

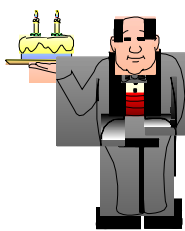
CroZworld

"The World of Crosswords in Australia"

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How often misused words generate misleading thoughts.
Herbert Spencer (1820-1903)

GRIDATORIAL



Happy Birthday!

This month we proudly celebrate the 11th Anniversary of the foundation of the Australian Crossword Club. The ACC was set up by Carole Noble, Noel Jessop and Alan Walter with the main aim being "to

entertain, instruct and challenge members via the medium of crosswords".

The founding members said: "We are looking forward to a very successful Australia-wide venture ... and we sincerely hope you will influence its course as a friendly club."

The ACC has achieved its aims in the past 11 years with a vast range of crosswords and quizzes which have been entertaining, instructing and challenging. The ACC has enjoyed ACCLAIM, ACCORD, ACCEPTANCE, ACCURACY and ACCOLADES. Congratulations ACC and may the Club ACCOMPLISH great things in the future. Happy Birthday, ACC!

If you would like to share in the 11th Birthday celebrations, sample a piece of the tasty cake with Neir B'Odet's Quiz *Legs Eleven and All That!*



In Slot 2 this month we feature a new compiler with the cruciverbalnym *Test by Enigma* (or Betty Siegman by another name). Welcome, Betty. Turn to page 12 for further revealing details.

The 'closing mail date' (6 April 2001) has been chosen so that we will be able to distribute the next edition of *CroZworld* in time for Easter.

Happy CroZworlding!

—Patrick

FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

Once again, I have adjudicated in a month where there was very little to excite/frustrate members. I like that.

There were 7 transcription errors and 6 of these were in down words. If the down words had been written in first it is unlikely that they would have occurred. All the same...

Slot 1: Most errors in this puzzle were in 20dn — DULLEA, DELLER, DOLFEN, DILLER, DULLES and DILLEN. 2 x BLUNDELL.

Slot 2: FIG was the cause of 20 missed dots. PIT and PIP featured in 19 of them. The fruit was hiding in the heart of dis...

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Entries received	110	102	109
Correct entries	10	10	96
Prize winners	P Horan	A&D Callan	M Cudmore

Slot 3: ... should have read 'sudden winds occurs...' but everyone ... that one out. There were only two errors — 22dn double definition (pen = female swan) and 7dn. While many queried 'griffin' only 4 members had it wrong — 'griffen' & 'griffon'. Riff (African) inside gin = (Walter Burley) GRIFFIN — who designed Canberra.

Slot 4: Six members came unstuck with VAIN — 4 x VOID, 1 x VEIL & 1 x VAIL.

Slot 5: What fun nicknames. I'm glad that I didn't have to do this one. No glaring errors here. There was a little confusion with the author as some thought it was Babs D H Souter. It was acceptable none the less. The poem is actually called "G'D EVENIN'!" and published in 1933 — thanks Audrey.

Thank you to all the members who sent greetings. They made the job very pleasant. Happy crosswording to all.

—Veniece Lobsey

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Australian Bushbabs by DH Souter

MEMBERS' RESULTS FOR MARCH 2001

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FOSTER C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
FREELAND J	✓		✓	✓		
GALBREATH M	✓					✓
GARNER P	✓	✓		✓	✓	
GLEESON C	✓		✓	✓	✓	
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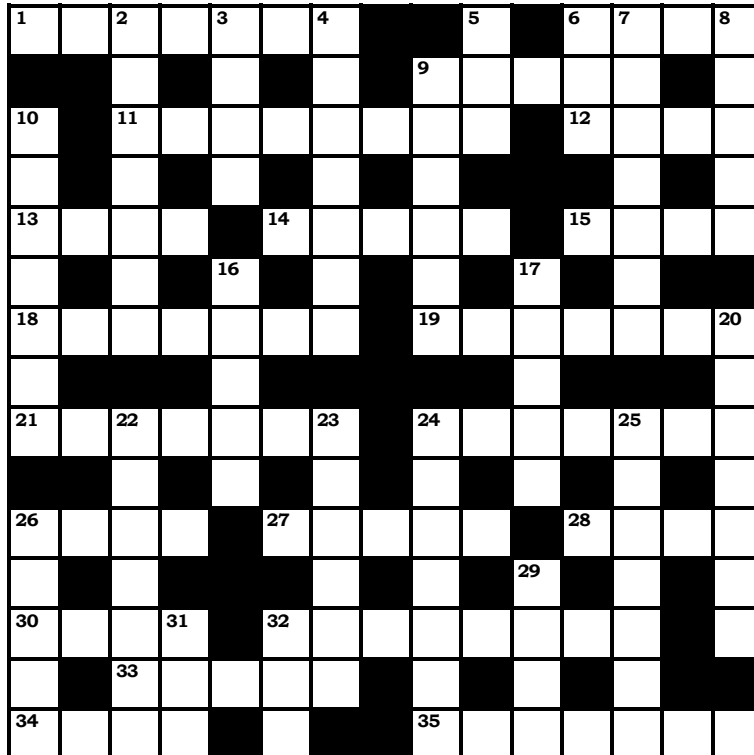
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JESSOP N	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
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KNIGHT V	✓			✓		
LAYTON K	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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SYMONS B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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**CONNECTIONS
FOR EXAMPLE**
by
Kev Layton

A P R I L 1 2 0 0 1

**Book
Prize**



Find a word that will go either before both or after both clue words, or after the first and before the second, that will make two other words, phrases or names.

