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Good words are worth much, and cost little. G Herbert,
Jacula Prudentum [1651], no. 155.

GRIDATORIAL

As we advised last month, we are inviting you to renew your subscriptions for 2025. We hope that our new members who have taken advantage of our free offer have enjoyed their membership and the challenges in these pages. Please use the online form to update your contact details and submit your subscription of \$35, preferably by means of a bank transfer. Full information on our account and a form for other methods of payment will be found at page 16.

Many, many thanks to Michael Kennedy for his expert editing of this month's puzzles and quiz. In slot 1 you will find one of InGrid's classic half and half puzzles and another classic in the form of a Jesso puzzle from long ago is at slot 2. P-brane has provided us with entertainment in one of his inimitable slot 3 puzzles and Crowsman demonstrates his wiles for our popular AJ. The much missed, prolific Nigrum Cattus features at slot 5.

We think that you will enjoy the challenge of Flowerman's unique puzzle in slot 6, not to mention the satisfaction when you have identified the wittily-expressed theme. Our regular feature, Crowman's Corner, features an oldie but goodie with his expected serving of 15-letter solutions. We round off the month with yet another offering from Nigrum Cattus in the form of one of his quizzes.

If you haven't tried them yet, the ingenious word squares by Fraz will occupy, gainfully, five or ten minutes of your day - or perhaps more!

We wish you satisfying solving. **Ian**

FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

I had to keep a watchful eye on my letterbox this month, as the recent rain encouraged a rather intrepid gastropod who seemed particularly keen on snail mail. Luckily no damage was done to the entries received. How wonderful to see not only snails, but gardens everywhere welcoming the spring.

Slot 1: INHABIT for INHIBIT a few times, also HOUSEFLY for HORSEFLY, were the main offenders. Otherwise very few errors. Both ADVISER and ADVISOR were accepted for 20 down.

Slot 2: This puzzle was well received, with members appreciating the inclusion of the two famous PI pairs. Very few errors, TAINTS/SAINTS, EYED/EYES, PASTURAL/PASTORAL.

Slot 3: What a great anagram for NATIONAL SERVICE. Most members found this puzzle challenging but enjoyable. Just what a good puzzle should be. Mostly one-off errors, KRALL/KRAAL, ABSENT/ASSENT, LYSID/LYSED, very few others.

Slot 4: Several members spotted the Nina, and declared this a WICKED puzzle. Unfortunately, several answers were off by only one letter; DELETED, MARRIED, ZYLOPHONIST (for the X-clue!!).

Slot 5: It certainly helped to notice that all the down answers ended in RATE. Some spotted it straight away, others took a little longer. A highly "rated" puzzle. Mostly one-off errors again, but 15-across caught several, misled perhaps by LATHERER and submitting BLATHERER in place of FLATTERER.

COTM: There were 34 nominations for 18 clues, over all 7 slots. Several one-offs, a couple with two votes, but this month KARATE in Slot 5 takes the biscuit with LOCK HORNS in Slot 3 and LULL in Slot 6 close behind. Congratulations (again) to Len.

Betty Siegman

LEADING FIGURES

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	85	83	83	80	76	407
Correct entries	76	73	74	72	61	356
Success rate (%)	89	88	89	90	80	88
Prizewinners	Glenda Lloyd	Bev Cockburn	Christina Lee	Lynn Jarman	Michael Veress	from 88 members

Prizewinner: Sept Slots 1-5 correct: Barbara Glissan . Congratulations!

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September Slot 1

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September Slot 2

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September Slot 3

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September Slot 5

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September Slot 6

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MEMBERS' RESULTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 Slots 1 to 7																											
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Axelsen U.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Harper K.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Rosendorff D.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Barbour J.	•		•	•		•	•	Hearn R.	•	•		•	•	•	•	Roulston S.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Barnes J.	•	•	•		•			Hocking A.	•		•					Ryan W.		•	•	•	•	•	•				
Batum C.	•	•	•	•	•	•		Howat S.		•	•	•		•	•	Shield A.		•	•	•	•	•	•				
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Slot 1

Half and Half
by
InGrid

Prize
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- Across
- Down
- 1 Sincerity (6)

4 Craft (8)

9 Uncover (6)

10 Unpalatable (8)

11 Within (6)

12 Young affection (4,4)

13 Restrained (3)

14 Mountain range (6)

17 Threatening (7)

21 Massacre (6)

25 Wicked (3)

26 Of the sea (8)

27 Bird (6)

28 Hostile (8)

29 Language (6)

30 Earnest prayer (8)

31 Fictitious monster (6)
- 1 Most cocky traveller returning to skite madly (8)

2 Separate after Royal Artillery six abducted (8)

3 One amphibian holds new start before another amphibian loses tail here and there (2,3,3)

5 Spooner's single beam down the corridor (6)

6 Alter initial method of delivery in future years (6)

7 Make fun of good French strip (6)

8 Must have points toward Doctor of Education (6)

12 Corrugation covers part of basic rink level (7)

15 Politician after a small power unit (3)

16 Measure competition (3)

18 Sad tale when boss lost to Conservative (3,5)

19 Discontinue for a while in favour of rascal (8)

20 Bad rap enemy got in the heavens (8)

22 Turn to anger after mounted police chosen to enforce the rules (6)

23 Bad clarinettist loses client to virtuoso (6)

24 To set out to impress (6)

25 Little devil with skill to relate (6)

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SOLUTIONS
TO:

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Slot 2

Cryptic
by
Jesso

Prize
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Across

- 1 French crew charge for taking things (7)
- 5 Thanks Greek character with ring about food (7)
- 9 Prune and repeat that abundant supply (3,3,4,5)
- 10 Ancient founder backed an ancient kingdom (5)
- 11 Continue to go over the final blow? (4,5)
- 12 Leave to settle in grassy country with trees (8)
- 14 An African people remember bereavement within (6)
- 16 Wander around with great opening notice (3)
- 18 Hire company ruined one who shares what's left (6)
- 20 Paul came out. I am to blame (3,5)
- 23 Not terribly interested, reputedly, in cheap accommodation (4,5)
- 25 Uproar about Jack with new spirit (5)
- 27 Poor batsman, a group, one bird and a bilby (6,9)
- 28 Staged a decent variety (7)
- 29 Shaky and thirsty after swallowing strange ecstasy (7)

