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We should have a great many fewer disputes in the world if words were taken for what they are, the signs of our ideas only, and not for things themselves.  
John Locke, 1690, *Of Words or Language in General*.

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ACC is organising the Victorian Get-Together at the Royal Oak Hotel in North Fitzroy on next Sunday 30 July 2017. We have an excellent number of keen solvers in attendance including *Betelgeuse*, *Flowerman*, Robyn Caine, Richard Skinner from SA, Cheryl Wilcox, Gabriel Fuller, Judith Woodford, Kath Harper, Alison Shield, David Grainger, Alison Martin, Denis Coates, Jill Lankshear, Susan Howells and Judith Mitchell. There is a puzzle to solve called Easy Street by Stroz and a Quiz with some straightforward questions. And the food is of first-quality not to mention the excellent white and red wines available. It's not too late to join us for this memorable occasion. Contact me at [pstreet@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pstreet@bigpond.net.au)

On pp13-14 we have published an obituary for our distinguished member **Roy Wilson** who sadly passed away on 4 July 2017. Roy was an original member of the ACC in 1990 and made a large number of significant contributions not only in adjudication of the puzzles but also as a compiler. We send our sincere condolences to Shirley and the loving family. Ian Williams has provided one of Roy's brilliant puzzles on p14.

Our masterly Puzzle Editor, **Ian Williams**, has again selected a fascinating set of excellent puzzles and quiz for you this month. The grids start off with another Half 'n Half by Stroz followed by our perennial favourites including *Penobscot*, *Lexi Conner* and *Manveru*. *Crowsman* has compiled another challenging puzzle in Slot 5 and we are privileged to publish a skilfully designed puzzle by *Zinzan* in Slot 6. *Valkyrie* has provided another outstanding Quiz called *Versatile Jack*.

Best of Luck with your solving. —Patrick

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Thanks to the wonderful ACCOLADE, adjudication this month was a breeze. And thanks also to Ian, who offered to put the final polish on the adjudication process for me. Apart from one postal entry with an entire corner blank, there were very few empty spaces, but inadvertent misspellings and entertaining word creations kept the task interesting.

**Slot 1:** Both PIE and PYE were accepted, and question marks over the accuracy of GREIG and DEBRA meant any variants were allowed. TRAMPS and REDGUM trapped a few solvers. One docked the tail of SPOTTED DICK in a valiant attempt to make it fit.

**Slot 2:** SKIDPANS caused the most slip-ups, with a lot of SLIPPING and occasional SKIPPING. TUFFED didn't quite fit the definition. CRABSHELLS in place of CLAMSHELLS caught the definition but wasn't considered a single word. Other errors were mostly misspellings.

**Slot 3:** POSES was a common error that related to 'submits' but not to the balance of the clue. APPLE CART overturned several people by missing a connection to 'course'. RANGPUR won out over RANIPUR, which lacked the requisite GP, and BROHAHA almost got a gong for sheer creativity.

**Slot 4:** This slot was the most error free. YAPS was a plausible alternative to YAKS but didn't have the necessary aural component ('aloud'). QUANDAM/QUANTAM and OESTRUS came close but neither fitted the anagram part of the clue.

**Slot 5:** This caused the most problems for solvers, and brought some creative solutions: 5-down produced COGGINGS, LODGINGS and DOGGINGS. KICKIE-WICKIES became TICKIE-WICKIES, TINKIE-WINKIES and (my favourite) LITTLE-PICKLES. There were almost enough GALLOPERS for a Melbourne Cup.

**COTM:** From 35 nominations for 23 clues across all slots, early favourites were EIDER in Slot 1 and KNEW BETTER in Slot 4. The winner with 5 votes for clue K in Slot 4 was *Pentangle* (Brian Tickle). —Kath Harper

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	87	88	72	89	71	407
Correct entries	73	58	48	77	41	297
Success rate (%)	83.9	65.9	66.7	86.5	57.7	73
Prizewinners	Robyn Caine	Alison Shield	Ian Thompson	Jill Lankshear	Julie Crowe	from 98 members

Prizewinner: July 2017 Slots 1-5: David Grainger, Congratulations!

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### July 1-2017

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### July 2-2017

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## MEMBERS RESULTS FOR JULY Slots 1-5 and JUNE 2017 Slots 6 & 7

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Allen W.			.	.		
Anderson C.	.	.		.	.	
Audrins K.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Axelsen U.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Barbour J.	.	.	.	.		
Barnes J.	.	.			.	
Barrett A.	.	.		.		
Bennett D.				.		
Bilkey C.	.	.		.	.	
Blake M.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Caine R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Carroll L.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Coates D.	.	.	.			
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Colgan L.	.	.	.	.	.	.
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Copland F.	.		.			
Coulton L.	.	.	.	.		
Cowan M.					.	
Cromer H.	.		.			
Crowe J.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dearie P.			.			
Dennis M.	.		.			
Dobelet T.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dubosarsky D.					.	
Ducker R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Evans J.				.	.	
Fowler J.		.	.	.	.	.
Freeland J.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fuller G.	.		.			
Garner P.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Glissan B.	.	.		.	.	.
Gooderick R.			.	.	.	.

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
Grainger D.	.	.	.	.	.	
Greenberger O.	.	.		.	.	
Hagan B.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hagan R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hambling C.	.		.	.	.	
Harper K.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hearn R.	.		.	.	.	
Heyes N.	.		.	.	.	
Hocking A.		.	.	.	.	
Howat S.	.		.	.	.	.
Ibbott B.	.					
Jarman L.	.	.				
Jones D.	.		.	.	.	.
Kennedy L.	.		.	.	.	.
Kennedy M.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lankshear J.	.		.	.	.	
Lee C.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Leigh J.	.		.	.	.	.
Lemon G.	.					
Lord P.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Martin A.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Martin F.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mason I.		.	.	.	.	.
McAdoo G.		.	.	.	.	
McClelland C.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKenzie I.	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKenzie R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Meek D.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Mercer P.	.					
Miles A.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Millard A.	.	.		.	.	.
Moline R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
O'Brien E.	.	.	.	.	.	.

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Parsons D.	.	.	.	.		
Patterson A.		.	.	.	.	.
Perrow H.					.	
Pinder S.			.			
Potts M.			.	.	.	.
Procter D.	.		.	.	.	.
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Pyc M.	.			.	.	.
Roddick M.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Rolfe G.			.	.		
Roulston S.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Ryan W.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Shield A.	.	.	.			
Siegmán B.	.		.	.	.	.
Simons A.			.	.	.	.
Skinner R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Smith J.	.	.	.	.		
Storey N.	.		.		.	.
Symons B.	.		.	.	.	.
Taylor R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Taylor S.	.		.			
Thompson I.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Tickle B.		.	.	.	.	.
Wilcox C.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Williams I.				.		
Williams K.	.	.	.	.		
Wimbush R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Woodford J.		.	.	.	.	.
Young A.	.		.			

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<p><b>Half 'n Half</b> by <b>Stroz</b></p>


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Down clues are cryptic

**Across**

- 1 Costless (6)
- 5 Arrival time (8)
- 9 Last words (8)
- 10 Cleric (6)
- 11 Workshop! (5,5)
- 12 Evening (4)
- 13 Little sucker (8)
- 16 Unordered (6)
- 17 Renounce (6)
- 19 Painstaking! (8)
- 21 Particular (4)
- 22 Hoop (6,4)
- 25 US coin (6)
- 26 The End (5,3)
- 27 Outdoors (8)
- 28 Soften (6)

**Down**

- 2 Literary Peter – an endless spiritual leader (5)
- 3 Emblem to carry mark (5)
- 4 Crumb from this and that (2-3-2)
- 5 Knife found in stall briefly on the web (7)
- 6 Animal is reordered – reordered or not (3,4)
- 7 Chief rows have wrinkles! (9)
- 8 With greater reason if I and orator combine (1,8)
- 14 Beauty contest a just case! (4,5)
- 15 Good golfer at play: ask mother (9)
- 18 Beat no French gain (7)
- 19 Swiss cheese with juice and cereal (7)
- 20 Drunken dirt farmer losing arm on raft (7)
- 23 Pastoral game with soldiers and tail-ender (5)
- 24 Fabric from New York – London (5)

