



|N|O|3|6|3| |A|U|G|U|S|T| |2|0|2|0|



www.crosswordclub.org



Must is a king's word.
Proverbial

|G|R|I|D|A|T|O|R|I|A|L|

Last month it seemed that various government measures were becoming successful in vanquishing the dreaded virus. More recent news suggests that a number of difficulties remain and infections are increasing. We deferred the award of prizes when it appeared that mail could provide a source of transmission and resumed them when it appeared that we were emerging from the emergency. It does appear that mail is not a prime source of infection, so we are intending to continue to award prizes and to receive mail entries for puzzles all the time that our adjudicators are happy to do so. Thus prizes for puzzles in a particular month will depend on the adjudicators' willingness. All adjudicators for this month have agreed to accept mail entries, for which we thank you, so that we are "back to normal" for the present. We would still recommend strongly that members reduce the risk to our adjudicators by using ACCOLADE to submit their solutions and, if that is not possible, to submit them by email as scans or even lists of answers.

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 a skilful Half 'n Half by *P-brane* followed by our perennial ACC favourites including *Fortuna 48*, *Crowsman* and *InGrid*. *Crowsman* has compiled another brilliant puzzle in Slot 3 titled *One side leads the other* and we are privileged to publish a skilfully designed puzzle by *Whynot?* in Slot 5 and in Slot 6 *Flowerman* has expertly contributed a compelling AJ puzzle. *St Jude* has provided an outstanding Quiz called *Nine at Last!*

Best of Luck with your solving. —Patrick

|F|R|O|M| |T|H|E|
|A|D|J|U|D|I|C|A|T|O|R|

In times of crisis we turn to things we love, and crosswords are obviously a solace and escape for many during this difficult period. The small number of cards and letters received this month were uniformly cheerful, despite bringing news of broken limbs and overseas lockdowns. Stalwart solvers soldier on! With ACCOLADE doing the heavy lifting, adjudication was very undemanding, though entertaining and occasionally disappointing – still too many misspellings!

Slot 1: Many were troubled by having to down a PINK GIN in the midst of so many As and Ds, but most swallowed it with good grace. Two valiant souls came up with DILL GIN (and the intersecting AT TOIL) and were allowed dots as their solutions fitted the clues. A couple of solvers were DELIRIOUS, and others suffered from DEVILISMS or DELIRISMS instead of DELIRIUMS. With ACADEMIC, a few settled for the noun form, ACADEMIA. AMICE transformed itself into BUNCH for a couple of hopefuls.

Slot 2: This had a range of one-off errors, mainly mishit keystrokes. The only repeat error involved turning NAGASAKI into KAWASAKI.

Slot 3: Half a dozen solvers altered APTER to ALTER or, in one case, OFTER. Several commented on USHERESS, wondering whether the word was valid (it is!); most went with the flow, but a couple opted for USHERETS or USHERERS. Again, there were multiplicity of single errors.

Slot 4: The transposition of LUCIFER and JUPITER was accepted, since the minor NINA across the top of the grid (JIGSAW) was not stated. Several solvers had KNEELS instead of KNELLS, tolling the demise of their dots. Others struggled with XEMA, having XESA or in one case going full warrior princess with XENA. Changing FALTERS to FARTERS blew an ill wind for a couple.

Slot 5: Two clues caused the majority of problems. Quite a few solvers were caught up with HUSTLE and BUSTLE when they should have been more SUBTLE. IDOLATER also trapped several; the alternative spelling of IDOLATOR would not fit the clue.

COTM: Nominations were widespread across all slots, with almost 30 clues receiving at least one vote. Slot 3 received the most votes overall, with four going to ACRONYM. But the clear winner with seven votes was LOOK BACK IN ANGER in Slot 2. Congratulations JAXA (Jack Alexander)!

Hold on for spring, with the hope of warmer weather and better news. —Kath Harper

|L|E|A|D|I|N|G| |F|I|G|U|R|E|S|

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	102	104	94	100	91	491
Correct entries	81	96	77	80	70	404
Success rate (%)	79.4	92.3	81.9	80	76.9	82.3
Prizewinners	Pat Garner	Corryn Anderson	Rob Moline	Lynn Jarman	Brian Symons	from 108 members

Prizewinner: July 2020 Slots 1-5: Cheryl Wilcox. Congratulations!

|L|E|A|D|I|N|G| |L|I|G|H|T|S|

President	Patrick Street	PO Box 106, North Carlton Vic 3054	Ph (03) 9347 1216	president@crosswordclub.org
Secretary	Jenny Wenham	PO Box 31, Comet Qld 4702	Ph (07) 4984 5183	jenny@wenham.net.au
Puzzle Editor	Ian Williams	12 Lindrum Cres, Holt ACT 2615	Ph (02) 6254 6860	puzzle_editor@crosswordclub.org

|H|I|G|H|L|I|G|H|T|S|

	page
Half & Half by <i>P-brane</i>	3
Cryptic by <i>Fortuna 48</i>	4
One side leads the other by <i>Crowsman</i>	5
AJ by <i>InGrid</i>	6
Cryptic by <i>Whynot?</i>	7
AJ by <i>Flowerman</i>	8
Quiz No 8/2020	9
Solution Quiz No 6/2020	9
Members' Comments	10
Results May Slot 6	12
Explanations for Clues	12

July 1-2020

D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
A	I	R	I	E	R	A	C
A	A	N	Y	D	M	L	A
A	T	T	E	N	D	E	D
O	R	O	Y	G	R	O	
A	M	P	A	C	E	A	E
	D	K	D	D	U	I	
A	D	D	E	R	A	I	M
E	S	P	M	D	S		
A	B	S	T	A	I	N	A
U	R	N	D	S	D	A	
A	T	W	O	R	K	A	R
A	Y	G	K	P	O	O	
A	N	G	E	L	I	C	A
T	R	N	R	N	A	A	

July 2-2020

A	U	B	O	C	M	N	B
P	O	R	T	R	A	I	T
I	N	E	N	I	C	A	L
A	R	S	E	N	I	C	L
E	C	A	E	Y	S	E	O
O	V	E	R	H	A	N	G
U	E		C		S	T	A
A	P	H	A	S	I	A	E
M	Y		M		R	E	
O	R	P	I	N	B	I	C
R	E	E	I	O	E	R	
A	C	R	E	A	G	E	
L	I	R	N	T	I	D	A
L	O	O	K	B	A	C	K
Y	N	Y	E	C	N	Y	P

July 3-2020

C	A	R	E	E	R	M	A	N	A	C	L	E	S
A	E	L	S	C	B	A	C						
B	E	L	E	A	G	U	E	R	A	P	T	E	R
O	P	T	E	D	T	A	N	G	E	R	I	N	E
D	I		A	Y	M	A	N						
L	I	N	C	O	L	N	M	I	E	N			
E	G	L											
B	I	A	H	P									
A	N	D	A	N	T	I	N	O	A	N	K	L	E
D	R	A	P	E	T	O	L	E	R	A	B	L	E
I	T	R	S	O	I	O	S						
E	V	E	N	S	O	U	T	A	C	R	O	S	S

July 4-2020

J	I	G		S	A	W	
Q	U	I	B	B	L	E	
P	E	O	B	B	T	E	
C	I	T	R	O	O	M	I
T	I	S	O	T	R	T	
X	E	M	A	P	A	N	A
R	N	T	D	G	E		
	E	S	C	U	T	C	H
L	R	A	D	A	V		
D	U	S	K	I	N	E	S
C	N	A	T	Y	T	K	
H	I	R	E	A	B	L	E
Z	E	A	L	O	U	S	
R	S	T		L	L	S	

July 5-2020

S	H	O	T	H	E	E	L	E	R	B	A	R	D
O	O	V	E	I	U	U							
S	U	B	T	L	E	P	U	G	I	L	I	S	T
N	A	I	N	E	H	L	S						
I	D	O	L	A	T	E	R	T	I	F	F	I	N
L	O	N	S	W	I	A							
L	O	N	G	A	O	R	I	N	G	S			
G	O	R											
	C	L	U	E	S	A	G	I	T	A	T	E	
F	D	A	A	M	A								
T	R	I	C	O	T	C	A	N	B	E	R	R	A
I	O	A	T	O	U	R	L						
R	E	C	A	R	P	E	T	T	E	R	C	E	L
N	S	E	W	O	O	T							
A	D	I	T	S	P	O	O	N	E	R	I	S	M

