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English usage is sometimes more than mere taste, judgment, and education  
 – sometimes it's sheer luck, like getting across a street.  
 EB White, 1954, 'Shop Talk', in *The Second Tree from the Corner*.

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We have been delighted with the excellent response to the renewal of subscriptions and the generous donations to the ACC prize fund 2009. It looks like the New Year will be richly rewarding for all solvers! Details of renewals and the names of those who have kindly donated to the 2009 Prize Fund can be found on p9. Further renewals and donations will be acknowledged in the next *Crozworl*. Many thanks for your generous sponsorship of the ACC in 2009.

Don't forget about the special offer where you can sign up a new member for 2009 for only \$30. Some of the members have already taken up this great offer. Why not include the puzzle-packed *Crozworl Compendium* for another \$5? This marvellous collection of puzzles and quizzes will make a wonderful gift to your friends and a great Christmas present!

Puzzleman Ian Williams has selected another excellent range of puzzles for you this month. Many of your favourites are featured: *Virgo* with an excellent cryptic, *Jesso* with his famous *Half 'n Half*, and *InGrid* with a composition titled *Crying Foul!* plus *Southern Cross* with another of her quality AJs. *Dazy May* takes up the Slot 5 spot with a challenging puzzle titled *New Horizons* and the inexhaustible *midships* has given us a Slot 6 puzzle which he has named *Altogether Now!* Regular Quizmeister Brian Symons has challenged us with another one of his fascinating and interesting quizzes titled *Wise Enough* (see p9).

Kindly note that due to the Christmas Season we have an early closing date with this issue – **Friday 19 December**. This will enable us to get the January *Crozworl* and the *Compendiums* out in time for Christmas. Good Luck with your solving. Finally, a special note of thanks to the Williams team – Kay and Ian – for adjudicating the Slots 1-5 puzzles plus the e-ldgment ones too! —Patrick

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Thank you for our very first Christmas card and for all the thanks and good wishes that make this task so pleasant. Past (and frequent) nagging by adjudicators must have had some effect as there was only one entry with blank squares this month! Well done everyone else! Overall, a small entry this month – possibly due to the perceived difficulty of the themed puzzles, according to the comments. However, of those who did tackle them the overall success rate was high.

**Slot 1:** Many declared the saints too hard but of the 47 entries there were only six errors. BERNARDINE was accepted in place of the intended BERNARDINO, because of the variations found in the English spelling in various references. RUTH (a saint according to at least one Christian faith) was accepted in lieu of the intended RITA and HILARIOS in lieu of the intended HILARION for the same reasons. The homophones REIN and RAIN were both accepted in 24dn.

**Slot 2:** There were no systematic errors apart from two PROTEGES in place of the intended PROTEGEE but there were a few misspellings. BOSSDOM (not in *Chambers*, *Macquarie* or our *SOED*) gave problems to only two solvers.

**Slot 3:** SPINE for SLIME and various answers for TSUGA (hemlock spruce in *Chambers*) created the most problems in this slot.

**Slot 4:** Both homophones UNSOWN and UNSEWN were accepted for the U clue. The most frequent errors arose from wrong solutions in place of RHUMBS (a homophone for rums), PLANTAGO (PLANT + AGO) and GOTHIKA (GOT + HIK(E) + A).

**Slot 5:** All entrants had worked out the correct solution grid, despite the production errors. All three incorrect solutions must have been due to transcription errors as the incorrect letter in each case made no sense in the solution to the relevant clue. Despite the unfamiliarity of GENDERUWO, a black, hairy fiend in Indonesian mythology (see comments), only one solution had it incorrectly.