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## Cryptic by Penobscot



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### Across

- 1 and 27 Owner of 18,25 to overawe in US with account (7,4)
- 5 See 6
- 9 More tawdry and headstrong in a row (8)
- 10 Record about university publication (6)
- 12 Scottish isle, back to front, is cooler (4)
- 13 Censor indecent writer (4,6)
- 15 Marksmanship from two types of pain (13)
- 19 Searching? Give anti-sting preparation (13)
- 23 Madden about line and off the line (10)
- 25 See 18
- 28 Change vilely but it's much the same (6)
- 29 Makes good when former buccaneers lose right (8)
- 30 Reverse content of tango tune to sustain (6)
- 31 Joins up after army men lose one (7)


### Down

- 1 See 2
- 2 and 1-down Straightforward boss cocky downstairs into 15-across with 6,5 in 18,25 (5,6)

- 3 A revolutionary can be a pain (4)
- 4 Extend beyond finished circuit (7)
- 6 and 5 More skilful partner of 2,1-down could be a Yankee lion (5,6)
- 7 Pushing the boat out when dining about midday (9)
- 8 Golly! Use make-up for Xmas traditions (4,4)
- 11 Entwine, as gears should do (4)
- 14 Folds formed by sitting (4)
- 15 Coin a word for ruler (9)
- 16 Name of chap up to bogus market research (3)
- 17 Poet featured in cameo video (4)
- 18 and 25 "Stew" exhibit of 1-across, 27 featuring 6,5 and 2,1-down (4,4,4)
- 20 Beliefs of confused single girl (4)
- 21 Takes over building additions (7)
- 22 Ropy dances! (6)
- 24 Insertion inserted into a certain letter (5)
- 26 Holiday ends at The Haven (5)
- 27 See 1-across

### GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Many thanks to the club for my clue prize and to you Patrick for the lovely accompanying calligraphic certificate. *Brian Symons*
- Many thanks for my recent \$75 prize cheque. I went to my local bookstore intending to spend it on a reference book but came away with (yet another) book about Bob Dylan. Perhaps I'll have to compile a puzzle or quiz based on my favourite performing artist! *Warren Allen*
- I wish to thank whoever allots prizes for the Certificate and cheque from June puzzles. I was so anxious to get on to July's puzzles, I only glanced at prize winners, so received a very pleasant surprise when the notification came. I am so happy to have joined A.C.C. and appreciate the tremendous effort of your compilers, etc, etc. *Norma Heyes*
- I was delighted to receive a prize last month! Thank you VERY much. *Anne Simons*
- A fine challenging lot this month. *Max Roddick*
- Thanks to all concerned for very clever puzzles. *Laurence Kennedy*
- Thank you ACC for the Slots 1-5 prize. Much appreciated. *David Procter*
- A pox on Spooner and all his clues. *Karl Audrins*

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">by <i>Lexi Conner</i></p>


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**Across**


- 1 Notice to emerge from the dining room by seniority (7)
- 5 What a drunk needs to do: weep when supplied with pure cocktail (5,2)
- 9 Prone to applying no software (5)
- 10 Riot is mostly about commercial broadcast medium (5)
- 11 Demand extremes of loyalty in every respect (7)
- 12 Some Malay orchids brought back for a princess (5)
- 14 Person completing a deal caught out by no-hoper (5)
- 16 Why dogs are attracted to poles? (6,9)
- 17 In warring countries substitute love for a set of contradictions (8,7)
- 19 "Do better!" exclaimed departing maid excitedly (5)
- 22 Winning a leadership position (5)
- 24 Endorse cop shunned by corrupt politician (7)
- 25 Dealer tried to conceal warning (5)
- 26 Herb provides surety covering Samoa's capital (5)
- 27 Constant characteristic making Bruno run (7)
- 28 Mrs Peal could produce embroidered cloth (7)

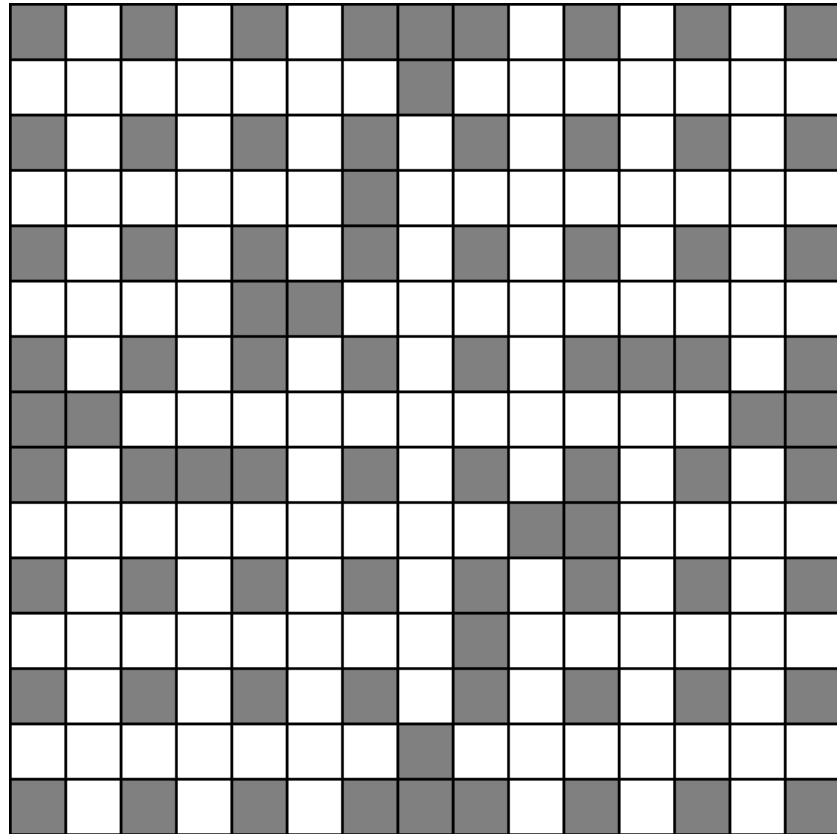
**Down**

- 1 Shorten/Turnbull on song to reveal disease! (7)
- 2 Sharp Pakistani openers get cold then hot (5)
- 3 Very kind soul loses out in LA expansion (5)
- 4 They symbolize commitment in hiring bands (10,5)
- 5 Spain guarantees translation for many senior citizens (15)
- 6 Avoiding an unstable Blarney Stone (5)
- 7 Handles experiences at the fair (5)
- 8 Sequence of instructions for one being paid to gain weight (7)
- 13 Cunning schoolmaster eliminating costs creating slot in blazer (7)
- 15 Boost Richmond's retention of fast runner (7)
- 17 Macbeth e.g. is associated with half-term function (7)
- 18 Leather goods maker not so happy taking in novice (7)
- 20 First Nation Canadian given depth to faith (5)
- 21 Measure what the Turks save over time (5)
- 22 Centre-half has poor record (5)
- 23 Walesa expected to withhold support (5)

**GENERAL COMMENTS cont'd from p4:**

- We have been travelling in Europe for a month and it was a great surprise and delight to discover my cheque for \$75 for Slot 2 in May waiting for me. Thank you everyone. I really appreciate all the work that goes into each issue. *Jean Evans*
- A great collection of puzzles for the cold winter days. *Robyn Caine*
- A very testing lot this month. Thanks to the club for my Slot 6 prize for May. *Bob Hagan*
- Many thanks for the prize for the Thingamybob quiz, especially appreciated since I've had no success at all with the July Puzzles!! *Judy Randall*

A U G U S T   2 0 1 7   S L O T   4
<b>AJ</b> by <b>Manveru</b>




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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A</b> Bless head of abbey with new place that's disreputable and roofless (6)</li> <li><b>B</b> In a few words, encrypt right file and place in Times (7)</li> <li><b>C</b> Howler making this sort of sound? (7)</li> <li><b>D</b> Staunch end of wound with Dutch iced tea concoction (9)</li> <li><b>E</b> A specialist surgeon, I depend on in every way (8)</li> <li><b>F</b> Stoker folio, one with reference to Master Dracula's last name (7)</li> <li><b>G</b> It helps set damaged ligament without medicine initially (7)</li> <li><b>H</b> Breathe in/out and sleep deeply (9)</li> <li><b>I</b> One diving bird flies north in cloudy skies, initially to find glacial remnants (8)</li> <li><b>J</b> Germanic people are just European in a roundabout way (5)</li> <li><b>K</b> Greek memorials translated for parts of mass (11)</li> <li><b>L</b> Stand to make money in the US despite being a fizzer? (8)</li> <li><b>M</b> Active parasites latch on to male resulting in bad blood (6)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>N</b> Cried like a nag and said no (7)</li> <li><b>O</b> Ordinary Sam taking Sauron's original ring, corrupting all creatures (9)</li> <li><b>P</b> Change bloomers with new for old (7)</li> <li><b>Q</b> Take a quick look after starting grill (4)</li> <li><b>R</b> It's necessary to insert sheets of paper into right edition (8)</li> <li><b>S</b> Contracts special councillor to take on leaderless Israelites (6)</li> <li><b>T</b> Printers, not new, yet with style! (11)</li> <li><b>U</b> Task force on education is in accord (6)</li> <li><b>V</b> Battle-scarred vehicle wraps itself around tree, unfortunately (7)</li> <li><b>W</b> Get cranes from crones by swapping one letter? (7)</li> <li><b>X</b> Hoisted up old barrel onto East Caribbean boat (5)</li> <li><b>Y</b> Child with malady finally gets new surgeon to take temperature (9)</li> <li><b>Z</b> Pasta spot found at top end of esplanade (4)</li> </ul> |
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### Cruciverbalists have 'Brains 10 years younger'

People who regularly do crosswords or other word puzzles have brains "10 years younger" than their age, researchers revealed in the article by Ross Lydall in the *Evening Standard Newspaper* (UK) on 17 July 2017.