Down

- 1 Fronts of rebuilt cafes (5)
- 2 Lay off polychromate treatment for a lightly built person (9)
- 3 Regan's sister left right by the Italian (7)
- 4 Taking on food fish (8)
- 5 Most uninspiring cultivated street (6)
- 6 Gone without one, concerning a coin (7)
- 7 A tour around a Japanese port (5)
- 8 A woman, pulled up initially, ran off the Nepalese mountain (9)
- 12 Forwards Mount Sumpter! (9)
- 13 Lifted crazy mother (3)
- 15 Carried around a liberal man in the city (9)
- 17 Muffled cold? Need treatment? (8)
- 19 Fashionable, but without one hand being integral (7)
- 21 Helped on course, rotter stopped working (7)
- 22 Hooked pole on floor (6)
- 24 Country left island by midday (5)
- 26 Crazy starts not up to the young (5)

General Feedback for September

- Enjoying my favourite pastime. Thank you all. *Robyn Wimbush*
- A good bunch of puzzles to keep me occupied through the enforced idleness of a broken ankle.*Kath Harper*
- Two crosswords this month include the answer PROSTRATE. Fitting; as September is Prostrate Cancer Awareness Month! *Nea Storey*
- Thank you for my August Slot 1 prize! *Robert Hagan*
- A big thank you for my prize in the July Clue writing competition. Very surprising amongst such keen competition. *Larry Kennedy*
- Many thanks for my prize for Slots 1-5 for last month. I try hard each month to complete the first five puzzles but often miss out with a spelling error or a tricky word. My wife Debby and I have spent the last few weeks holidaying in Japan. Having Crozworld with us has been a bonus - although; I must admit that the last clue I solved should have been the most obvious.... GEISHA. Thanks again to all those who contribute to this wonderful club. *Jeremy Barnes*

Slot 3

Cryptic
by
P-brane



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Across

- 1 Systematic pilfer rumoured of construction material (10,5)
- 9 Perhaps a racist element a Zulu one (3-4)
- 10 Bird down (7)
- 11 Deceptive act caught us replacing key parts in dance (5-5)
- 12 Free space returned to heathland (4)
- 14 Venomous Australians heading up foreign trade in China (7)
- 15 Classic bike win (7)
- 16 Reportedly, dried fruit might carry you downstream (7)
- 19 Unusual position of European Community on the subject (7)
- 21 Parchment fragment detailing feature of Roman building (4)
- 22 Sydney quay provides surrounding for time out for fan perhaps (10)
- 24 True English soccer tragics: leaders at being the most authentic (7)
- 25 People mover backing over an Australian arrowroot plant (7)
- 26 Australian's attempt at deceit with approach to the one for the barbie? (4,3,3,5)

Down

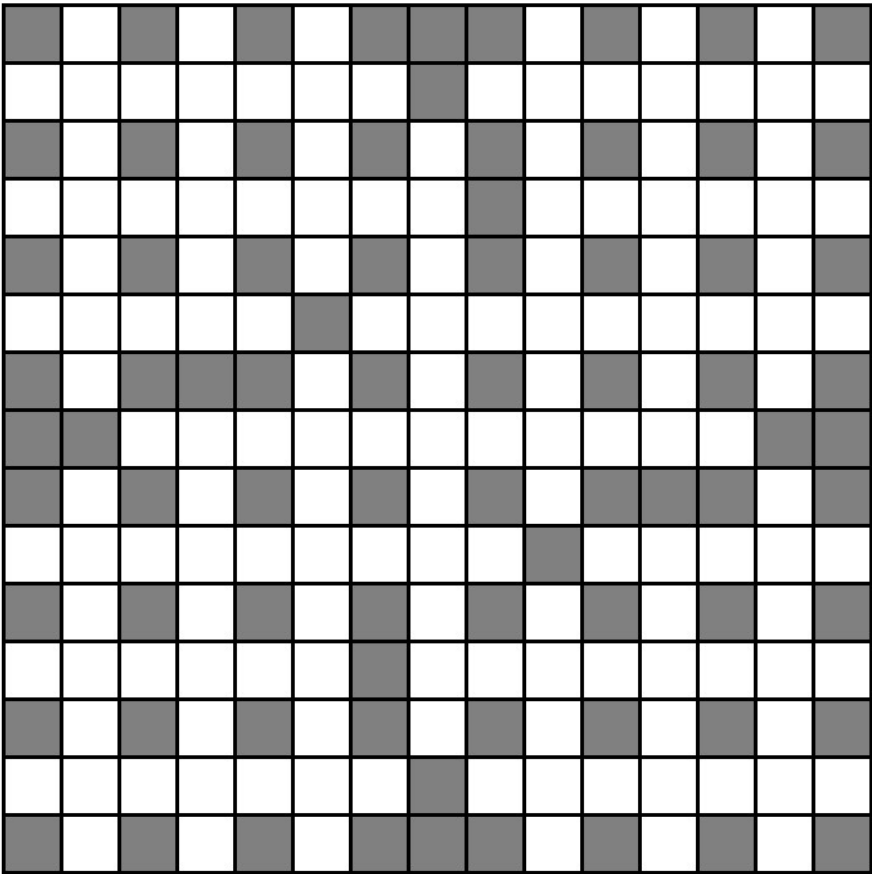
- 1 Deplorably, Church of England sanctify birth of ubiquitous modern material (9,6)
- 2 Loud rough breaths from man, ultimately suffocated by two Greek characters (7)
- 3 Lessons cover 60% of maths for a cohort of students (10)
- 4 Accords reached when couples finally enter into marriages (7)
- 5 While you heard stabbing, old seadog is to deliver an attack (7)
- 6 Bird has beaten gravity (4)
- 7 Crop pest or fish bait (7)
- 8 Terminate cow with the drape (5,3,7)
- 13 Handle organized pilot's travelling bag (6,4)
- 17 Retrieve from anarchic state Charlie's current realm (7)
- 18 Piper with time for whiskey not rum starter maybe emblematic of Scotland (7)
- 19 Mismanaged income with article producing high commendations (7)
- 20 Herb's terrible tuna pie (7)
- 23 Tended to put up alternative possible use of canvas (4)

Slot 4

AJ
by
Crowsman



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



- A** How to get more than one château antelope? (5)

B Dazed birds in garden plot (7)

C Red chilli urge amongst staff (7)

D Deny uproar about litter producer (6)

E Shortened job time rambling (6)

F Lie awake briefly, full of roughage (7)

G Slime on run where domesticated birds are kept (9)

H They suspended to the end Chinese agents (7)

I Bring in one harassing (11)

J Most sprightly, but trip over ropes (9)

K Wise leader accepted at once (7)

L Red amphibian stuck in tip (7)

M Low loops to which boats are fastened (8)

N Defeatist, for example, welcomed by local (8)

O Outstanding victory in turn-up! (5)

P Fitting is confined, covering saltpetre up (9)

