that I have brought home the bacon. The other answer I am not sure of is SCREWIER - 'CREW' is understandable but was 'RISE' really high enough to become 'SIER'? *Alan Dyer*
- I found this hard but rewarding! Loved DUBAI! *Beverley Cockburn*
- A veritable litter of pigs to play with. *Kath Harper*
- 7dn probably should be RHINE but then 10ac is wrong. [see Chambers entry for Rhone - Ed] *Brian Symons*
- This little piggy hog\*ged quite a few resources to sow\*ce answers and was not at all boar\*ed. *Lynn Jarman*
- Nice puzzle, i found it tough. RHINE was lovely. total guess at 10ac, i had no idea *Chris Thomas*
- So many ways to use pig! I teach at a primary school, and the students recently came in speaking a 'new' language, Pig Latin! They were amazed that I knew about it. I was amazed that it was still around - I remember it at school 50 odd years ago! *Mary Dodd*

## January 2025 Bonus 1 Good Girls? by Raoul (William Ryan)

**Correct:** Patricia Abbott, Warren Allen, Corryn Anderson, Keith Bettles, Maureen Blake, Ken Davies, Tony Dobebe, Alan Dyer, Jenny Madden, Ian McKenzie, Ann Millard, Rob Moline, Andrew Patterson and Robyn Wimbush.

**Prizewinner: Jenny Madden. Congratulations! Compiler's observations**

I received fourteen correct entries via e- and snail mail. I also received a device that the local bomb squad intercepted and declared safe. I'm uncertain if the box of dog poo was from a fellow member, or just part of my usual hate-mail.

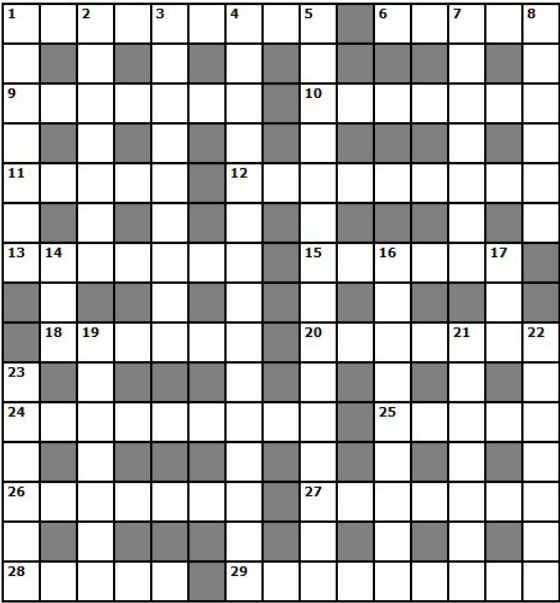
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**Solvers' Feedback**

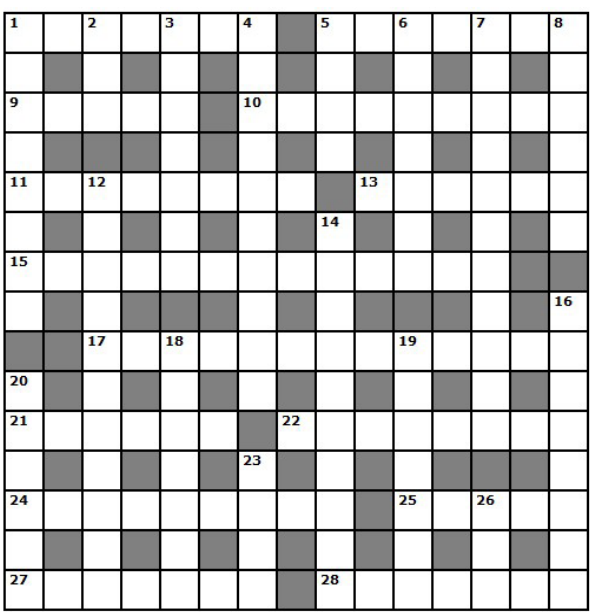
- I really enjoyed your challenging puzzle. *Keith Bettles*
- Your idiosyncratic clueing style and unique perspective on the world always make your puzzles a challenge! It's essential to remember that a reference to alcohol or sex is often lurking! *Ian McKenzie*
- Hooley. Got some guesses here but this is as good as it gets methinks. Loved NO CAN DO. *Zinzan*
- Here is my attempt at your crossword puzzle. It took quite a bit of brain work. I think that I have found all the 'glasses.' I particularly liked the clues for ELOPED and HAIRDO. *Warren Allen*
- Theme: glasses, either beer receptacles, or eyesight aids. Never heard of a butcher - SA, the dictionary says. Didn't know a pint in Tassie wasn't a pint. Found out WA has a bobby, which I have never seen or heard. *Rob Moline*
- Thanks, William. Took a while to work out the commonality when I had SCHOONER, BUTCHER & SPECTACLES. *Ann Millard*
- This was interesting having so many GLasses to find. Thanks for the challenge, *Maureen Blake*