One of the largest studies of its kind, involving more than 17,000 people, measured attention, short-term memory and speed of response to grammatical tests. It found that those who played word-puzzle games performed better with people who completed more than one crossword a day performing best.

Experts believe the study, being presented at an international conference in London on Alzheimer's, suggests ways of maintaining a sharper brain in later life. Keith Wesnes, professor of cognitive neuroscience at the University of Exeter

medical school, said: "Performance was consistently better in those who reported engaging in puzzles, and generally improved incrementally with the frequency of puzzle use. On test measures of grammatical reasoning speed and short-term memory accuracy, performing word puzzles was associated with an age-related reduction of around 10 years."

The study tested healthy people aged 50 to 96 enrolled on an online research project run by Exeter University and King's College London. It found "direct relationships" between the frequency of word puzzle use and the speed and accuracy of performance on nine cognitive tasks. But it did not establish if getting people to complete crosswords could halt decline or improve the function of their brain.

Clinical trials will be needed to test this theory.



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**Across**

- 9 15 returned together with Ben, perhaps (7)
- 10 Fired drone pocketing one 15 (7)
- 11 One defending a game tenor (9)
- 12 15 directed outside party (5)
- 13 I introduce right spoken phrase for 15 (7)
- 14 Robber finally changes sides for 15 (6)
- 15 Choose by vote – fellows replace Conservative member (7)
- 17 Involving a fraternal guild – mad admitting thus! (7)
- 21 Automobile hood missing catch is 15 (6)
- 24 One taking flight carried small pillow (7)
- 26 15 buzzwords take off Jack (5)
- 27 15 arranged tourism around Northern Territory (9)
- 28 15 returned ball belonging to me (7)
- 29 Greek character restrains abusive Canadian PM (7)

- 2 Glowing, odourless, covered in 15 (8)
- 3 Church learning held within for 15 (8)
- 4 15 loses time initially to another 15 (6)
- 5 A 15 amongst choice 15 (8)
- 6 Boundaries of tower in elevated urban area related to a particular 15 (6)
- 7 Problem with top of cooking surface missing (6)
- 8 A pit base with multiple 15s (5)
- 16 15, after brief time, traps beast heading north (8)
- 18 I muse curiously about Crowsman's 15 (8)
- 19 15 northbound travels to compounds holding two 15s (8)
- 20 15 in choir mum assembled (8)
- 22 English gang lost heart ... (6)
- 23 ... and gets into scrap with thief (6)
- 24 Mug brought up ingested salt from 15 (6)
- 25 Tag alongside cat (5)

**Down**

- 1 A report embraced popular 15 (8)

**Paraprosdokians**

Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and is frequently humorous. The word comes from the Greek "παρά", meaning "against" and "προσδοκία", meaning "expectation". It has been argued that, while the word is now in wide circulation, "paraprosdokian" (or "paraprosdokia") is not a term of classical (or medieval) Greek or Latin rhetoric, but a late 20th-century neologism, citing the fact that the word does not yet appear in the *Oxford English Dictionary* as evidence of its late coinage. However, the word appeared in print as early as 1891 in a humorous article in *Punch* magazine.

Some attributed from Wikipedia:

- "Take my wife — please!" *Henny Youngman*
- "There but for the grace of God—goes God." *Winston Churchill on Stafford Cripps*
- "If I could just say a few words... I'd be a better public

speaker."

- "If I am reading this graph correctly—I'd be very surprised." *Homer Simpson*
- "On his feet he wore...blisters." *Stephen Colbert*
- "I've had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn't it." *Aristotle*
- "A modest man, who has much to be modest about." *Groucho Marx*
- "I like going to the park and watching the children run around screaming, because they don't know I'm using blanks." *supposedly Winston Churchill, about Clement Attlee*
- "I haven't slept for ten days, because that would be too long." *Emo Philips*
- "I sleep eight hours a day and at least ten at night." *Mitch Hedberg*
- "I don't belong to an organized political party. I'm a Democrat." *Bill Hicks*
- "On the other hand, you have different fingers." *Will Rogers*
- "He was at his best when the going was good." *Steven Wright*
- "If I could just say a few words... I'd be a better public

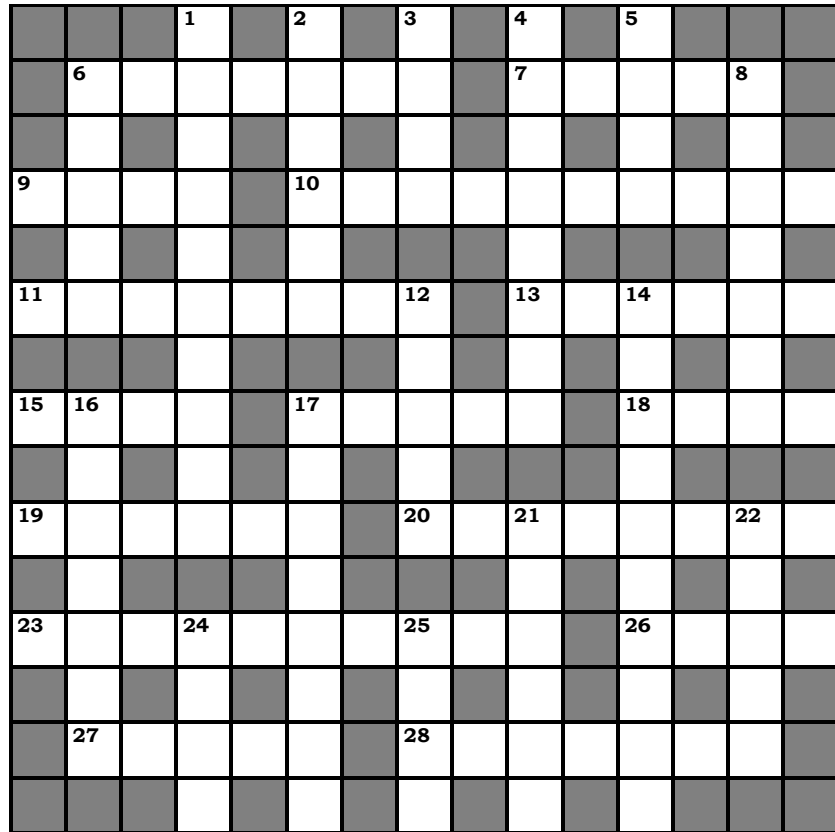
*Alistair Cooke on the Duke of Windsor*

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## Cryptic by Zinzan

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Twelve clues have a related deficiency. The initial letters of the deficient clues, when placed in alphabetical order of the answers, will confirm the nature of the deficiency.