June 6-2020

T	H	U	G	S	L	O	W	T	O	B	Y		
R	E	M	O	T	E	R	Q	U	A	L	E		
I	M	L	A	E	M	B	A	R	K	E	R		
C	A	F	T	A	N	I	W	K	A	W	D		
K	T	R	S	T	K	N	E	E	P	A	D		
L	O	U	R	I	N	G	L	Y	P	I	A		
E	M	G	S	T	O	I	C	A	L	L	Y		
S	A	I	L	I	N	G	O	J	E	M	D		
A	L	V	A	C	C	A	M	U	S	E	R		
F	O	O	T	N	O	T	E	L	O	N	E		
A	G	R	E	E	S	T	R	E	T	T	A		
R	E	E	D	I	T	S	S	P	A	S	M		

ACC MEMBERS RESULTS FOR JULY 2020 Slots 1-5 & JUNE Slot 6

Abbott P.	*	*				Goode P.	*	*				Millard A.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Alexander J.	*					Goodrick R.	*	*	*	*	*	Milton R.	*	*	*			
Allen W.	*	*	*	*	*	Grainger D.	*					Moline R.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Anderson C.	*	*	*	*	*	Hagan B.	*	*	*	*	*	Morris B.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Audrins K.	*	*	*	*	*	Hagan T.	*					O'Brien E.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Axelsson U.	*	*	*	*	*	Hambling C.	*	*				Parsons D.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Barnes J.	*	*	*	*	*	Harper K.	*	*	*	*	*	Patterson A.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Baylis J.	*					Hearn R.	*	*	*	*	*	Pinder S.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Bennett D.	*	*	*	*	*	Hemsley D.	*	*				Potts M.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Blake M.	*	*	*	*	*	Hexva N.	*	*	*	*	*	Procter D.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Caine R.	*	*	*	*	*	Hocking A.	*	*				Procter M.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Carpenter R.	*	*	*	*	*	Horadam K.	*	*	*	*	*	Roddick M.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Carroll L.	*	*	*	*	*	Howat S.	*	*	*	*	*	Rosendorf D.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cockburn B.	*	*	*	*	*	Ibbott B.	*	*	*	*	*	Roulston S.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cole G.	*	*	*	*	*	Jarman L.	*	*	*	*	*	Ryan W.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Colgan L.	*	*	*	*	*	Jarman R.	*	*	*	*	*	Shield A.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Collins M.	*	*	*	*	*	Jones D.	*	*	*	*	*	Sizeman B.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Coote P.	*	*	*	*	*	Kennedy L.	*	*	*	*	*	Simons A.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Copland F.	*	*	*	*	*	Kennedy M.	*	*	*	*	*	Skinner R.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Coulton L.	*	*	*	*	*	Lankshear J.	*	*	*	*	*	Smith J.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cromer H.	*	*	*	*	*	Leaver J.	*	*	*	*	*	Steinberger M.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Crowe J.	*	*	*	*	*	Leigh J.	*	*	*	*	*	Storey N.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Davis K.	*	*	*	*	*	Mackay-Sim C.	*	*	*	*	*	Symons B.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Dearie P.	*	*	*	*	*	Madden J.	*	*	*	*	*	Taylor M.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Dennis M.	*	*	*	*	*	Martin A.	*	*	*	*	*	Taylor R.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Dobeles T.	*	*	*	*	*	Martin F.	*	*	*	*	*	Taylor S.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Douglas R.	*	*	*	*	*	Mason I.	*	*	*	*	*	Thompson I.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Dowse B.	*	*	*	*	*	Matthews S.	*	*	*	*	*	Tickle B.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ducker R.	*	*	*	*	*	McClelland C.	*	*	*	*	*	Veress M.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Evans J.	*	*	*	*	*	McDonald P.	*	*	*	*	*	Webster-Hawes	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ferguson J.	*	*	*	*	*	McKenzie I.	*	*	*	*	*	Wilcox C.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Fowler J.	*	*	*	*	*	McKenzie R.	*	*	*	*	*	Williams Kate	*	*	*	*	*	*
Freeland J.	*	*	*	*	*	McPherson T.	*	*	*	*	*	Williams Keith	*	*	*	*	*	*
Garner P.	*	*	*	*	*	Meek D.	*	*	*	*	*	Wimbush R.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Glissan B.	*	*	*	*	*	Miles A.	*	*	*	*	*	Young A.	*	*	*	*	*	*

A U G U S T 2 0 2 0 S L O T 1
Half 'n Half by P-brane


1		2		3		4	5		6		7		8
9						10		11					
12						13							
14		15								16			17
									18				
19						20							
22										23		24	
25										26			
27										28			

Across

- 1 Glassy coat (6)
- 4 Plaques (8)
- 9 Mobile IED (3,4)
- 11 Car caravan connector (7)
- 12 Fresher (5)
- 13 Statement (9)
- 14 Joke (3-7)
- 16 Branches (4)
- 19 Slope (4)
- 20 Alone (10)
- 22 Insect trap (9)
- 23 Hammer (5)
- 25 Airways (7)
- 26 Version (7)
- 27 Rejoined (8)
- 28 Slow (6)

Down

- 1 Crazy off centred nutter (9)
- 2 Pointer a potential killer (5)
- 3 Outside work unit in charge of radiating heat (8)
- 5 It's essential to hear drugs can't be provided (13)
- 6 Hackney coach in Mafia crew (6)
- 7 Grease intra-club disarray (9)
- 8 Warning by sailors' lure (5)
- 10 Old television technology was absolutely clear (5-3-5)
- 15 The rat takes Spooner's lollipop kick (9)
- 17 Laziness caused by using JobSeeker allowance in pub next to church (9)
- 18 Scot's entry in the spirit of patriotic flag waving (8)
- 21 Barrier builder and fighter (6)
- 22 Constructed bore's dry (5)
- 24 Very old drug-speak! (5)

Slots 1-5: Kay Williams, 12 Lindrum Cres, Holt ACT 2615.
 e-mail: ianw@webone.com.au
 Closing mail date: Friday 28 August 2020.

Slot 6: Ian Thompson, 12 Olive Street, Malvern East Vic, 3145.
 e-mail: irt_botanist@hotmail.com
 Closing mail date: Friday 11 September 2020.

For Online entry, submission and adjudication of all puzzles via ACCOLADE click on the ACCOLADE button on www.crosswordclub.org home page.

S E N D S O L U T I O N S T O :

G O O D G R I D S P A G E 11

A	U	G	U	S	T
2	0	2	0		
S	L	O	T		2

Cryptic by Fortuna 48



1	2	3		4		5	6		7	8	
9						10					11
12					13			14			
15			16								
					17					18	
19				20	21						
22		23						24			
25							26		27		
	28			29		30					
31							32				
	33					34					
35											

Across

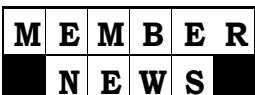
- 3 Far-seeing instruments of forged steel deal with origin of stars (10)
- 9 Reflect a looking-glass (6)
- 10 Photographed stake after leader changed poles and came last (5)
- 12 Storage place for product of 25 (5)
- 13 Keep back and dish up again (7)
- 15 Lecturer translates rare edition (6)
- 17 Broken camera one found here? (7)
- 19 CAPS back to front at end of sentence (4)
- 20 Lift engineered to leave hill (8)
- 22 A substantial person? (8)
- 24 Impossible slang? (4)
- 25 Routine chore of working in Irish Government (7)
- 30 Generate electricity in a box (6)
- 31 Setter in environment that's smellier and louder (7)
- 32 Lear's daughter set off after initial alteration (5)
- 33 Places for bums in restaurants? (5)
- 34 A little Have Not? (6)
- 35 Animal in the lead, then insects. They're service-providers (10)

Down

- 1 Monet, Seurat not first to make good ones (11)
- 2 Woman, churchman and governor (8)
- 3 Ice-cream doctor! (5)
- 4 Turning back before 9/5/45, resolve becomes failure (5)
- 5 Pudding cooked as loco progressed, once (7)
- 6 No bar to chats about ready money (4)
- 7 Licence for prim alien to break loose (6)
- 8 Enrolled Nurse's hollow victory brings feeling of discontent (4)
- 11 Flats convert to sections of large stores, when one key replaced by two (11)
- 14 Each ear cuffed? Ouch! (7)
- 16 The sea stops losing energy conditionally (7)
- 18 True C (8)
- 21 Gone wrong in Lake Street – all the way! (7)
- 23 Roy Rene competes in films (6)
- 26 Australian financial institution inside international organisation situated in town (5)
- 27 What a mercenary fights for? (5)
- 28 Throw to ship (4)
- 29 Spit out seeds (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:


- As always, the compilers' different approaches are part of the challenge. Long may it be so! *Max Roddick*
- I am going to like this puzzle club. *Anastasia Webster-Hawes*
- I can't believe how long it takes my brain to realise all the words start with A and D. Makes me worry a bit. Thank you all for keeping me sane. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Thank to all who continue to publish *CrOZworld*, adjudicate and importantly produce the puzzles. Most appreciated in this time of isolation (for a Victorian). *Cheryl Wilcox*



ACC Membership: New Member:

Anastasia Webster-Hawes from Peel NSW 2795.