Across

- 1 Bean attack (7)
- 6 Farm school (4)
- 9 Tooth talk (5)
- 11 Red court (8)
- 12 Bull farm (4)
- 13 Car room (4)
- 14 Dust fish (5)
- 15 Heart tooth (4)
- 18 Strawberry drug (7)
- 19 Love capital (7)
- 21 Army bank (7)
- 24 Orange relations (7)
- 26 Burmese tiger (4)
- 27 Secret orange (5)
- 28 Line jam (4)
- 30 Garden tap (4)
- 32 Gears smile (8)
- 33 Kitchen finder (5)
- 34 Far coast (4)
- 35 Mere wine (7)

Down

- 2 Address soldier (7)
- 3 Water top (4)
- 4 Mind proof (7)
- 5 Step up (3)
- 6 Man Sir! (3)
- 7 Press case (7)
- 8 City truck (5)
- 9 Services club (6)
- 10 Red moth (7)
- 16 Black shell (5)
- 17 Electric bird (5)
- 20 King islands (7)
- 22 Irish type (7)
- 23 Car room (6)
- 24 Eye cement (7)
- 25 Immigrant possession (7)
- 26 Car television (5)
- 29 Minor skirt (4)
- 31 Water race (3)
- 32 Head beater (3)

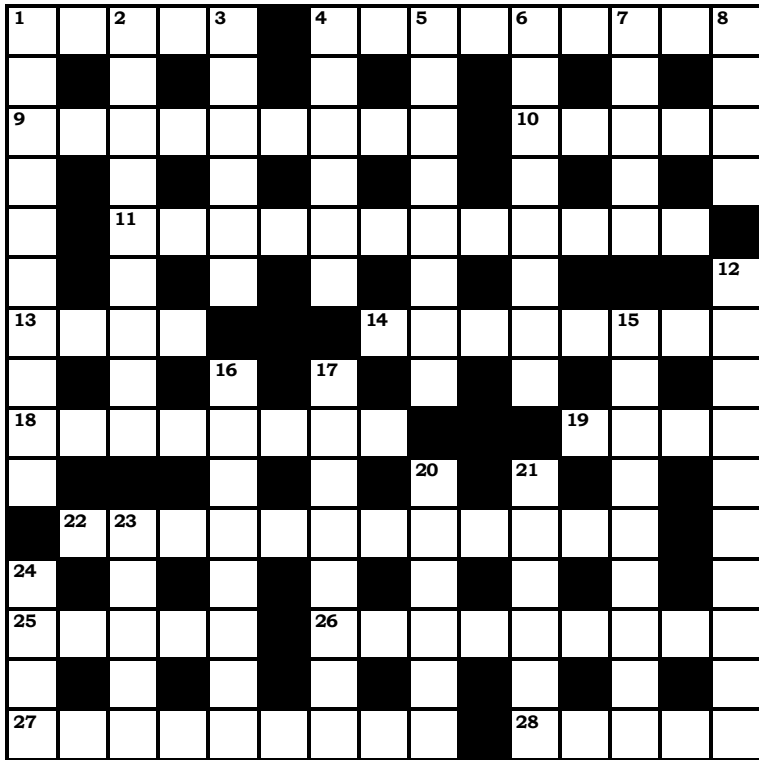
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CRYPTIC
by
Test by Enigma

APRIL 2 2001



Across

- 1 Father had the advantage, then became fenced in (5)
- 4 Beat it ... we hear you're a-going (9)
- 9 Reminisces about MHRs (9)
- 10 One off a dozen could make this remark (5)
- 11 Lord of the dance? (6-6)
- 13 Timber trade (4)
- 14 Press on the grating and get to the ball-game (8)
- 18 Gallop around is for a tinny! (8)
- 19 Vehicle following direction arrives at cliff (4)
- 22 The scientist drunkenly goes into motel, losing energy (12)
- 25 Gold piece makes a revolution (5)
- 26 Spotters head the procession and end up with what could be a headache (9)
- 27 Finished with medication amounts, they are too much (9)
- 28 The dandy starts simpering, so combs his hair (5)

Down

- 1 Admire caps ... strangely they help when we are ill (10)
- 2 Halt ... the thinker can be pretty stupid (*Coll*) (4, 5)
- 3 Low light, 60% ample, causes depression (6)
- 4 Turn back the cover — inside are directions to get to the good oil (6)
- 5 Stamp, make an impression on the log (8)
- 6 Funnily, a shy prod can be an intense emotion (8)
- 7 Pull it undone, then arrange to put it back together (5)
- 8 The old girl's starting nicely when on the level (4)
- 12 When tipsy, Granny endlessly gives impressions (10)
- 15 Contest the road and put us on course (9)
- 16 Very mixed, the fool and head teacher rode wildly (8)
- 17 Fans show support in the return of the favoured player (8)
- 20 Throws the ball around ... starting easily and displaying some guts (6)
- 21 The heartless tart got into the grog we hear ... not very good taste (6)
- 23 When Nick initially replaced Will, strangely the joint became classy (5)
- 24 "You animal! Do that once more and you're history!" (4)