### Across

- 6 Zinzan is all-round Golden Boy! (7)
- 7 Tranquilliser used in part of Noumea (5)
- 9 Kept music alternating, in case (4)
- 10 Legal issue introduces name of peak (10)
- 11 Small craft group left to flail about (8)
- 13 Regularly viewed, following a particular approach (6)
- 15 Bud's joke about a kind of shirt not acceptable (1-3)
- 17 I sit outside and get ready (5)
- 18 Rebel soldier is expertly camouflaged (4)
- 19 Takes advantage of a form of transport (6)
- 20 Eat away at carbon compound (8)
- 23 Relative beginning to stabilise bed canopy (10)
- 26 Go slowly around this city (4)
- 27 No ice on front of house somewhere in Wales (5)
- 28 Ever reliable stool pigeon loses it (7)
- 4 King's letters prior to England playing at Wembley presumably? (4,4)
- 5 Friends ski Thredbo to a certain extent (4)
- 6 Extremely mournful type of music (5)
- 8 Tennis-playing Andy's banned a year, so grumbles (7)
- 12 Eliminating a new government (5)
- 14 Unimaginative doctor hunted boar (10)
- 16 Sort of Asian money (7)
- 17 It's cheap to re-organise a mixed bag (8)
- 21 Rapid inflation means crazy bargain ended too soon (3,3)
- 22 Attempt harvesting at first in farmland (5)
- 24 Desperately hope income is about right (4)
- 25 Stupid talk closed shop, work evaporates (4)

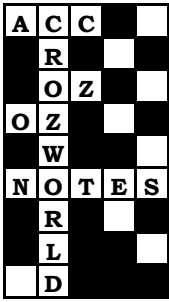
### Down

- 1 Going badly, paused recordings (10)
- 2 Gloomy philosophy embraced by backward boy (6)
- 3 Tartan pattern of Zinz? (4)

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Closing mail date: Friday 8 September 2017.  
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## Solutions to Quiz 6/2017

**A CONFINING QUIZ by Both Sides (Nea Storey and Anne Simons)**

**Winner: Maureen Blake. Congratulations!**

**Entries Received: 37. Percentage Correct: 92%.**

**Results: 25:** W Allen, K Audrins, U Axelsen, M Blake, R Caine, B Cockburn, G Cole, L Colgan, H Cromer, J Crowe, J Fowler, P Garner, B Glissan, R Gooderick, D Jones, J Leigh, G Lemon, P Lord,

A Martin, F Martin, R McKenzie, D Meek, P Mercer, A Miles, A Millard, H Perrow, M Procter, B Siegman, B Symons, R Taylor, B Tickle, C Wilcox, Kate Williams and R Wimbush. **24:** C McClelland, J Pearce and M Potts.

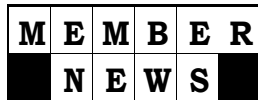
**Answers: 1** Alcatraz, **2** Auschwitz, **3** Bastille, **4** Brixton, **5** Changi, **6** Chateau de Chillan, **7** Dartmoor, **8** Devil's Island, **9** Fanny Bay, **10** Gulag Archipelago, **11** Hanoi Hilton, **12** Holloway, **13** Kerobokan, **14** Long Bay, **15** Massymore, **16** Maze, **17** Newgate, **18** Oflag 64, **19** Pentridge, **20** Porridge, **21** Robben Island, **22** Sing Sing, **23** Strangeways, **24** Tower of London, **25** Wormwood Scrubs.

### Adjudicator's Comments (Nea Storey):

Members pronounced this quiz "clever", "enjoyable" and "challenging". It had a high success rate, only three people failing to earn a Get Out of Gaol Free Card! Clue 21 should have referred to 7 Pt 2, not 8 Pt 2. Several members pointed out that the prison is Fannie Bay, and the suburb Fanny Bay. Both answers were accepted. A selection of Members' Comments follows:

### Members' Comments:

- I thought Clue #18 implied OFLAG 64, but was reluctant to Google it because I thought it could not possibly be correct. But it is!  
*Len Colgan*
- Your clever quiz really made the Jailhouse Rock. *Brian Tickle*
- Needed general knowledge, research and cryptic reconstruction to solve.  
*Beverley Cockburn*
- I enjoyed finding all the names for prisons: hope I don't finish up in one.  
*Claire McClelland*
- I was surprised at how many of the answers I knew. I must be watching too much television! Oflag 64 was the only one I had never heard of. Thanks for a great quiz.  
*Ulla Axelsen*
- I have put to 'pen' the attached list of 'big houses' shown in 'cells' which I hope does not cause a 'stir' and 'can' get me full marks!  
*Andrew Miles*
- A good quiz and it has improved my knowledge of prisons immensely!  
*Julie Crowe*
- Really enjoyed this: one of my favourite TV programmes "Porridge".  
*Marian Procter*
- Enjoyable and different. After all that I feel incarcerated.  
*Roy Taylor*
- Challenging and enjoyable. A lot of prison research was needed.  
*Maureen Blake*
- Thanks for the world tour of prisons and other places of confinement. Confining maybe, but mind-expanding.  
*Frank Martin*
- What a Cook's tour of prisons and detention centres. A couple were unknown to me, but very well clued.  
*Robyn Caine*
- It's a shame there needs to be so many prisons. *Hilary Cromer*
- Your quiz has kept me busy for a month. *Robyn Wimbush*



**New ACC members:** We sincerely welcome **John Nixon** from Mount Ommaney, Qld and **Anne Duffy** from North Richmond NSW. Welcome to the wonderful world of

*Crozworlding!*

**Membership renewal** for 2018 by Karl Audrins.

### Amendments:

**Missed dots:** In May Slot 6 Pat Lord posted a correct solution of the puzzle by *Betelgeuse*. Richard Skinner - slot 6 and Arthur Barrett - slot 1.

**Quiz 7/2017:** The word length indicator for question 17 is (7).

## Some non-attributed Paraprosdokians

- Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- We never really grow up — we only learn how to act in public.
- War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
- Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of emergency, notify..." I answered "a doctor".
- Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
- You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
- I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
- To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
- Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
- You're never too old to learn something stupid.
- I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

## Quiz No 8/2017:

**Versatile Jack by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen).**

The answers are in alphabetical order.

Send your entry to Ulla Axelsen, 6 Maud Street, Donnybrook, QLD 4510.

e-mail: [ullaaxelsen@hotmail.com](mailto:ullaaxelsen@hotmail.com)

Closing date: 8 September 2017. \$75 Prize.

### Clue

- 1 Jack-by-the-hedge (8,9)
- 2 Jack's ladder (9)
- 3 Monterey Jack (6)
- 4 Jack-a-Dandy (7)
- 5 Jackboot (8)
- 6 Hijack (11)
- 7 Jumping Jack (8)
- 8 One killed by Jack (5)
- 9 Jack-of-all-trades (8)
- 10 Cheap-jack (8)
- 11 Jack-pudding (6)
- 12 Crackerjack! (8)
- 13 Jack-straw (11)
- 14 Jack the Ripper (8)
- 15 Golfing Jack (8)
- 16 Every man Jack (3,3,3)
- 17 Flapjack (7)
- 18 Jack Russell e.g. (8)
- 19 Before you can say Jack Robinson (7)
- 20 Jack-up (6)
- 21 No fat Jack (5)
- 22 Blackjack (6-3)
- 23 Where Jack went (2,3,4)
- 24 Hit the road Jack! (7)
- 25 Jackanapes (14)
- 26 Jackpot (8)

## July 1-2017: Half 'n Half by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- 10ac might be Debra but its not a known name. 23dn Redgum is hardly a pop group (they had one popular song) and 'study' is not 'read'. *Andrew Patterson*
- Liked 7 & 8. A few guesses to finish off the unknowns. *Rob Moline*
- Isn't it GRIEG? *Len Colgan*
- Pie could be pye. I think 28ac is a mistake? Grieg? *Brian Symons*
- Had to guess the last couple; but a good challenge. *Jean Barbour*
- Not sure about the spelling of GREIG; most references have GRIEG. *Pat Lord*
- Can only think Greig =Grieg and Debra =Deborah. *Roy Taylor*
- I hope Virgo misspelt GRIEG – not usual for a Mensa lady! I couldn't see any composer spelt GREIG. *Bob Hagan*
- When same-sex marriage finally happens, will there be some trouser trousseaux? *Max Roddick*
- Since GRIEG didn't fit the composer clue, I selected the British composer Hubert Gregg (1914 - 2004). *Pat Garner*
- 28ac: COMPOSER; GREIG fits but the correct spelling for the Norwegian composer is GRIEG (Greig was his Scottish ancestor's name). *Margaret Dennis*
- A few queries with this (10, 28, 5, 20, 23). Looking forward to the explanation. *Tony Dobebe*
- Concerned about the spelling of Greig. Composer should be Grieg but doesn't fit with "loudest". *Robert Hagan*
- Has GRIEG been misspelt by setter or have I made some mistakes? *Anne Simons*
- I know Spotted Dog as Spotted Dick – perhaps it's to do with the Cur rants! My sources don't spell Deborah that way in reference to the Bible. Good puzzle. *Jim Fowler*
- A couple of issues here we feel. Firstly, on the assumption that Grieg is the required composer (28dn) then it is spelled incorrectly based on checked squares. Secondly and we're not so sure of this; 10ac appears to be Debra, based again on checked squares. However, we can only find reference to Deborah as a female prophet. Here's hoping that the adjudicator is nice to us. *Richard Skinner*
- It is a pity that Grieg's name was misspelt. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Particularly liked clue for 19dn SCOWLED. *Beverley Cockburn*
- Could not find an alternative composer with G\_E\_G so went with misspelled Grieg. Loved clue for EIDER. *Ulla Axelsen*
- I liked the clue EIDER. *Robyn McKenzie*
- I think a spelling mistake with Grieg!! *Marian Procter*
- It's great to be introduced to new words. If only I had a demurge to remember them. *Gabriel Fuller*
- 10ac: alternative spelling not in my bible; 28ac misspelling of Grieg or (Hubert) Gregg. *Warren Allen*
- I gave my COTM to EIDER, but I also liked SCOWLED. Not sure about DEBRA as a female prophet, so fingers crossed, and 7ac could be PIE or PYE. *Robyn Caine*

