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Since Man from beast by Words is known/  
Words are Man's province, Words we teach alone.  
Alexander Pope, 1742, *The Dunciad*, IV, 149.

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We are delighted to celebrate our **Seventeenth Birthday** this month. Congratulations to all members and especially our Founders and ACC Life Members, Noel Jessop, Carole Noble and Alan Walter. The year 2007 is promising to be another successful year for the ACC. Happy Birthday and Many Cheerful Returns!

It is a real pleasure this month to welcome four new members to the wonderful world of *Crozworlding*. Two of the members are Gift Memberships from our generous members Shirl O'Brien and Ken Davis. Why not join up your friends? The cost is only \$25 for the rest of 2007. Worth every cent! *Crozworld* has a huge variety of puzzles and Quizzes every month. There is something there in each issue of *Crozworld* to appeal to anyone with an interest in words and facts. Contact our Secretary Bev Cockburn for further details.

This month we have another challenging set of puzzles for your delectation with another popular *Half & Half* by Noel Jessop and puzzles by our popular regulars *Manveru* and *Ann Ass*. *Timid Terrier* has become a familiar contributor to the ever-popular Slot 4 AJ and this month's offering is another fine puzzle. The indefatigable *Virgo* will keep you puzzle-satisfied with her original *Anagram Snail* and the Slot 6 is again occupied by our favourite Ximenean *Praxis* with a delightful grid titled *A Cook's Tour*. All of these puzzles are sure to please all solvers. And our Quizmaster this time is the ever-popular *Cactus* with a Quiz which names names and is a ripping yarn in itself! Happy Crozworlding!  
—Patrick

Hello to the happy (and the not so happy) crossworders. There were a few major hiccups this month, a variety of answers in some and, once again, the obvious transcription errors – WHITI, V\_E(x2), C\_E\_M, REDWWEEL, CABOODEE JANEYYRE. How does all this happen? After working hard to do the puzzles members obviously relax before the transcription job is completed and become a bit careless. This is the worst reason to mark a crossword wrong. I look forward to the time when there are **NO** transcription errors. It's a shame to mark a puzzle wrong when you know they know the correct answer. I still maintain that if the down words are copied in first there is much less likelihood of these types of errors and I despair when I see blank spaces. Anyway....

**Slot 1:** A well received puzzle from Audrey. Renegue (renague, reneege, renege) caused just a few problems. 7 entries arrived with 'raisin' jam and otherwise a smattering of odd incorrect answers.

**Slot 2:** There was a general appreciation of this puzzle by new compilers – *The Two Bears*. Some really nice comments. A better success rate here with the main entry being FIFOFUM (x5) and FEFQFUM (x2).

**Slot 3:** Oh dear! While *zinzan*'s puzzle in general received the most votes for COTM, it also had the most consistent errors in LIME (x23) for LUMP and GATE for FAZE (x14). Perhaps these explanations might help. Bear (definition – put up with) fruit (plum) after initial (p) slide (from the beginning to the end of the word) = LUMP. Disturb (definition) stage (phase) audience (The act of hearing according to *Chambers*). I guess most had a picture of a crowd in a theatre. There were a few with DAZE and LAMB.

**Slot 4:** Joan's puzzles are always appreciated and this was no exception. There were just a few odd incorrect answers and some variations for NIXNIE – nixnix, nixnil. Needed bursar not burser.

**Slot 5:** Oh dear! Oh dear! Oh dear! I'm making little comment on this one as there are plenty from the members. The low number of entries attests to the difficulty of this puzzle. TACE – correct by 3 members – is the name for the Cross of St Anthony. Karl tells me it can be found in *Webster's Unabridged* 1913. I accepted 'tack' for cross (verb). I also accepted (John) Donne, (John) Dunne & (Barron) Field as alternative answers for DANTE and FREUD who come under the banner of 'famous writers'. There were a few 'exiling' for eviting.

**COTM:** Although *zinzan* received the most nominations for COTM, Audrey had the winner with PELVIS in Slot 1.

That's all from me this month. Despite there possibly being an all-time low number of entries I need a good stiff drink.  
—Veniece Lobsey

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| Entries received | 99                 | 103                    | 70                   | 91                      | 25                    | 385                 |
| Correct entries  | 69                 | 87                     | 28                   | 72                      | 13                    | 269                 |
| Success rate (%) | 69                 | 84                     | 40                   | 79                      | 52                    | 69                  |
| Prizewinners     | D Meek<br>A Callan | R Bennett<br>D Hemsley | A Shield<br>A Martin | J Colles<br>Y Ainsworth | F Copland<br>R Wilson | from 105<br>members |

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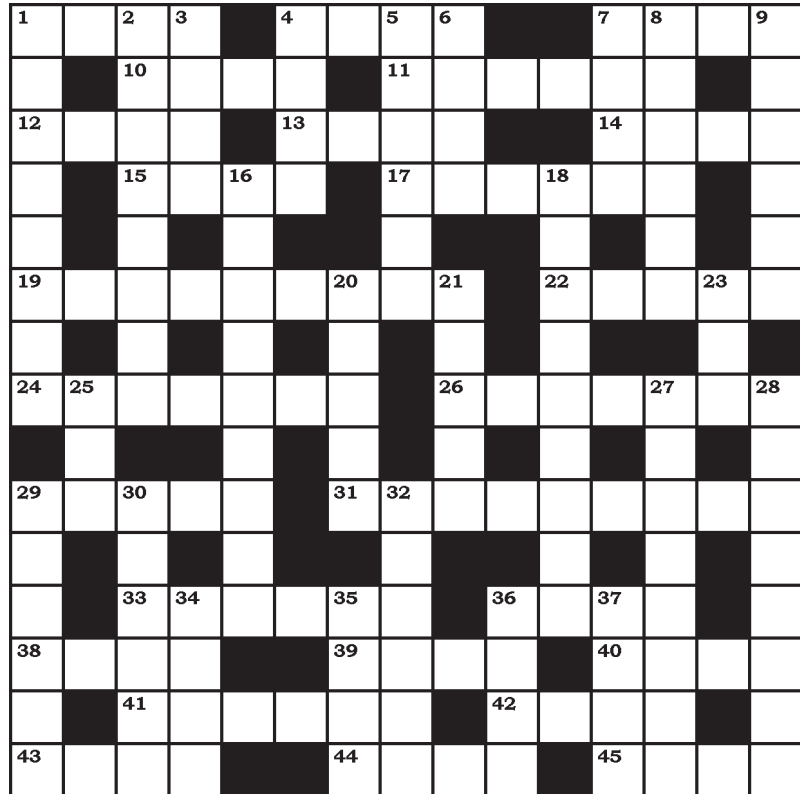
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**Half 'n Half**  
by  
**Noel Jessop**

**Prizes: \$50**



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**Across**

- 1 Tolled (4)
- 4 Counter-tenor (4)
- 7 Intentions (4)
- 10 Gorse genus (4)
- 11 Declare (6)
- 12 Exhort (4)
- 13 Recedes (4)
- 14 Unbleached linen (4)
- 15 Emmets (4)
- 17 Loutish (6)
- 19 Amorousness (9)
- 22 Trainee (5)
- 24 Greek hero (7)
- 26 Orbs (7)
- 29 Roman emperor (5)
- 31 Rink sport (3,6)
- 33 Teachers (6)
- 36 Egyptian deity (4)
- 38 The rainbow (4)
- 39 Book entry (4)
- 40 Sumach plant (4)
- 41 Emissary (6)
- 42 Bucket (4)
- 43 Stretched (4)
- 44 Units of work (4)
- 45 Changed colour (4)