CRYPTIC
by
Noel Jessop

APRIL 3 2001



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Across

- 1 Express elevator used for transport operation (7)
- 5 Cause weird artist a break in the line (7)
- 9 Bread pudding even leading a dog to a dog! (8, 7)
- 10 Understood to have knot first (5)
- 11 Sailor to serve in a lake without rays (9)
- 12 Took in to excavate eastern street before credit centre (8)
- 14 Ova cot constructed with eight leaves to the sheet (6)
- 16 Absorbed radiation unit in graduating (3)
- 18 Lowest degrees note a following (6)
- 20 Instant artist is in good time for the castle (8)
- 23 Real force misapplied in marine attraction (5-4)
- 25 Jokes from poor southern jets (5)
- 27 Learner-driver, he hit car carelessly, running by Mount Isa (10, 5)
- 28 Climbed round the dark side, like proverbial cats (7)
- 29 Sail on one stormy connection (7)

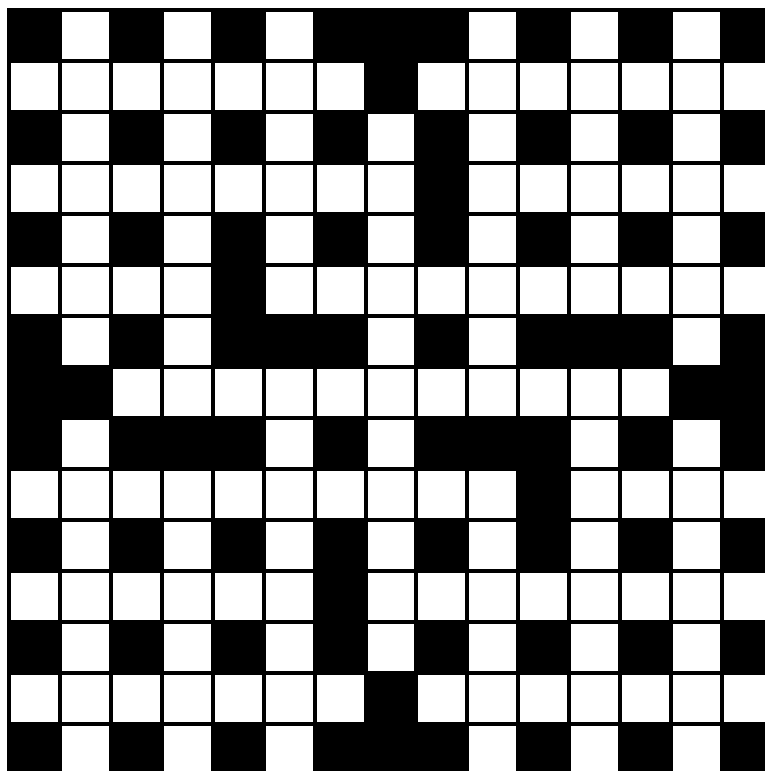
Down

- 1 A support in reverse (5)
- 2 Rode range recklessly in a harmonium (4-5)
- 3 Orders apprentices (7)
- 4 Thailand even get old king a youngster! (8)
- 5 Feline fodder in old country (6)
- 6 It's capricious of man to take in a deserter (7)
- 7 Bond with one French particle (5)
- 8 March past dessert butt? (5, 4)
- 12 Houses solid mice uncomfortably (9)
- 13 Expert law officer bowled (3)
- 15 American Indian's losing heart inside ... rough stuff (9)
- 17 It's a bloomer to take off up into parliament (8)
- 19 Led chum out in covered garden (7)
- 21 Officer about a holiday resort (7)
- 22 Claim damned wrongfully (6)
- 24 Artist takes the miriti palm for an Indian dish (5)
- 26 Special constable managed food (5)

**ALPHABETICAL
JIGSAW**
by *Timid Terrier*

APRIL 4 2001

**Prize
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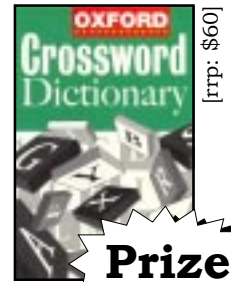
The letter before each clue is the initial of the answer.

- A** One Shetland gully seeds plants (11)
- B** Rage after goods to Island (7)
- C** Country sides units to run Mac east for antibiotic? (11)
- D** Politely prudish lady rejects commercial? (10)
- E** Postie negotiated to please archaic writer (10)
- F** Note: Student falsified Incas ancient language (8)
- G** Hired thug to continue (4)
- H** Hindu festival without old fish (7)
- I** American painter at headland (6)
- J** Lying across hawk's short strap, an insect (7)
- K** Girl reported couple about to return paving-brick (7)
- L** Scholarship to gain skill in Gateshead! (8)
- M** Simpleton mother forbends Heather!! (8)
- N** Over-elaborate cramped (handwriting) (8)
- O** Scot's grandchild mixed lemon with honey wine (7)
- P** Englishman with Adam's wine and Will's apple (8)
- Q** Spenser to stir English food (6)
- R** A disc enveloping endless belt? (7)
- S** "Quiet dear," said gossip (7)
- T** Fashion might lose many at the end of today (7)
- U** A cold old city tree (4)
- V** Inexperience of six to clear a territory (8)
- W** Male seal destroys one duck (6)
- X** Cattle return soon to primitive statue (6)
- Y** Fabulous beast surrounds very quiet green woodpecker (6)
- Z** Uncle Sam to criticise the Spanish fish (6)