## July 2-2017: Cryptic by Whynot? (Tony Dobebe)

- Fairly straightforward this one. 14ac barely cryptic. 'Bemused' as an anagrind? There must have been many better options. *Andrew Patterson*
- I enjoyed the clue for FIASCO and the cryptic definitions for SKIDPANS and PEARLS OF WISDOM. *Brian Tickle*
- Liked DANISH PASTRY and CHIPPEWA. SKIDPANS sounds vaguely like some new style of jeans. *Max Roddick*
- Pleasingly symmetrical linked words. Briefly nonplussed by 13dn, then realised that CLAMS are more likely to sin than CRABS. Not to mention that a clamshell is a "thing" but a crabshell isn't. *Rob Moline*
- The long quotations were fun and quite gettable. *Nea Storey*
- 16: As 'us' is really US shouldn't there be a question mark. Better still, words and abbreviations that are capitalized should always be written that way. *George Rolfe*
- 14ac is a guess. *Anne Simons*
- Different but fun. *Richard Skinner*
- Such a clever puzzle with its neat phrases all in a line. Quite difficult to set I'm sure. *Beverley Cockburn*
- I can see why 14ac, 17ac and 13dn are marked with a ? They leave me a bit puzzled. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Liked TUFTED, DANISH PASTRY & CLAMSHELLS. *Robyn Caine*

## July 3-2017: Cryptic by Zinzan (Andrew Patterson)

- So many clever clues! I especially liked SET-UP, LURID, MARGARINE, APPLE TART and O'HARA. *Brian Tickle*
- Excellent puzzle; especially the clues for 26ac, 27ac, 15dn. I hope 24dn is POSITS. *Len Colgan*
- Excellent clues – especially 10ac & 17dn. *Catherine Hambling*
- Some really smooth surfaces in here – "remain uncertain;" "is no mixup;" "doctor is back;" "clods of dirt." Really liked learning of Zinzan's haute couture prowess; but "ready to rumble" was the pick of the lot. *Rob Moline*
- Very nice misdirections. 'fashion extravaganza'; 'discovered cure';

- 'carry on bags'; and '2CV' had me head-scratching for a while. Several worthy of COTM. *Tony Dobebe*
- Very enjoyable. 25: Should that not be (1'4)? [Not according to the normal conventions in cryptic crossword setting where, in many cases, indication of an apostrophe would give the game away far too early. There's a good discussion (especially by jennyk, who addresses the Irish name issue) on the non-indication of the apostrophe in a Guardian clue for HORS D'OEUVRES (4,8) at <http://www.fifteensquared.net/2015/04/27/guardian-26556-by-rufus/-IW>]
- Word play for ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR was very tricky. I parsed this long after completing the puzzle. I liked STACK UP, APPLE TART and SPIN DRYER. *Ian Thompson*
- Some great clues here: AMNESIA for COTM; but also loved APPLE TART, SPATTER and OHARA. *Mike Potts*
- Still not sure about 24dn: "POSES", we hope. *Richard Skinner*
- Enjoyed the APPLE TART! *Max Roddick*
- Great puzzle. 24dn was tricky. *Beverley Cockburn*
- Great clues: it took me a while to solve them all. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Creative; tricky definitions made this a great challenge. Very enjoyable. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Another good puzzle from Zinzan. ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR and SPIN DRYER were my favourites. *Robyn Caine*

## July 4-2017: AJ by Pentangle (Brian Tickle)

- For the H clue I learned that Belarus = BY, "at this point in time" = Always good from Pentangle. No quibbles; no worries. *Andrew Patterson*
- Really like EXECRATE; and learnt what quondam & oestrum meant and that zabetas were tariffs. Difficult words well-clued. *Rob Moline*
- Loved EXECRATE — Congratulations Pentangle! *Max Roddick*
- Excellent AJ including my COTM (K). *Catherine Hambling*
- My brain was A and H after finishing the AJ. *George Rolfe*
- Well; this wouldn't pass DA's 'breakfast test'. Does anyone want to be confronted with DIARRHOEIC and VOMITED first thing in the morning? Otherwise a nice puzzle; thanks Pentangle. *Tony Dobebe*
- This puzzle was quite challenging but very enjoyable with excellent clues. Among my favourites F, K, W and Z. Thank you Pentangle. *Joan Smith*
- Can TEETOTAL be a noun? [according to Chambers but not Macquarie, which has it only as an adjective - Adj] *Richard Skinner*
- Excellent AJ. Got my COTM – KNEW BETTER. *Beverley Cockburn*
- Some interesting words as is almost a must in an AJ. Thanks. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Glad I wasn't eating dinner when solving this puzzle!! Hope Pentangle has recovered. *Gabriel Fuller*
- Great 15-letter clues. *Robyn Caine*

## July 5-2017: Cryptic by Bogeymen (Ian Williams)

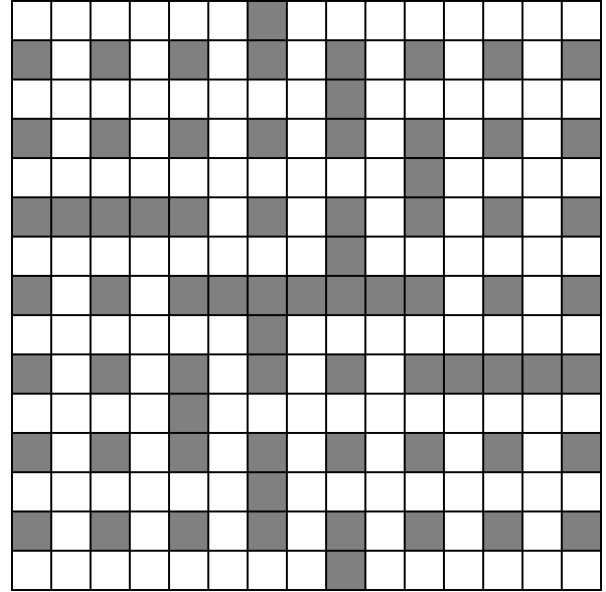
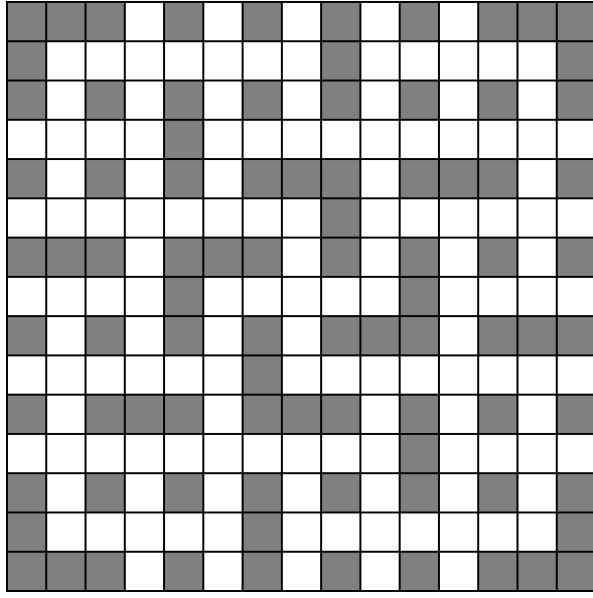
- Some really convoluted clueing made it tough. As did solver stupidity: Zo-Mart? Tzo-Mart? No it can't be him. Found the wavelength and enjoyed the interesting vocabulary. *Rob Moline*
- Four fifteen-letters solutions and two thirteen-letters ones. That's impressive! I especially liked the clues for TOM DICK AND HARRY and RENDERED. *Brian Tickle*
- It took research to find the 'bard's wives' solution!! *Jean Evans*
- Slot 5 seemed rather obscure in places. The solution to 10dn is an invention by Shakespeare which occurs only once in all of his plays and has been little used since! *Denise Coates*
- KICKIE WICKIES took a while to find! *Roy Taylor*
- Too many goodies to list; with NO GO AREA and MOZART in the lead. *Bogeymen* does it again! *Max Roddick*
- I had to guess quite a few of these! Fingers crossed. *Nea Storey*
- 3dn: ca = about not roughly. What is the authority that ca = roughly? [Chambers Thesaurus gives "around, approximately, roughly, in the region of, in the neighbourhood of, more or less, almost, nearly, approaching, nearing and formal circa" – my emphasis – while I'm not a devotee of a thesaurus entry as a substitute for an accurate definition it will generally give sufficient indication of a meaning to be used in the construction of a clue - B] 11ac: Not a particularly good surface. *George Rolfe*
- KICKIE-WICKIES was a nice sting in the tail. Unless you have a very broad vocabulary it could only be solved by exact parsing of the wordplay. There seems to be one letter I had not accounted for in EPIDEMIOLOGICAL [whoops! - B]. *Ian Thompson*
- Bit tougher than slot 6 we thought? *Richard Skinner*
- Impressive puzzle. KICKIE-WICKIES took quite a while to find. *Beverley Cockburn*
- Great clues. I had never heard of kickie-wickies but will try and drop it into a conversation! *Robyn McKenzie*
- Never heard of kickie-wickies before. What a fun word. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Kickie-wickies! This had me tossed and I was delighted when I found the answer. *Cheryl Wilcox*

