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I don't object to foreigners speaking a foreign language; I just wish they'd all speak the same foreign language. Billy Wilder, 1972, *Avanti*.

## GRIDATORIAL

Thanks to those members who have subscribed promptly to our invitation to renew for 2025 and to those who have made donations to the prize fund. Very few renewals from those new members who joined us at no cost last year - if you enjoyed solving the puzzles, do join us for 2025 to exercise your brain cells and maybe win a prize.

We are fortunate this month; Rebel Warren has kindly presented us with a set of her 2025 calendars as a second prize to each of the successful solvers for this month. Rebel became expert in the use of Adobe InDesign when publishing her annual calendar. She volunteered to provide support to the presentation of CrOZworld as part of our future-proofing policy. A brief bio of Rebel is on page 13. Many thanks, Rebel. We are pleased to present another set of cruciverbal treats for your delectation in this edition of CrOZworld. A welcome return by Fraz who has provided us with yet another of his different and entertaining takes on the slot 1 puzzle. The Mythics have turned their back on slot 6/7 puzzles and have compiled what they hope to be a readily-solvable slot 2, albeit with a bit of a contemporary twist. Lexi Conner challenges us with one of his polished slot 3 cryptics and Both Sides present some very interesting words in the alphanumeric jigsaw in its traditional slot 4 spot. A cryptic puzzle from T-boy, serial winner of our clue-writing competition, occupies slot 5. The tumbrils await those who fail to complete Robespierre's masterpiece at slot 6 and we welcome another ingenious challenge from our guest compilers, Eclogue. The quiz this month is from the hard-working pen of KA. Do, please, respond to our plea for quizzes in Member news on page 13. We do need new volunteers.

We wish you satisfying solving this November. Ian

## FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

Our grateful thanks to Kath and her sister Marg! She took on the task with a fractured ankle but completed her report before she was whisked away to hospital with another issue. We're pleased to report that she is in good spirits following the start of her treatment. Our very best wishes, Kath, for a quick recovery!

**Slot 1:** Surprisingly, this caused a lot of headaches for solvers. WRY was accepted as an alternative to DRY, but STRIVE, which was offered by a number of members did not satisfy the second half of the clue, 'to impress', which required STRIKE. Too many typos, including POGROM, which was misspelled as POGRAM; other errors were largely one-offs.

**Slot 2:** Several solvers (agnostics, not players, or just avoiding US politics?) opted for LAST THUMP instead of TRUMP, 'to go over' in various card games. A few others overlooked Remus as Rome's founder and inserted SEMUR as the ancient kingdom, or had a stab at NABBED for BARBED.

**Slot 3:** A few people got an EARWORM into their heads instead of an EELWORM, and thereby had the wrong bird in hand (SPARROW for SWALLOW). Misspellings of RHONCHI, HOCUS POCUS and PETUNIA appeared more than once. MARANTA, though unusual, was solvable provided AN was in the right seat in the tram. SWAN did not fit the clue for SHAG (anag. of 'has' + G for gravity).

**Slot 4:** Here, it was the longest words that caused the trouble. Several solvers went for IMPORTUNATE, which could mean 'harassing' but lacked the UNITY required by the clue. There were several variations of XERANTHEMUM; all had to be weeded out as botanically incorrect.

**Slot 5:** The most frequent error occurred where solvers put CARRIED instead of CURRIED, the former lacking a rascal (CUR) and the sense of being beaten. Having ENCASED produced an unusual fruit called a SHAVA, and ICE for ISM led to EASY SEE rather than the intended MUST SEE.

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## LEADING FIGURES

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	90	86	83	77	85	421
Correct entries	58	70	66	58	73	325
Success rate (%)	64	81	80	75	86	77
Prizewinners	Jan Wood	Rob Milton	David Parsons	Roy Taylor	Ken Francis	from 91 members

**Prizewinner: October Slots 1-5 correct: Alison Shield. Congratulations!**

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### October Slot 1

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### October Slot 2

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### October Slot 3

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### October Slot 4

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### October Slot 5

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### October Slot 6

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U	S	E	S	S	K	D	E	A	L	E	R	T		
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MEMBERS' RESULTS FOR OCTOBER 2024 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.	•			•			•	Graves C.		•	•		•		•	Parsons D.		•	•	•	•	•	•
Allen W.	•	•	•	•	•		•	Hagan R.			•	•			•	Patterson A.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Anderson C.	•	•	•	•	•		•	Harper K.	•	•	•	•	•		•	Peach S.		•	•			•	
Audrins K.	•	•	•	•	•		•	Hearn R.	•	•	•		•		•	Pinder S.				•	•		•
Axelsen U.	•	•	•	•	•		•	Hocking A.	•	•			•		•	Procter D.		•	•	•	•		•
Barbour J.	•	•	•	•	•		•	Horadam K.		•		•			•	Randall J.		•	•			•	•
Barnes J.		•	•	•	•		•	Howat S.	•		•	•	•	•	•	Rosendorff D.	•	•		•	•	•	•
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Crowe J.	•	•	•	•	•		•	Matthews S.	•	•			•		•	Taylor S.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Davis K.	•	•	•	•	•		•	McClelland C.	•	•					•	Thompson I.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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From the Adjudicator - continued from p 1

Slot 1

Half and Half  
by  
Fraz

Prize  
\$50

Second prize - Rebel's  
2025 calendar

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Across

- 1 Musical glassware? (9,6)
- 9 Sign on a lot? (7,8)
- 10 Put out feelers (at the pool?) (6,3,6)
- 11 "Calm your fears" (2,5,3,5)
- 15 Damage avoidance for electronics (5,10)
- 18 Intellectual tradition (6,2,7)
- 21 Stop arguing and move on (5,2,8)
- 22 Hedonists (8,7)

Down

- 1 Finishing touches on aspects needing change (9)
- 2 Also known as a raised spinnaker, e.g. (5)

- 3 Paul almost circles behind tableland (7)
- 4 Reportedly bother with unadorned constellation (5,4)
- 5 Spooky lake in North America, I hear (5)
- 6 Argentine city repulsed by a large crony (2,5)
- 7 Adoring men with gifts confused hermitage (5,4)
- 8 Saint for certain ocular woes (5)
- 12 Harnessed animal managed short race (4-5)
- 13 Surpasses louts missing the first junkets (9)
- 14 Old-timey musicians enlist Mrs Gross (9)
- 16 Michelangelo: person harbouring runaway lovers (7)
- 17 Revolutionary is receptive to spoken hymn (7)
- 18 Exchange collects lead from mucky bog (5)
- 19 Stench (nothing grim) (5)
- 20 Carnage surrounding small, prickly shrub (5)

SEND  
SOLUTIONS  
TO:

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Slot 2

Cryptic  
by  
The Mythtics

Prize  
\$50

Second prize - Rebel's  
2025 calendar

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Across

- 8 Disapprove of hotels accommodating a bishop and posh politician (8)
- 9 Steer, with flapping sail, to plant (6)
- 10 Measure middle of belly ... (3)
- 11 ...and a group of musicians (4)
- 12 Cry when short of breath, initially! (3)
- 13 Fruit causes irritation in Long Island (6)
- 14 Throws officer commanding American base into a stew (9)
- 16 Label for one of the competitors used by the other (5)
- 18 Ran back in painful chaos (7)
- 20 Detective to steal back tool (7)
- 23 Sculptor occupying grimy rondavel
- 25 Racine sat awkwardly as a bigoted believer (9)
- 28 A practical lesson said to describe one of the contenders? (6)
- 29 Last legend, missing a limb (3)
- 31 Easy run to an extreme left-winger (4)
- 32 Atmosphere in Scottish town, we hear (3)
- 33 Physicist tied short King in a knot (6)
- 34 Rocky object is unstable seat for returning designer (8)

Down

- 1 Secure low DNA in another way (4,4)
- 2 Alarms losing time result in mistakes (6)
- 3 Unknown uncle upset festive occasion (4)
- 4 Sparsely inhabited regions in part, loathe bus holidaymakers (3,4)
- 5 Votes for soft, topless buns (5)
- 6 Coaches snakes (8)
- 7 One of two regularly knocks back Greek, hot cider (6)
- 15 Honolulu's key feature? (4)
- 17 Lithuania restricts American desire (4)
- 19 Spanish R&B flower (3,5)
- 21 The Creation, for example, conversely a rocky height on one of Jupiter's moons (8)
- 22 Quite a few break off with American League (7)
- 24 Whine month after month in an unhappy year (6)
- 26 Restore ballot box after soak (6)
- 27 Flat British country (5)
- 30 Statistics dealing initially with Australian temperature acceleration (4)

General Feedback for October

• Thank you for my prize last month. Made my day after a horror trot with computer problems. *Glenda Lloyd*

• Thank you so much for my slot seven prize. *Jean Evans*

Slot 3

Cryptic

by

Lexi

Conner



Prize  
\$50

Second prize - Rebel's  
2025 calendar

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Across

- 1 Profit-oriented ad is linked to 20 (15)
- 9 Writer Anaïs gives German approval to stealth fighter (5)
- 10 See 11
- 11,10 First person to yell loudly gets dessert (3,5)
- 12 Quip that he carelessly encountered two beasts (7)
- 13 Took the weekend off, moreover (3)
- 14 Firm obtains small building with stalls (7)
- 16 In favour of leaving restored harpoon to legendary shipbuilder (4)
- 17 At that point Athens was out of bounds (4)
- 18 An Islam convert delivered 16's charges (7)
- 20 Those starting to invite chaos create contraction (3)
- 22 Acquisitiveness means video camera is ordered without demo (7)
- 23 All that's left is heart in penniless love (3)
- 24 Boneless tiny feet when restless are thus (5)
- 25 Wild no more thanks to medication (5)
- 26 Gadget using yarn to mend bones? (8,7)

Down

- 1 Private information on cards won uncover a swindle (10,5)
- 2 Tipsy committeeman Tom avoided the fruit mixture (9)
- 3 Les got confused over term for protective coatings (7)
- 4 Repairing anthropophagically? (15)
- 5 Fleming e.g. follows southern phraseology as heard in the Antipodes (10,5)
- 6 Leading infantry sergeant receives unwise message so returns (7)
- 7 Worthless items worn by extremely respectable nurse (5)
- 8 Widespread intelligence exposing familiar acquaintance (6,9)
- 15 Thai city characters aching to improve aim (6,3)
- 18 Chronicler reported someone who breaks down (7)
- 19 Tragic end accepted by infected individual with doubts (7)
- 21 Plants discovered at onset of trial in NSW commission setback (5)

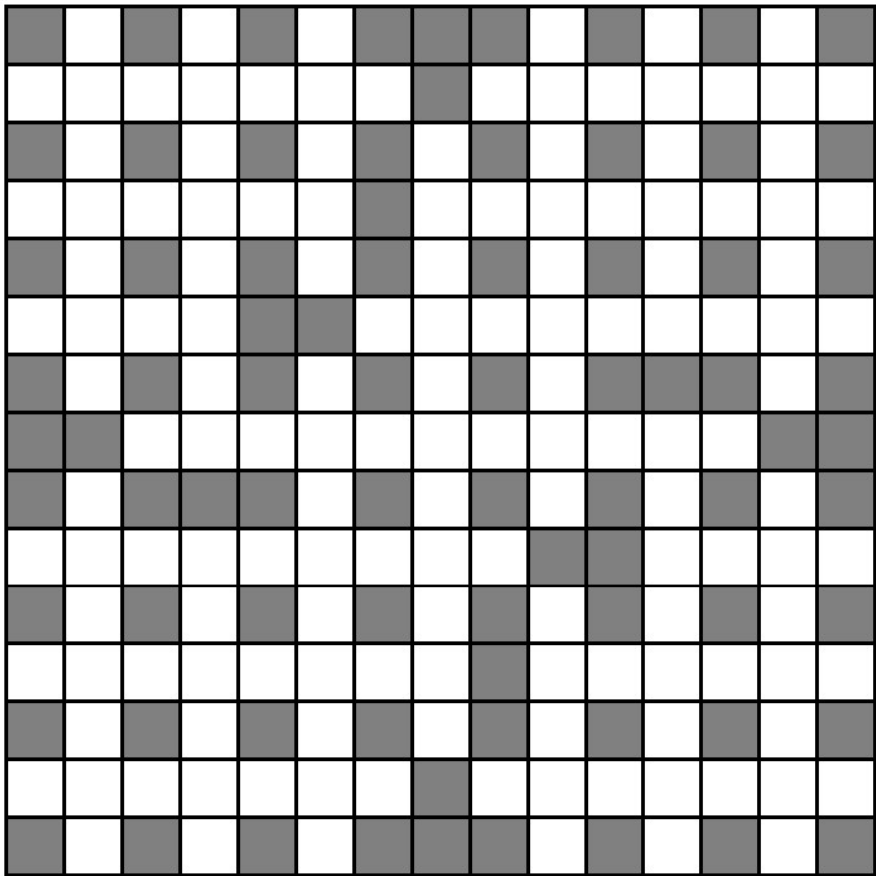
Slot 4

AJ  
by  
Both  
Sides



Second prize - Rebel's  
2025 calendar

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



- A** Left less ravioli, spud and duck - a recipe for weight! (11)