Q Passive religious mystic stopped around elevated location (8)

R Quickly enter dispute (3-2)

S Moonlight, funeral march - thereupon the devil rises! (7)

T Compact lunch consumed by judge (6)
- U** Single housing remains dirty (8)

V Foreign wine raising furore. It's sour! (7)

W More curling hostilities overshadowing contest (6)

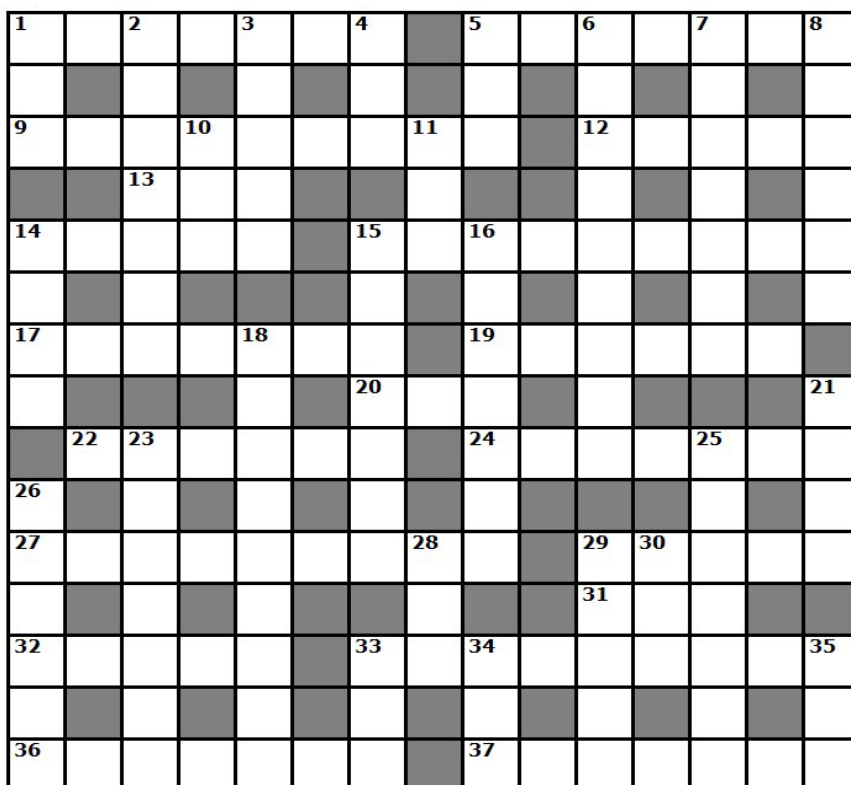
X Insect on edge, trapped by predatory sea-snail coming up everlasting plant (11)

Y Returning towards place where Europe was subdivided in 1945 (5)

Z Iranian spiritual founder back in Tabriz before old very hot day (9)

Slot 5

Cryptic
by
Nigrum
Cattus

 Prize
\$50


Across

- 1 Shut up about age during termination (7)
 5,26 Parent slapped unruly twins sitting on table (4,3,6)
 9,24 Mandela too smart a revolutionary. Still an old favourite (9,2,5)
 12 See 32
 13 An old holy book used in revision (3)
 14 Side dish in Agra - it ameliorates internally (5)
 15 Get second opinion on final Australian questions put to the people (9)
 17 Nomad returned bill without date on French agreement (7)
 19 Get back, holding a black ace; leaves in the pack (3;3)
 20 Regular letters from witness expose those in office (3)
 22 Information about a way to a pleasant spot (6)
 24 See 9
 27 Gas sector active but only moving slowly? (9)
 29,29D Bubbly naked babes not on the shelf for long (5,5)
 31 The Spanish left wing (3)
 32,12 Blame cheap version of noted recipe (5,5)
 33 Two girls meeting former queen (9)
 36 In Capri, cottage cheese can be found (7)
 37 Dream about new set - a compulsive vision! (4-3)

Down

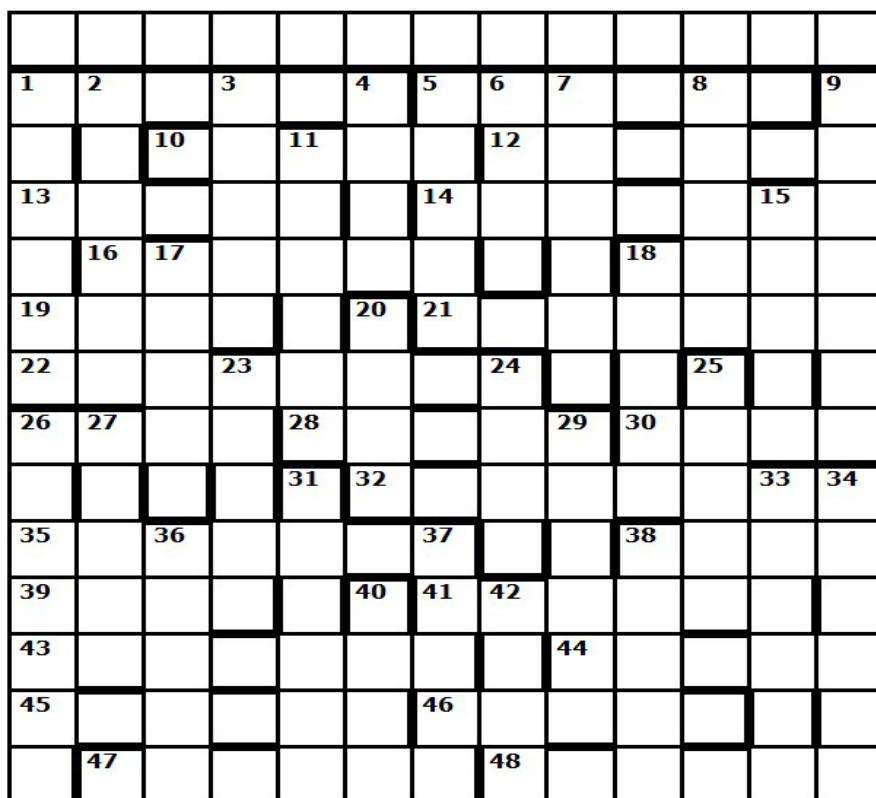
- 1 Cockney's steering into a tree (3)
 2 Rascal with dire problem was beaten (7)
 3 In Jewish month with early August, raised fruit (5)