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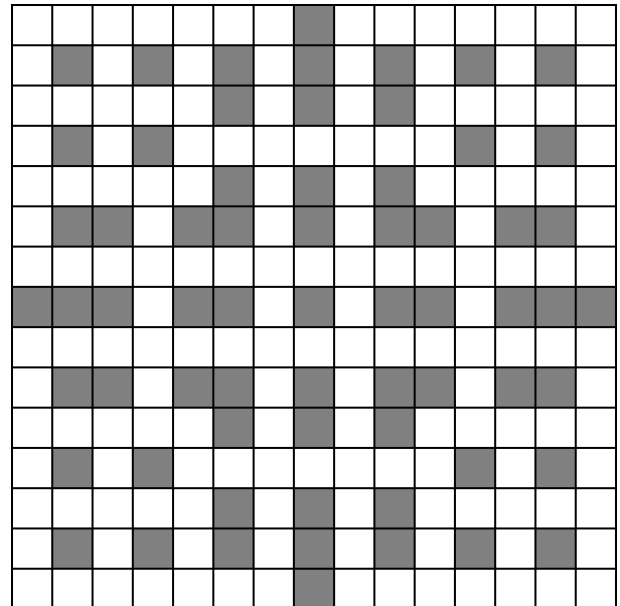
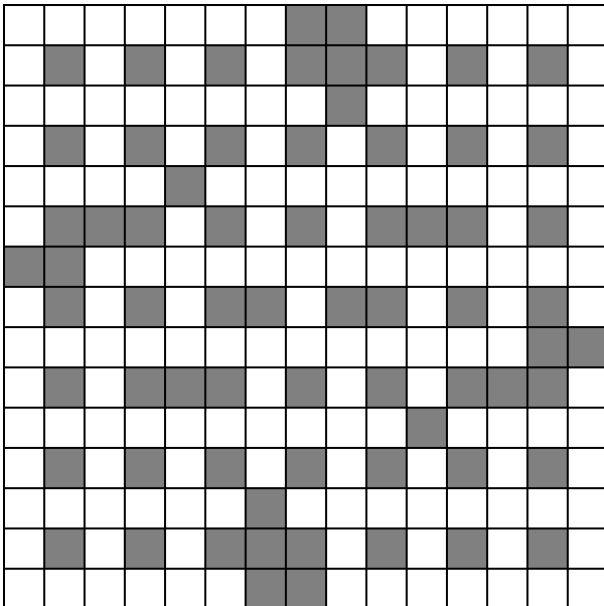
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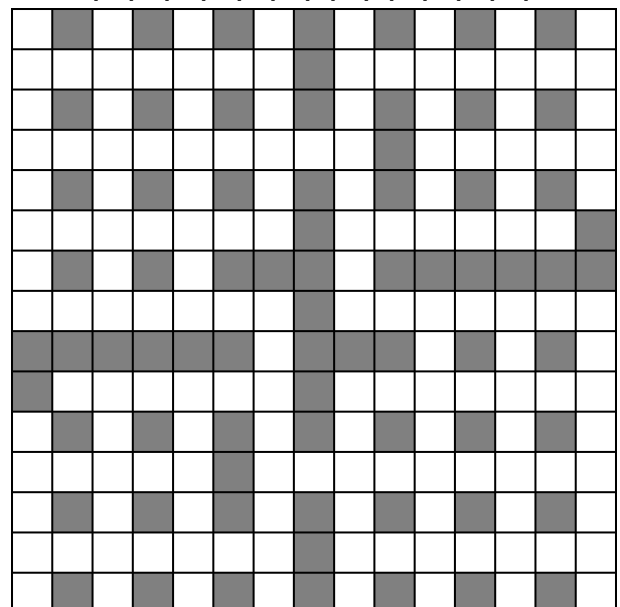
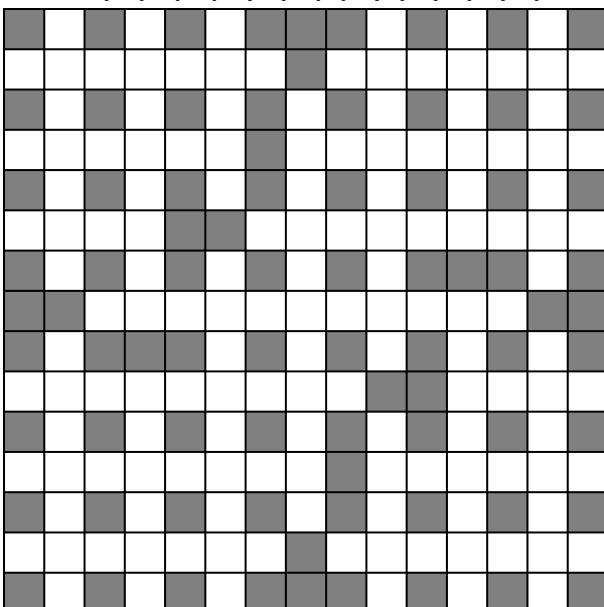
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Clue of the Month .....



**June 6-2017: Cryptic by Zplig (Dover Dubosarsky)**

**Entries: 60: Correct: 42: Success rate: 70%.**

**Prizewinner: Ian Mason. Congratulations!**

**Adjudicator's comments:**

Many thanks to all the lovely comments – opening letters and reading the online comments makes the writing of the crossword really worth it. The grid was quite difficult, and I now realize that I clued some of the words a bit too vaguely, primarily 9ac and 26dn, so much so that I/we are accepting each of their alternative answers (TENET and AMOUNT respectively). Besides this there were a few errors here and there but nothing too stand-out-y. I look forward to bringing you all another grid! (if I have time, I've just started a 9-week teaching placement) — **Zplig (Dover Dubosarsky)**

**Explanations:**

**Across:** 7 >level<, 8/11 Homophone of Tennis-y williams, 10 S + PART + A(thens) &lit, 12 (alive)\* inside CAR, 13 S(topped) A(merica's) G(rowing) O(besity), 15 H inside (Paper)\*, 17 A + S + UNDER, 20 SAID<, 22 homophone of TREE TEAS, 25 (On act IV A)\*, 26 A + BOUND, 27 DE-LIGHTED, 28 CATER(pillar).

**Down:** 1 RED + PLAN + E(xper)T, 2 REP + ROACH, 3 N + (wrote)\* + K, 4 sol< inside (scene)\*, 5 AG around SKIN, 6 FE + MME, 9 iMAGInation, 14 (germs seen)\*, 16 PAST-CHE around I, 18 NOT I + ON A + L(egislation), 19 S + TUNED around N, 21 (acilit)\*, 23 M + AXE <, 24 Babe + L.