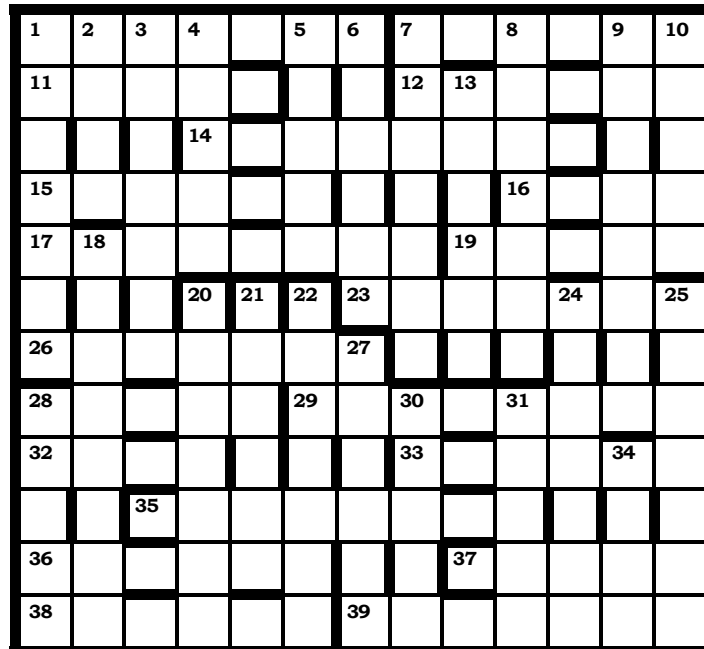
MOONLIGHTING?

by
Praxis

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Prize



On solution of the puzzle, solvers will recognise some well-known words in the unclued lights. The one geographical reference (alternative spelling) is from the *Macquarie Dictionary/Atlas*.

Across

- 1 Billiards fluke — Louis Armstrong lost little time accepting credit (7)
- 7 Tank is able to cross over river (6)
- 11 (4'1)
- 12 Call about battery markings (6)
- 14 (8, two words)
- 15 Necessity requires pupil leave joint after one (6)
- 16 (4)
- 17 Spies related the material (8)
- 19 Starts to write in old style (5)
- 23 (7, three words)
- 26 Urges acts like patricide? (7)
- 28 One old gang's mellowing (5)
- 29 School brought in experts in chemicals (8)
- 32 Security device first gave a high-pitched sound (4)
- 33 National Trust included fresh cake snack (6)
- 35 Page, to some extent local, describes some insects (8)
- 36 Some begin to topple entirely (2-4)
- 37 Indian unrest — I left Fijian town (5)
- 38 Pelt — right for Lynda (6)
- 39 Con withdrew boy in disgrace (7)

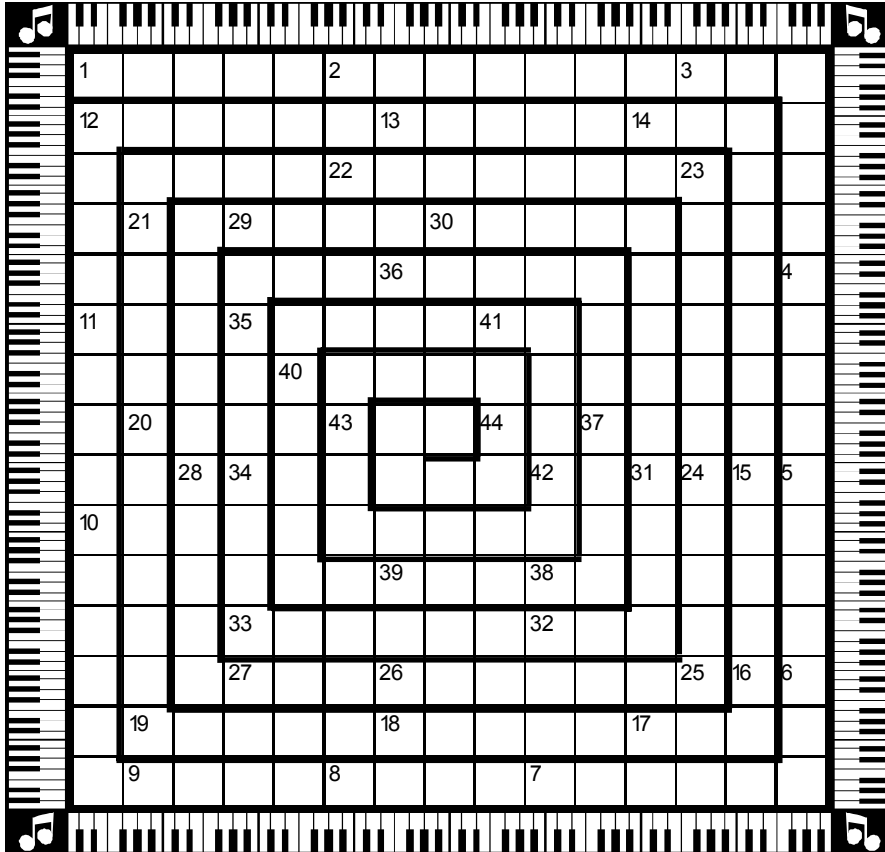
Down

- 1 Cooked Ed's meat (7)
- 2 Question life force and direction (4)
- 3 Bursts of artillery — RAAF scattered the French (7)
- 4 Redress lunchtime! (5)
- 5 Old iron caught, turning over barge (5)
- 6 Bohemian provided sewing kit (6)
- 7 Ball disguises Simon moving under cover (7)
- 8 Mineral's left over — no time to box (7)
- 9 Newcomer scoffed, to antagonise (8)
- 10 They're beaten at last — little devils! (5)
- 13 Five join in Croat dance for a lark (6)
- 18 (8, two words)
- 20 Depend upon asafoetida renewing one (5, 2)
- 21 Forge attendant grasps drink (6)
- 22 (7, two words)
- 24 (7)
- 25 Airway 38, not 'Eastern', is confused with 49 (7)
- 27 Civil Service, in turn, drinks to gradations (6)
- 28 Dad upended his — the louse (5)
- 30 Wouk's mutiny overturned computer (5)
- 31 Main canoe is destroyed (5)
- 34 Each embraced diving writings (4)

CLASSICAL GROOVE
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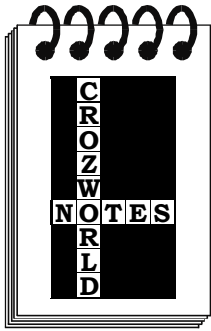


1. 2. 3. 4.