**B** President's devout party-worker for the RFDS? (4,5)

**C** Unfinished case contains Greek letter with Roman vegetables (9)

**D** Elements of diet, with some ice, cause doubling of chromosomes (7)

**E** Embracing IT, Eugene substitutes x for g to unearth mineral containing many rare elements (8)

**F** Fine deli cooked vermicelli (8)

**G** Irish dog returns, hugging Ava, in Indian river (8)

**H** Spooner's Ken Hoop builds a poultry pen (7)

**I** Scrap of Bible found in Iowa (4)

**J** Abraham's grandson's American discovery of James I gold coin (7)

**K** Mikado half-turned to rebellious son wearing zero traditional garments (7)

**L** XXXX tree, perhaps? (6,5)

**M** A school holiday when 20 weeks pregnant? (7)

**N** In city I catch a number (6)

**O** Lois deposited her guts in the van - quite drunk! (5)

**P** Spruik promotion for everyone (6)

**Q** Sixties designer may hesitate to quote Max Planck theory (7)

**R** Window featured account in deep pink (6)

**S** Proper vessel plan (9)
- T** Hive Ted disturbed and robbed (7)

**U** International organisation suitable for purpose? Far from it (5)

**V** Lubricant for vessel - Cunard, for example? (8)

**W** Court guy for warm material (6)

**X** When Uncle returns to "the spot"? (4)

**Y** Babbles on about initial changes to matters (7)

**Z** Last one: micro-mixture with Uranium and Nitrogen creates diamond substitute (9)

Slot 5

Cryptic  
by  
T-boy

Prize  
\$50

Second prize - Rebel's  
2025 calendar

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Across

- 1

Nearly an hour after low pressure deluge (8)
- 5

Demand silence about controversial plane (6)
- 9

Quiet dude upset after coach went back (7)
- 10

One abandoning official church (7)
- 11

"Race shows extremes of gear power" - International Times (5,4)
- 12

Monster pair of soldiers (5)
- 13

Support gum with hollow dentists' pads (9)
- 14

Growler found in ambergris (4)
- 17

Some lunches packed, returned for recess (4)
- 19

Escapes fights about broken rake (9)
- 23

Good dark horse for Peake's Titus (5)
- 24

Car orange, possibly for vanity (9)
- 25

A devil comes back east for titanium oxide (7)
- 26

In the style of former president with no love for US state (7)
- 27

Neck and neck following the Spanish cricket team (6)

- 28

Swiss urbanite has expression of surprise about recalled number (8)

Down

- 1

Measure party herb (6)
- 2

Tangle messenger in electronic document (7)
- 3

Not originally found in summon for weight tax (8)
- 4

Nice rearguard action for landing gear (13)
- 6

Mite infestation gets a control (6)
- 7

Insensible party violence (7)
- 8

Head of mafia abandons hideaway for estate (8)
- 10

Miscegenation compounded Western Australian tree decline (5,8)
- 15

A lung evolved over time into a tongue (8)
- 16

Witch wearing red cosmetic cellulose (8)
- 18

Stockpile gold in podium (7)
- 20

Cargo duty not upset by French swimming (7)
- 21

Inflame hybrid genera (6)
- 22

Stitch on time creates waste (6)

Slot 6

Cryptic  
by  
Robespierre



Second prize - Rebel's  
2025 calendar

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Across

- 1 Building stone remains mid-way between sides (6)
- 5 Being light-headed to the max, gets confused about identity one way and another (8)
- 9 You stir in exotic dye to make an attractive sight (3,5)
- 10 Wood, for example, frames strut (6)
- 11 Light work puts one manager into unresponsive state! (5,5)
- 12 Pass on different conclusion for way to get a spare trunk? (4)
- 13 Leaves bubbly, beer and cigs (8)
- 16 Islander's drunk in a jiffy after putting latest two away (6)
- 17 Lewd about sailors half-stripped! (6)
- 19 A large number of perverse rules restrict shipman to hard-wearing products (8)
- 21 Warp stitch secures knitted top (4)
- 22 Bismarck claim that can't be put down (10)
- 25 For that reason, I had to include R & D base (6)
- 26 Efficient ways to live in old age after retirement (8)
- 27 Possibly topless May Queen (a Parisian) sought (2,3,3)
- 28 Intimate activity at Harvard that's suitable for everyone? (6)

Down

- 2 Pen is where pigs live on left-overs (5)
- 3 Left twosome holding check for fare from China (5)
- 4 Ill-will continued - tribunal failed to reach conclusion (7)
- 5 Old blokes heard: they let off steam (7)
- 6 Turning off at sideroad, avoiding some stick (7)
- 7 Harry is joined by leading burglar for this crime (6,3)
- 8 Spooner's manly condition is reason for marital break-up?! (9)
- 14 Getting tough to solve a clue like this?! (9)
- 15 Dunderhead invested in black and white set lacking electronic transmission capacity! (9)
- 18 Disguise the source of three articles from overseas (7)
- 19 Refuse to go here with Spooner's broken racket (7)
- 20 Romeo regularly taking money for reciting poem (7)
- 23 Excuse I provided after jumping bail (5)
- 24 Luddite finally supports invention. Good Lord! (5)



Slot 7

Threefold  
by  
Eclogue

Prize  
\$50

Second prize - Rebel's  
2025 calendar

All clues are normal. Once complete the grid can be manipulated in accordance with the title to provide seven thematic words, the first two (from the top) of which must be entered as a comment in ACCOLADE or in the space provided on the copy. The inspiration for this puzzle is provided as an additional hint hidden somewhere within the clues.

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Across

- 6 Pat is translator alongside international spies (6)
- 8 Steward - servant at college (ramshackle pile) (8)
- 10 Beastly champion in a mood in the Highlands (7)
- 11 African weaver getting old by time (2-4)
- 12 Young Conservatives in short prank on border for one using three-wheeler (10)
- 13 What occurs on beach has navy in debt (4)
- 14 Hallucination on overdose getting support (6)
- 15 Bacterium curtailing sensation at former Olympic venue? (6)
- 17 Tramp made it back over river (4)
- 18 A giant Yank out in African colonial territory (10)
- 20 Drone endlessly in the dunny (6)
- 22 I beg of you, no more endless therapies without a remedy (7)
- 23 Cherish austerer vagrant (8)
- 24 Short dustman the French confuse (6)

Down

- 1 Tracer shot is hollow (6)
- 2 Harsh noise of loose stones on feature of face initially grates (10)
- 3 Engineer dims trap a small amount (7)
- 4 Mischievously containing dirt, influencing opinion (14)
- 5 Arm say belonging to climber (4)
- 7 Dreadfully heartless Cuban of the south displays mild tanning (1,5,2,3,3)
- 9 Florentine statesman (with 'magnificent' name) perhaps brief ruler over Ferrari? (7)
- 13 Often local match employs cycling county (10)
- 14 Lavish Parisian supports rising light provider in the theatre? (7)
- 16 Deputy turning on old cheat, spoke sharply (7)
- 19 Into "Rings" comes the leader of elves - withdrawing Smeagol finally defers (6)
- 21 Nucleus of hot butt is a gem (4)

The blank grid for this puzzle is on page 12



### Quiz 11-2024 Two To One by KA.

Two separate words of indicated length give the clues for the answers required. Answers are in alphabetical order. e.g. Ventilate (3) Drunk (5) – Completely sealed Answer:- Airtight. Send your answers to karlishane@optusnet.com.au or mail to Karl Audrins 10 Elizabeth Parade, Charlestown NSW 2290. Closing mail date 29 November. Prizes \$50 and Rebel's 2025 calendar.