**Solvers' Comments:**

• I found your crossword very testing but I did manage to solve a few clues with understanding. However quite a few I "intelligently" guessed but really am not able to fully understand the workings of the clues. I will be very interested to see your explanation in CrOZworld in August. *Graeme Cole*

• Herewith your very challenging and enjoyable Slot 6. I liked the 19dn clue. Wasn't too sure about 26ac but abound is to get rich and is the best I can do. *Bob Hagan*

• Thanks Dover. (But I'm not keen on foreign language answers.) *Andrew Patterson*

• Thank you – I enjoyed your puzzle – some very good clues – particularly 8 + 11 ac, 20ac, + 21dn. I hope you are doing more! *Jill Freeland*

• Very difficult; partly from grid shape and checking letters; partly from general looseness; but some great clues: SPARTA, FEMME, T. WILLIAMS, DELIGHTED, ITALIC, even if some of them don't quite work. 14 \*had\* to be GENE...; great trickery. 26 no idea; just a guess. *Rob Moline*

• I hesitated briefly before entering TENET rather than LEVEL. Also thought 20ac involved a homophone for a while; with a neat misleading allusion to Che Guevara; and a Spanish word as the answer. *Len Colgan*

• Thank you. A few COTMs here? Liked 'cavalier' and 'exam'. *Eileen O'Brien*

• A fitting Slot 6; and I made a few guesses.... Loved the clue for CATER! *Nea Storey*

• Excellent especially stunned. *Brian Symons*

• 19dn; STUNNED would have gained my clue of the month if it had been eligible. *Julie Leigh*

• ABOUND or AMOUNT – I reckon there's a case for either. *Michael Kennedy*

• A nice array of wordplay devices and some devious definitions. Enjoyed the tennisy clue. I don't think messenger is a synonym for messenger RNA though. *Ian Thompson*

• Liked 'words of denial' = not I. Was actually able to do most of this puzzle on the train heading for the city. *Ulla Axelsen*

• Lots of groan-worthy puns – just the way I like it! Venus probably the pick of them. *Rob Moline*

• Thanks for this Zplig. I learnt a new definition of 'messenger' in the solving; but am not sure that Babel (if right) can be truly defined as an 'irreligious place'. *Maureen Blake*

• This was a challenge. Still not sure if 7ac is LEVEL or TENET. Did like TENNESSEE WILLIAMS! *Ann Millard*

• Great clues as usual. Loved the clue for TENNESSEE WILLIAMS! *Anne Simons*

• I'm still laughing about Tennessee Williams. Thank you Zplig. *Robyn Wimbush*

• Last one solved was CATER. Grub without pillar. *Roy Taylor*

• Tennessee Williams was a terrific clue! 28ac: CATER(PILLAR) can also be parsed as CATENARY ("means of support") without "ANY". I am not fond of homophone indicators in the middle of clues – 20ac. At least the last letter was checked. I struggled to justify TREATISE and thought ABOUND was pretty borderline – pun intended of course! *Andrew Miles*

• I enjoyed this puzzle with 28ac giving me much grief! I wasn't happy with my answer of 'easel' so came back for another look fortunately! Many good clues. *Julie Crowe*

• I enjoyed this puzzle but was torn between ABOUND and AMOUNT – neither of which seem to meet all requirements. *Jeremy Barnes*

• I am not sure why slot 6 isn't eligible for COTM but this was filled with great clues and I laughed a lot over Tennessee Williams. *Robyn McKenzie*

• Great cryptic. Loved clue for EXAM. Hope TENET is the word required and not LEVEL. Don't understand 26ac – ABOUND. *Beverly Cockburn*

• TENNESSEE WILLIAMS was a lovely clue – laughed out loud when I got it! *Mike Potts*

• Thank you for a nice challenge. My answer to 28ac will no doubt give you a laugh, but I'm reasonably happy with the rest! *Ray Gooderick*

**Explanations for clues in July 2017 grids**

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: Virgo. Explanations to cryptic clues Down:** 2 anag, 3 T + RAMPS, 4 EM + BITTERS, 5 (FREEDom)\*, 6 DD, 7 PILL + I + ON, 8 (RED + IE)<, 9 IDLE + NESS, 16 homoph."true" + "so", 17 anag, 19 S (COW) LED, 20 EL + EG + I + A + C, 22 anag, 23 homoph "read" + GUM, 24 F (UM) ED, 25 (kNEWHE)\*.

**Slot 2: Whynot? Across:** 7 (BELLE A LAND LAND)\*, 10 dd, 11 (CANAPE LOU)\*, 12 hidden, 14 cd, 15 IF< + AS (since) + CO, 17 cd/pun, 20 (ASK WAS IT)\*, 22 homoph "Tough Ted", 23 (TYPE O A SHOT)\*, 25 dd/cd. **Down:** 1 dd/cd, 3 G + AU + CHE, 4 SE + DATE around IV, 5 dd/cd, 6 dd/cd, 8 DANISH + PAS + TRY, 13 cd, CLAM'S HELLS, 16 CHIP + P + AWE<. (us = United States), 22 TRY + FORTH, 24 cd.

**Slot 3: Zinzan. Across:** 1 rev hidden, 5 s (o,me) how, 9 dd, 10 (priest)\* +s, 11 spin (dr) y + ER, 12 ALI + heads, 13/19 ass ((operatic)\*,of) essor, 16 IS + SUE, 17 SENt UP, 22 heads, 23 EX + PLO (IS + NO)\*, 26 Bit + (A TAD + O)<, 27 (PUnK + CATS)<, 28 (ready+ to)\*, 29 hidden. **Down:** 1 (am,i,sane)\*, 2 (TWINS)\* round (dIrT), 3 fLU (R) ID, 4 yale + r <, 5 (our + sphere)\*, 6 (remain)\* +gar, 7 (house + in)\*, 8 w(a,-t,-t) age, 14 CAPtAlN + HAND, 15 ap(---ple) t,art, 17 (is,back)\*,y, 18 tom + bo(l)a, 20 stick,IT, 21 ran,gp,-ur-, 24 pos(i)ts, 25 -ara ho- <.

**Slot 4: Pentangle.** A ACHIEveR, B BEAR + WIT + NESSie, C CER(TAINT + I)ES, D DIARy + (HEROIC)\*, E EXEC + RATE, F FORE(CAT)ST, G <SONG + TICK, H jHUMBLE, I I + SOS + PIN, J JET + TIES, K homoph "NEW BETTER", L Hidden, M (RUMP SEAK)\*, N NEWS + CAST, O dOES TRUMp, P PURS(U)E, Q QU + NOMAD\*, R R(AVE<)ULE\*, S STASI + S, T voTE<TOTE+ AL, U FUNCTIONS, V V + OMIT + rEad, W DD, X (SE(LO)XY)\*, Y homoph "yacks", Z <(SATE BAZ).

**Slot 5: Bogeyman. Across:** 8 THE + SIS, 9 anag (oceanographer - perch), 11 EPI (oDE + MI + O + LOG) ICAL, 12 SKIM + ASK, 13 RING + SUP, 14 COM + PO, 16 cELL, 17 SEN[abb of senza] + OR, 18 MARTIN + I, 19 DISH + MOP, 22 anag, 23 R + (ENDE (RE) D), 24 Spooner oats mart. **Down:** 1 DD, 2 D Tees, 3 C (MINE\*) A, 4 ROLLER + B (DAL>) ING, 5 NOGGIN + GS, 6 BRICK + SAND + homoph "more tar", 7 LAW< + LOPER, 10 KICK + IE + WICK + IE + S, 14 CEMEnT + vERY, 15 anag, 20 DD, 21 PE + TOY< + E.

**VALE ROY WILSON**  
by Patrick Street



We were deeply saddened to hear of the recent death of **Roy Wilson** on 4 July 2017 aged 84 years. Roy was an original member of the ACC in May 1990 and contributed so much to the Australian Crossword Club's achievements.

Roy commenced his adjudication of the ACC puzzles in October 1990 and successfully continued this special commitment until November 2000.

Between 1990 and 2013 Roy won a total of 31 prizes and was a winner of the ACC Cumulative Slot 6 prizewinners list on 18 occasions.

Roy was an outstanding compiler of ACC puzzles and between June 1990 and August 2014 contributed an amazing 159 puzzles. He also had puzzles published in *The Bulletin*.

He used these Cruciverbalnyms:

- *Collie Pointer*: January 1992
- *The Gaffer*: March 1992
- *Cacophonous*: October 1992
- *Muddy Waters*: February 1993
- *Sam Bar*: March 1993
- *Will Sun San*: May 1997; and
- *Praxis* (meaning a model or example) from 2000-2014.

Here are some of his brilliant clues which won Clue of the Month:

- Speech first then sign books (12) DICTIONARIES: January 2004
- Trumpeter perhaps, is somewhat loud! (4) FISH: December 2004
- Back track over North/South (7) SPONSOR: October 2005
- Amends? (5) NOONS: October 2013
- Pen pal? (6) INMATE: August 2014.