**Down**

- 1 Philosopher to stir up around the start of summer at a university (8)
- 2 It's futile to shoot up with a politician (8)
- 3 Fellow in the valley (4)
- 4 Heavily reduces central lines (4)
- 5 Betting agency ring with rather large bans (6)
- 6 Part of colossal peak (4)
- 7 Mars Greek space units (4)
- 8 Longed for some rabbit and cheddar (6)
- 9 A painter put about a reflection of regret (6)
- 16 A power transmitter in last mine (4,5)
- 18 Working together, Indians covering a hilarious performance (2,7)
- 20 Starts to invest money with his crook? Get away! (5)
- 21 Mesas raked with shot (5)
- 23 Not all here before (3)
- 25 Say falsely where the ball is (3)
- 27 Recklessly taking in king and the author in jaunty fashion (8)
- 28 Made unnatural. Formed around island (8)
- 29 Put on returned diamonds? Not on your life (2,4)
- 30 Govern without it back in object of sand-mining (6)
- 32 General more pleasing about society (6)
- 34 Was accustomed to function back of beyond (4)
- 35 Liturgy is correct, say (4)
- 36 Politician inside is with trouble-makers (4)
- 37 The writer to deliver a plant (4)

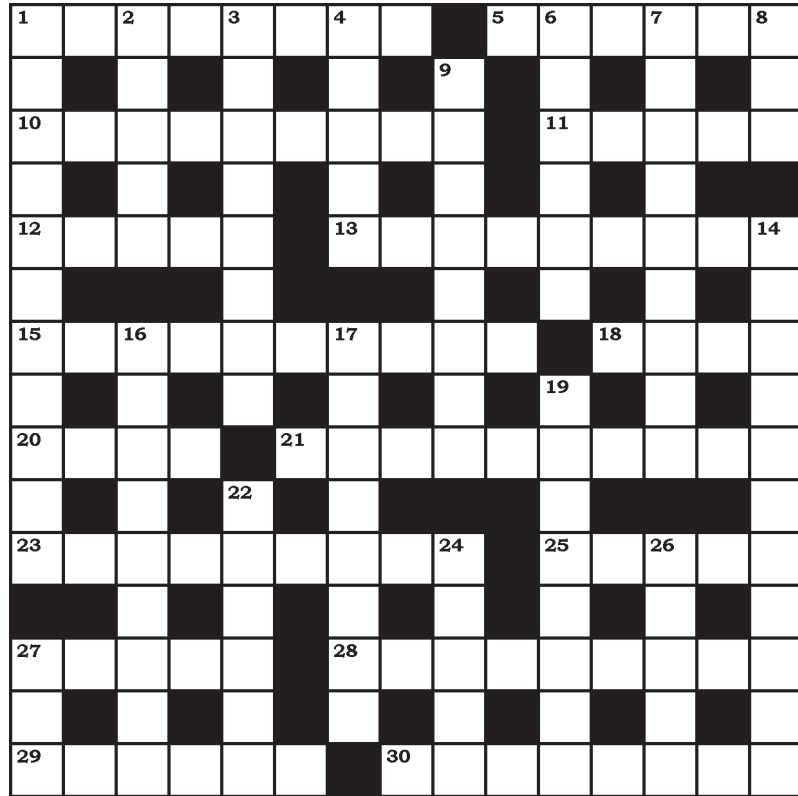
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## Cryptic by *Manveru*



### Across

- 1 Musical 'Cloud-cuckoo-land' is abridged by International Academy (8)
- 5 Joins forces with peacekeepers adjacent to bombed site (6)
- 10 Scarlet, Henry and Ed caught in the very act (9)
- 11 Frank's neighbour loses head for Virginia (5)
- 12 Take away in the morning includes trimmed venison (5)
- 13 Long-distances recharted to avoid lots of climbing (9)
- 15 Everything there is to know about the business of cricket perhaps? (3,3,4)
- 18 Bearing north following Military Intelligence direction (4)
- 20 Love-nest maintains the fire within? (4)
- 21 Cricketer's starting price in Nottinghamshire initially included in proposal (3-7)
- 23 Hole in busted sieve is misleading (9)
- 25 "Decapitation! Just shocking!" (5)
- 27 Bush, Britain and one Queen (5)
- 28 Hired-gun in disguise to take on Britain's capital (9)
- 29 Air-way (6)
- 30 The beginning of spring and look – a bird! (4-4)

### Down

- 1 Remote newspaper in Ohio, America is a hotchpotch (11)
- 2 A gentle reminder son – keep out of the collapsed dungeons (5)
- 3 Is a fallout from Maralinga explosion worrying? (8)
- 4 Mankind, I acknowledge, is somewhat obsessed with land (5)
- 6 Prayer service offered up soon to embrace famous victory (6)
- 7 Director: "I can't rewrite without Act One!" (9)
- 8 The sun slowly dissipates every second (3)
- 9 Schools to develop inclusion of a transitive syllabus to begin with (8)
- 14 The art of manipulating armies is imprecise and leads to sectarian hostility in places (11)
- 16 Can a drug symptom be a way to limit the rush? (5-4)
- 17 Deputy should be penalised? (3-5)
- 19 Keen to climb up on new garden seat (5-3)
- 22 Start to smuggle cocaine in short supply (6)
- 24 Heath is a girl! (5)
- 26 King Charles initially surrounded by an enemy battalion (5)
- 27 False bottom (3)

### SOME DEFINITIONS FROM THE CYNICS DICTIONARY by Aubrey Dillon-Malone

- Criminal:** A person with predatory instincts who has not sufficient capital to form a corporation.
- Credit:** A system whereby a person who can't pay a debt gets another person who can't pay it either to say he can. *WC Fields*
- Media:** The plural for mediocre.
- Pun:** The lowest form of wit – unless you thought of it first.
- Sense of Humour:** The ability to be able to laugh at your own jokes when your wife tells them.
- Procrastination:** Putting off until tomorrow what you put off yesterday until today.
- Military Intelligence:** A contradiction in terms.
- Spice:** The plural of spouse.
- Tact:** The art of knowing how far we may go too far.

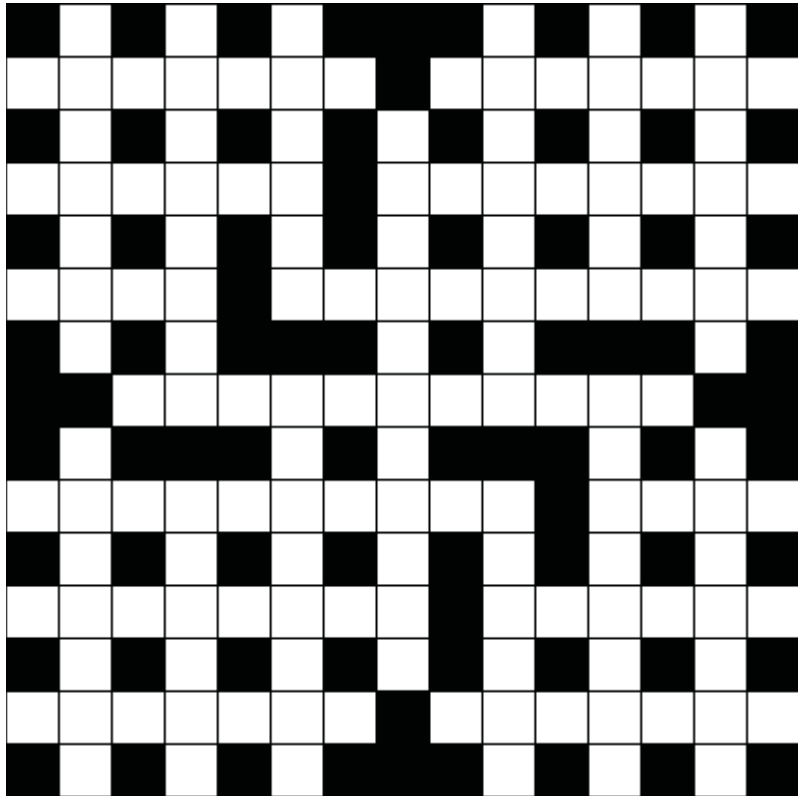
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- Rene Saguisag*
- Oscar Levant*
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- Laurence Peter*
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**AJ**  
by  
*Timid  
Terrier*

**Prize**  
**\$50**  
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The letter before each clue is the initial of the answer.