- 1 Song (3) Secant (4) – Hose
- 2 Limb (3) Preside (5) – Seat
- 3 Building (4) Rage (5) – Tour
- 4 Support (4) Dance (4) – Game
- 5 Verify (5) Friend (4) – Defeat
- 6 Thread (6) Spokesman (5) – A snake
- 7 Money (5) Eccentric (3) – A confection
- 8 Feathers (4) Company (4) – Blue
- 9 Mist (4) Cusp (4) – Warning device
- 10 Raw (5) Trader (6) – Insect
- 11 Catch (4) Computer virus (4) – Parasite
- 12 Chat (3) Wave (7) – A sweet
- 13 Break (4) Fire (4) – Carrying bag
- 14 Queue (4) Supporter (6) – Footballer
- 15 Scars (5) Soldier (3) – Good shot
- 16 Exploits (5) Fish (4) – A drink
- 17 Reveal (3) Throw (4) – Pariah
- 18 Past (4) Injury (4) – Malocclusion
- 19 Step (3) Weapon (5) – Identification
- 20 Medicine (4) Spar (3) – A hat
- 21 Call (4) Team (4) – Best seats
- 22 Sway (4) Barge (6) – A penguin
- 23 Mistakes (5) Coal scuttle (3) – Sloppy
- 24 Period (4) Observe (5) – Timer
- 25 Follow (4) Support (4) – Line of traffic
- 26 Toy (3) Tie (4) – A fish
- 27 Contact (5) Sandbank (4) – Score
- 28 Unconscious (5) Over (4) – Rare
- 29 Liquid (5) Discard (4) – Crucial point
- 30 Finishing line (4) Knock (3) – Bug

**Quiz n-2024 Back to Front by Nigrum Cattus (Ray Gooderick)**  
**26 entries received with 13 correct.**  
**Prizewinner Ian McKenzie.**  
**Congratulations!**

**Results: 24** W. Allen, L. Colgan, J. Evans, R. Jarman, J. Leigh, A. Miles, I. McKenzie,

A. Millard, D. Procter, D. Rosendorff, R. Skinner, R. Taylor, R. Wimbush. **23** P. Abbott, U. Axelsen, J. Barbour, R. McKenzie, S. Pinder, C. Wilcox. **22** K. Forward, K. Francis, W. Ryan, B. Siegman, K. Williams. **21** Con Flinkenberg

**Answers: 1** Alcatraz, **2** Babushka, **3** Cobweb, **4** Didactic, **5** Ephod, **6** Finagle, **7** Gliff, **8** Homburg, **9** Inveigh, **10** Jaborandi, **11** Limerick, **12** Mineral, **13** Natrium, **14** Orison, **15** Plumbago, **16** Quickstep, **17** RACQ, **18** Sinister, **19** Tumulus, **20** Utrecht, **21** Vishnu, **22** William IV, **23** Yeux, **24** Zymurgy

### Adjudicator's Observations

It was a pleasure to again adjudicate one of the late Ray Gooderick's entertaining puzzles. No. 7 seemed to give the most trouble, with glaff, gluff, graff, and gloff being submitted – all lovely sounding words, but, unfortunately, not in Chambers as the Scottish fright. Babushka was Ray's correct answer for 2, however I also accepted bandanna.

Answers palmetto and pimiento were given for 15, but I could not find either of them to be ornamental plants, so regretfully disallowed them. Overall, most people found the quiz fun to do.

### Solvers' comments

- I guess this would have been really hard to set. It was fun for us to solve. *Julie Leigh*
- Thanks for a great quiz. I cannot understand why so few people contribute to this monthly joy! *Ann Millard*
- Why don't we all submit quizzes? [Why, indeed? - see page 13 - Ed] They're such a good workout, and great fun. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Again, a highly entertaining quiz. *Patricia Abbott*
- A fun quiz. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Thoroughly enjoyed the quiz. It came together pretty quickly, though I'm not ashamed to admit I had to get web help with 5, 7, 10 and 24 - all new to me. Thanks for a lot of fun. *Kathryn Forward*
- Great quiz, thank you. *Sue Pinder*
- Great fun. Thank you. *Will Ryan*
- It always amazes me how members can come up with such great ideas. This was really interesting. *Betty Siegman*.
- Thank you for a great quiz. *Kate Williams*
- Some tricky ones on the list. *Con Flinkenberg*
- Another great quiz. I enjoyed the challenge. *Ken Francis*
- Tricky to start, but once I got the hang of it, I managed 24 answers. Keep the quizzes coming! *Cheryl Wilcox*

### Feedback on October slot 6 - continued from page 11

- Filled in MOUNTAIN RANGE before completing the grid; and was hunting for the Grampians before finding HIMALAYAS hiding in the middle. *Maureen Blake*
- A difficult but very satisfying puzzle. Hope I haven't made any mistakes. *Allan Storti*

Hammersley just about makeoutable as a MOUNTAIN RANGE.

Wether made me chuckle *Rob Moline*

What a doozy - hours of puzzling fun. So many guesses! *Jean Barbour*

That 9-letter cell is too elusive for me - lost in the mountains! *Nea Storey*

A brilliant puzzle! *Laurence Kennedy*

What a work out! *Robyn Mckenzie*

I made it past Base Camp then; aided by trusty Sherpa McKenzie; to the crest; only to be defeated by the nine Hillary Steps at the end.

Too steep a climb for a tyro. *Con Flinkenberg*

**Note:** The combination of a barred grid and a non-standard format affected some members' ability to enter this puzzle into ACCOLADE effectively. The problem seems to have its roots in the interaction between the output of the application used to set up the puzzle in ACCOLADE and particular browsers, which is very difficult to track down and rectify. We apologise for any inconvenience.