Welcome Anastasia to the ACC and our Best Wishes for your cruciverbal membership.

A U G U S T 2 0 2 0 S L O T 3
One side leads the other by Crowsman


1		2		3			4	5		6		7		8
						9								
10								11						
12						13								
	14	15							16					
17								18						
19				20			21			22				
						23								24
25										26		27		
28								29						
30										31				

Across

- 1 Departments are about charity (6)
- 4 Shaving has salesmen turning over stuff for treating wounds (8)
- 10 Conversation overturned permit for an item of property (7)
- 11 Ringing sound leads to taking off outside (7)
- 12 Animal eventually had swapped sides (5)
- 13 Fairground attractions operate during musical pieces (9)
- 14 Head of production films team (7)
- 16 Bank perhaps is narrow but not small (6)
- 19 Hand over person producing tears? (6)
- 21 Collects core of cupric rock, for example! (7)
- 25 Merrymakers provoke inside vehicles (9)
- 26 Henry leaves pretty assessor (5)
- 28 Obtain personal relief, with group looking askance (7)
- 29 Gossip about mad fellow in party (7)
- 30 Person tearing small computer accessory (8)
- 31 Provides further protection for backs supporting scrum 7 (6)

Down

- 1 Unprecedented result with regard to tie (6)
- 2 A gin overturned on its own (5)
- 3 I objectively introduced score resembling heavy rock music (7)
- 5 Flimsy copy found in search (6)
- 6 Die following drug in drinks cooler (3,4)
- 7 Number eleven thanks one 16 (4-5)
- 8 Again hear concealed soldiers in university office (8)
- 9 Mountain climbing eccentric's bill (7)
- 15 Old king embraces monadic period (5,4)
- 17 Commands new respect after praising leader (8)
- 18 Take cult to court hearing, split into three (7)
- 20 Unlimited misconceptions lead to avoidance (7)
- 22 Length of time after cart overturned (7)
- 23 Dog gets black-bird (6)
- 24 Butcher refers to brothers having accent (6)
- 27 Stay out of constitutional school! (5)

July 4-2020: AJ by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

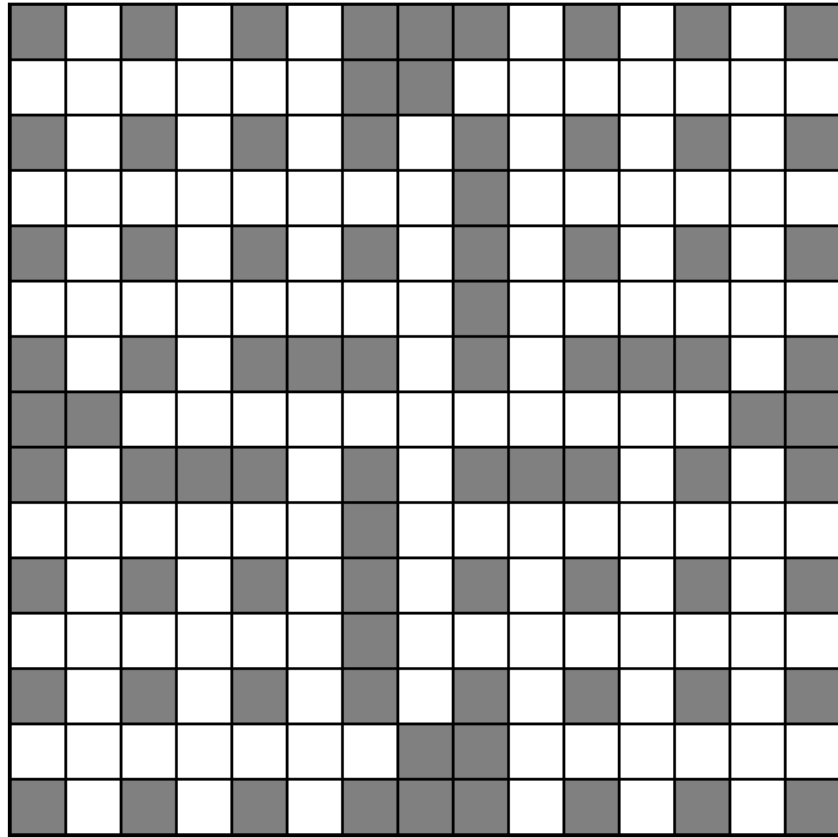
- Found this very challenging, liked the clue for GLOSS. Fingers crossed for some of the other answers. Joan Smith
- Blank U, blank I, blank E = LUCIFER, JUNIPER, JUBILEE & JUPITER??? Setters don't realise the problems we solvers are faced with! Bev Cockburn
- Took a while to find the correct grid placement, and to discover BROADCASTER. Thanks *Manveru* for a testing AJ. Maureen Blake
- Great fun as always. Hilary Cromer
- I always enjoy the AJ. Barbara Ibbott
- A great puzzle and always my favourite place to start. Robyn McKenzie
- Clever Nina across the top – JIGSAW! David Parsons
- I like the way the top row spells out JIGSAW. Michael Veress
- Thank you, *Manveru* – a most enjoyable puzzle. I could have given COTM to any one of 3 of the first 4 clues - ATTIRE, CITRUS or DUSKINESS. I originally had LUCIFER in the top left corner, but it reads much better with JUPITER there! Andrew Miles
- Always a challenge and my favourite puzzle. Jean Evans
- LUCIFER had me reaching for the reference books; and I'm interested to see the explanation for JUPITER. Thanks for a good puzzle. Lynn Jarman

A	U	G	U	S	T
2	0	2	0		
S	L	O	T		4

AJ
by
InGrid



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



- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A Getting air into a sweetheart before food (8) | O Untie old tangles as planned (8) |
| B Cove rumoured to plant tree (8) | P Appropriate stitch for ring-in (7) |
| C A war cry I lost over time on the road (11) | Q Dig for glass slab (6) |
| D Bloke follows half dead window cleaner (8) | R Deny set back of some regeneration (6) |
| E Made to measure but artificial (8) | S Slight loss of potassium for trustee in Lycra, perhaps? (8) |
| F Courts in favour of hesitations (6) | T Team leader unfit but can be tweaked (7) |
| G Passing allusion to a lustrous mineral (6) | U Bird has everything back under cover (8) |
| H Approve after locking spring resembles filament (8) | V Annul translated caveat (6) |
| I Stupidity is missing from disease (7) | W Whopper from first to last for footballers (7) |
| J Luckier to block runaway emir (7) | X Topless expositors treated dryness (7) |
| K Directorate first after main player (11) | Y Prated over remittance before exercise class comes to a bad end (6) |
| L Sail up in estuary uncovering plant (6) | Z Cereal field fanatic (6) |
| M Fish meat he regularly gave to knight (6) | |
| N Uncovered movement to avoid greeting in radical Hinduism (6) | |

July 5-2020: Cryptic by Nigrum Cattus (Ray Gooderick)

- Could not understand the answer to 1 across. What is a 'shot heeler'? Assuming that is the correct answer! *Judy Ferguson*
- Lots of clever and amusing puns, although I noticed one cultural clash – IDOLATER seemed to require the American spelling...and just before 14 TIFFIN! [Chambers admits either spelling without a reference to geographical usage – Adj] *Ron Carpenter*
- I don't like the spelling of idolater (13 across) but I think it must be that to fit the clue. *Merv Collins*
- So well put together, with some great removals as well as all the Spoonerisms. But TERCEL is a hawk not a tassel I think? [Chambers allows 7 spellings for the male hawk, including "tassel" – Adj] *Kathy Horadam*
- Unfathomable until the penny dropped. Took a while to realise SUBTLE was Spooner's tussle. Gave COTM to CANBERRA. *Roy Taylor*
- Very clever theme. My favourite clues were those for IMBUE and SPOONERISM. *Brian Tickle*
- Two Americanisms in this puzzle? AGING & IDOLATER. *Anastasia Webster-Hawes*
- Nice collection of Spoonerisms. My way in was Gold Coast / COLD GHOST. *Tony Dobe*
- Very enjoyable. Hadn't heard of 'trot' for old woman? Not sure of my answer for 9ac but hoping. *Eileen O'Brien*
- Hot Sheila downed hog. What a tough lass! *Max Roddick*
- I battle with Spoonerisms, and some of these were no exception. "Bank Error" for "Canberra" is a bit of a stretch, requiring a slight mis-pronunciation. *Nea Storey*
- Being a Queenslander 16d quickly set me on the trite rack. Good fun, love Spoonerisms. *Ulla Axelsen*