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| <b>A</b> Modifying triangle construction (8)                                     | <b>N</b> Unreal concept of Capone (8)  |
| <b>B</b> Favourite sweetheart in garden (7)                                      | <b>O</b> Unsuccessful as Roman rower (7)   |
| <b>C</b> Colour surrounds river pen (6)  | <b>P</b> Standard enclosure new for soldier (7)                                      |
| <b>D</b> Doctor (Indo-European) starting to replace scanning machines (6)        | <b>Q</b> Arabic poems begin with quaint Arabic signs in delicate ancient stories (7) |
| <b>E</b> Number holding second girl (6)  | <b>R</b> Sharp, keen precise square implements (6)                                   |
| <b>F</b> Weak cabinet without newspaper (7)                                      | <b>S</b> Film captures despicable people (8)   |
| <b>G</b> Without rule, filter e.g. combination trout dish (7,4)                  | <b>T</b> Visitor to drive first (7)  |
| <b>H</b> Call book of bogeys frightful apparitions (10)                          | <b>U</b> Some employed bogus editors (4)   |
| <b>I</b> Inaction of useless head (8)  | <b>V</b> Corruptly short man returned to accomplice (7)                              |
| <b>J</b> Timber-tree, wide-mouthed vessel beginning to race against handicap (6) | <b>W</b> Ramble rose plant (10)  |
| <b>K</b> Woman working with overseas garments (7)                                | <b>X</b> Cricket team starts to put hot chowder idea for swordfish (8)               |
| <b>L</b> Beat girl at step dance (7,4)   | <b>Y</b> Active Scottish lady out of control (4)                                     |
| <b>M</b> Confront, say, head singer (4,4)  | <b>Z</b> Small vessels South Africa support with Sweden (6)                          |

**Results of Place it Quiz No. 2/2007 by InGrid (Jean Barbour)**

Answers (in Postcode order). Nightcliff (see comments below), Finke, Jewells, Premer, Ebor, Quaama, Ingleburn, Rand, Oberon, Gobur/Greta (see below), Doreen, Adare, Ulogie, Zilzie, Warnoah, Verdun, Lameroo, Kimba, The Spectacles, Yarloop, Hyden, Cape Arid, Bencubbin, Snug, Mathinna.

**Results: 39 entries received, 37 correct = 94.9%. Prizewinner: Audrey Austin. Congratulations!**

**25:** Y Ainsworth, K Audrins, A Austin, B Bennett, R Caine, B Cockburn, J Colles, M Cowan, P Dearie, C Foster, P Garner, B Glissan, C Hambling, L Howard, S Howells, B Ibbott, A Jermy, C Jones, D Kennedy, M Kennedy, G Leeds, C McClelland, F Martin, P Mercer, C Noble, E O'Brien, R O'Rourke, D Procter, J Smith, M Steinberger, B Symons, L Waites, A Walter, I Watts, J Wenham, K&I Williams and N Wilson. **24:** M Procter. **22:** B Solomon.

**Adjudicator's Comments**

Thank you to all for your good wishes and entertaining comments. It was interesting to hear about our member associations with the places listed. For the G clue, I accepted Greta as well as the originally intended answer of Gobur. (Ah tea refers to the advert for Robur which used to go Ahh Robur!) I can see that Greta could be an anagram of tea +G+R for right and good. A few people wanted X included but with only one possible place name I thought it a bit obvious. Nightcliff was incorrectly listed as (5,5) but should have been (10). My apologies for this error. A couple of queries about White lion territory. This is a reference to a cartoon that screened in the 70's called Kimba the White Lion and it's either a testament to the amount of time I spent in front of the TV as a teenager or to the jingle writing skills of the day but I can still sing the theme song! Ted O'Brien thinks I have a dastardly, convoluted mind! I'll take that as a compliment. Catherine Hambling noticed that Adare is listed under two postcodes, 3966/4343 but either fitted the sequence.

—Jean Barbour

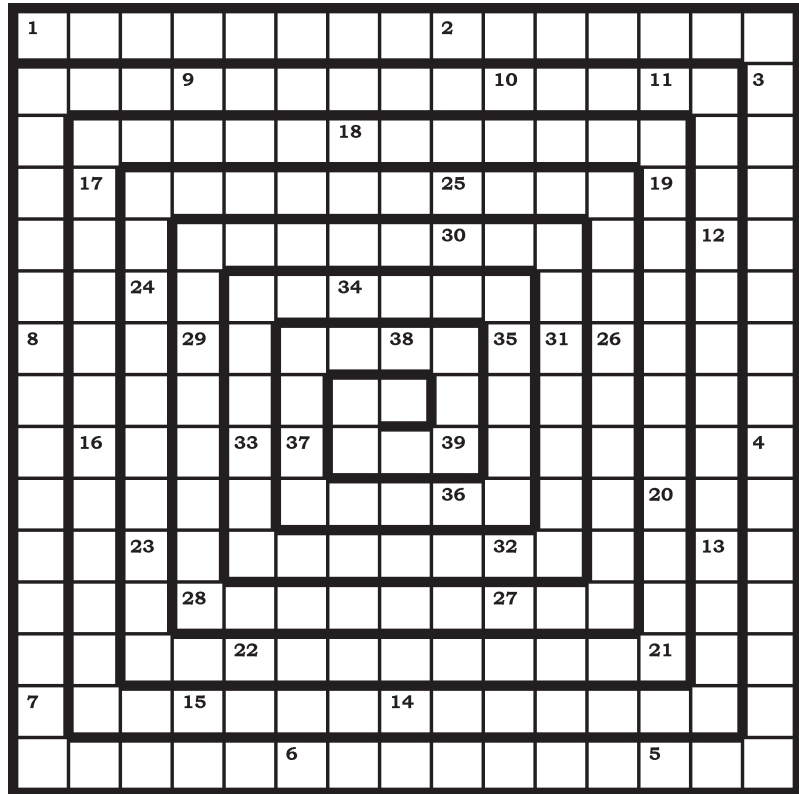
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**Anagram Snail**  
by  
**Virgo**

**Prizes: \$50**



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Solve the anagrams — there may be more than one in some of these — then fit them jigsaw-fashion, clockwise, into the snail which starts at the top left corner. The last letter of each word begins the next.