- 4 Code requiring a joining word to be reversed (3)
 5 No time for fat girl (3)
 6 Rambo performed in *Last Sunday's Dinner* (4,5)
 7 Georgia's capital at loggerheads, initially with socialist academy (7)
 8 Surgeon takes a mask, with no end of serious emergencies (6)
 10 The city police assembled (3)
 11 Appointed heads of district's urban executive (3)
 14 Cage top removed from babies' beds (4)
 15 Come across crash (3,4)
 16 Special order collected by lots of people gaining weight (7)
 18 Having the lower jaw projecting and starting to dislocate, hurts one badly (9)
 21 Standard you apparently accepted from a sexually active bloke (4)
 23 Ancient Aramaic church agency wound up (7)
 25 Fetters for workers corralling deer migrating north (7)
 26 See 5 across
 28 Oil plant built in the Antilles (3)
 29 See 29 across
 30 A local bishop initially wore a long sleeved vestment (3)
 33 Letter delivery date (3)
 34 Found in some alternate practice (3)
 35 Shoes worn outside to weed the garden (3)

Slot 6

Uplifting
by
FlowermanPrize
\$50

A letter from the solution to one down clue in each column must go up to the top row. The relevant entry therefore will be shorter by one letter and will be a non-word in most cases. The entry for all other clues will be the same as the solution. For all clues, the numbers in brackets indicate entry lengths. A correctly completed top row provides a two-word description of the theme which can be found in a centrally located chain of nine cells that forms an appropriate profile. Solvers should specify the theme in a comment accompanying their submission.



Across

- 1 Clean first of dishes after Earl made a soup (6)
- 5 Alkaline compound found in grass tree (6)
- 10 Governess in '60s film backing song *Anno Mundi* (5)
- 12 Press Association OK with the predominantly bad language (6)
- 13 Identify people without contracted work (5)
- 14 Crossing midwestern state, teams changed bikes (7)
- 16 Diplomat avoiding European associate (6)
- 18 Boxer's uppercut finally landed (4)
- 19 Poseur retiring without chamberpot is regretful (4)
- 21 Excellent sister keeps count active (7)
- 22 Masters worried about Mark's problems with speech (8)
- 26 Some Israeli columnists counter 13s (4)
- 28 Flags around athletic legends (5)
- 30 Perennial upper-class member is entertaining (4)
- 32 Suspect Lib endlessly agitates and divides (6,2)
- 35 That can be summoned by Information Technology to stop communication (7)
- 38 A rich source of Vitamin B not a hit surprisingly (4)
- 39 Exploits of hero in epic poem not all very onerous ultimately (4)
- 41 Trader relayed missing variable to the West (6)
- 43 Feeling scared at the front, officer's turned tail (7)
- 44 Musician's support including piano (5)
- 45 County seat taking year to replace hydrant (6)
- 46 Upright conservative in cap leaving Britain (5)
- 47 Castrated animal with three nuts (6)
- 48 Old canes arranged in stacks (6)

Down


- 1 Persian following chart brought up spoils (6)
- 2 Sign over some letters from rising spiritual musician (6)
- 3 Stick-up succeeded after Troy plays a role (5)
- 4 It's flat in part and is convoluted (4)

- 5 Perhaps poet Sylvia's abandoned Latin courses (5)
- 6 Ignoring recipe, Groucho's brother served up fish (4)
- 7 Princess to test hosts hides here (6)
- 8 Hawk eating hard crust (5)
- 9 Patent medicine in right amounts possibly saving Australian (7)
- 11 Genuine title for female 20 (6)
- 15 Tom's call to Parisian cook about menu primarily? Oui (5)
- 17 Tradie gutted by disorganised chap losing power drill (5)
- 18 Reef organisms in Galle grazed regularly (5)
- 20 Greek god holding the key in war zones (4)
- 23 Minerals from mountains in Crete are siliceous primarily (5)
- 24 Mollusc seen in Genoa, perhaps around November (4)
- 25 City once reported evidence of bears (5)
- 26 Consultations foundered after poor nation cleared trees (7)
- 27 Old machine finally packing up so it's redundant (5)
- 29 Fix fiddle (6)
- 31 Plant deployed head of security in Bath (6)
- 33 Greece blocking a French expedition extremely harmful to the environment (6)
- 34 Finally, Meryl Streep cast in *The Birds* (6)
- 36 Holding of Greek character in Thailand base concerning (5)
- 37 Butcher agreed, after the first cut one's more nervous (5)
- 38 Spitefulness in country church (5)
- 40 Was informed when Welsh left English joint (4)
- 42 Marsupial found in two-thirds of continent (4)

Slot 7

Cryptic
by
Crowsman

Prize
\$50



Across

1

Capital city, bats-free (6)

4

Shorten supports austerity measures (8)

10,11,12

How to become more eloquent and persuasive? Len bars this organisation entering base (4,3,7,5)

13

Power failures need having matches around (9)

14

Headed back with judges' recounts (8)

15

Standing monolithic moai missing back in Chile (6)

18

Many score less than one hundred (6)

19

Accuse lightweight following dive (8)

21

Rival left out of ending (9)

22

Got it wrong! Under review, partly overturned. (5)

23

Former Asian capital was in control of hired thug (7)

24

Shock reversed ACC's charm (7)

25

Leading dog is unexpected winner (8)

26

American state scraps new knitted garment (6)

Down

1

Seek changes in minister's residence, but be reasonable! (4,5)

2

Pessimistic attitudes anger Crowsman during reductions (15)

3

Ultimately, his talent! (2,3,4,6)

5

Optimistic cooked pub lunch (6)

6

Expressionless etc. and too old for general non-targeted advertising? (7,8)

7

Agent can tidy up small places where GPs work (10,5)

8

In dusty eskies, they make lids difficult to close (5)

9

Bowlers in classic turf events (7)

16

Slightly knowing about someone making advances to you (9)

17

Unions will go to such lengths? (7)

20

Intended sponsor, but not new (6)

21

Mediterranean island has one hundred and four assembled (5)



Quiz 10-2024 Back to Front by Nigrum Cattus (Ray Gooderick).

The last letter of each solution precedes the first in alphabetical order, eg Place of worship (8) BasilicA, with the exception of one clue. Solutions are in alphabetical order. Send your answers to Julie Crowe, email jmcbonjour@gmail.com or by post to Kay Williams 12 Lindrum Crescent Holt ACT 2615. Closing Mail date 25 October Prize \$50.