**October-2024 Uplifting by Flowerman (Ian Thompson)****Entries received 51; Correct 22; Success rate 42%.****Prizewinner: Danuta Rosendorff. Congratulations!****Compiler's observations**

I am pleased that quite a few solvers were able to find HIMALAYAS. I chose 'Uplifting' as the title as a possible hint towards mountain range development, and only later realised it also suited the gimmick of raising letters to the top row. Perhaps no-one noticed the wording "a chain (as in mountain chain) of nine cells" in the preamble. Unfortunately PAKHTO caused many solvers to lose a dot. It is an alternative spelling given in Chambers, and I thought the wordplay would have led solvers without too much difficulty to the required answer. Mal Cockburn impressively identified that the first two answers of the puzzle provided the wordplay for the incorrect PASHTO!

**Explanations – Across:** 1 PURE + E + D(ishes), 5 POT + ASH, 10 (AIR + AM)< , 12 PA + (OK TH(e))\* , 13 POPULACE - OPU(s), 14 TEAMS\* around ND, 16 ATTACH(e), 18 ALI +(uppercu)T, 19 (po) SEUR<, 21 SR around (TELL A), 22 MASTERS\* around M, 26 hw<, 28 SAGS around A, 30 ARM around U, 32 (SUSPEC(t) + LI(b))\* , 35 IT in CABLE, 38 THIAMINE - (A HIT)\*, 39 ULYSSES - (al)L (ver)Y (onerou)S, 41 RELA(y)ED<, 43 S + ENSIGN with N moved forward, 44 PIER around P, 45 THRONE with Y for H, 46 C in (b)ERET, 47 (W THREE)\*, 48 O + CANES\*. **Down:** 1 MAP< + PERS, 2 hw<, 3 ENAC< + T + S, 4 hw, 5 P(I)ATH'S, 6 HA(r)PO<, 7 TRY around ANNE, 8 SELL around H, 9 (R (a)MOUNTS)\*, 11 REAL + MS, 15 (A(bout) M(enu) + OUI)\*, 17 T(radi)E + CHA(p)\*, 18 (g)A(l)l(e) G(r)A(z)E(d), 20 ARES around (w)A(r), 23 Initial letters, 24 SAIL around N, 25 UR + "sign", 26 CONSULTATIONS\* - NATION\*, 27 (O + (machin)E) around (SO IT)<, 29 dd, 31 (S(ecurity) IN BATH)\*, 33 (GR in UNE) + E(xpeditio) N, 34 ((mery)L STREEP)\*, 36 NU in (T + E + RE), 37 ((a)GREED I)\*, 38 MALI + CE, 40 KNE(w) + E, 42 EURO(pe).

**Solvers' Feedback** [feedback that simply notes the theme has been recorded but not reproduced]

- A challenging; innovative puzzle that must have taken a lot of ingenuity to construct. *Ian McKenzie*
- Sounded hard but actually pretty smooth going with precise clues. A nice exercise in solving.. *Andrew Patterson*
- Took me ages to find HIMALAYAS in a slanted M path; although I suspected it. I should have connected the H and Y somehow earlier. The solving of the grid itself was surprisingly painless. *Len Colgan*
- I do enjoy these extra challenge type cryptics. Found Mountain Range but had trouble locating HIMALAYAS till I took notice of the phrase 'appropriate profile'. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Always good to have another challenge. Thank you; Flowerman. Really enjoyed it. *Ann Millard*
- What a challenge.. Throne and tannery took me ages to work out; and I particularly liked stickup; for cane. Many thanks. *Julie Crowe*
- Uplifting? I was almost climbing up the walls. But I eventually managed to see that great mountain range; the Himalayas; zig-zagging across the grid. A very challenging and satisfying puzzle; but not happy about 38 across. Many thanks Ian; great work. *Betty Siegman*
- Well this was definitely the challenge of the month! *Julie Leigh*
- What a challenge! Hopefully I entered this tortured grid without any mistakes. Pashto is pureed potash. Don't understand STELLAR. *Mal Cockburn*
- I probably have 29down wrong! As a geologist; my guess at the theme is: Orogenic processes have resulted in many of these environs and ecology. *Cam Graves*
- What a wonderful puzzle!. *Brian Symons*
- Nearly as hard to fill it in as to solve it. Mountain ranges are uplifting especially the Himalayas which are so cleverly depicted in a zigzag shape starting with the H in TEACH and heading NE briefly. Loved WETHER. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Favourite PETRELS. Very nice puzzle. *The Void*

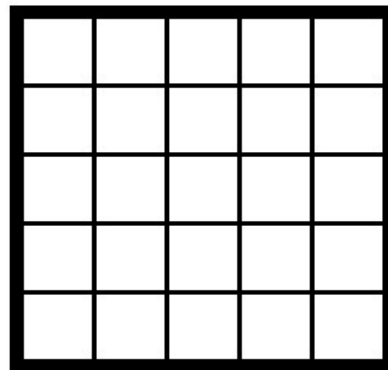
- A good puzzle that tested the grey matter! *Sonia Roulston*
- . Favourite PETRELS. Very nice puzzle. *The Void*
- Interesting puzzle. Tough but fair and a lot of fun I thought. The MOUNTAIN RANGE description didn't stop it taking a few minutes to find the theme; to wit the HIMALAYAS! Nicely hidden Ian. The toughest part though was checking the grid for errors prior to submitting. I think it's correct! *Richard Skinner*
- Feeling chuffed because I think this is the first Flowerman puzzle I've ever managed to finish. *Jan Wood*

- continued on page 10

**FRAZ WORD SQUARE 5-Nov1**  
(Solution on p 16)

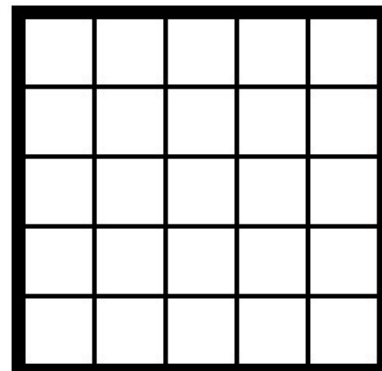
Identical words read across and down in this square. Clues are not listed in order.

- Annoyance: zero topping for pasta
- Not moving inside container terminal
- Peel tape
- Reportedly fixes ceremonies
- String ties, initially red, e.g.

**FRAZ WORD SQUARE 5-Nov 2** (Solution on p 16)

Identical words read across and down in this square. Clues are not listed in order.

- A vacant store divides huge desert havens
- Backed a few medium-sized notes
- Musical drama in proper auditorium
- Took the jeep after last of antelope weaken
- Zip behind city lover



**October 7-2024: Crowsman's Corner by Crowsman (Len Colgan)**  
**Entries 70. Correct 61. Success rate 87 %.**  
**Prizewinner: Kathryn Forward. Congratulations!**

**Adjudicator's Comments:** While compiling, I was not expecting that such a succinct wordplay could be found for KISS THE BLARNEY STONE. Perhaps I gave too much information in the definition as it caused no errors. The clue for IN THE LAST RESORT is a 'reverse anagram', with the anagram indicator in the answer. Most errors were typos.