A U G U S T 2 0 2 0 S L O T 5
<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic by Whynot?</h2>


1		2		3		4	5		6		7		8
					9								
10							11						
12				13									
			14										
15								16		17			
18					19		20						
21		22							23			24	
								25					
26							27						
28								29					

Across

- 1 Australia is entitled to ban outsiders – work together (6)
- 4 Train again takes in anyone, finally (8)
- 10 Carriages before and after a train (7)
- 11 Brief upsurge computer program introduces (7)
- 12 First of trains to go off for a run (4)
- 13 Frantic, consuming first drink (10)
- 15 PM later on admitting denial (9)
- 16 Family member good natured about uncle in the end (5)
- 18 What trains and planes do? (5)
- 19 Splits nudes I sit in disarray (9)
- 21 Snuggle closely following countermeasure? (10)
- 23 Chuck out sod (4)
- 26 Old iron train (7)
- 27 Tea including bit of butter bread (7)
- 28 Reflect on change in friend (8)
- 29 Remote resort for space traveller (6)


Down

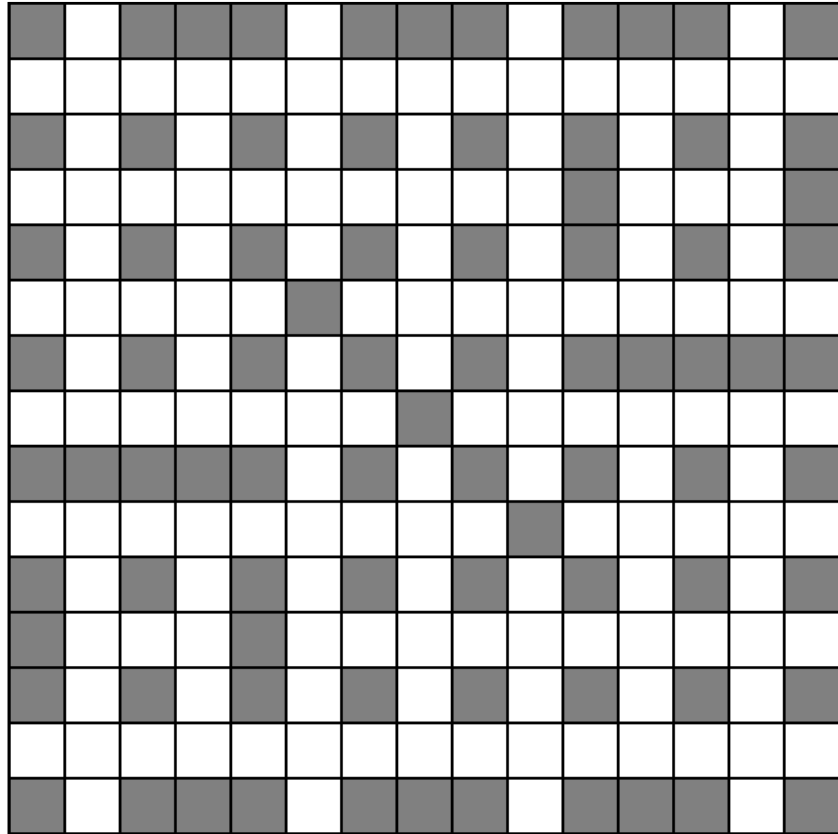
- 1 Permitted bliss in the absence of irony? (5)
- 2 State VIP OK to fly (9)
- 3 Keep separate and vaccinate everybody at the start (4)
- 5 Train salient type of protein (7)
- 6 Demonstrating former woodworker's task verbally (10)
- 7 Regretting going round in wig (5)
- 8 Upright state set up head (9)
- 9 All the rage, like old colour (6)
- 14 Cheeky imp's rude raspberry initially let out around first lady (10)
- 15 Current song master arranged (9)
- 17 Train hire, trip for first girl initially (9)
- 19 Part payment is found back in store (7)
- 20 Pull the plug on spirit (6)
- 22 One standing on their own two feet (5)
- 24 Train bird (5)
- 25 Ready for frolic (4)

July 5-2020: Cryptic by *Nigrum Cattus* (Ray Gooderick)

- I love a good Spoonerism! Thanks for the fun.
- Enjoyed this puzzle very much. Some fun clues, especially with the Spoonerisms.
- Being a Queenslander 16d quickly set me on the trite rack. Good fun, love Spoonerisms.
- We should have started at 33A!
- 33across was a big help with this crossword; loved the clue for GOLD COAST.
- My attempt at a Spoonerism – TEASING PLEASER!
- Enjoyed the Spoonerisms. Thank you for your efforts on our behalf. Stay well.
- Great fun!
- I had lots of laughs when I was doing this. It was a wonderful puzzle!
- Took me a while to wake up to Spooner, so fingers crossed.
- Spoonerisms are not my favourite, but once I realised that was what I needed to look for, I was on the way!
- I loved the Spoonerisms.
- Thanks *Timid Terrier*; you certainly helped me tame the tricky *Nigrum Cattus*!

Sonia Roulston
 Ann Millard
 Ulla Axelsen
 Richard Skinner
 Joan Smith
 Bev Cockburn
 Norma Heyes
 Maureen Blake
 Robyn McKenzie
 Anne Simons
 Cheryl Wilcox
 Jean Evans
 Lynn Jarman

A U G U S T 2 0 2 0 S L O T 6
AJ by Flowerman




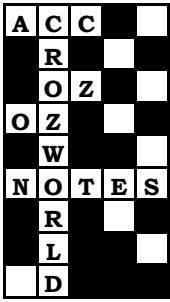
Solutions each have a different central letter, with even-numbered solutions having double letter centres, specifically, doubles of C, E, G, L, M, N, P and T. Clues are presented in alphabetical order of their solution's initial letter. In all clues the wordplay does not account for the solution's centre. Place solutions in the grid jigsaw-wise where they fit. The 3-6 solution is not in *Chambers* or *Macquarie*.

- Some underestimate climbing circuit (5)
- American gasps after exercises introduced for people involved in court proceedings (10)
- Maybe Cricket Australia prepared to drop "Bash" finally? (9)
- She and Ben talk about taking in Iceland – they're very close in meetings (7,8)
- I'm back in the red after ordering true pest killer (8,7)
- Poor clues delivering uniform lines (5)
- Part of skeleton company getting by (6)
- Supplied document to frame porky rector (9)
- Yes, reportedly marijuana gets a fungal disease (3-4)
- One's useful for pouring oil, perhaps (6)
- Danced with chief after a change of heart (5)
- Swiss psychiatrist writing off a French car (3)
- Two Greek characters turning up with potassium for fruit tree (7)
- Except for one river, Kelvin rarely swimming in a large body of water (4,4)

- Len's raving about extremely effective indicators (7)
- Fine lyrebird displays once again (5)
- Man's wardrobe case lost in English store (3-6)
- Managed to catch old rodent in the north of England (6)
- Marine mammal eating a European coastal plant (7)
- Perhaps treacherous lies circulating on track (8)
- Coming back, Rocky must regularly rest (5)
- Make application to base to obtain washing solution for ships (5)
- Your formal wear ultimately lacking in taste (3)
- At very Scottish university Edward's unchanged (10)
- Eastern Ukrainian city, not the capital, upsetting selective consumer (6)
- Beatles wife initially understandably nervous about seeing grand champions in sumo (9)

Send Solution to:

Ian Thompson, 12 Olive Street, Malvern East, Vic, 3145.
e-mail: irt_botanist@hotmail.com
Closing mail date: Friday 11 September 2020.
[or submit on the ACCOLADE button on www.crosswordclub.org home page.]



Solutions to QUIZ 6/2020

WASH YOUR HANDS by *Fortuna 48 (Nea Storey)*

Entries Received: 28; Percentage Correct: 68%.