- 1 Prison (8)
- 2 Headscarf (8)
- 3 Insidious snare (6)
- 4 Instructive (8)
- 5 Surplice (5)
- 6 Cheat (7)
- 7 A Scottish fright (5)
- 8 Hat (7)
- 9 Rail (7)
- 10 Brazilian drug (9)
- 11 Irish verse! (8)
- 12 Inorganic substance (7)
- 13 Sodium (7)
- 14 Prayer (6)
- 15 Ornamental plant (8)
- 16 Dance (9)
- 17 State organisation (1,1,1,1)
- 18 Left (8)
- 19 Barrow (7)
- 20 Dutch city (7)
- 21 Protective god (6)
- 22 British monarch (7,2)
- 23 French eyes (4)
- 24 Chemistry of brewing (7)

Quiz 9 2024 by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen)

Entries received: 20 Correct: 15

Success Rate 75%

Winner: David Procter

Congratulations!

Results 26 P Abbott, W Allen, J Crowe, K Forward, K Harper, R Jarman, J Leigh, R Mckenzie, A Millard, D Procter, W Ryan, D Rosendorff, N Storey, R Taylor, R Wimbush 25 P Garner L Jarman 24 C Wilcox 23 B Siegman 22 K Francis
Answers: 1 Affectation 2 Beachhead 3 Chivvying 4 Dikkop 5 Exxon Valdez 6 Forbidden fruit 7 Greenhouse gases 8 Hajji 9 Immediacy 10 Jazzmen/jazzers 11 Kierkegaard 12 Lassitude 13 Merrythought 14 Nordic skiing 15 Omar Khayyam 16 Powwow 17 Quibble 18 Ricocheted 19 Saqqez 20 Troubleshooter 21 Unaccompanied 22 Vacuum 23 Wannabe 24 Xanthophyll 25 Yuppiedom 26 Zigzagging

Compiler's Observations: Thanks for all the kind comments, I am glad that everyone enjoyed it. Most people quickly spotted that the 26 answers contained a double of each letter of the alphabet. The word that caused most problems was #9 IMMEDIACY, although it is in Chambers Crossword Dictionary under 'freshness'. Thank goodness for foreign words and names to help with the more difficult doubles: AA, QQ, XX, and YY.

Solvers' Feedback:

- Another fun 'common element' quiz. *Patricia Abbott*
- Great theme - I don't remember it being done exactly like this before? I think I would have recalled XX! Last three twins in: kk, mm, tt. Had to look up the C, D, M, S & X clues. *William Ryan*
- Thanks for an enjoyable quiz so hope my entries are correct. *David Procter*
- You do write such lovely interesting quizzes! Thank you. *Robyn Mckenzie*
- A great quiz which I really enjoyed. Nice to have the extra challenge of a double of each letter of the alphabet. *Ann Millard*
- Thanks, Ulla, for a good quiz; it stretched the grey matter in parts. *Betty Siegman*
- An interesting quiz with some very interesting words. *Roy Taylor.*
- What a great quiz! Thoroughly enjoyed this brainteaser. Struggled with a couple - notably D, M and W - but figured out the common thread quickly. Thanks for the hijinks! *Kath Forward*
- I love the quiz it is the highlight of each month for me. *Julie Leigh*
- How clever to create 26 clue answers that not only begin with a different letter of the alphabet each, but also contain every letter in the 'double trouble' component. *Kath Harper*
- Double the trouble? Took a while for the penny to drop and some changes to be made accordingly. Lots of fun as usual. Merrythought was a surprise. *Robyn Wimbush*
- As a 'newbie' I have thoroughly enjoyed this quiz and all of the crosswords. Quickly worked out what was needed in the quiz - your title helped. Had the most problems with number 23, the W. *Ken Francis*
- What a tour de force to compile this quiz doubling each letter of the alphabet! Don't know how you unearthed some of the unusual words. "Merrythought" is delightful! *Nea Storey*
- Always good to see one of your quizzes. We are travelling in UK and France, so it's challenging getting my puzzles in. The last couple in the quiz had me going in circles for a while. I had innocence for immediacy, which threw 23 out! Eventually, wannabe jumped out at me, and all was well - hopefully!! I loved merrythought, a new one for me. *Julie Crowe*
- Thanks for the quiz.
- Trouble tracking down the SA bird, however very rewarding when it was finally cornered. *Ron Jarman*
- Thank you yet again for giving my brain some much-needed exercise! *Pat Garner*
- Did enjoy it. The common element was helpful (at times!). *Cheryl Wilcox*
- The quiz was challenging with an interesting 'double trouble' element. Thank you Ulla. *Lynn Jarman*

Members' Feedback: Sept 5: Crowsman Continued from page 14

- So many excellent clues including clues for CATNAP and my COTM; KARATE. *Beverley Cockburn*
- I RATE the Down answers highly. *Michael Veress*
- I didn't notice the "ate" for too long as it would have helped sooner. So well done! *Corryn Anderson*
- Eventually realising the down words all ended with 'rate' helped with solving the last few clues. *Hilary Cromer*
- I'm not sure how to rate the down clues? *Richard Skinner*
- A tough puzzle, the last one I completed. Some great clues and, of course, it became easier as the pattern revealed itself! A great work-out for the grey matter! *Kathryn Forward*

September 6-2024 Cryptic by (Hot and Cold) Soln page 2
Entries received 70, Correct 54, Success rate 77%.
Prizewinner: Toby McLeay. Congratulations!

Compilers' observations

As detected by some this was indeed a Crowsman grid for which we had a lot of fun compiling the clues. A challenge sometimes in deriving different meanings for the double-Ls but it gave great satisfaction to the compiler with Welsh roots to be able to include Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoch in a crossword (if not as a solution). Thanks to Crowsman and the contributors for their witty feedback.

Explanations – Across: 1 LLB in A-U-T, 5 (ALL RISE R)*, 9 S+CA in RALLY, 10 cd, 11 hidden, 12 (yELL LORD GOD)*, 13 COY round (MI + CALL), 14 A in ALLY, 16 (L + L) in RAY, 19 meLon in (DRIBBLE)* + S, 23 LILI in MILT + RE, 24 from CULL - C halved = L, 25 hidden, 26 gANG + U + ILL + A, 27 (REV + LLEWELLYN -NELL)*, 28 pun "call ow!". **Down:** 2 ALL< + NERO, 3 CAB< + scILLIes, 4 TrOLL + ROAD, 5 (LAY< + A + L + BERTHA) in ROLL, 6 LOL + LED, 7 ILL + homoph "eagle", 8 (LAUREL + I)*, 15 ALL + (G+RICE)*, 17 (surrEAL + LIX + A)<, 18 LULu + ABLy*, 20 ILL + WILL, 21 (LOLLED[6d] + I)*, 22 LEG in ALE reversed.