**CLUES:**

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| <b>1</b> Avid    | <b>14</b> Coming   | <b>28</b> Reveals    |
| <b>2</b> Coal    | <b>15</b> Sector   | <b>29</b> Comedian   |
| <b>3</b> Maim    | <b>16</b> Tactic   | <b>30</b> Discount   |
| <b>4</b> Actin   | <b>17</b> Taoism   | <b>31</b> Salesmen   |
| <b>5</b> Aswim   | <b>18</b> Citadel  | <b>32</b> Staccato   |
| <b>6</b> Ogres   | <b>19</b> Exotics  | <b>33</b> Uplander   |
| <b>7</b> Nepal   | <b>20</b> Germinal | <b>34</b> Cautioned  |
| <b>8</b> Peach   | <b>21</b> Ingraft  | <b>35</b> Coastline  |
| <b>9</b> Pique   | <b>22</b> Lauding  | <b>36</b> Easter-egg |
| <b>10</b> Rails  | <b>23</b> Marching | <b>37</b> Argentine  |
| <b>11</b> Somme  | <b>24</b> Misshape | <b>38</b> Shareouts  |
| <b>12</b> Warms  | <b>25</b> Obturate | <b>39</b> Nectarines |
| <b>13</b> Bridal | <b>26</b> Pickets  |                      |
|                  | <b>27</b> Primage  |                      |

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

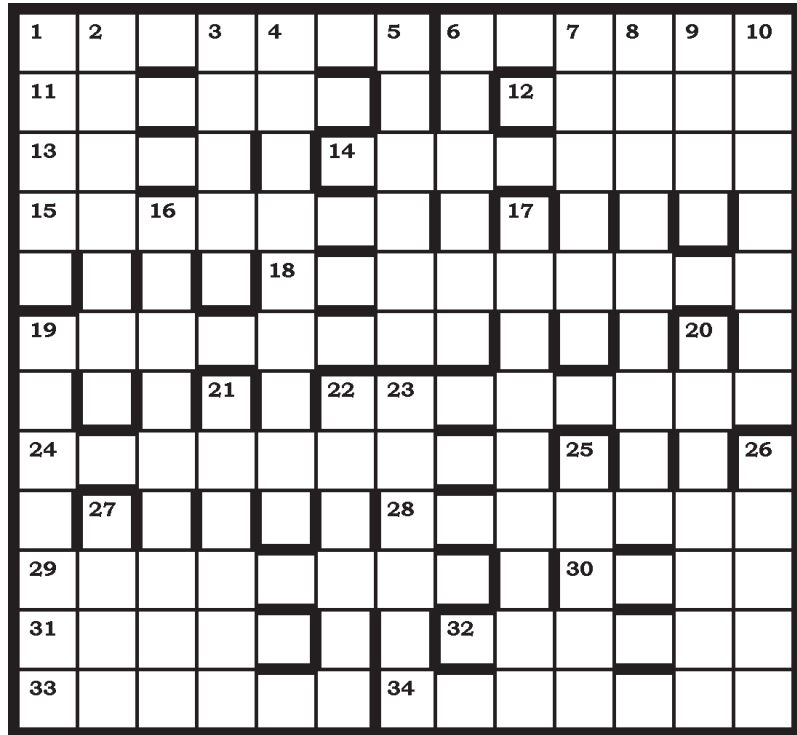
- Thank you for my *Oxford Crossword Dictionary* which arrived yesterday. It's fantastic and will be put to good use!  
*Michael Kennedy*
- Thank you for my win No 3 last month. I'm finding it hard to do our present, much more difficult puzzles, these days, so it was a great booster to me.  
*Aileen Skillicorn*
- All in all, quite a challenge, but then, we wouldn't want it any other way.  
*Roy Wilson*
- Thank you for the prize for last month's Slot 4.  
*Jenny Wenham*
- What a lot of hard work it was!! If it weren't for the internet I would never have found the (hopefully correct) answers.  
*Alison Martin*
- Thanks to Irene Watts for the lovely little poem about old age. I have passed on copies to several of my contemporaries and they were all impressed. Thanks also for my prize last month – a very welcome addition to my library.  
*Catherine Hambling*
- Thank you, Patrick for including my poem *Memories* in the March *Crozworld* and for your kind advance wishes for my 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday in April. I'm just glad to be still alive and kicking.  
*Irene Watts*
- What a beautiful poem by Irene Watts published in the March *Crozworld*. I would love to have written that. I kept re-reading it (and identifying with it) although I cannot claim Irene's great age yet.  
*Doreen Jones*
- Many thanks to the ACC for the prize cheque – an added reward for many hours of 'pleasure'.  
*Verna Dinham*
- Thank you for the Slots 1-5 prize last month. It's always appreciated.  
*Andrew Patterson*

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## A Cook's Tour by Praxis



The puzzle contains 12 items of food from various parts of the globe; indicated in *Italics*. Note: While all words are in Axword, several are neither in *Chambers* nor *Macquarie*.



### Across

- 1 Mexico (7)
- 6 Russia/Poland (6)
- 11 One bullet's close (6)
- 12 Southern race to divide ... (5)
- 13 ... land; the city's very large (4)
- 14 India (8)
- 15 Proof! One royal is more irascible! (7)
- 18 Spanish America (9)
- 19 Nazi hid in grass with Spenser's wealth (8)
- 22 North Africa (8)
- 24 Bold to hire out old Scots stolen goods (9)
- 28 Hungary (7)
- 29 Mouse-deer picture is rejected; glue's unstuck (8)
- 30 West Indies (4)
- 31 Time issue covers unknown fighter (5)
- 32 Forty-five admitted being in yacht? (6)
- 33 Old drinking vessel's from a lower point (6)
- 34 Mexico (7)

### Down

- 1 India (5)
- 2 Sounds like you are aged and aim to overcome urinary problem (7)
- 3 Rough old town set up place of gross debauchery (5)
- 4 Crude masses need popular periodicals (9)
- 5 Eastern Prince is after out of print musical works (6)
- 6 Soldier on dangerous drug, stays (6)
- 7 Male infiltrated borders to the city (6)
- 8 Oscar and Amos prepared to identify fungi (9)
- 9 Boasted because of complement? (4)
- 10 Sad dogs? (7)
- 16 U.S.A (9)
- 17 Prosecute over being crushed by mobs; they can pummel! (9)
- 19 Italy (7)
- 20 Herb to annoy one of the top players (7)
- 21 U.S.A. (6)
- 22 A pass for child with the man (6)
- 23 Drink before good tea's spoiled (6)
- 25 British city on road to ruin (5)
- 26 A novice in Buddhism, companion turned down beer (5)
- 27 Roy's been mauled by unknown animal (4)

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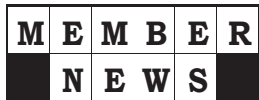
**CONVENTIONS by Shirl O'Brien**

Many years ago I wrote a piece for *Crozworld* which I called **Rules and Conventions**. I said then that there are no rules in setting cryptics, but if our club members are to aim for excellence in setting, we must look to puzzles that have long been respected as the cleverest available, traditionally from *The Times*, *The Guardian*, *The Observer*, etc. Setters of these puzzles are guided by conventions which have been continually refined since DS McNutt (the often quoted *Ximenes*) formulated his guidelines for setters. New setters are always to be encouraged. In refining their clues they would be helped by *Secrets of the Setters* by Hugh Stephenson (available through Amazon), and by our own Noel Jessop's book *Crossword Puzzles without Tears*. Both of these should correct some misapprehensions among club members trying their hand at setting.