**Explanations. Across:** 1 MAD + RID, 4 CUT + BACKS, 10/11/12 (LEN BARS THIS)\* inside KEYSTONE, 13 B(LACK) OUTS, 14 RAN< + RATES, 15 STATUES missing (chil)E, 18 100 - 20, 19 DEN + OUNCE, 21 COMP(I)ETING, 22 rev hidden, 23 RAN + GOON, 24 MANE< + OUR, 25 UP + SETTER, 26 (new) JERSEY. **Down:** 1 MA(SEEK\*)NSE, 2 DISCOU(RAGE + ME) NTS, 3 rev anag (HIS TALENT)\*, 5 PUB\* + EAT, 6 BLANK + ETC + OVERAGE, 7 CONSUL + TIN + GROOM + S, 8 hidden, 9 dd, 16 S(LENDER)LY, 17 dd, 20 FI(n)ANCE, 21 C + FOUR\*.

Members' feedback:

- Those long words/phrases are actually easier to work out than many of the 3 letter words. A fun solve. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Challenging but all fair. The MOAI clue was tricky. Just statues needing E removed! *Roy Taylor*
- 18D EIGHTY - what a wonderful clue! Thanks, Len. *Ann Millard*
- I struggled with 1A until while watching the Spanish Open golf I saw MADRID signs everywhere and the AHA happened *Toby McLeay*
- Some great clues here. Loved 10 and 18a. And lots of Len's lovely long words. *Julie Crowe*
- A deliciously devious puzzle! *Kathryn Forward*
- UPBEAT gets my COTM. Nice challenging puzzle. *Mal Cockburn*
- Favourite: IN THE LAST RESORT. *The Void*
- Loved EIGHTY. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Every clue has its challenge but the answers are always so reasonable. *Robyn Mckenzie*

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September Slot 7 solution

Solution WORD SQUARE 5-Sept 1

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E	N	I	W	T
P	I	R	I	S

Solution WORD SQUARE 5-Sept 2

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E	D	O	R	E
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Blank grid for November slot 7

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Theme 1:

Theme 2:



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**Explanations for clues in October 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 InGrid. Down:** 1 rep backwards+anag skite, 2 ra+vi+shed, 3 toa(n)d+fro(g), 5 sounds like one ray, 6 MethodOfDeliveryInFutureYears, 7 rib+bon, 8 n+e+e+d+ed, 12 basiC+RINK+LEvel, 15 a+mp, 16 dm, 18 anag boss+tory, 19 pro+rogue, 20 anag, 22 u+mp+ire, 23 anag clarinetist without client, 24 dm, 25 imp+art.

**Slot 2 Jesso. Across:** 1 FR + EIGHT, 5 TA + PI + O + CA, 9 cd, 10 REMUS<, 11 LAST + TRUMP, 12 PARK + LAND, 14 HIDDEN, 16 G + AD, 18 anag, 20 anag, 23 homoph "half bored", 25 J in DIN + N, 27 RABBIT + BAND + I + COOT, 28 anag, 29 (ODD + E) in DRY. **Down:** 1 anag, 2 (POLYCHROMATE- LAY)\*, 3 GONE + R + IL, 4 TACK + LING, 5 TAME + ST, 6 I in PAST + RE, 7 anag, 8 ANNA + P + U + RAN\*, 12 PACK + HORSE, 13 MAD<, 15 (A + L + TIM) in BORE, 17 DEAD + NEED\*, 19 IN + (I + L) in BUT, 21 CAD + DIED, 22 BAR + BED, 24 L + I + BY + dAy, 26 heads.

**Slot 3 P=brane. Across:** 1 STRUCTURAL + homophone(steal>STEEL), 9 NEON + A + Z(ulu) + I , 10 dd, 11 HO(key<C[aught])+US) - PO(key<C[aught])+US) , 12 rev(room>MOOR), 14 dd, 15 dd, 16 homophone(currant>CURRENT), 19 E + C + TOPIC, 21 hw(pARCHment), 22 CIRCULA {T + O} R, 24 REAL + E + S + T, 25 (tram< (MAR {AN} T) + A, 26 cd. **Down:** 1 cd / (CE SANCTIFY BIRTH)\* deplorably, 2 RHO {maN} CHI, 3 CLASS {MAT[hs]} ES, 4 UNI {S} ONS, 5 AS +(SA {homophone you => U} LT), 6 (HAS)\*beaten+G, 7 EEL + WORM, 8 LOWER + THE + CURTAIN, 13 (PILOTS)\* organized + GRIP, 17 (C+I+REALM)\*anarchic state, 18 [w>T] HISTLE[r], 19 (INCOME A)\*mismanaged, 20 (TUNA PIE)\* terrible, 23 TeNdEd To<reversed.

**Slot 4 Crowsman. A** ADD A X, **B** B(EMUS)ED, **C** CA(YEN)NE, **D** DI(SOW)N, **E** ERRAN(d) + T, **F** FIB + ROUS(e), **G** GOO + SERIES, **H** HAN + G-MEN, **I** IMPORT + UNITY, **J** JAUN(TIES)T, **K** K(NOW)ING, **L** L(EFT)IST, **M** MOO + RINGS, **N** N(EG)ATIVE, **O** WIN in GO<, **P** P(NITRE<)ENT, **Q** QUIT around SITE<, **R** dd, **S** SO + SATAN<, **T** TR(EAT)Y, **U** UNW(ASH)ED, **V** VIN + RAGE<, **W** WA(VIE)R, **X** (ANT + HEM) in MUREX<, **Y** (AT + LAY)<, **Z** (tabri)Z + O + ROASTER.

**Slot 5 Nigrum Cattus. Across:** 1 EN(C+AGE)D, 5,26 PARENTSLAPPED\*, 9,24 (MANDELA+TOO+SMART+A)\*, 13 pn = first part of reverend, 14 Hidden, 15 REFER+END+A, 17 BE(D+OUI)N, 19 TE(A+B+A)G, 20 wItNeSs, 22 G(A+RD)EN, 27 (GAS+SECTOR)\*, 29,29D see 29a, 31 EL/L, 32,12 (BLAME+CHEAP)\*, 33 ELIZA+BETH, 36 Hidden, 37 MUS(TSE)E. **Down:** 1 H(-)ELM, 2 CUR+DIRE\*, 3 (AV+Aug)<, 4 AND<, 5 SUET(-T), 6 L(RAMBO\*)AST, 7 AT/L/ANT/A, 8 DR+A+MASK(-K), 10 DD, 11 1st letters, 14 C(-C)RIBS, 15 DD, 16 FAT(S+O)ES, 18 D/HURTS/ONE\*, 21 ST(U)D, 23 AR+CH+CIA<, 25 AN(ELK>)TS, 28 Hidden, 30 Ist letters, 33 DD, 34 InSoMe.