**COTM:** Eighteen votes were recorded across sixteen clues covering all five grids. Doug's Slot 4 attracted most nominations: he gained two votes for MISGRAFF and two for YAHOO and therefore attracted nearly one-third of the vote. Congratulations Doug! —Kay Williams

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| Puzzle No.          | 1                       | 2                         | 3                       | 4        | 5                  | Total              |
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| Entries received    | 47                      | 62                        | 64                      | 52       | 58                 | 284                |
| Correct entries     | 41                      | 55                        | 54                      | 40       | 55                 | 246                |
| Success rate (%)    | 87                      | 89                        | 84                      | 77       | 95                 | 87                 |
| <b>Prizewinners</b> | A Patterson<br>B Morris | M Galbreath<br>I McKenzie | G Campbell<br>B Solomon | J Fowler | J Wood<br>P Garner | from 65<br>members |

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**Prizewinner: November 2008 Slots 1-5: Doug Butler**

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## MEMBERS RESULTS FOR OCT Slot 6 & NOV 2008 Slots 1-5



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**Across**

- 1 Radiance (4)
- 4 Notes (4)
- 7 Mimicked (4)
- 10 Restraint (4)
- 11 Jabber (6)
- 12 Rabbles (4)
- 13 Steep rock (4)
- 14 Bondman (4)
- 15 Yen (4)
- 17 Slender (6)
- 19 Leader (9)
- 22 Extort (5)
- 24 Section (7)
- 26 Lubricating utensils (3-4)
- 29 Little (5)
- 31 Danger (9)
- 33 Canoes (6)
- 36 Opposed to (coll.) (4)
- 38 Indonesian island (4)
- 39 Nobleman (4)
- 40 Sea-bird (4)
- 41 Cricket team (6)
- 42 Navy prison (4)
- 43 Tolerable (2-2)
- 44 Limbs (4)
- 45 Flatfish (4)

**Down**

- 1 Urchin with letter showing pluck (8)
- 2 Yellow cold going around (8)
- 3 Way stew is prepared (4)
- 4 Ironsides comprehends Scottish isle? (4)
- 5 Boot a new law officer out of state (6)
- 6 Fail with a story of Iceland (4)
- 7 Disturbed Laos too (4)
- 8 Exercise sheep and English bird (6)
- 9 Took off the same toffee centre with editor (6)
- 16 Cabbage alien cooked for the premier (4,2-3)
- 18 Ray flaring out and rising (9)
- 20 Mutual beginning in winters (5)
- 21 Prime Minister, oddly only first of seven (5)
- 23 Energy on a long time (3)
- 25 Growth of the Spanish male (3)
- 27 A plot gone awry for Daniel's companion (8)
- 28 Southern country writes on English indecision (8)
- 29 Sam Bass endlessly dances (6)
- 30 Haphazard Seal Island paths (6)
- 32 Loopy as nine might be (6)
- 34 Wait, say, for a striking success without the Italian (4)
- 35 Undergo charge with learner (4)
- 36 A pound's enough for vestments (4)
- 37 It is combined to indicate disease (4)

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## Cryptic

by  
*Virgo*



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### Across

- 1 Doubles turn to sing praises to self starter (5)
- 4 A bosom buddy (3)
- 6 Senior golfer (5)
- 9 A hotel goes over well in Arabia (3)
- 10 Developed a true edict with honesty and integrity (9)
- 11 Armoured guard from Rome is into tattoo creations (5)
- 12 How backward poets write? (8)
- 13 Second rate farm offshoot (6)
- 15 Madam Turner for example (10)
- 19 The old rest days roughly in recent times (10)
- 22 Lets in sad Tim and Dicky (6)
- 23 Quadruple supply of fur, flood damaged (8)
- 25 Cartoon boy who starred in *The Last Rock from the Sun* (5)
- 26 Red-eyed hood bolts out (9)
- 27 News of Olive perhaps? (3)
- 28 Runabout boat (5)
- 29 You sound sheepish (3)
- 30 American wheel covers and exhausts (5)