Results: 32: W Allen, U Axelsen, B Cockburn, L Colgan, H Cromer, J Crowe, D Jones, J Leigh, D Meek, R McKenzie, A Miles, M Potts, M Procter, D Procter, D Rosendorff, W Ryan, R Taylor, M Veress and K Williams. **31:** G Cole, A Millard, B Siegman, A Simons and R Wimbush. **30:** I Mason, J Smith and C Wilcox. **29:** P Abbott.

Answers:

1 AIDS, 2 Bacillus, 3 Bacteria, 4 Bug, 5 Cholera, 6 Corona, 7 COVID-19, 8 Distemper, 9 Dysentery, 10 Epidemic, 11 Fever, 12 Flu, 13 Germ, 14 HIV, 15 Listeria, 16 Lyme, 17 Malaria, 18 Microbe, 19 Necrosis, 20 Plague, 21 Polio, 22 Pox, 23 Rabies, 24 Rubella, 25 SARS, 26 Tapeworm, 27 TB, 28 Tetanus, 29 Virus, 30 Wog, 31 Yaws, 32 Zyme.

Adjudicator's Comments:

Thank you to everyone who participated, and I trust a bit of humour helped dissipate the COVID-19 blues. Apologies for transposition of Nos. 26 & 27 – members seemed to take it in their stride. LISTERIA caused the most headaches, followed by NECROSIS. Unfortunately, one entry was despatched too late to meet the deadline.

Members Comments:

- Penny dropped after the first two – but the final half-dozen took a while. DISTEMPER – Who knew? Last one in, LISTERIA – Nice clue. *William Ryan*
- Much better now Keep taking the puzzles! *Keith Williams*
- No.15 had us puzzling for days. Thank you for a topical quiz. *Julie Leigh*
- Thanks so much for your interesting quiz, although it made me wonder how on Earth I have managed to survive for more than 80 years. *Betty Siegman*

- Good to get some pleasure out of illness *et al.* *Ian Mason*
- Stay healthy in this poxy world. *Roy Taylor*
- A fun and very appropriate QUIZ. Would you believe #7 was my last one in, the use of an actual number threw me. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Boy that was fun! Not 100% confident. *Patricia Abbott*
- As a microbiologist, I particularly enjoyed it! 15 was the last one I was stuck on. *Drew Meek*
- I enjoyed this one, being so topical, and being related to my area of study many years ago. There were many clever clues, with my favourite being "listeria". This took me ages to get. It is actually very literal! *Julie Crowe*
- Thanks for your enjoyable and timely quiz. There were some terrific clues in here. I liked BACILLUS, BACTERIA and NECROSIS. Hard to believe, but COVID-19 was the last one in for me! *Andrew Miles*
- Another very interesting and fun quiz. I will go and wash my hands now!!! *Marian Procter*
- Nice to see a quiz from you and what a relevant topic! I really enjoyed solving your clues but #15 had me stumped for quite a while! The beauty of your clues, though, is you know you're right because it all fits! Thank you for the brain workout! *Bev Cockburn*
- Haven't got a clue about 15. Probably easy but???? *Ann Millard*
- Thank you for preparing this quiz. A great idea. No.15 has stopped me. *Graeme Cole*
- Very clever. All quite weird isn't it. Haven't recovered from the fires yet but amazingly, we have all embraced social isolation! *Robyn Wimbush*
- I enjoyed this quiz and it's very appropriate at this time. It took me a while to get number 15. *Hilary Cromer*
- Thanks for this quiz. It was fun to solve. *Michael Veress*
- It has been a difficult time but the puzzles have been very helpful. I don't have an answer for 15, looking forward to seeing the answer. *Joan Smith*
- A beautiful little quiz, and a lot of fun. I especially liked the clue for tetanus! *Michael Potts*
- Very appropriate quiz. It was fun! There were some lovely clues. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Very enjoyable quiz. Appropriate for our times. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- I'm feeling sick after doing it. LOL! *Warren Allen*

Cryptic Crossword Courses by Brian Tickle brjroy@tpg.com.au

Can any of our members top this? Betty Siegman tells me she has been conducting cryptic crossword courses for her local branch of U3A for 18 years! Betty has kept her amazing record intact during the COVID-19 restrictions by emailing puzzles to her enthusiastic participants. According to Betty, 'They say it's one of the things helping them to keep sane.'

Some ideas that may be helpful when explaining containment clues.

Start with short clues

It's not possible to use 3-word examples for containment clues as I suggested for anagrams last month because, as well as the definition and the indicator, the clue must include the container and the contents. In 4-word clues each word plays a vital part. For example,

- Liquor houses support teacher (7) = APOSTLE [from *Crowsman*]:
- Ale (container) houses (indicator) post (contents) teacher (definition)
- Left fat pig inside (8) = LARBOARD
- Left (definition) fat (container) pig (contents) inside (indicator)
- Hole in vegetable seed = PEPITA [from *The Stickler*]
- Pit (contents) in (indicator) pea (container) seed (definition)

Is it a container clue or a contents clue?

Participants in my course said they found it much easier to distinguish between the two variations after I pointed out that:

a) In a container clue the container appears first in the clue e.g. He sculpted man embracing woman (5) = RODIN
I really like this example because, in Rodin's famous sculpture, The Kiss, the man and woman are embracing each other, but, because of the clue's construction, the man (Ron) is the container and therefore appears in the clue before the contents (Di).

b) In a contents clue the contents appear first in the clue e.g. Empty small container into larger one (6) = VACANT

I like this example too because the solution is formed from two containers. Because the small container (CAN) appears before the larger one, we can easily recognise that this is a contents clue.

Outside the Box

When participants have become familiar with recognising and solving each clue type I try to show participants some examples in which setters have created a little different.

1. Celt is cross between two people (7)
2. Share everything the writer found in Bible (9)
3. What a pupil may be doing to understand about a classical language (8)
4. The pair in panties, drunk (5, 3, 7)

Answers: 1. Manxman 2. allotment 3. dilating 4. under the weather.

Quiz No 8/2020 Nine at last! by St Jude.

Answers have something in common and are in alphabetical order. Send your entries to Drew Meek 6 Leven Street Scullin 2614 ACT: e-mail: drewski1@hotmail.com. Please note that mail entries will be sent to Switzerland via a forwarding service so please send solutions by email if possible, or allow at least a week before the closing date to be sure that your entry is received.

Closing Date: 11 September 2020. Prize \$75.

- 1 glue (5)
- 2 aloud (1,5,4)
- 3 addition (8)
- 4 Star of Orion (9)
- 5 scar (8)
- 6 J.K. Rowling or Tracey Emin, for example (8)
- 7 cross (8)
- 8 Madame Lash (10)
- 9 printer (3,6)
- 10 DNA (6,5)
- 11 commingle (5)
- 12 nail bed (6)
- 13 sautéed, diced vegetables (8)
- 16 nothing (3)
- 18 legendary bird (7)
- 19 she goes fishing (9)
- 20 great grandmother perhaps (13)
- 21 long winded (6)
- 22 temporary solution (5-3)
- 23 root (5)
- 24 willow (5)
- 25 flower spike (6)
- 26 watch-woman (11)
- 27 money (9)
- 28 cicada (6)
- 29 scroggin (5,3)
- 30 paralyse (8)
- 31 computer operating system (4)
- 32 spying nun (8)

July 1-2020: Half and Half – with a Difference by *Bogeyman* (Ian Williams)

[My apologies for what turned out to be a very weak joke. Most members saw through it, but those that tried A Different approach to PINK GIN have been credited with their dots – B]

- Originally couldn't justify a word beginning with P for 21d, then I looked at the title. An A+ puzzle. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Dastardly! *Anastasia Webster-Hawes*
- Neat trick to have all across clues beginning with A and all down clues (bar one) beginning with D. *Ian McKenzie*
- Not sure why 'pink gin' appeared in all those A's and D's but can't see it as anything else. Compiler's joke? *Merv Collins*
- Interesting grid but appropriately easy in the 'problem' areas. *Andrew Patterson*

Very clever to get all As for across and nearly all Ds for down!
Robyn McKenzie

- I only noticed the alliteration of the across and down (except pink gin) clues after I had finished. Very clever. *David Bennett*
- Wow! I didn't see the Across and Down till very late, so I really hope Pink Gin makes a difference! Cheers, *Bogeyman*. *Kathy Horadam*
- All the Across answers begin with A and all the Down answers with D so have I slipped up on 21 Down with Pink gin? Very clever to fit in all except one answer into this pattern if I am correct. *David Procter*
- Well that's the first time I have seen all words either beginning with A or D. Shame I didn't notice before I finished the crossword! Doh! *Julie Leigh*