**Nea Storey writes:** "I was sad to read of Steve Workman's death in the February *Crozworld* and surprised as I didn't know of his illness. He was a very competent treasurer and will be much missed in that respect and for his all-round support of the ACC. My sympathy to Bev and Patrick (his co-workers) and to his family." "Re *The Bulletin* replacing Noel Jessop as crossword compiler – I am not enjoying Mungo's crosswords as much! It's a rough way to treat someone after so many years. Maybe Noel could turn his attention to bringing out another *Ton of Crosswords?* I'd love to tackle that!"

**Chess solutions:** No 3/2007. 1. Pd3. Winner: Brian Symons. No 4/2007. Rg4. Winner: Frank Solomon. Congratulations!

**Winner of March Slots 1-5:** David Procter. Congratulations!



**New Members:** A warm welcome to **Melanie Jonker** from Cleveland, Qld, **Glenda Lloyd** from West Chermshire, Qld (a Membership Gift from Shirl O'Brien), **Janine Watson** from Balmoral, Qld (a

Membership Gift from Ken Davis) and **Gillian Champion** from Metung, Vic. Welcome to the wonderful world of Crozworlding!

**Puzzle Adjustments: From the adjudicator Col Archibald.** "Cheryl Wilcox gained dots for Feb slots 3 and 4. Alison Martin gained dots for Feb slots 1 and 3 and Frank Martin for Feb slots 2, 3 and 4. Yvonne Ainsworth gained dots for Feb slot 2. Having given due and in depth consideration to the answer to 11ac in Feb slot 5 puzzle, I have decided to allow 'Nubile' as an alternative answer to 'Nibble'. Accordingly, dots to be awarded for 'Nubile' are as follows: **V. Dinham, C. Foster, D. Fuller, J. McGrath, J. Martin, E. O'Brien, B. Solomon and M. Kennedy.** Also an alternative answer to Feb Slot 3 has been allowed namely, 23dn: Relief work came to nothing? (5) Correct answer CAMEO. Answer given was COMPO – short for compensation which satisfies the definition of Relief, and is formed by COMP (work) + O (nothing). Chambers states that 'Comp' = work done by a compositor; this followed by O also satisfies the clue. This was submitted by **Mal Cockburn** who now gains a dot plus a dot for Slot 5."

• Many thanks to **Jenny Wenham** for her kind donation to the ACC 2007 Prize Fund. Much appreciated, Jenny.

**The Australian Oxford Dictionary**

**WORD OF THE MONTH**

**footle** *v. intr.* (usually followed by *about*) *colloq.* behave foolishly or trivially. [ORIGIN: 19th c.: perhaps from dialect *footer* 'idle'.]

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**QUIZ No 4/2007**

**Solve the Solvers by Cactus**

The following arresting yarn is a compilation of cryptic clues for selected surnames of ACC members who usually appear in the solvers' results lists. Altogether 35 different names are to be found and there are no superfluous words in the piece. Figures at the end of each paragraph give the number of names contained in that paragraph.

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Unhurried after hot day in Red Centre, riding, we gathered at about one at streetfront bar, meeting Little Richard, who drank 60% rum on the house, a litre, and that's following favourite wine and gin cocktail. We imbibe everything cold after a happy hour starts, including smorgasbord tea. Though the continental recipe "Doughnut on cheese noodles" plenty avoided. (12)

Chock-a block, evening revelry starts with doughnut rolling act, throwing darts about, and the odd patrons dancing in slow motion. Infectious, loud women, in act with kinky Taree singer, warble extremely 'orrible around piano, before wet T-shirt woman unleashes male riot. (11)

Left for dead after early hostilities, many (unnamed) brawling sheilas, when dumped by date, get run in by a Northern Territory bobby, large and able to accommodate everyone in creepy cells. Rest of rabble scatter North, South or East and, unfortunately, this muddle-headed, chattering tale ends in porridge. (12)

## March 1-2007: Semi-thematic by *Virgo* (Audrey Austin)

- Thanks Audrey for your colourful thematic puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- I liked 1dn and the puzzle was generally fun. *Jean Barbour*
- Very colourful puzzle indeed, but is there any such concoction as 'raisin jam' (erk), and is 'raisin' (5ac) a colour? I can't come up with anything else. *Jim Colles*
- I gather the theme is colours, though I don't think either DAMSON or ENAMEL fit this. *Jenny Wenham*
- Enjoyed this colourful puzzle – well up to Audrey's usual high standard. *Catherine Hambling*
- A good beginning with colourful thematic clues. I had a bit of trouble with ELVIS at 1dn. *Irene Watts*
- Colourful. *Carole Noble*
- Another colourful challenge from Audrey. *Ted O'Brien*
- I can only fit 'enamel' at 28ac, but is it a colour? *Margaret Davis*
- 1dn: 'What' in the clue is similar to 'this' in clues which Alan Walter implies should be avoided in a good clue. *Graeme Cole*
- 5ac is a guess – I could find nothing better. Otherwise all was in good order. *Andrew Patterson*

## March 2-2007: Cryptic by *The Two Bears* (Christina Lee and Glynn Owens)

- Christina and Glynn, your first puzzle was enjoyable to solve and well appreciated. In 1dn the Rupert Brooke quote is 'Stands the Church clock at ten to three?/And is there honey still for tea?' 5dn: The definition 'glitters' should be singularized to equate to SEQUIN. 12dn: The definition for OVERTURNING has been omitted (EXCESSIVE = OVER woodworking = TURNING). *Alan Walter*
- I love the fact that that this puzzle is composed by two people so far apart. It was fun to do. I particularly liked 18 and 21ac. More please. *Jean Barbour*
- Nice to see a new collaboration with "The Bears" – a worthy first effort. Congratulations! *Roy Wilson*
- I enjoyed this debut puzzle. The clues were generally well constructed. 27ac: Dillinger may have been the first described as Public Enemy #1 but I think so many people and things have been described as such, some historical indicator might have been helpful. As the second is fine without 'to become', perhaps 'one-time' could go before PE#1 instead. 12dn: is not really cryptic. There is no definition, just an amusing indicator. Perhaps: Excessive woodworking is upsetting or at least a ? after the clue as it is. *Drew Meek*
- A good puzzle from *The Two Bears* but I got a bit grizzly over a couple of answers to clues. Had to toss up between 'riot' and 'atitl' for 26ac, and have doubts about 12dn. *Jim Colles*
- Congratulations on your first collaboration. Well done and I hope we see many more. I liked 9ac and 7dn. *Jenny Wenham*
- A really good Slot 2, but I could not figure out 25dn and 12dn seemed to have its definition omitted. *Catherine Hambling*
- Thank goodness (and *The Two Bears*) for a straightforward cryptic. *Roy Taylor*
- New compilers *The Two Bears* provided an enjoyable cryptic. A happy reminder of the lovely Fred Astaire film at 21ac. *Irene Watts*
- Welcome to crossword setting. Not bad for your first attempt. More please! *Carole Noble*
- Not quite a pot of honey, but a good dish of porridge from the Bear Duo. *Ted O'Brien*
- I do like 'excessive woodworking' as a clue to 'overturning' but should there not also be a definition? Otherwise a good first effort – keep it up. *Margaret Davis*
- What a delightful composition! I do hope these two Bears are still speaking to each other as I'd like to see more of their puzzles. *Audrey Austin*
- 26ac: MEETS fits – means 'runs into' but why? (appropriate (fitting, arch) = meet, end of Marcu(s) VL). 11ac: My references imply 'Norfolk warterway' is BROADS not BROAD. 15dn: RED WHEEL is also a guess as it is 'a communist circle'. *Graeme Cole*