Rebel Warren

I am originally from the USA, grew up in Colombia South America and have now been in Australia 40 years this coming January, this is now home. I have worked in several different arenas but the one I liked the most was working as a technician for the Division of Plant Industry, CSIRO, on the development of the first ever computerised identification key for rainforest trees, now known as Australian Tropical Rainforest plants.

I am a musician. I play electric bass in a gypsy swing band "Django in the Djungle" I am also a photographer, I am the mother of a wonderful daughter and have 2 grandsons. My partner Dave Parsons got me involved with CrOZworld and I am now learning to put the monthly publication together, not an easy task!

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**Subscriptions:** Many thanks to those who have subscribed promptly for 2025. We have one payment into the bank on 10 October of \$35 identified only as AGENT DEPOSIT 484714924. If this is you, please let Jenny know and we'll record your 2025 membership.

**Quiz compilers are still needed: No response to last month's plea - do please volunteer to share the load!** We have some three regular quiz compilers and need to ease their workload. If you have some fresh ideas for a quiz we'd love to hear from you to help us provide a varied selection of challenges for our members. Completed quizzes or ideas on which you might like some advice to Ian. please.

**Donations to the ACC Prize Fund:** Many thanks for their generous donations to the Prize Fund this month to Jean Barbour, David Callan, Len Colgan, Wendy Cornish, Jim Fowler, Robert Hagan, Kath Harper, Andrew Miles, Ann Millard, David Procter, Sally Shipway, Richard Skinner and Nea Storey.

**New compilers welcome!** We welcome puzzles from new compilers. The easiest way to start is with a slot 1 Half and Half puzzle, which only involves cryptic clues for half of the solutions. If you're hesitant, some of our more experienced compilers will be delighted to pair with you and provide advice and assistance. Email Ian for more detail and some helpful information.

**Grids to clue:** For those who feel more comfortable clueing an existing grid, Crowsman has devised a number of novel grids for members that will be interesting to clue. Contact Ian for details.

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**October 1: InGrid (Jean Barbour)**

- Great to get started on another month. *Ann Millard*
- Some of the definitions were a bit dubious - purity and dry (or should it be wry). *David Bennett*
- Great warm up exercise. Some clever cryptic clues. *Ulla Axelsen*
- COTM is surely 22dn, UMPIRE; "turn" absolutely stumped me until the very end. TO AND FRO was lovely and I haven't seen PROROGUE rear its head for quite some time. "Skill" in 25dn was nice too. *Adam Kaucki*
- Favourite EMPYREAN. *The Void*
- A good mix of clues made this an enjoyable puzzle. *Kathryn Forward*
- Not sure about 24dn but I settled for STRIKE. A fun puzzle. *Mal Cockburn*
- WYVERN is a great word that doesn't get used nearly often enough! *Christina Lee*
- A difficult Slot 1. *Nea Storey*
- An enjoyable puzzle. I'm unsure as to whether it should be STRIVE or STRIDE but have decided on the first. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Thanks Ingrid. A good start. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Many synonyms for 1a so it took a while to get going. *Lynn Jarman*
- Great puzzle with some great fills for the straight clues and cute clues for the 3-letter cryptic clues. *Adam Kaucki*

**October 2: Jesso (Noel Jessop)**

- Why not clue BALTIMORE as BALE around TIMOR? *Len Colgan*
- Some quite obscure words and phrases made this somewhat challenging. Very enjoyable all the same. *Ulla Axelsen*
- I thought there were some great clues in this puzzle. Thoroughly enjoyable. *Con Flinkenberg*
- Favourite MEA CULPA. *The Void*
- In regard to 11ac LAST TRUMP, I sincerely hope so. *Richard Skinner*
- A great test of general knowledge as well as vocabulary. I had to give my COTM to The Magic Pudding - even though Jesso doesn't need the points! *Nea Storey*
- I enjoyed the Latin clue! *Robyn McKenzie*
- I had many question marks beside clues with this slot because I couldn't match the clue to my answer. Nevertheless TAPIOCA did get my COTM. *Lynn Jarman*

**October 3: P-brane (Roger Hearn)**

- 14ac, 16ac, 19ac and 18dn all have grammatically mismatched definitions. 24ac and 3dn use root words as part of answer. They should have different senses. *Andrew Patterson*
- Come the raw prawn was a new expression to those of us originally from the UK. *Julie Leigh*
- A few somewhat verbose clues such as 23dn where other answers do fit. Moreover, it employs the obsolete meaning of 'alternative' instead of 'alternate'. In 19ac, 'unusual position' is a noun whereas the answer is an adjective. Positively, I do like MARANTA and RHONCHI. *Len Colgan*
- A month of long words. A good challenge. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Good puzzle. *Ian Thompson*
- Favourite MARANTA because the solid wordplay taught me a new word. *The Void*
- Loved 9ac, NEO-NAZI! *Kathryn Forward*
- I have TENT for 23dn but I'm not sure why. Fingers crossed. *Mal Cockburn*

- I hadn't heard of come the raw prawn and was pleased I had bought an Australian dictionary! *Robyn McKenzie*

**October 4: Crowsman (Len Colgan)**

- COTM nomination for ADDAX. *Ian McKenzie*
- No anagrams, quelle horreur. Seriously that was fun. I'm pretty sure Queenies is wrong but even Chambers couldn't help me out! Cheers Patricia. *Patricia Abbott*
- Slept on 'Q' I think I've cracked it! *Patricia Abbott*
- Wonderful, especially HANGMEN. *Brian Symons*
- That was a challenge to find the last few words. The definition of SONATAS was rather tricky. *Ulla Axelsen*
- The 11s were complicated but I solved them and placed them first, which makes it easier for the rest. SONATAS was mysterious at first and I voted it COTM. *Roy Taylor*
- I do like something out of the ordinary with a French twist so ADDAX for COTM. *Toby McLeay*
- Some delightfully twisted clues here. LEFTIST was the very last clue I got in six puzzles. My clue of the month. *Con Flinkenberg*
- Isn't GOOSERIES a lovely word? *Robyn Wimbush*
- Favourite ADDAX. Goodness, AJs are tough going (on this grid, at least). Still, I learned a few new words, and persistence & fair clueing got me there. :- ) *The Void*
- Loved the U clue! My COTM. *Beverley Cockburn*
- An interesting set of answers. *Ian Thompson*
- I thought the clue for ADDAX was very clever. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Spellcheck was not happy with GOOSERIES. My mistake?? [No, a real word! - Ed] Thanks Crowsman for another set of great clues. *Lynn Jarman*