- Is this the new DADAism? *Max Roddick*
- I'm hoping the "difference" is in 19D because it doesn't start with a D. *Drew Meek*

I assume the difference in the title refers to the only solution that breaks the a ACROSS AND D down ANSWERS namely pink gin. *Brian Symons*

Very cleverly constructed puzzle. All of the down clues begin with D and the across clues begin with A. My first thought was that the puzzle was compiled by David Astle. *Brian Tickle*

- Probably got this wrong, as 21d seems out of keeping with the rest. *Keith Williams*

Very clever. I didn't notice all the D and A clues until I was entering them. But what about PINK GIN? It fits the clue and I can't find a D alternative! *Roy Taylor*

Didn't realise until I was submitting it, just how really clever 'a difference' it was. Great fun. *Jean Evans*

Very clever with the 'a' and 'd' words, but did *Bogeyman* have one too many 21ds and forget? (Or have I egg on my face because my answer is incorrect!!!) *Eileen O'Brien*

Unfortunately the only drink I could find for 21down was pink gin – which spoils the line-up of across answers beginning with A and down answers beginning with D. Very clever! *Nea Storey*

Thank goodness for the title, otherwise I'd still be worrying about Pink Gin! Typical *Bogeyman*. *Richard Skinner*

Acrosses & Downs – with A Difference. *Ann Millard*

What an unusual grid! I can't believe it was not until days after completing this that I saw all the As and Ds – except for 21dn – I think the setter may have got me there! *Tony Dobebe*

Very clever. I didn't actually notice the theme until I'd finished, unfortunately! *Julie Croue*

Great start for the month Fav clues 14, 17ac and 5dn. *Joan Smith*

Pink Gin!!! That must be the difference! *Bev Cockburn*

All across clues start with A. All down clues bar one (the 'difference') start with D. Sure wish I had noticed this earlier! *Maureen Blake*

Is this an AD for PINK GIN? A bit of tonic in mine please. *Mike Potts*

A clever slot 1 to fit in all the A and D clues. *Hilary Cromer*

At first I had 'pink gin' for 21D linking with 'at work' but then changed it to 'dill gin' and 'at toil' to fit with the A and D theme. But both should really be accepted as there was no mention of the theme. I found this the trickiest of the puzzles I attempted this month I loved the amice and doona clues. *Barbara Ibbott*

I liked the A and D initial letters (for all but one) and this was helpful for a beginner once I discovered it. My favourite was 14 Across – Aerials. *Susan Reynolds*

Enjoyable Slot 1, although I am not sure of one answer. *Anne Simons*

Hoping the difference is one clue that doesn't follow! *Cheryl Wilcox*

Clever puzzle. All Across solutions start with A, and all down solutions start with D, except for 21dn which I could not parse any way other than PINK JINN. Perhaps this one solution is "the difference"? *Andrew Miles*

I can see all the across answers start with the letter A and the down ones with D but can't get anything else for 21 down except Pink gin!!! *Marian Procter*

It took a lot of thinking to spot "A Difference". *Lynn Jarman*

Pleasantly surprised by mathematically-inclined reptile. *Ron Jarman*

July 2-2020: Cryptic by *JAXA* (Jack Alexander)

Favourite clues were those for HYPERION, MALAYS and COALESCE. *Brian Tickle*

ARMENIAN and 29A were my favourites, thanks *JAXA*. *Kathy Horadam*

Both fifteen-letter clues presented very cleverly. *Max Roddick*

Nice to see some cultural influence with references to a novel, play and astrology. Plus a logic puzzle. *Tony Dobebe*

Couple of potential COTMs, so used an 'eeny meeny'! *Eileen O'Brien*

An enjoyable puzzle. *Nea Storey*

Some great clues. Thanks, *JAXA*. *Ann Millard*

Enjoyed this mix of knowledge. And I learned a new word – BICAMERAL! *Anastasia Webster-Hawes*

Really enjoyed this puzzle by *JAXA*. Thank you. *Trish McPherson*

Challenging puzzle with some great clues, ORPIN, LOOK BACK IN ANGER and COPTIC were my favourites. *Joan Smith*

Great puzzle. Loved "BY GEORGE"! *Bev Cockburn*

An enjoyable puzzle. APHASIA was a familiar word due to my work. *Barbara Ibbott*

Lots of wonderful clues but my COTM goes to LOOK BACK IN ANGER. *Robyn McKenzie*

Thankyou *JAXA* for a fun puzzle. *Jean Evans*

Loved some of these clues: BELEAGUER, ACROSS, ACRONYM and more! *Kathy Horadam*

Excellent puzzle. Liked EVENS OUT, RELATING and ACRONYM. *Len Colgan*

I liked EVENS OUT. *Roy Taylor*

Liked DRAPE and CABOODLE. *Tony Dobebe*

Amazing what a difference a wrong letter makes! Had 'manacled' for 4ac and could not find an answer for 8dn until I read the 4ac clue again and got the 's' for 'screen'. *Eileen O'Brien*

Enjoyed this one. Some great clues. Took a while to work out word play for APOLLO but I got there. *Ulla Axelsen*

Loved this puzzle, so many options for COTM. My picks were 13,25,28,29ac and 5,15dn. *Joan Smith*

Such a plethora of wonderful clues. It was hard to pick one for my COTM but I did. #28 EVENS OUT. *Bev Cockburn*

I was disappointed with 18dn's 'solution', is there really a word 'USHERESS', or was it merely created of necessity? [she's in Chambers – Adj] *Ian Mason*

Liked clues for ACRONYM and ACROSS. *Hilary Cromer*

I like it! Intelligent, sensible clues. Very satisfying! *Anastasia Webster-Hawes*

I loved ACRONYM, and gave it my COTM. *Betty Siegman*

Good clues. Hard to choose a COTM. *Anne Simons*

Such interesting and fun clues. *Jean Evans*

My type of cryptic! *Lynn Jarman*

Liked EVENS OUT. *Roy Taylor*

Liked DRAPE and CABOODLE. *Tony Dobebe*

Amazing what a difference a wrong letter makes! Had 'manacled' for 4ac and could not find an answer for 8dn until I read the 4ac clue again and got the 's' for 'screen'. *Eileen O'Brien*

Enjoyed this one. Some great clues. Took a while to work out word play for APOLLO but I got there. *Ulla Axelsen*

Loved this puzzle, so many options for COTM. My picks were 13,25,28,29ac and 5,15dn. *Joan Smith*

Such a plethora of wonderful clues. It was hard to pick one for my COTM but I did. #28 EVENS OUT. *Bev Cockburn*

I was disappointed with 18dn's 'solution', is there really a word 'USHERESS', or was it merely created of necessity? [she's in Chambers – Adj] *Ian Mason*

Liked clues for ACRONYM and ACROSS. *Hilary Cromer*

I like it! Intelligent, sensible clues. Very satisfying! *Anastasia Webster-Hawes*

I loved ACRONYM, and gave it my COTM. *Betty Siegman*

Good clues. Hard to choose a COTM. *Anne Simons*

Such interesting and fun clues. *Jean Evans*

My type of cryptic! *Lynn Jarman*

July 4-2020: AJ by *Manveru* (Michael Kennedy)

JIGSAW across the top although JUPITER and LUCIFER are interchangeable. *Ann Millard*

LUFICER and JUPITER appear interchangeable? [We (very kindly) did not penalise members for overlooking the unannounced Nina, which has Jupiter and Lucifer adopting their intended positions – Adj] *Keith Williams*

Enjoyable AJ. Lucifer and Juniper are interchangeable. *Roy Taylor*

Many great clues. My favourite was TURNABOUT followed by DUSKINESS and GLOSS. I was unaware of the connection between Lucifer and Venus. *Brian Tickle*

I don't understand the wordplay in "broadcaster. *David Bennett*

Many cleverly disguised anagrams in misleading clues – some of them only became clear with hindsight. *Ron Carpenter*

Always good. *Andrew Patterson*

I love these AJs! Thanks *Manveru*. Positions of J and L are interchangeable (L as Venus is new for me too). X was a guess, I could not find the bills. *Kathy Horadam*

As Lucifer and Jupiter are interchangeable, I hope it doesn't matter which answer goes where? *David Procter*