Solvers' Feedback

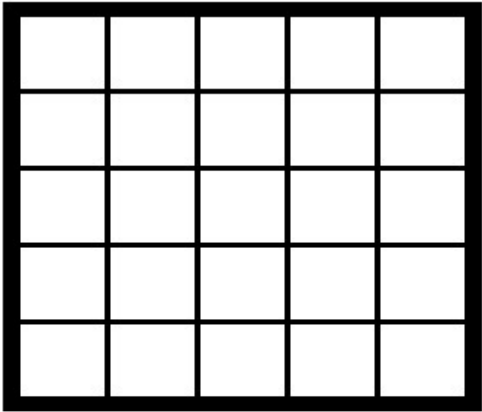
- All's well as long as the answers contain double L *David Procter*
- I would have found this much less difficult if only I had noticed all the down clues with LL before I was entering it! *Roy Taylor*
- LLots of LLs! 11a TELL was wonderfully misleading and had me looking for pronunciation of Welsh words. Thank you. *Ann Millard*
- Well, really challenging. *Betty Siegman*
- Well, that's a lot of ells. Good fun. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Great fun! *Kathryn Forward*
- Another themed puzzle that was hard for me to miss (do I detect a Crowsman influence?) Layabout doesn't match LOLLED [*but lay about does – H&C*], but the anagram with DELILLO makes it work. LULL is my COTM as it is so-so cryptic (C changed to L). *Mal Cockburn*
- Very ingenious getting a double L in every word. Thought 24a CULL/LULL was clever. *Ulla Axelsen*
- It took me a few days to understand the clever 24A wordplay (or numberplay)! *Sam Howat*
- All's well that ends well - or at least has LL somewhere in the mix. Well done! *Kath Harper*
- Hell's Bells! All those Ells! *Nea Storey*
- Every answer contains a double L.... A fact I only discovered as I entered my answers in the grid! *Maureen Blake*
- Favourite is the cheeky TELL. Another one where I was slow to spot the grid-fill trick. *The Void*
- I just couldn't make sense of 24a. Finally the penny dropped, to halve the head (Roman numerals). Clever. *Julie Crowe*
- Pity I didn't spot the common feature in the answers, earlier. It would have made solving so much easier. *Danuta Rosendorff*
- If I'd realised that every word contained double L, I'd not have had as much trouble. *Anne Simons*

- It's clever having a Double L in all the answers. *Michael Veress*
- Trying for "all" slowed things down for a while. Great puzzle.,*Corryn Anderson*
- Very clever to have all the words with 'LL' *Hilary Cromer*
- Will you look at this. Well; well. A bit to mull over here. Still, clever.,*Richard Skinner*

FRAZ WORD SQUARE 5-Oct 1 (Solution on p 16)

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

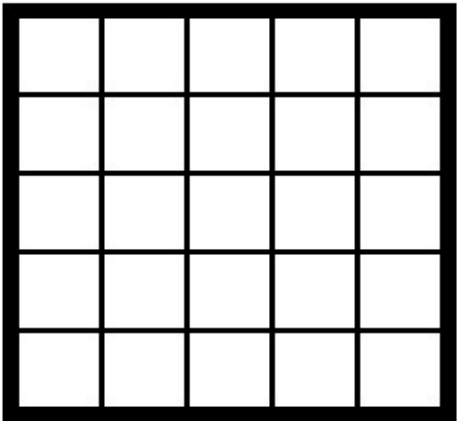
- Debate topic is petition
- Fixed animal guide
- Italian leader holds game's last card
- Start sculpting stone
- Voice-over identifies empty spaces



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

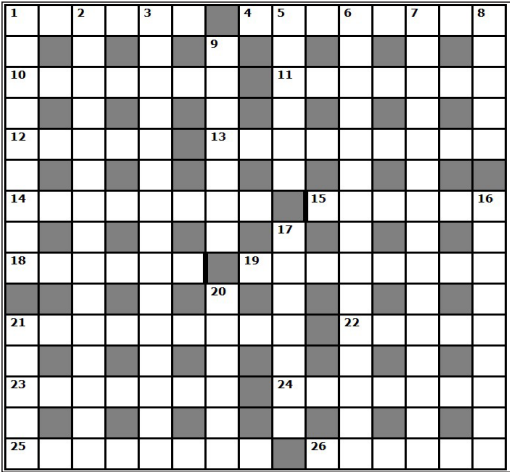
Identical words read across and down in this square. Clues are not listed in order.

- It sniffs around rear of invader, like a Viking
- Main company backed each piece of news
- Record apartment dweller, first off
- Small gold cup with lead in elegant lip
- Try to disprove edible root is back-ordered



Blank grid for October slot 7

Name:.....



September 7-2024 Nor'easter by The Void
Entries received 64, Correct 50, Success rate 78%.
Prizewinner: Jean Evans. Congratulations!

Compiler's observations

Thanks for the welcome, all. My friend Farmer Paul told me that "harnser" (in various spellings) is a Suffolk dialect word for a heron. Realising that it had (probably) been miswritten in the play (or in subsequent transcriptions) makes Hamlet's comment make a lot more sense. (See) Sorry(-ish!) if anyone confidently completed the Nina with "... HANDSAW" and then got stuck. ;-)

Explanations – Across: 9 I'M + P.R. + OVE[r], 10 [L] ICE + FR. + E[lyse]E, 11 {I+MAN+JAR} in KILO, 13 C[h] I[p]S + CO, 14 ROC + (R in KNOLL), 15 DUSTPAN*, 18 3rds: DuvEtsBreAksSomEcoRd, 20 IMP{OS+TOR}S, 23 OR+C+(Z&Y), 25 CD Baristas are pro-coffee, not tea?, 26 (A+CLIQUE+INTO)*, 28 heads, 29 EXEC + UTE. **Down:** 1 [t]HICK[o], 2 (P+P) in SALE*, 3 {M+W+OO} in WORD, 4 KNEE* + E.R., 5 F.I.N.A. + N.C. + ED, 6 Hidden, 7 cd O(zero) RATIONS, 8 M + LATE< + LURGY, 13 homoph. "Casio payer", 16 [h]APP[y] + ROACH, 17 RUDECROP*, 19 B + ROO + CHES[t], 21 (ANNE IS)<, 22 SUN + KEN, 24 CL{I+Q}UE, 27 L + final letters.