Roy was the ACC Compiler of the Year in 2006, 2007 and 2010.

In 2001, Roy, as *Praxis*, had one of his puzzles published on the Crossword Centre (UK). **Derek Harrison**, who maintains this excellent site which can be found at: <http://www.crossword.org.uk/> wrote in June 2001: "The latest puzzle on the Crossword Centre is supplied thanks to the Australian Crossword Club. *Moonlighting?* by *Praxis* is one of the prize puzzles in this month's edition of *Crozworld*. It certainly is a nice puzzle with a nice variety of easy and difficult clues and a number of unclued answers that you have to work out. *Praxis* is one of the most eminent of the Australian setters and I am sure that you will enjoy his puzzle."

In September 2001 Roy wrote in *Crozworld*: **Roy Wilson** (the Australian master of the Ximenean grid) left school at the age of 15 and started an electrical trades apprenticeship and worked on high-voltage transmission for the Prospect County Council of NSW. He worked in this field for over 30 years until injury forced early retirement in 1980. Roy said: "Aspects of my life, previously taken for granted, altered radically as a result of my early retirement. With golf — a passion from youth — now off the agenda, my energies turned to less

physically demanding pursuits, like cryptic crosswords. I'd been doing cryptics almost as long as I'd been playing golf, but now, I tried my hand at setting them. A most stimulating exercise! I've always had a love of music, literature, movies and the arts in general. Happily, I find many cryptic setters have a similar bent. Shirley and I have been married 44 years and we have two married sons who, in turn, have 2 sons each." In 1996 Roy and Shirley became grandparents to Liam and Roy's first words were: "Liam? Did he come by return post?"

In January 1994 Roy wrote an interesting article in *Crozworld* titled: *The Cryptic Crossword Puzzle – a most satisfying pursuit*. Roy said: "What the cryptic clue has done in effect, is to introduce into the crossword puzzle the very same compulsion that originally initiated man's quest for knowledge, caused him to climb the first mountain, and impelled him, within our own lifetime, to reach for the stars!"

We called Roy '*Mr Ximenes*' because Roy used the barred diagram for puzzles just like the famous English compiler *Ximenes*. Roy said that only "the cryptic crossword, in the hands of a skilful setter, can create a challenge whereby individuals of the ACC can, in some small way, share a satisfaction similar to that experienced by Thomas Young and later, Jean Francois Champollion, as the meaning of the Rosetta Stone eventually became clear."

In January 1995 Roy wrote an article about *Double Definition Clues* and said that "the easiest method of solving this type of clue is to take one half of the clue and treat it as if it were an orthodox clue, going through synonyms until one is found that suits both sides of the equation, both definitions. Again, a word of caution, the 'double definition clue' should be used sparingly. With over usage it does tend to lose its freshness and appeal."

Here is a rhyme Roy wrote about a puzzle by Brian Gibson in August 1992:

Behold; my self-esteem shatters!  
Result of Brian's 'CORPORAL MATTERS'.  
It was certainly tough  
And if that's not enough,  
Now I find that my brain's left in tatters!

One from October 1992:

I think that I shall never see,  
Puzzles with more botany.  
SOME STAND TALL by Leon Trevor,  
Set the tone for our endeavour.  
BEECHES from Dennis maintained the tack.  
(While David gave us the heart attack!)  
DAFFODIL – that came from me,  
From CHARACTERS and OCHILTREE.  
WHITE POPLARS, SHADBUSH, PICKLE, CORN,  
We'd reached this poetaster's bourn.  
Perhaps you'll say it's only right,  
Now that spring's at last in sight!

And in November 1992:

A month to make me wax lyrical,  
In fact I feel panagyrical,  
The standard was high,  
Many clues really sly,  
So I'll stop ere I get quite hysterical!

We send our sincere sympathy to Shirley and her devoted children.

Our Secretary **Bev Cockburn** kindly writes: "What a gentle soul was Roy and what a wonderful mind. I will miss his input into *Crozworld* – his puzzles were always so clever and so carefully clued. He is revered by all our good setters who recognised his outstanding ability. But most of all, I will miss him and his soft voice and kind words. My heart goes out to his family at the loss of such a beautiful human being."

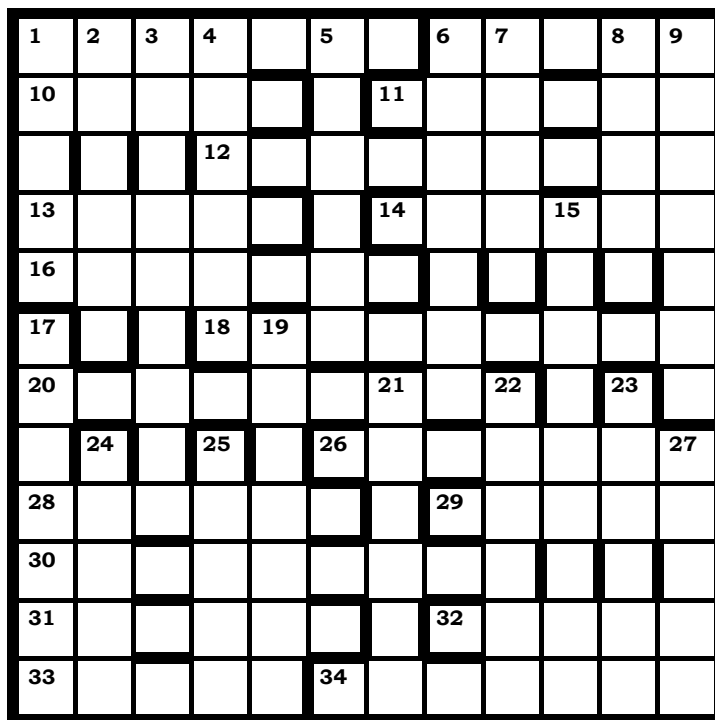
And our Puzzle Editor **Ian Williams** writes:

"Roy latterly experienced problems in typing, which made compiling difficult for him. I was honoured when he agreed to my helping him by co-authoring a puzzle, the subject of which he had previously mentioned as one that he would like to tackle. This was the puzzle with the Marx Brothers theme that was published as slot 5 in August 2014 under the title *Minnie's Boys*. I learned much from that collaboration. In addition to his themed puzzles his speciality was a series of his brilliantly-conceived "Left, right and centre" puzzles, which brought us much pleasure as well as well-furrowed brows. A perfect gentleman – thank you, Roy."

Here is a special puzzle devised by Roy Wilson (*Praxis*).

## Made to Scale by Praxis

Four unclued lights are consistent with the theme. A fifth is closely related.  
 This puzzle is not a prize puzzle, although it may be solved and evaluated using ACCOLADE.  
 The solution will be available via ACCOLADE on the day following publication.



### Across

- 1 Officer with time on space station's sent back indeed (7)
- 6 Food producers require strong limbs (5)
- 10 Amends? (5)
- 11 British sailor loves new drill (6)
- 12 Theme (9)
- 13 Scot's intend to remove top from boiler (5)
- 14 Revealed son's devastated by Indian's greeting (6; 2 words)
- 16 More serene, royal shows hesitation after a cry (7)
- 18 Padre's ode riled this bad man? (9)
- 20 These measured distance covered; time saver perhaps? (9)
- 26 European guy follows jazz fan (7)
- 28 Molten core has the Italian jump back (6)
- 29 Board's given approval by more than one European (5)
- 30 He divulged the train given to the queen (9)
- 31 Society to abide misogynist? (6)
- 32 Banquet includes oriental organic compound (5)
- 33 Seek way to the cattle-fair (5)
- 34 Regan's dad, within a month, returned exonerated (7)

### Down

- 1 Theme (5)
- 2 Cook fish pulled up by eminence (6)
- 3 Theme (9; 2 words)
- 4 Gave hint to linked characters (6)
- 5 Sounds like keys are found in supermarket? (6)
- 6 Artist quietly left, strong replacement's not as bold (7)
- 7 Road transport divided aged with rail (5)
- 8 Starting off work breaks getting Maori tattoos (5)
- 9 Theme (7)
- 15 Captain ship for a star (9)
- 17 Theme (7)
- 19 Bird returned to a different site; most strange (7)
- 21 Easterly in Scotland created rough seas for the Spanish (6)
- 22 USA changed over climate for lizards (6)
- 23 Netaji made pot? (6)
- 24 Spellbinder! He had the king roll over! (5)
- 25 Party had a gentleman turn up with a type of gastropod (5)
- 27 Nominated new Dame is delirious (5)