Jupiter change places with Lucifer? Not likely! *Max Roddick*

CITRUS is cleverly constructed. *Tony Dobebe*

Always enjoy the AJ. Thought the grid was user-friendly! *Eileen O'Brien*

An enjoyable AJ. *Nea Storey*

Haven't done one of these before. It was great! *Anastasia Webster-Hawes*

Good fun as always with an AJ. *Ulla Axelsen*

Good fun as always with an AJ. *Ulla Axelsen*

Good fun as always with an AJ. *Ulla Axelsen*

Good fun as always with an AJ. *Ulla Axelsen*

Good fun as always with an AJ. *Ulla Axelsen*

Good fun as always with an AJ. *Ulla Axelsen*

Good fun as always with an AJ. *Ulla Axelsen*

Good fun as always with an AJ. *Ulla Axelsen*

Good fun as always with an AJ. *Ulla Axelsen*

Good fun as always with an AJ. *Ulla Axelsen*

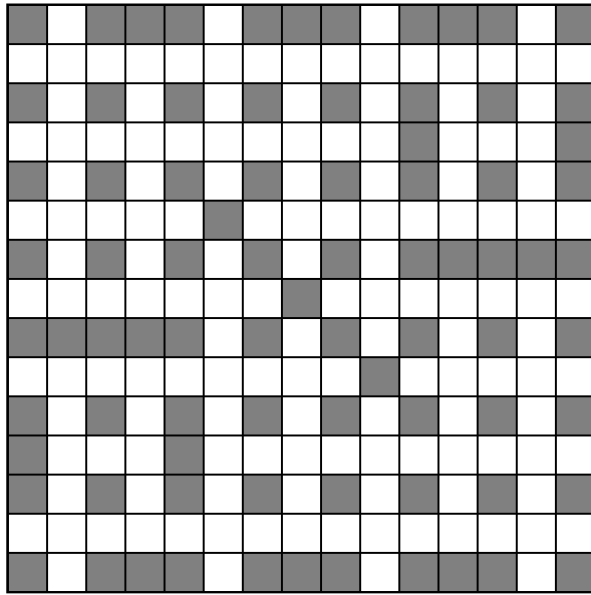
Good fun as always with an AJ. *Ulla Axelsen*



|A|U|G|U|S|T| |2|0|2|0| |G|O|O|D| |G|R|I|D|S|

|A|U|G|U|S|T| |6| |2|0|2|0|

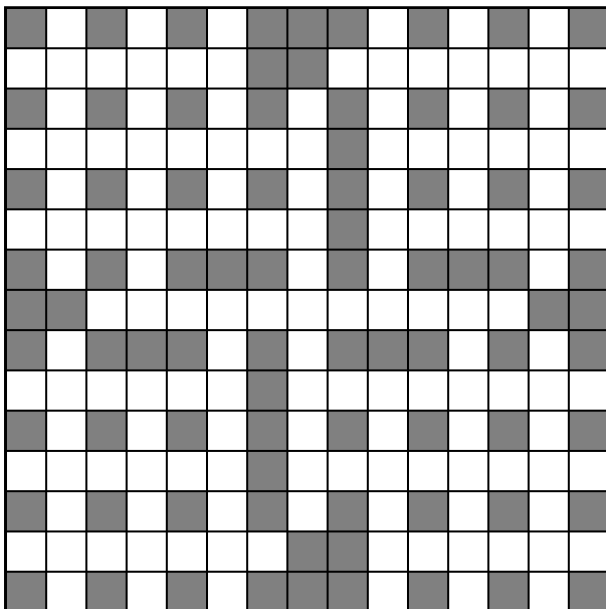
Send solution to: Ian Thompson, 12 Olive Street,
Malvern East Vic 3145.
Closing mail date: Friday 11 September 2020.
NAME:



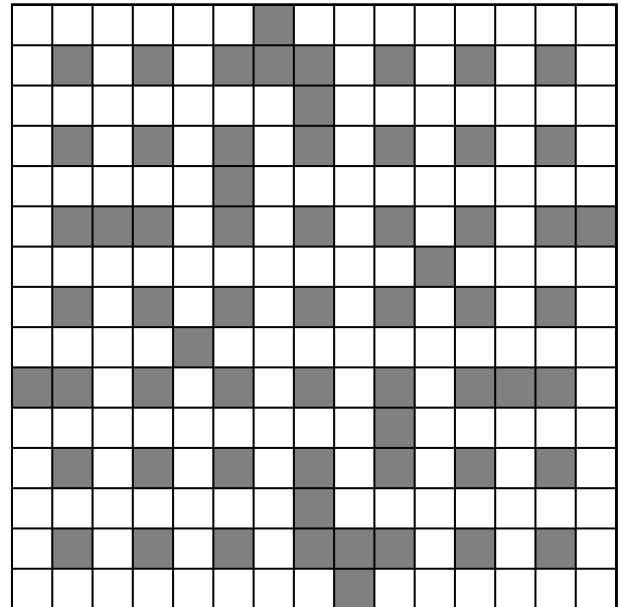
|A|U|G|U|S|T| |2| |2|0|2|0|

1	2	3		4		5	6		7	8
9						10				11
12					13				14	
15			16							
					17					18
19			20	21						
22		23						24		
25						26			27	
	28			29		30				
31							32			
	33					34				
35										

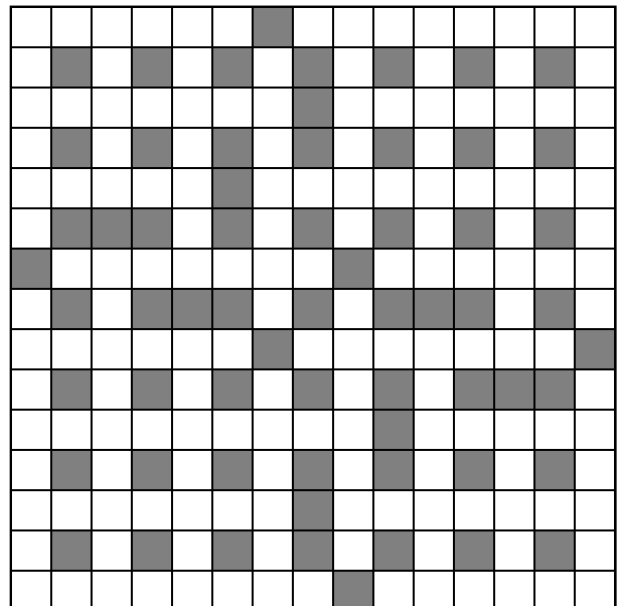
|A|U|G|U|S|T| |4| |2|0|2|0|



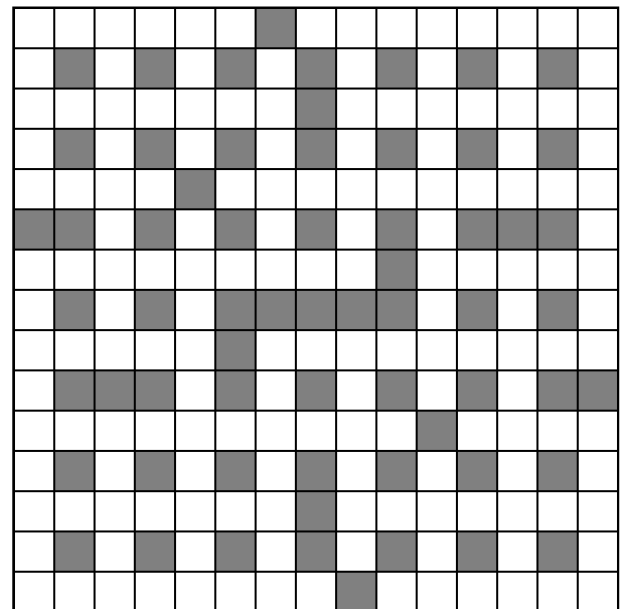
|A|U|G| |1| |2|0|2|0| NAME.....



|A|U|G|U|S|T| |3| |2|0|2|0|



|A|U|G|U|S|T| |5| |2|0|2|0|



Clue of the Month

June 6-2020 Cryptic by Betelgeuse (Gillian Champion)

Entries received 44, Correct 36, Success rate 82%.

Adjudicator's comments

An excellent performance by our expert solvers in one of Gillian's more difficult puzzles. FRUGIVORE (one on a restricted diet from 17-down) and footnote (added comment from 1-down) at two each were the only repeated errors. The others may have been typos rather than solving mistakes. A good response – congratulations to all.