The last letter of each Composer's name starts the next. Begin at square 1 (top left) and continue around the groove. Clues are in order. Diagonals give four words associated with music. To solve the puzzle correctly, list these words in the spaces provided.

Clues

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Long jackets, we hear (6) 2 Half the school sorted out the brute (8) 3 Cat takes relative direction (7) 4 Marches from a J.P. (5) 5 Golden! (5) 6 The CIA roams in disguise (8) 7 Gold sawed through timber (5) 8 Almost right eager to drop one for the palindrome (5) 9 Richard's and Rod's hold over Reg (7) 10 A meal curtailed (5) 11 The lager is off (5) 12 Wetter weather (7) 13 Reg and Ros try to get together (6) 14 Sets in, as in muddied up (5-5) 15 Busy shopper suffers with lack of exercise (5) 16 Hurry up with the grass (4) 17 H & L (6) 18 Sabotaged Dali, duck with first violin (6) 19 Five four, laid cure (7) 20 A diverse tribe (5) 21 A lofty island (6) 22 Two little islands — blue in a way (8) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23 What the choir does about the noise (7) 24 Philip may have it blown (5) 25 Suss out Art, too (7) 26 A washout! (4) 27 Cats man with a spider perhaps (6) 28 We object and are grabbed by exciting roles (7) 29 Clues taken from the East with a twist (5) 30 P.C. 2232 for Margaret (10) 31 The psychotic lied to us (6) 32 Doctor has rank (7) 33 At or back in that order (4) 34 A near disaster (4) 35 Cats published poet author and alien devouring most of the lion (5) 36 Innkeeper (8) 37 Germany, first, second and third (5) 38 Alfred Mount (4) 39 Off ill — managed to hold in tea! (7) 40 Different to Wolf (6) 41 Were changed to include a bee! (5) 42 Your bald treatment (8) 43 Turn card upheld! (6) 44 Sounds like an office worker (6) |
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THE BRITISH CROSSWORD — ALIVE AND WELL!

The well-known UK crossworder Derek Harrison who publishes the informative *Crossword News* tells us that cryptic crosswording in the UK is thriving. Here are some of the details:

John Graham (aka Araucaria) (the *Guardian's* most distinguished setter) turned 80 on 16 February last. Described as the "Tiger Woods of crossword compiling", Araucaria (meaning 'monkey-puzzle') has been compiling crosswords for more than 42 years. His first puzzle for the *Manchester Guardian* was published in July 1958. He now sets six Araucarias monthly, as well as one in three of the quick crosswords and contributes cryptic puzzles to the *Financial Times* and a monthly puzzle for *Homes and Antiques*. Araucaria is said to be the inventor of the

Alphabetical Jigsaw type of puzzle. He also discovered that 'Manchester City' is an anagram of 'synthetic cream' and that the lines "O hark the herald angels sing the boy's descent which lifted up the world" can be rearranged to read "While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground."

Eric Chalkley (aka Apex). Derek Harrison writes: "To cap my visit to London I had arranged to visit Apex and I took the train to Croydon. I had last met Eric Chalkley in 1981 but we have maintained a wonderful correspondence over the years. I first wrote to him in the mid seventies, when I was addicted to *Listener* puzzles, to congratulate him on an excellent puzzle. He replied and sent me puzzles to solve and since then he has maintained my interest in the art. Aged 83 and having suffered some ill-health, he was still in excellent form. We had a lively chat and discussed every aspect of the crossword world. He showed me the Ximenes cup and the hand-written book of Ximenes clues which I held with a feeling of awe. His collection includes a box full of letters from Ximenes and a copy of all the X-slips. His bookshelves are full of gems, including copies of rare books by Torquemada. He regretted having given his copy of *Ximenes on the Art of the Crossword* to Leonard Bernstein's son and I was able to tell him that Mike Laws had just bought a mint copy with dust-jacket in a London shop. He was eager to hear about the possible re-publication of the book. Incidentally, Leonard Bernstein was a great fan of Apex, and Eric showed me a box of letters from him, two of which are in acrostic form with the initial letters spelling a message. Finally, over a cup of tea, he showed me his photo albums with signed photos of his crosswording friends, including Ximenes and many of his prize-winners and two self-portraits of myself. As I left I promised to come back soon, he reminded me that he would be 103 if I waited another 20 years. Apex' next puzzle will appear as the *Listener* Crossword on 10th March and I can't wait to do it."



photo: Derek Harrison

Apex holding the Ximenes No 1 Cup

Jonathan Crowther (aka Azed) will be the guest on 17 March at the *Listener* dinner at Oxford. The 1500th Azed puzzle was published on 18th February 2001 approximately 20 years after the publication of his 500th puzzle in 1981. Azed and his wife spent Christmas 2000 in Australia.