## March 3-2007: Cryptic by *zinzan* (Andrew Patterson)

- A very challenging puzzle thanks *zinzan*. 12ac: 'off-green sink' = very clever wordplay for 'CHIP IN'. 5dn: 'slide' = (S)LUMP, fruit appears to be PLUM but anagram needs to equate this to LUMP. 18dn: "Facing out" appears to be a non-cryptic clue with no wordplay. 21dn: (S)IMPLE+X neat clue. 23dn: UMBR(ELL)A, cast ELL (delete). *Alan Walter*
- Challenging. I liked 2dn, 4dn and 18dn but guessed 6dn. Not sure about 29ac either. *Jean Barbour*
- Clever stuff zz! 5dn was a particularly nice red herring. I placed S(HIP) in as my first solved clue and thought 'EASY!' How wrong I was. It eventually became the last clue solved! *Michael Kennedy*
- As for *zinzan's* puzzle, wonderful clues! For COTM I nominate his 18dn for its sheer simplicity and challenge. *Roy Wilson*
- Many excellent clues with clever surface readability, my favourites being 12a, 20a, 28a, 30a, 2d, 3d, 13d, 18d and 23d (my vote for COTM). In 5ac: I don't see why 'say' is needed in the clue; 5dn: I took a guess

- at this one so I'm hoping to read an explanation of the clue structure; 21dn: I don't think 'special' is an appropriate indicator for 's'. Also, not certain if 'money'=L' is acceptable though it makes the clue read well. I've seen the old money here as l.s.d. But 'I' by itself? From research to complete one of last year's puzzles with a currency theme, I know that's true in Romania, Swaziland, Honduras and Albania. However, there are so many two letter currency indicators, I don't think 'money' is a fair stand alone indicator for any of them. *Drew Meek*
- Littered with enjoyable clues and a great pleasure to try and solve. However, as seems to be the case with most puzzles these days, I don't understand my answer 'wake' to 20ac in relation to the 'stage audience' part of the clue? *Jim Colles*
- COTM would have to be Slot 3, 30ac – it seemed to me quite unexpected, and is so very Australian. *Frank Martin*
- If 20ac is GATE, this was a bit tricky. I can't see what else it would be. In 27ac, boundless and unbridled don't mean the same thing. I liked 28ac, 3dn and 23dn. *Jenny Wenham*
- I nominate *zinzan's* 18dn as COTM, closely followed by 25dn. Some really challenging and enjoyable clues in this puzzle. Hope I got it right! *Denis Coates*
- *zinzan's* puzzle was enjoyable but again a few queries. Hope my guesses for 20, 22 & 29ac and 5dn are right. *Catherine Hambling*
- *zinzan*, you have some really good clues. I chose 5ac as COTM so I hope I got it right. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- Gave you my COTM for SIX-PACK but I also like FAZE, CHIP-IN and UNBRIDLED. *Carole Noble*
- This cryptic made sense to me, not like No 5. *Ted O'Brien*
- I must be getting on *zinzan's* wavelength at last! I even gave him my COTM. *Margaret Davis*
- Unsure of 5dn. Bear fruit can't be lime as it's too sour – Bears like honey and other sweet things, I put LAMB because to lamb is to bear fruit (I don't understand the rest of the clue). I gave 13dn my COTM – ROYAL FLUSH – very clever! *Audrey Austin*
- An excellent cryptic with great clues. TOGS gets my COTM. *Brian Symons*
- Some very clever clues: CHIP IN, ANTOINETTE, LINGO, ON TAP, ROYAL FLUSH & ON STRIKE. Can't understand OHMS, DOWNGRADES & SIX-PACK. *Graeme Cole*

## March 4-2007: AJ by *Timid Terrier* (Joan Smith)

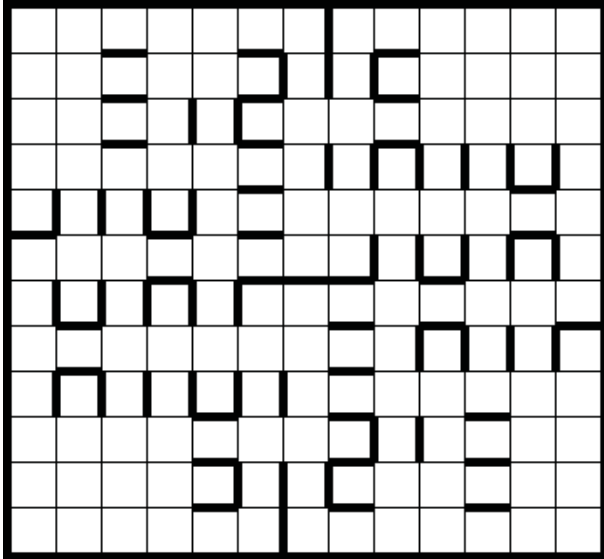
- Many thanks Joan for a thoroughly entertaining AJ. *Alan Walter*
- Yet another enjoyable AJ. J was particularly difficult but I loved Y & Z. *Jean Barbour*
- Joan has nothing to be timid about; a lovely AJ. *Roy Wilson*
- A most enjoyable AJ with entertaining clues and some interesting new words. *Jim Colles*
- Years ago we had a kitten named CABOODLE, but only 2 people ever got the joke. *Jenny Wenham*
- Some good neat clues in this one. I especially liked L & O. *Catherine Hambling*
- *Timid Terrier* deserves a 'Best in Show' award for this. *Roy Taylor*
- A gorgeous gamut of gigglesome words. Learning our ABC was never such fun. Thanks Joan for some lovely alphabetical fun. *Irene Watts*
- Excellent, as usual TT. *Carole Noble*
- I hope to bring kabukis, tredille and yapster into my dinner conversation with my 86 y.o. table companions. *Ted O'Brien*
- Another nice AJ from our favourite hound – thanks, Joan. There were too many good clues to enumerate. *Margaret Davis*
- Another gem from *Timid Terrier*. A few obscure words: NIX-NIE, ZIMocca, TREDILLE, SEA FURBELOW but it's difficult to avoid some in an AJ and it's good to learn a few new words and their meanings. *Audrey Austin*
- A difficult & enjoyable AJ. *Brian Symons*
- No real problems with this AJ – really enjoyed doing it very much, as with most AJs. In J though, should 'injustices' be just 'justices'? *Graeme Cole*

## March 5-2007: Simple (?) Crossword by *Karl Audrins*

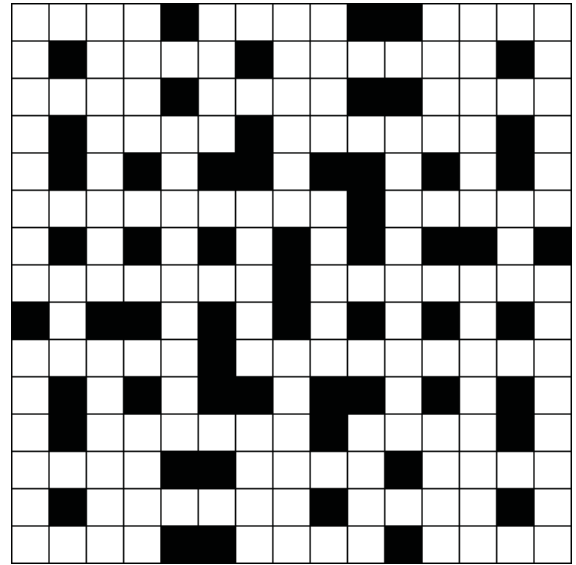
- What a (S)IMPLE(X) puzzle! Far too many alternative answers to consider. Took a long time to solve. 9ac: Botanically unarmed = INERMIOUS in English. Latin indicator should have been included as (L) for the answer to become INERMIS (ref. *Shorter Oxford Dictionary*). *Alan Walter*
- Why is this puzzle in a cryptic-crossword puzzle's grid? *Bev Solomon*
- This is the first time I couldn't get a 1-5 puzzle lodged! What a stinker. Not only with the missing words, but the clued words could all be a number of things. Sorry but not this time. *Jean Barbour*
- A tough but enjoyable themed puzzle. Added a few new 'old' words to the vocabulary too. *Michael Kennedy*
- Karl's 'Simple (?)' - anything but!!! I suspects he already knows that! *Roy Wilson*