Solvers' Feedback

- "I know a ..." Nina. *Len Colgan*
- Lot of very good clues keep the puzzles coming but don't make them any harder! *Roy Taylor*
- Refreshingly different & am still not sure about a couple of answers. *Ann Millard*
- Is "Void" the anagram of the other great wordsmith Ovid? *Brian Symons*
- Thanks Void: almost as much fun as the podcast! *Sam Howat*
- Hawk from a harnser. Hamlet - I am but mad north-northwest. When the wind is southerly I know a hawk from a hand saw. *Allan Storti*
- Thoroughly enjoyed this puzzle - and welcome to The Void! Some clever clueing mad for an enjoyable tussle. *Kathryn Forward*
- Some hard nuggets in this vein. CASSIOPEIA didn't come easily nor did (t)HICK(k). I assume Happy is the cartoon miner. Challenging to get on the wavelength but rewarding. Hope to see more of The Void. *Mal Cockburn*
- Welcome! Not too difficult for a slot 7 although took a while to work out some of the word plays. Had to look up the Nina quote - not one I am familiar with. *Ulla Axelsen*
- My Nina antennae went off with 'hawk from' but then closed down sadly. Some tricky clues there. Thank you for a challenging Slot 7. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Re 2512 across PROTEA - I personally don't like this technique of splitting a word in half [*an accepted convention provided both components are dictionary words - Ed*] but the clue itself is very clever. *Nea Storey*
- Welcome Void! Thanks for an enjoyable pangram with Shakespearean discernment. I liked APPLES and PROTEA the most. *Andrew Miles*
- Really enjoyed this puzzle - good clues and a fair bit of general knowledge. *Ian Thompson*
- The title puzzled me until I found the Nina and made the connection to Hamlet's version of madness. Very clever! *Kath Harper*
- Thought I'd never get onto The Void's wavelength; and still not sure... *Jan Wood*
- "Hawk from a harnser" is a rather enigmatic Nina. *Michael Veress*

H	A	W	K	F	R	O	M
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September Slot 7 solution

Solution WORD SQUARE 5-Sept 1

R	E	E	T	S
E	C	U	E	D
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T	E	S	N	O
S	D	I	O	V

Solution WORD SQUARE 5-Sept 2

R	E	T	N	E
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Explanations for clues in September 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 Leprechaun. [cryptic clues] Across: 1 , 10 hidden (motoR IN Service), 11 HACKNEY+ED, 13 cd, 14 P+LAIN (anag "nail")+T, 15 ST+RANG+E, 20 GENT in "SA<", 22 anag, 24 , 25 FREE+KICKS, 26 hidden< (AT SAPper), 28 cd. Down: 1 heads, 3 ELECTRIC+BLANKET, 7 I+DY+LL, 8 Spooner "ride hated", 19 anag.

Slot 2 NanaKat. Across: 5 (HELSWORTH -value + O)*, 6 homoph "What's on", 9 Stigma + ISNT*, 10 rAFTER + bALL, 11 YET + I, 12 &lit anagram, 13 MET + HOD + LOGY, 18 Anag, 21 dd, 22 HAS + TIN + G + S, 23 hidden<, 24 SA + FEST, 25 VIL(L)AS. Down: 1 Double definition, 2 homoph "gay shah", 3 PAST + ORAL, 4 Anag, 5 Spooner "tee head", 7 dd, 8 C+A+L + END + ARISE, 14 Hidden, 15 Homoph "gorilla", 16 hidden<, 17 FELL + SONS*, 19 IF in CITY, 20 STEPSISTER -TT -ER.

Slot 3 T-boy. Across: 1 I in RELAPSE<, 5 NAKEd in SS, 10 homoph "a Jew", 11 PROS + T + RATE, 12 LOCK + HORNS, 13 dd, 14 PEN in O'ER, 15 dd, 18 BELL + JAR, 20 ASSE(ssme*)ENT, 22 hidden, 24 ROO + FRACKS, 25 (LAST + TINNY)*, 26 IN + CUR, 27 Heads, 28 TENE (MEN) T. Down: 1 (EL + BANE)<, 2 RIP* + iNcA + I + PAL, 3 (GAIL + HUNG)* + JACKASS, 4 (Roman EMPIRE)*, 6 (NEVER + ANTISOCIAL)*, 7 LA(A)RK<, 8 SH + mEETING, 9 hw, 16 MONO (CY) CLE, 17 A + ROB< + IT< + ON, 19 (veTeRInARY)*, 20 AN + O + DYNE, 21 E + TRIPS*, 23 clAY iS hEID.

Slot 4 Valkyrie. A pARTICLES, B (O+M+BARD) in BED, C COA(S)T, D LET inside SEED<, E CLAIRE move E to front, F FLAT+(UNLET)*, G G+A+tROTting, H (THEY"LL LAUGH - G + F)*, I I'LL(US)I'VE, J JUST+ICE, K Spooner "berry clue", L (DISTINCTIVELY - SCENT)*, M RAM< + (RISE)*, N kNEe + G+L+ECT, O O+RIG+IN, P hidden<, Q QUE(U) En, R RE+SIGNS, S dd, T Hidden, U UN+D+oUtLaYs, V V(IE)W, W (WINTERTIME - MEN)*, X Pun, Y DRAY< +pAGES, Z Z+I+L+L+ION.

Slot 5 Crowsman. Across: 1 (LAIC + EPS)<, 5 CAP + AT< + IN, 10 OTTER in (win)TER, 11 CAT + PAN<, 12 STRAIN around T(roubl)E, 13 ROA(ME)D, 14 REGAL<, 15 cd, 18 REIN(VENT)S, 20 MANNNA<, 23 SCAR(C)E, 25 CREATION with C moved right, 26 ZAP + AT + A, 27 TEAR + AWAY, 28 DE(LET)ED, 29 SEVERE + D. Down: 2 PROS(TART<)E, 3 hidden<, 4 A(ERA)TE, 6 CU in (A + CRATE), 7 TIT RATE, 8 I(RAT)E, 9 TRA(i)NS + LITERATE, 16 BALE< + ORATE, 17 VEN(ERA)T + (mosqu)E, 19 RAN< + RATE, 21 N + (c)ITRATE, 22 (p)ARTAKE*, 24 C(old) + RATE.

In news from Derek Harrison of the Crossword Centre and of interest to solvers of *The Times* puzzles, Peter Biddlecombe has published a fine collection, *100 Years of the Sunday Times Crossword*. The Sunday Times crossword will be 100 years old in 2025 and Peter has chosen a puzzle from each year. He suggests that you start solving from the newest ones and working backwards. In that way you can better see how the crossword evolved and prepare you for clue styles that would not be acceptable today.

M	E	M	B	E	R
	N	E	W	S	

Orphan puzzle: It doesn't happen often but I have found a rather nice puzzle in pdf format only that has no owner or reference number within my system. The clue to 1-across is "1 Tests for purity when perhaps small (6)". If the compiler would please identify herself or himself I'll be delighted to work with them with the aim of publishing the puzzle in the new year.