Explanations. Note: [The reference in [] indicates the location of the definition of each clue. **Across:** 1 (THOUGHTS - HOT)* [25d], 5 (BOWL + TO + Y)* [33a], 11 (E + TREMOR)* [18a], 12 homoph "quail" [1a], 13 hidden [27d], 14 ME< + BARKER [20d], 15 AFT in CAN [22d], 18 (NAKED APE)* [5a], 21 LO(V)INGLY with UR for V [16d], 22 (SILLY COAT)* [4d], 24 S + AILING [11a], 28 A + MoUSER [6d], 29 FOOT + NOTE [1d], 30 LO(N for S)E [13a], 31 AG + REE [34a], 32 (TREATS + T)* [24a], 33 (STIR around DEE)< [32a], 34 SPA + SM [12a]. **Down:** 1 T (R) ICKLES [14a], 2 HE + MA + TOMAtO [29a], 3 hidden stinGO AT Sunset [31a], 4 E in (CAST)* round (TI + TI) [21a], 6 ORGy round BIN [15a], 7 TURnKEY (without N = name) [28a], 8 A in OK + APPLES [22a], 9 hidden (...iBLE Waste) [26d], 10 DREY< [30a], 16 (FORGIVE + RU)* [17d], 17 WEL(L) + COMERS [8d], 19 (IS + MENTAL)* [2d], 20 (MAY DREAD)* [19d], 22 SLED round (L)ATE [23d], 23 ON + CO + ST [7d], 25 J + jULy + EP [3d], 26 A + RAF< [10d], 27 LOG + E [9d].

Solvers' Comments

- I found this quite a challenge, but very enjoyable. *Betty Siegman*
- Brilliant. Is KNEEPAD faulty? [Yes - the brilliant surface reading distracted the editor! - Adj] *Brian Symons*
- A fun puzzle. *Dani Rosendorff*
- Another hugely enjoyable challenge by a champion compiler. *Roy Taylor*
- The many unusual words certainly didn't make this any easier. As always with *Betelgeuse*, a good challenge to the grey matter and organisational skills. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Displaced definitions = fractured brain! I had to tweak the anagram in 18 across to get what I hope is the correct answer. *Kath Harper*
- Great puzzle. This one really challenged the brain and contained some very interesting words. *Jean Evans*
- A nice challenging puzzle, but spoilt, I think, by the lack of grammatical correctness in the wordplay of several clues. *Ian Thompson*
- I enjoy a challenge like this puzzle, although it nearly beat me. Thank you. *Ann Millard*
- What a vocabulary Gillian had. Add that to a very devious mind and slot 6 is the result. Maybe we got this one correct? *Richard Skinner*
- Another *Betelgeuse* masterpiece! I required a sheet of paper to cross-check all the displaced definitions, and a dictionary to look up all the words that Gillian knew but I didn't! *Nea Storey*
- Another of Gillian's mind-twisters! 22 took me ages to parse. Very clever. *Julie Crowe*
- What a delight! Most of the clues, although 'disjointed', still make sense. Bravo *Betelgeuse*. Minor quibble, 18ac KNEEPAD seems to have an extra A in the clue. [whoops, sorry! Adj]. *Tony Dobebe*
- I do love Gillian's puzzles. They are no5 for the faint hearted! *Julie Crowe*
- Wow! This was hard! But what joy when I finished! Right or wrong, I felt victorious! *Bev Cockburn*
- A typical *Betelgeuse* puzzle – hard! Some of these I could not quite work out and would be grateful for explanations. Is the length indicator in 5ac correct? It seems to be (4,3), not (3, 4). If 18 ac is indicating KNEE PAD, how does "Evolutionally, Naked Ape..." work? I seemed to have an extra A. Is 22dn SLATED = 23dn def. "to be covered"? How does the "One is cold in winter transport without / without large..." work? [see explanations - Adj] *Andrew Miles*
- This took weeks to complete but, as I initially thought it was

beyond me I am delighted to be able to find the answers. So many new words!!

- This took me a very long time but it was worth it. I learned a few new words on the way. *Maureen Blake*
- Phew ! *Robyn McKenzie*
- Another devilish cunning but scrupulously fair puzzle from Gillian. The legend lives on! *Max Roddick*
- Mike Potts*

Explanations for July 2020 slots 1 to 5 inc

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 Bogeyman. (Cryptic clues) Across: 10 A(pril) + T(ricked) + TEND + ED, 12 A + MP, 14 AE + RIALS, 17 cd, 20 A + MICE, 24 A + UK, 25 A + DO, 31 ANGEL + I + CAfe. **Down:** 3 DRY + DOCK, 4 DD in DAY, 5 DAM + AGED, 6 DELI + R(I)UM + S, 16 DeIsM, 21 PINK + homoph "djinn", 22 (STUPA)* in DharaN, 26 dd, 28 DO + ONA.

Slot 2 JAXA. Across: 9 Anag, 10 Hidden, 12 (EAGLE)* round ArK, 13 (L)OVER HANGS, 14 A in STIR, 15 HAS in APIA, 18 EX + AMINE, 21 OR + PIN, 23 BIC + AMERican + mALe, 25 AC + RE + AGE, 26 UNI in PEST, 29 LOOK< in ANGER [Stage play]. **Down:** 1 Even letters, 2 RN in US, 3 BRAN CHEStnut, 4 cd, 5 CO + ALES + CE, 6 Homoph "malaise", 7 NAG + A + SAKI, 8 cd, 11 REV + UP, 15 AM + ORALLY, 16 HYPE + NOIR< [Keats poem], 17 Anag, 19 MEN in ARIAN, 20 NudE + ARS, 22 Anag, 24 C + OPTIC, 27 Hidden, 28 TAR+P.

Slot 3 Pentangle. Across: 1 CARE(E)R, 4 Swap OR for MAN in oracles, 10 BE(L)E + ARGUE*, 11 chAPTER, 12 PT in OED, 13 TANG + ER(I)NE, 14 dd, 16 M(IE)N, 19 Palindrome, 21 THE in MANS*, 24 AND + A + N + INTO*, 25 rANKLed, 26 DooR + pAPER, 27 T(LORE*)ABLE, 28 Reverse anagram, 29 A + CROSS. **Down:** 1 CA + BOO + LED*, 2 R(TALE<)ING, 3 EL + AND, 5 A + CRONY + M, 6 (BEAT)* in (MEANT)*, 7 LA + T + VIA, 8 dd, 9 (AUNTS + N)*, 15 O(LEANDER)S, 17 KEEP< + tABOO, 18 E in (RUSHES)* + S, 20 SH(IA)UTS*, 21 A + (dOLLOP)<, 22 <DAB + D + I + E, 23 Hidden, 25 marAUder + bRICK.

Slot 4 Manveru. A A+TT+HRE, B (C + STARBOARD)* around E, C C.I.T.R.U.S, D (SUN KISSED)*, E (TOUCHSCREENS - R)*, F F+ALTER+S, G G+LOSS, H (BAIL HERE)*, I sIBERIAN S move S to rear, J dd, K cd, L dd, M (MANGLE + E)*, N (SAINTLUCIA - IS)*, O cd - Play on ORIGIN, P PAN(A(TELL) A, Q QU+IBBLE, R (MOOR)< + (SITE)*, S (BOAT)* inside (SEA GOD minus O)*, T TURN(A+B)OUT, U UN(L)IT, V VI+KING+S, W W+REST+L+E, X AMEX<, Y YOKE+L, Z Z(jEALOUS).

Slot 5 Nigrum Cattus. Across: 1 Spooner: Shot heeler / hot sheila, 7 Homoph "barred", 9 Spooner: subtle/tussle, 11 (GI + L + I + S) in PUT, 12 AGING - GG, 13 "I DO" +LATER, 14 Spooner: tiffin/fit in, 15 (GANG)* in LOO, 18 GRINS*, 20 First letters, 21 A+G(IT)ATE, 25 IC in TROT, 26 Spooner: Canberra/bank error, 29 Initial letters, 30 (CAREE + PT)*, 31 hidden, 32 Morse code dot = DIT, 33 (PROMISE+SON)*. **Down:** 2 Spooner: hound dog / downed hog, 3 (O+LATT)*, 4 hidden, 5 LE(PER)S, 6 Spooner: right wing / white ring, 7 Spooner: bull fight / full bite, 8 (USSR)* + I + A, 10 (A+NAIL)<, 16 Spooner: Gold Coast / cold ghost, 17 Spooner: great apes / ate grapes, 19 STARTLES*, 22 evens, 23 FRI+END, 24 T(hrea)T in WACO*, 27 Hidden, 28 TERRITORIAL+ARMY - (AT+MILITARY)*.