Roger Squires (aka Rufus) has recently had his 56,000th puzzle published. He writes 38 crosswords every week for a variety of publications.



LEGS ELEVEN AND ALL THAT!

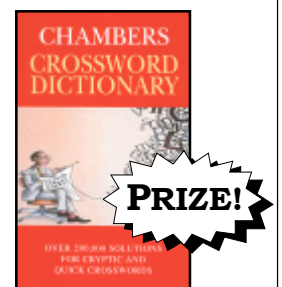
by **Neir B'Odet**

A Special Quiz (non-cumulative) to mark the 11th Anniversary of the founding of the Australian Crossword Club.

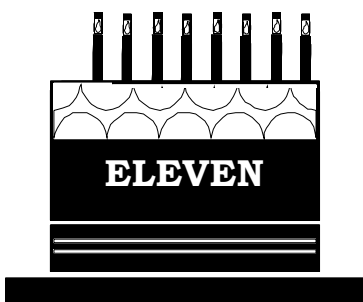
Send your answers with your name on a separate sheet to:

**Ted O'Brien,
80 Hillview Cres, Kiama NSW 2533.**

Closing mail date: 30 March 2001.



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- 1 When is the 11th hour?
- 2 What event does the 11th day of the 11th month celebrate?
- 3 What did 'my true love' send to me on the 11th day of Christmas?
- 4 What is the so-called 11th Commandment?
- 5 What is the 11 Plus?
- 6 What happens at Elevesenses?
- 7 What musical genre mainly uses the 11th chord?
- 8 You don't feel surprised when who tells you he's only eleven? (*WS Gilbert*)
- 9 Who is named as the 11th Apostle in the gospels of Matthew and Mark?
- 10 What is the 11th letter of the Greek alphabet?
- 11 When is Martinmas?

MEMBERS COMMENTS

MARCH 1-2001 – GENERAL KNOWLEDGE by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- At last a slot 1 that's not a *Claytons* slot 1. Keep 'em coming! Col Archibald
- Not as tough as its predecessor, but still plenty to worry about. Never heard of that Keir bloke in 20dn. Which doesn't mean much, I've never heard of the "Travelling Wilburys" either. It's been a very sheltered existence. Jim Colles
- *Virgo* treated us much more leniently in her poser and could well be dubbed *The Dainty Lady* (No offence Daphne). Tom Phelan
- An easier slot 1 puzzle than last month. The level of difficulty here is fair for all solvers. Alan Walter
- As usual from *Virgo* some cunning clues and a warning to me to keep an eye on the movies — I don't see many these days and so I tend to miss both good and the (many) hopeless. Betty Cumming
- As my movie-going stopped early in the 50's I had to search for Keir Dullea. Ted O'Brien
- Nice one Audrey. This is a general knowledge puzzle. I didn't research any of my answers, though I may live to regret it. Brian Tickle
- Better than February's No 1, but I don't care for this variety. Please give us back the CONVENTIONALS. They were fine until spoilt for a while by a purple patch in 1998/9. We certainly don't need extra CRYPTICS. The present share of those is generous. Irene Watts
- I am not a movie fan so I find *Virgo's* questions of WHO STARRED in WHAT have driven me to guessing. FW Roberts

MARCH 2-2001 – VALENTINE'S DAY by Daintree Lady (Daphne Titus-Rees)

- A clever and innovative grid from Daphne, though I'd rather go to a Bacchanalia than a Lupercalia! Col Archibald
- Was very cleverly constructed gridwise and the clues fair. Audrey Austin
- Had a bit of trouble with the right ventricle. If it's a 'girl' at 4ac. There seems to be a reverse indicator needed in the clue? Also find 10ac hard to fathom. Very romantic puzzle, though. Jim Colles
- Heartfelt thanks to *Daintree Lady* for her Valentine's Day puzzle. Alan Walter
- That wretched 'ancient Roman feast' caused me a lot of bother — otherwise a fun and topical puzzle. Betty Cumming
- After *Daintree Lady's* No. 1 last month I'm glad to see that, after all, she does have a heart! Ted O'Brien
- Because of the unusual shape of the grid, several of the answers had less than the desirable 50% of checked squares. However, these clues were very fair. I especially liked 6ac and 15ac. Brian Tickle
- *Daintree Lady's* clues more solvable this time, but I feel that in an attempt to make them 'clever' or amusing, she quite often makes them too remote or suspect. Irene Watts
- Took me a while to cotton on to Daphne's clues; once I got going, of course, I found it a delight. 6ac stood out for me. Roy Wilson
- The *Daintree Lady* is too abstruse for me. FW Roberts

MARCH 3-2001 – CRYPTIC by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

- At last! I've discovered the Christian name of Inspector Morse. Alan's been keeping it a secret for years. All I need now is the name of Lady Godiva's horse! Col Archibald
- Clues to 23ac and 26ac were great, being no obvious answers at first, holding me up until the penny dropped. *Audrey Austin*
- Only a very keen Morse watcher would get the 4dn clue. I'm a keen watcher and I don't get it. Unless 'Endeavour' is his never spoken first name? Am also concerned about 7dn. If the answer's 'Griffin' what's the connection with 'African capital'? Jim Colles
- Always impressed by the longer clue answers I found this entertaining. Tom Phelan
- Roy your 7dn clue is quite a stunner, not easy to rationalise at first glance. Alan Walter
- No 'push-over' — but who would expect that from *Praxis*? But enjoyed it. Betty Cumming
- The answer to 4dn didn't present a problem as some time ago had to find Inspector Morse's name in a trivia quiz. He was reluctant to use his Christian name but it was revealed in one of the later books that he was called 'Endeavour' as his father was an avid aficionado of Captain Cook. David Procter
- I love Roy's puzzles, but I must confess I just don't get it this time with clues 4dn and 7dn. What am I missing, Roy? Brian Tickle
- This didn't feel like a Roy Wilson puzzle. I didn't care for 7dn. Last clue solved was 16ac HARBOURED. I was into the wrong port. Irene Watts
- I have not heard of a BUSHMASTER before so he had taught me something. FW Roberts