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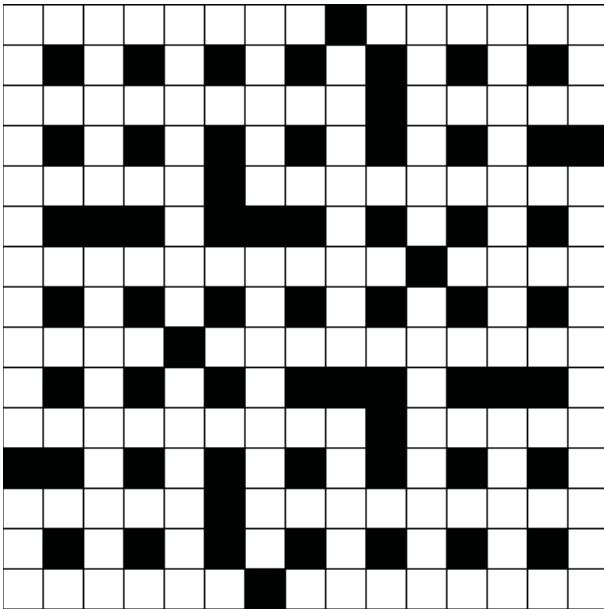
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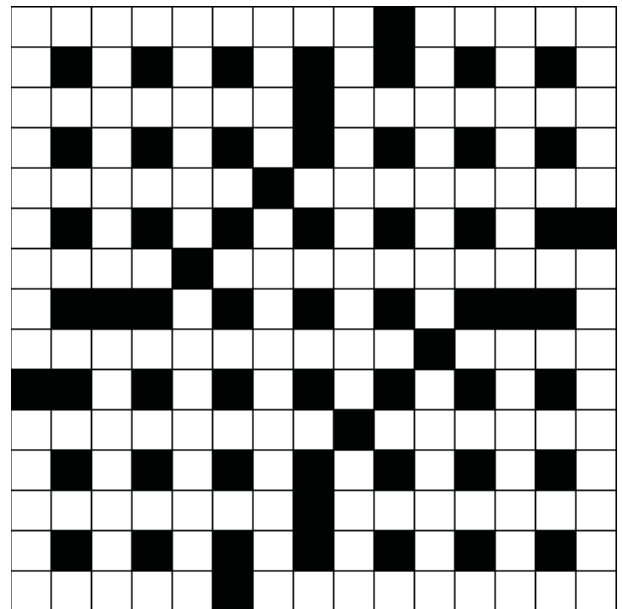
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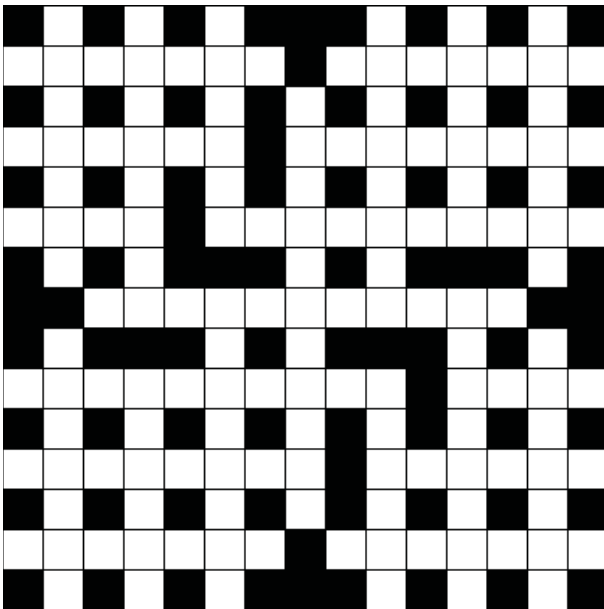
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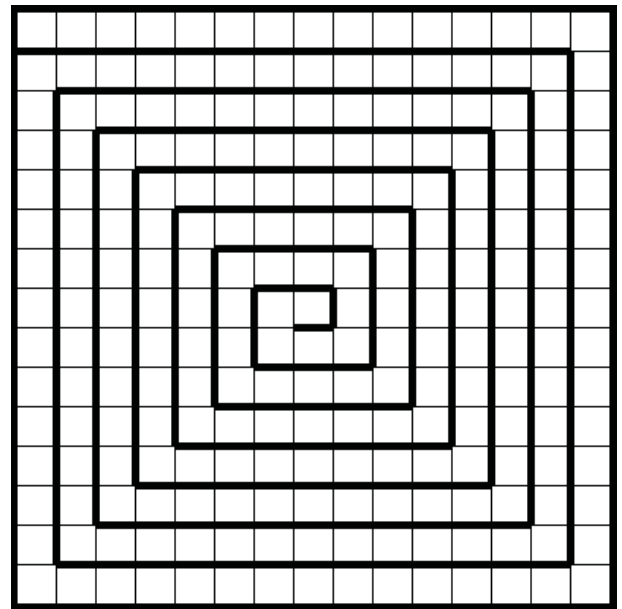
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Clue of the Month .....

**February 6-2007 - Woodstock! by colinebrii (Col Archibald)**

**Entries: 85. Correct: 79. Success rate: 93%. Prizewinners: Bev Cockburn and Ted O'Brien. Congratulations!**

**Solvers' Comments:**

• At first I could not see the wood from the trees. They were not easy trees to guess except for the 3 letter ones. *Alan Walter*

• An interesting selection of trees. I struggled with 'kalumpit' trying desperately to fit in 'kurumaya', which was a pity because it would have been a lovely sneaky answer, kurumaya being the so-called 'bilary tree' in the liver. Thanks for a nice puzzle anyway. *Iain MacDougall*

• Great to see you're setting puzzles again. I for one have missed your work. 'Woodstock' was a good title, took the mind back to another time and place that had me wondering how much I would remember! Thank you, Col, for a very enjoyable puzzle. *Roy Wilson*

• Welcome back from your long exile to Outer Mongolia! How wonderful to have a puzzle from you. I hope I've got it right. More please! *Jenny Wenham*

• Enjoyed 1dn 'Kampala' and was wondering what carriage would take Col home to his 'yurt' ooh la la a 'Landau'!

*Bill Bennett*

• Once I realised I was not expected to know the names of pop groups and other musicians from the days of Woodstock I thought there was hope, but it still took some doing. How do people who are not on the net get on finding an obscure tree like 'Kalumpit'? I couldn't find it anywhere else. I'm assuming it is correct! I enjoyed it though. Hope not too many people banish you back to your yurt in OM! (Ahhhh Margaret, both the '93 and '98 eds of *Chambers* have 'Kalumpit defined as 'A Philippine tree of the myrobalan genus; it's edible fruit.' [Tagalog]. C.)