**October 5: Nigrum Cattus (Ray Gooderick)**

- ESCARGOT, BAKED and MUST-SEE definitions were inadequate. Clarity is a good thing. *Andrew Patterson*
- A great puzzle with a strong emphasis on food. Loved SALT AND PEPPER, my COTM. *Betty Siegman*
- Those 3-letter words can be tricky. A fun puzzle. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Entertaining lot of clues, providing food for thought. *Roy Taylor*
- Wondered why I was getting hungry doing this one but 16dn, FATSOES, kept me under control. *Toby McLeay*
- Loved the def for SALT AND PEPPER. Of course, I forgot about that type of bill! I've learnt a new synonym for rascal which I'll file away for future. I must say I'm stumped on the wordplay for 16dn (? is there a special order I don't know of?) and 23dn (? a cycling of aramaic into archaic). New words for me: RAITA, NEB (as part of Bedouin) and ALB. *Adam Kaucki*
- Favourite SALT AND PEPPER - nice anagram, and a funny def. *The Void*
- A straightforward puzzle that provided a pleasant diversion. *Kathryn Forward*
- Definitely a 'Food' themed puzzle and I wouldn't go past a LAMB ROAST. 16dn FATSOES is a clever clue with LOTS meaning FATES: a group one might end up in after eating all these goodies. *Mal Cockburn*
- This puzzle certainly gave food for thought! *Richard Skinner*
- Clever and witty; even a bit cheeky! Food featured prominently. Rather more three-letter words than usual. *Nea Storey*

## SEPTEMBER SLOT 2

[illegible]

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## Clue of the Month .....

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Submit solution by ACCOLADE or for mail entries see  
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**September Clue-writing Competition. Adjudicated by Len Colgan MISERABLE (9)**  
Definition from Chambers (12<sup>th</sup> edition): **miserable** adj wretched; exceedingly or habitually unhappy; causing misery; extremely poor or mean; contemptible. n a wretch; very weak tea (rare). [Fr, *misérable*, from L *miserābilis*, from *miser*]

I anticipated that, apart from anagrams, wordplays using BARES< inside MILE would be the most imaginative. Something like  
**Wretch strips, held back by several chains**  
Did that eventuate? Not at all! I wondered how I might adjudicate any entries using specifically the charade MISER + ABLE, with synonyms for each. Personally, I would never consider this as MISERABLE and MISER have the same etymological origins and are too close. In fact, the SOED lists MISER and MISERABLE as equals (synonyms) for both an adjective and a noun.

Two clues stood out as meeting the requirements for an excellent clue, one an inclusion and one as a “heads” clue with an impeccable surface reading. After a great deal of thought it was considered that it would be invidious to select one or the other so that the joint winners are Toby McLeay with **Sabre rattling involved in long distance blue** and Larry Kennedy with **Gloomy origins of musical inspired songs emotionally recalling adversity by lyrical expression**. Congratulations to both!

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

**Covered in mushy slime, nude turned blue \*\*\*1/2**  
This is BARE< in SLIME\*, with ‘mushy’ as the anagrind and ‘turned’ as the reversal indicator. This is the first of three entries using ‘blue’ as the definition. Excellent surface.

**Gloomy origins of musical inspired songs emotionally recalling adversity by lyrical expression \*\*\*\***  
The indicator ‘origins of’ refers to the first letter of the following nine words. With this type of construction, it is essential that the whole clue evokes a real image. Without doubt, this could perfectly allude to *Les Misérables*, intentionally hinting at the answer. Very imaginative and thought provoking.

**He is tight, fit and mean \*\*\***  
This is the charade having ‘he is tight = MISER’ and ‘fit = ABLE’, with ‘mean’ as the definition. Apart from my comments above, it does have a nice surface.

**Nude simulation turned the French blue! \*\*\***  
This is (BARE + SIM)< + LE, which is very succinct as long as you are familiar with ‘simulation = SIM’ which I admit I was not. Conversely, ‘the French = LE’ is common, although there are still dissenters who argue it should be ‘in France, the’ or ‘French the’. I do allow it. A neat mislead using ‘blue’ for the definition.

**Nude, shy at first, seen retreating in the distance, very unhappy \*\*\*1/2**  
This is (BARE + S(hy))< in MILE with ‘seen retreating’ and ‘in’ as reversal and container indicators respectively. A superb surface. The only somewhat inactive word is ‘the’ which could (should!) be removed somehow.

**Paltry bid secures another alb \*\*\*1/2**  
This is MISERE around ALB\*, where the definition is ‘paltry’, ‘bid = MISERE’, ‘secures’ is the containment indicator (‘securing’ might be preferred) and ‘another’ is the anagrind. Very succinct and far from obvious.

**Sabre rattling involved in long distance blue \*\*\*\***  
This is SABRE\* in MILE with ‘rattling’ as the anagrind and another use of ‘blue’ for the definition. Superb surface, bringing to mind the tragic situation in the Middle East, although beyond that. (Chambers defines: **sabre-rattling** n an aggressive display of military power, military bluster intended to intimidate).

**Skinflint can be unhappy \*\*1/2**  
This is another charade clue using ‘skinflint = MISER’ and intendedly ‘can or can be = ABLE’. As well as the negative charade comments above, the additional issue is that ‘can = IS ABLE TO’, not the intended equivalence for ABLE.

**Totally unhappy cheapskate qualified \*\*\***  
This charade clue uses ‘cheapskate = MISER’ and the nice ‘qualified = ABLE’, similar to the previous ones. Again, the same etymological issue.

**When victoryless a brave smile somehow seems forlorn \*\*\***  
This imaginative clue is (BRA(v)E SMILE)\* with ‘somehow’ as the anagram indicator and ‘forlorn’ as the definition. Although Chambers does not specifically show ‘V = victory’, other references do and Chambers does include V-day and V-sign. A couple of issues involve the inactive and intrusive word ‘a’, while ‘seems’ is not on my lists of appropriate linking words; ‘becomes’ might be better. The surface is fine.

**Wretched Real Betis performance after team’s leader was suspended for one month \*\*\*1/2**  
This is an anagram of ‘Real Betis’ (Spanish Football Club) after replacing ‘t’ with ‘m’. The anagram indicator is ‘performance’, ‘their leader = t’ and ‘one month = m’. Performing is the usual anagrind and the word ‘one’ is somewhat intrusive. Perhaps replace ‘one month’ with ‘months’, also equating to ‘m’. The surface is great.

Clue-Writing Competition Scoring System			
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**November Clue-writing Competition:** You are invited to write a clue for the word PANTRY (6) and send it, complete with explanation, to Andrew Patterson by email to [mcandap@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mcandap@bigpond.net.au) or 372 Great North Rd, Abbotsford NSW 2046  
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