MARCH 4-2001 – ALPHABETICAL JIGSAW by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- Come on Shirl! Gimme a break and make a mistake sometimes! Col Archibald
- No obscure words. Marvellous! Not easy to accomplish when constructing an AJ. The O clue was my favourite. Audrey Austin
- Why is *Southern Cross*? If I could think up clues like this I'd be very pleased with myself. Particularly clues like B and W. A very satisfying AJ to muddle through. Jim Colles
- Made a LAIDBACK decision with the L clue which made no sense at all (not unusual for me). When I made a landfall with LANDMARK things improved. Thoroughly enjoyable. Tom Phelan
- What a clever clue for A. Another 'Star' puzzle by *Southern Cross*. Alan Walter
- Clever clues as ever, thanks Shirl. Betty Cumming
- Shirl's clues are so clear and concise. Ted O'Brien
- Good stuff, as usual, Shirl. Really liked the 'B' and 'O' clues. Brian Tickle
- Difficult, but fair and good clues. Irene Watts
- Very well crafted AJ. Well worded, simple clues — loved A, E and V — just beautiful in their simplicity. Roy Wilson
- I'm not familiar with PRESIDENTS TOOLS so I hope this is OK. FW Roberts

MARCH 5-2001 – DOUBLE ACROSTIC by Audrey Ryan

- Great acrostic from Audrey, but I've never heard of Babs DH Souter. Col Archibald
- Lots of ways to go wrong here, with the Bullocks oddly named. Never heard of the author. The clues were excellent though, so it wasn't so difficult. Audrey Austin
- Good to see an Audrey's Acrostic back in the mix, and interesting to note that it's 224 letters long. Some very enjoyable clues, and I especially liked the one at O. Am somewhat concerned by the title that's appeared though. Australian Bush Babs? Haven't been able to track Souter down to check on it. Jim Colles
- A little of anything is a dangerous thing around these parts. *Australian bush ballads* leaped at me after I completed the "P" clue. But the (Bobbies, Pin & Hawke) wrecked that line of thought. Have been unable to track down the book of verse so I will have to partake of a rum and wait with bated breath till April. I remain full of admiration for setters of double acrostics. Thank you Audrey. Tom Phelan
- I would have probably guessed that one of Bullocky Bill's Bullocks would be named ABDUL. However ABDOL appears to be the correct name for the quotation grid as the 'O' in ABDOL comes from the N clue answer, HOW NOW? In clue O, 'WPC' stands for Woman Police Constable or BOBBY. An enjoyable Aussie Acrostic. Alan Walter
- How do you find these obscure people Audrey? Or are they only obscure to me? Thoroughly enjoyed it — one of my favourite puzzles. Betty Cumming
- I found D H Souter in an Australian Biographical Dictionary but can't verify my version of his Bush Bab about Bill's roll call of his team — loved INKY POO. What sort of a bull deserves to be called "Kewpie"?!!! Ted O'Brien

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MEMBERS' COMMENTS (cont'd from page 10)

- An unusual title and some unusual names for the bullocks but enjoyable to solve. A slight mishap with the grid letters in 12 and 119 but should not stop anyone from solving the puzzle. *David Procter*
- Good fun, Audrey. I liked the 'highbrow' clue (T). *Brian Tickle*
- I am not fond of Double Acrostics, but recognise the huge effort they must need to complete. I had a few tossings from the bullocks along the way in this one, before getting on track. What a peculiar book title. I had to check it with the Library. *Irene Watts.*
- Again, beautifully simple clues, direct and to the point. There's no doubt 'Bullocky Bill' had a great sense of humour! *Roy Wilson*
- All the curious names for bullocks in the 1920's made this a difficult puzzle. I only ran the book to earth in the TASMANIANA library, not to be taken out, but the librarian confirmed my solution. *FW Roberts*

Many thanks to Maurice Cowan for his kind donation to the ACC Prize Fund.

March 6-2001 - DEDICATED TO IRIS by Colinebrii (Col Archibald)

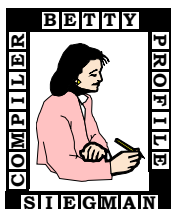
Entries: 62. Correct: 49. Success rate: 79%. Prize winner: Michael Veress. Congratulations!