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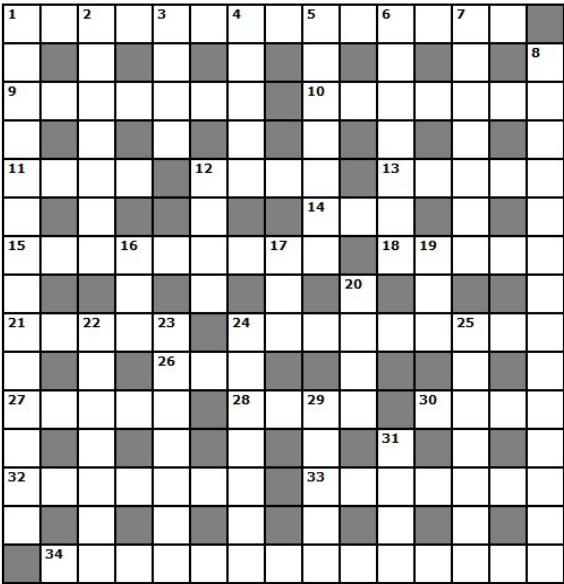


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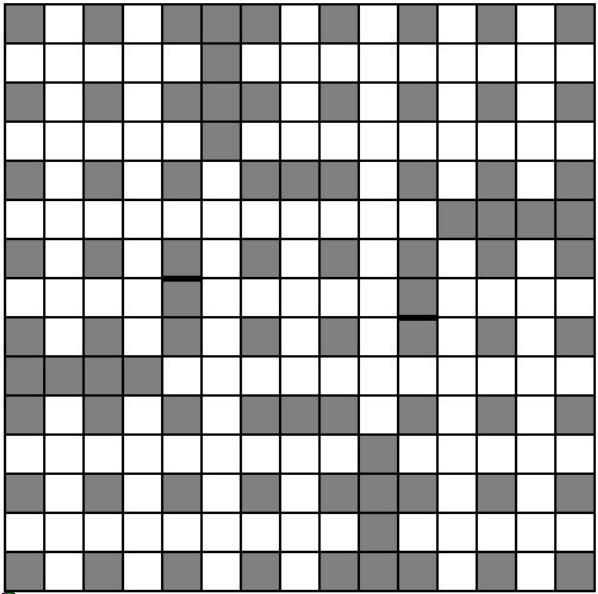


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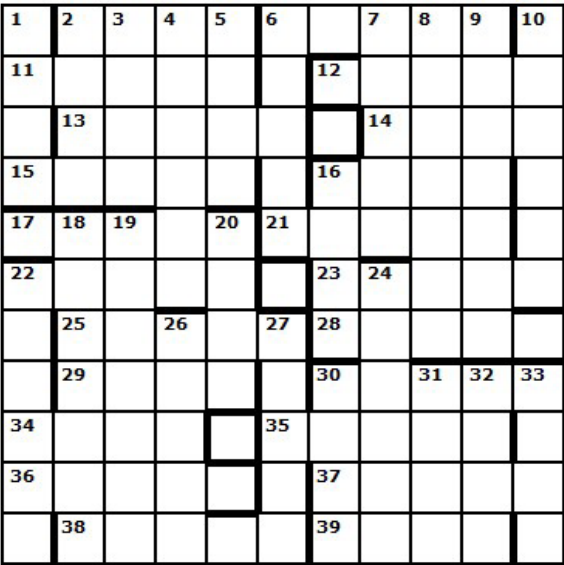
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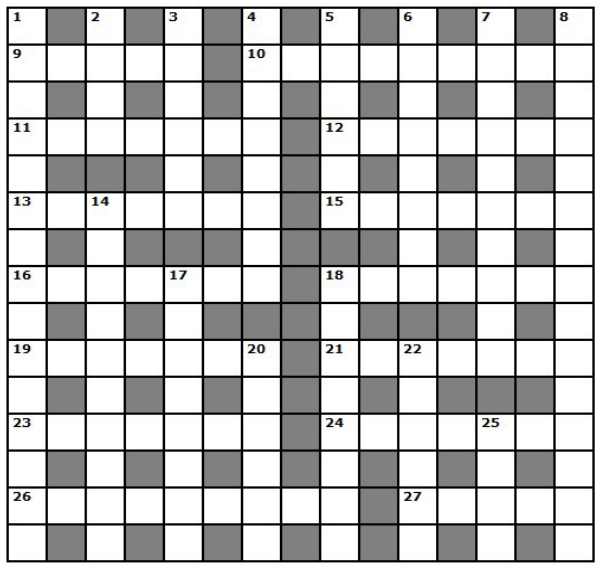
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Submit solution by ACCOLADE or for mail entries see page 3 for adjudicator and closing mail date  
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**The Executive Committee**