Quiz compilers are needed: We have some three regular quiz compilers and would like 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 to our members, who have generously made donations to the Prize Fund this month, directly or by declining a prize.

September Clue-writing Competition is still open: You are invited to write a clue for the word MISERABLE (9) and send it to the adjudicator Len Colgan by email to Len.Colgan@unisa.edu.au or mail to 1 Ailsa Avenue, Warradale, SA 5046
Closing mail date: Friday 11 October 2024 Prize \$50.

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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Sept 1: Leprechaun (Larry Kennedy)

- Favourite RINSE. *The Void*
- Don't fully understand HYDRATED as dry hated but I'm sure it will be explained, otherwise a challenging Slot 1. *Mal Cockburn*
- An enjoyable slot 1. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Nice start to the puzzles, liked FREE KICKS. *Joan Smith*
- Loved it. *Lyria Bennett Moses*
- Enjoyed the puzzle but not a fan of Spooner. *Ken Francis*
- Some fun clues. *Jean Evans*

Sept 2: NanaKat (Kathryn Forward)

- Marvellous -- thank you. *Kate Williams*
- 5ac what is Helmsworth?, 12ac has double-duty IRREGULARITY, 22ac PRODUCTION does nothing, 16dn two reversal indicators?, 19dn CITIFY and CITY too similar in meaning, 20dn sobriety not quite 'TT'. *Andrew Patterson*
- Favourite VILLAS. Can't see how "about" can be the right indicator in 16dn *The Void*
- Some great clues but I still don't understand the wordplay in 9ac. *Ann Millard*
- Not entirely easy going. *Roy Taylor*
- Clever PI pairings: not just Holmes and Watson, but also Poirot and Hastings, as well as other words relating to crime solving. *Kath Harper*
- I liked Watson! *Robyn McKenzie*
- I learnt that LOGY means lethargic. Now I'll try and use that in a conversation. *Mal Cockburn*
- 'Insubstantial' is a new middle removal indicator for me, I will add it to my list. Two clever detectives and their sidekicks are a bonus. *Ulla Axelsen*
- GAY SHAH held me up for a while! *Tony Dobelev*
- My last two clues took ages. Challenging. *Lyria Bennett Moses*
- Lots of lovely clues here, precise and interesting. *Julie Crowe*
- A good mix of clues and enjoyable. *Lynn Jarman*
- An enjoyable puzzle. *Jean Evans*

Sept 3 T-boy (Toby McLeay)

- Love 5 across. *Kate Williams*
- An enjoyable puzzle. Thank you T-boy. Interesting that in the first three slots we have had ESPRIT & RELIC appear twice. Great words for Cryptics? *Ann Millard*
- Clues clever and hard enough to make a good puzzle. *Roy Taylor*
- A good challenge over breakfast. Liked clues for HEADMAN and NATIONAL SERVICE. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Good clues. I hadn't heard of a Belgian fence. *Ian Thompson*
- I particularly liked the clue for 12ac, a close second to my choice for COTM. *Ken Francis*
- Good fun. NATIONAL SERVICE anagram was a good spot. *The Void*
- Liked the clue for LOCK HORNS. *Ron Jarman*
- I had a few questions about the answer that fitted the letter already there and the clue, i.e. 11a;14a; 20a; 7d. I look forward to seeing the explanations. I liked 22a; 24a. *Lynn Jarman*
- Interesting puzzle. *Jean Evans*

Sept 4: Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen)

- A WICKED Nina from Ulla. Thank you! *Ann Millard*
- WICKED! *Allan Storti*
- Enjoyable puzzle with good clues. I voted FLATULENT COTM. *Roy Taylor*
- 'Wicked' puzzle? *Robyn Wimbush*
- I liked the clue for Kerry Blue! *Robyn McKenzie*

- AN enjoyable AJ. *Nea Storey*
- Favourite ECLAIR, which had me fooled for a good while. UNDULY was nice too. *The Void*
- A WICKED puzzle? *Michael Veress*
- Spell-check was unhappy with ÉCLAIR, GAROTTING, KERRY BLUE. [but it gave you the chance to check them - Ed] *Lynn Jarman*
- As usual many very interesting clues. It was the first time I had come across KERRY BLUE. *Jean Evans*

Sept 5: Crowsman (Len Colgan)

- I RATE this puzzle highly. *Ian McKenzie*
- Very enjoyable, karate kicked ass! *Chris Thomas*
- I always find your slots a bit more of a challenge which makes them all the more enjoyable! *Patricia Abbott*
- Another excellent crossword by Crowsman, where all the down answers are RATED. *David Procter*
- Thank you. *Kate Williams*
- Thanks, Len. A great puzzle but it wasn't until I was doing a check that I noticed CITRATE, NITRATE & TITRATE. Bingo!! There were "ate"s everywhere. Second use of the word PROSTRATE this month. ANNAM for 20ac took some finding. *Ann Millard*
- For once I noticed the pattern quite early! *Julie Leigh*
- I was about half way before my rate of solving went up. *Roy Taylor*
- Thanks for a well rated puzzle Len. *Robyn Wimbush*
- The theme was hard for me to miss this time. I don't understand ENTAL (if it's correct). KARATE is a sly inclusion. How do I rate this puzzle? Pretty good. *Mal Cockburn*
- Once you see that all the down clues end in ATE, it makes the solving so much easier. An enjoyable solve. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Became easier when I finally realized all down clues end in 'ate'. *Allan Storti*
- Liked IRATE for COTM - last to fall even though I had the last 3 letters almost from the outset. Well disguised. *Toby McLeay*
- Highly rated puzzle! *Kath Harper*
- I can't believe I didn't see the rate pattern until I was putting the answers in! *Robyn McKenzie*
- It wasn't until I was entering my answers in Accolade, that I realised all down clues end in RATE - top marks for KARAT, which is pronounced differently! *Nea Storey*
- How could anyone not rate this as an excellent crossword? *Ken Francis*
- All down answers ended in "ate"! If only I had seen this before submitting my answers the task would have been easier! *Maureen Blake*
- Favourite REINVENTS. Very annoyed at how late I spotted the RATES. It made me go "(row 12)". *The Void*
- Clever down theme. *Sonia Roulston*
- Eventually seeing the 'rate' connection in the down clues helped to solve the last few clues. *Hilary Cromer*
- What a clever puzzle, it was a big help when I realised every down word ended with RATE. So many great clues for COTM My favourites were CATNAP, ROAMED, ANNAM, ZAPATA, IRATE, TRANSLITERATE AND KARATE. *Joan Smith*
- That rate-d very highly! *Julie Crowe*

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