- What a beauty! Took a full month to nut it out. Whether right or wrong it was fun while it lasted, and so satisfying to complete. I have to work on the "Spenser" clues. (You'll find 'Spenser' = Spenserian and 'Will' = Shakespeare cropping up now and again, and the use of these words must be indicated in the clue, as with any obscure word. C.) *Catherine Foster*
- You and your women! 14dn caused me trouble until I realised that it was not a cryptic clue; I must have been having one of my 'off' days. Had it not been for that clue, I'd have thought you were mellowing. Please don't! (No chance, C.) *Daphne Greening*
- I spent two weeks on 14dn before I noticed the title! (You'll have to work on your peripheral acuity, Roy! C.) *Roy Taylor*
- Thank you for your clever and very colourful problem. Solved all but five clues in rapid time but then hit a hurdle with 1 & 16ac, 3, 4 & 7dn. However, all is now as good as it gets, so I hope the solution is free from error. (Never a doubt, Tom! C.) *Tom Phelan*
- Very colourful, Col. 14dn gave me the most trouble. I thought a good answer to 'Titled woman! (4)' would be 'LADY' or perhaps 'DAME', so I struggled for ages to find an answer to 16ac that began with 'A'. I finally realised it was the woman in the title of the puzzle and life became a lot easier. (Life wasn't meant to be easy; it was always going to be 'Ticklish!' Wasn't it? C.) *Brian Tickle*
- I'm a bit doubtful about 9dn. If it is EAR I'll be tickled pink. I made a rod for my own back for a while when I used ROSE for SHOWER (6dn). (If you used a rose for a shower, wouldn't you be 'prickled' pink? C.) *Ted O'Brien*
- Great puzzle, but 'Titled woman' indeed. Dame created a lot of problems before the penny dropped. What a devious person you are. (When I compiled this puzzle, I thought that this was probably the easiest clue, and I'm a liar! C.) *Joan Smith*
- Another very colourful composition from our notorious resident of the State where time stands still so the blinds won't fade in the summer sun. Less than the normal array of unheard-of words, and the Spenserisms seem to have replaced Jockisms, for better or worse. Enjoyable work from the XXXX man nevertheless. (It's not the blinds, Jim it's all the extra XXXX I'd have to drink in that extra hour, and I just can't afford it! C.) *Jim Colles*
- Cleverly fitted together! Thanks, Col (Anything for you, Shirl! C.) *Shirl O'Brien*
- Nice, nice. I liked the chutzpah of 14dn. (You're about the only one who liked 14dn. C.) *Iain MacDougall*
- This puzzle was just so excellent. I fussed over it for about 5 hours but when finished I felt great. (Shucks! C.) *Betty Siegman*
- The area where I live (far north NSW) has been given several descriptive names over the years — 'Northern Rivers', 'Summerland', 'Great Eastland', and most recently 'The Rainbow Region'. A local solar energy company is called the Rainbow Power Company, with the address '1 Alternative Way'. Thus this prismatic puzzle was an appropriate one for me. 1ac took me ages to realise that it was one of the 'no definition' clues. 18ac, 'white' gave me pause for thought but I am assuming it is meant to represent all of the colours of the spectrum combined. All in all, a very clever puzzle. (That's correct, and thanks for the stamps! C.) *Peter Dearie*
- I enjoyed your puzzle as always — hard but fair as usual. (Thanks, Bob, I always try to be fair! C.) *Bob Hagan*
- It's a bit of a worry when I found your No 6 was about the sanest of the lot! (no offence meant my friend) Even then, I fell foul for ages, as I put GRAF for the titled lady, then GREY (Lady Jane), then read the name of the puzzle and all was clear as 'the Bow that bridges Heaven'. (Del, a little transcription error, GREIN instead of GREEN. No Baileys® for me this year! C.) *Del Kennedy*
- Congratulations on such a great puzzle, a very clever tribute to Iris. It was great fun and a very clever idea to unravel. I often find with theme puzzles it is not 'getting the theme' that is the hard part but finding those extra obscure words to fill in the gaps. That was certainly the case with this one. (Some members thought it a bit 'rum' I s'pect C.) *Betty Cumming*
- Enjoyed solving this puzzle. At 14dn originally put in DAME but after seeing the title of the puzzle had to change it to IRIS to make SENSE of 20ac. *David Procter*

Adjudicator's Comments: Very few problems with this puzzle, apart from 14dn 'Titled Woman' with the majority of errors being 'MISS' which then made 16ac 'REPORTAGE' 'Importage' in most cases. I couldn't pay 'Neologize' as it did not fit the clue, 'first syllable' being 'S'. A benevolent glow crept up on me, no doubt due to a sudden influx of XXXX whilst checking 4dn, and I decided to give ticks for both 'Tingler' and 'Tinkler'; Tingle and Tinkle are both synonyms of the other. All in all a very satisfactory result with only 14 members missing out on ticks! Thanks to all who entered and for your kind words of encouragement, especially to my old sparring partners in words Tom Phelan and Jim Colles — they always make me chuckle! **Col Archibald (Colinebrii)**

MEMBER NEWS

A warm welcome to new members: Jean Proudman of Bayview, NSW, Taro Ogawa from Braddon, ACT, Chris Krans from Yokine, WA, Jenni Chandler of Balmain East, NSW and Mary Leask from Mt Claremont, WA. Happy puzzling!



Betty Siegman (Test by Enigma) of Bateau Bay, NSW writes: "Cryptic Crosswords and I had a brief affair when I was a teenager, but motherhood and then work put things on hold for many years. About five years ago my very good friend Del Kennedy told me about the X-wd club, and suggested I may like to join when I retired. At the time I was working for the CSIRO, but being a sucker for any riddle or puzzle set before me, as soon as I saw the magazine I was hooked, and joined straight away. A few months ago, having retired, I decided to put my toe in the water and compiled my very first crossword, which I found to be tough, time-consuming, but terrific fun. Now another club member, Eva Seale, and I are conducting a U3A class in Cryptics for Beginners, in the hope of leading a few more unsuspecting souls into the Land of Cryptics."