*Margaret Davis*

• Enjoyed your slot 6. When I saw your title 'Woodstock' I thought Snoopy and the peanuts kids were sure to appear. But alas, no!

*Geoff Campbell*

• 13ac: Should 'dies' be 'died'? (I think that was a typo: 'died' would be more appropriate. C.) 16ac: Why is the word 'manners' included in the clue? (Again my mistake: 'manners' was not meant to be included. C.) 3dn: meaning of 'French' in the clue? 'Kampala' is in Uganda isn't it? (It sure is. The definition is 'city', secondary indicators are 'heard posturing' (Kamp) (camp) 'in the manner of French' = a la. C.) 10dn: I can't see how 'musical upbeat' relates to 'Arses'? (*Chambers* defines 'Arsis' as (Prosody and music) 'literally a lift, an upbeat'. Plural is 'Arses', so the clue is really a double definition! Hope this clears the doubt up for you!! C.) 25dn: Meaning of Will in the clue? (Will when capitalized can be taken to mean Shakespeare. 'sweet' is Shakespearean for sugar. C.)

*Graeme Cole*

• My only worry is 'Kalumpit' which took some Googling to find. (It's there in *Chambers*, Andrew!! C.)

*Andrew Patterson*

• What a relief to be able to enjoy doing No 6. Thank you for a lovely puzzle. (My pleasure, Irene. C.)

*Irene Watts*

• Thank goodness you're back! I know you've often been condemned for using outlandish words, but they don't faze me because your secondaries are so good. I often put in a word I've never heard of in full confidence without even looking it up (e.g. "South African in charge". How could it be anything but 'SAIC?'). I hope you have more up your sleeve. (Thank you, Sonia, cheque is in the mail! C.)

*Sonia Atkinson*

• 35ac held me up as I thought WOOD = trees STOCK = wallaby - then found WALLABA - then had IKEBANA in 20ac.

*Marian Procter*

• I found this really difficult, although I quickly picked up on your theme 'Woodstock'. Also I find this type of grid a bit difficult to work with, no spaces between the words. (Keep at it Gabrielle, you did well. C.)

*Gabrielle Leeds*

• At 'eucalyptus' I discovered the trees and stopped looking for the rock. A pleasant sylvan ramble.

*Max Roddick*

• No balsa wood puzzle this! Solid Yarra through and through with a few tough knotty bits thrown in for good measure! By the time I'd chiselled my way through I had sawdust coming out of my ears. I do hope I get a dot for this; after all that effort it would be terrible if the end result was just a pile of woodchips! 4dn: Cannot relate 'OX', 39dn: Likewise PLASTER. Maybe antiseptic Band-Aid = 'Plaster'? (4dn: 'URE' is an extinct wild ox also URUS: 'U' = socially acceptable; upper-class; 'RE' = again therefore 'URE'. 39dn: the definition is 'To plaster' =

'TEER' formed by 'The Maori' = TE (Maori for 'the') followed by 'QUEEN' = ER C.)

*Yvonne Ainsworth*

**Lumberjack's comments:** My apologies for a couple of typographical errors that slipped through the net! With this in mind I have in my infinite generosity decided to allow 'IVORIES' for 'IVORIED' for 13ac. As either answer could somewhat fit the clue, 'DIES' was mistakenly inserted in the clue instead of 'DIED'. A very good number of entries for this puzzle with a high success rate; I shall endeavour to compile a few more! Many thanks to those who sent me expressions of goodwill and nice cards. I especially thank those who have offered to pay the rent on my yurt for the next 10 years (on proviso that I stay there!)

—*Colinebrii (Col Archibald)*

**March 5-2007: Simple (?) Crossword by Karl Audrins. Comments continued from p10:**

• Not very fair to the solver, especially in view of the difficulty of obtaining checked letters with which even to make a stab at the themed words. Some of the unfair clues are: "Botanically unarmed" is defined in *Chambers* (Ch) as "inerm" where the solution required, INERMIS, is the Latin word from which the definition is derived, with no indication given of this. None of the Ch definitions for TACE in 11ac mention "cross", the one word definition given to us, nor does the *SOED*. The definition "camphor" in 23dn is another non-*Chambers* word and appears in the *SOED* only in the context that BORNEOL is present in essential oils obtained from the camphor tree. To find REAGENT from amongst the many 7-lettered chemical substances beginning with "R" would only start to be possible if one has solved the Spenserian "AFFRAP" and/or BORNEOL. Not much fun!

*Ian Williams*

• This should've been a Slot 7, I reckon. It was way too vague to properly enjoy. Well done to those solvers who persevered - my brain exploded within the first week.

*Andrew Patterson*

• No joy. Simply too hard.

*Jan Wood*

• I'd like to suggest that this puzzle be re-titled 'Simply Impossible'. Could hardly get a word, and I found the only thing the asterisked clues have in common is their complete mystery.

*Jim Colles*

• Certainly not "Simple". I think we need a tutorial on how to get inside Karl Audrins' head!

*Frank Martin*

• Sorry, but this has totally defeated me. I wonder if it should have been a Slot 6 or 7 instead of 5.

*Jenny Wenham*

• This did not reveal its secrets to me. Not my favourite sort of puzzle - too much 'search and destroy', mainly in the dark.

*Denis Coates*

• I found this to be the most difficult puzzle to solve this month. The only common link that I could find to the asterisked clues was that they were all writers. I could narrow this field down to a more specific link and so there were probably two answers to at least two of the clues. 25dn could be Field (Barron) or Freud (Sigmund). 32ac could be DANTE or DONNE (John).

*David Procter*

• I admit defeat - could not do more than about 1/3 - of which I estimate about 1/2 was wrong!

*Catherine Hambling*

• Much too hard for me. I don't often give up. Was there an ancient Greek theme?

*Roy Taylor*

• Too many hard words. When there are so many unclued thematics to find, the title should subtly point us in the right direction. This one didn't.

*Carole Noble*

• I think this puzzle was too difficult for a Slot 5. The adjective for INDERM in *Chambers* is INDERMOUS. Probably NIFFS is a good word for it.

*Bob Hagan*

• Not a fair puzzle at all. If the answer to 11ac is TACK it does not mean CROSS at least not in *Macquarie* or *Chambers* - I fear it is a thesaurus reference.

*Doreen Jones*

• This was probably the worst crossword I have ever attempted. I had to cheat to get some answers. (I asked the members!!) The title had no relation to what followed and many answers were the most arcane possible. Also, I grew up on a farm where hundreds of acres of wheat were sown and harvested. A bundle of wheat (sing.) is a SHEAF; bundles of wheat stacked on end were STOOKS and these were then used to build a STACK (HAY). No more of this please!

*Ted O'Brien*

• The wrong grid for this type of puzzle; poor clues; in fact a very poor puzzle all round. Not worth wasting time on.

*Margaret Davis*

• Nothing here to excite; a mere combination of clues - the mean and the missing.

*Audrey Austin*

• No comment - I'm speechless at the difficulty of this puzzle PS: TASLET & TASSET seem to be interchangeable.

*Brian Symons*

• I hesitate to complain but this was more of a headache that a good brain exercise and should have been in Slot 6, I reckon. However, I enjoyed Karl's Bonus Quiz - great clues!

*Catherine Foster.*