### Down

- 1 A dirty room needs a clean up to be slept in (9)
- 2 A bower in a special covering (6)
- 3 Shakespeare hurries runner to luxury cars (6)
- 4 Concourses above Dr. Lu's surgery (10)
- 5 Pirates of Penzance heroine decapitated by Adam's son (4)
- 6 To stick out from port is rough and vulgar (8)
- 7 Trout and pickle opera (8)
- 8 Insect Blocker! (5)
- 14 Cartoon character is said to be foxy but he never gets the bird (4,6)
- 16 Facilitates former partner, despite carve-up (9)
- 17 Cube study is nothing to me - experiment! (8)
- 18 Study manual style as authorised (8)
- 20 Tick attribute (6)
- 21 Relative to a catcher of night insects! (6)
- 22 Alas, there is nothing here! (5)
- 24 Fit starts a big lump expanding (4)

### Explanations to November Slots 1-3 and 5

The following are explanations provided by the compilers: thank you Roy, Joan and Drew.

#### Slot 1: Half [Cryptic] but Hallowed [theme of All Saints Day] by midships

**Across:** Most saints were defined in terms of their "accepted" patronage except: **1** St Lawrence Seaway **12** Whimsical reference to *Three Men in a Boat* **23** reference to Bernadette Devlin Irish MP. **Down:** **1** PAN + AT + IrELAnd (SOED spelling) **2** reverse hidden word **3** EN + ABLE **4** MAN + AC + LED **5** HAND + ORGANS (barrel organs = *Chambers*) **6** SHIN + TO, **8** EARTH + Y **13** reference to Old Dart **16** anag **18** DO (LI) TTLE - do little - LI in *Chambers* **19** PAST + EL **21** EL (E) VEN **22** AGENT - T + DA **24** homophone of rein but either allowed.

#### Slot 2: Oooh Creepy! by Praxis

**Across** **1** sp./o/OKs **5** rips(rev)/its **9** P(ret)ence **10** GH/anag, **11** med (rev)/on **12** anag /cops **15** Replace T in 9 with S **17** S/tap/le **18** double definition **19** Anag minus A **20** I/den/It (rev)/Cal **21** tan/go **24** G(host)S, **25** tec/tonic **26** boss/dom. **Down** **2** per/pet/rated, **3** out/do **4** sen/T **5** s(anage), **6** anag/is (rev)/on **7** anag **8** hidden **13** egret (rev) in anag **14** une/clips/Ed **16** Satan/i(St)s **19** homonym **22** A(Rom)A **23** s/cow **24**.

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**Crying  
Foul!**  
by  
**InGrid**



Asterisked clues  
have a common  
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**Across**

- 1 Use bus, jet and even fancy note to get below (9)
- 6 Croft holds a volume on the tadpole (5)
- 9 \* (5)
- 10 Telling again about being left in for good (9)
- 11 \* (10)
- 12 Can open the bale (4)
- 14 Maintain a settee that seats five not one hundred (6)
- 15 Judge about to give his opinion on the queen (8)
- 17 Crack in vessel without a line around it (8)
- 18 Soul a blessing for someone so uncouth (6)
- 20 Start having a right proper nag (4)
- 21 I am no brute to be crushed by this instrument (10)
- 24 Readily dispersed when work I engaged in became chilly (9)
- 25 \* (5)
- 26 Retch all over the rock (5)
- 27 Push breeder to replace fastener (5,4)

**Down**

- 1 The way love is in charge seems detached (5)
- 2 \* (9,6)
- 3 This respiration could be contrived (10)
- 4 Unsophisticated to heed your old ways (6)
- 5 If I typed in this, it would be illustrated (8)
- 6 \* (4)
- 7 \* (7,8)
- 8 Bent metal can stand this degree of resilience (5,4)
- 13 Place at United Nations talk on antelopes (10)
- 14 Lush but spirited (9)
- 16 Seafood cocktail collapse (8)
- 19 Give award to revolutionary tree (6)
- 22 He men don't have to care about correct text (5)
- 23 \* (4)

**Explanations for November 2008 (cont'd from p4):**

**Slot 3: Children's Pranks by Timid Terrier**

**Across:** 1 H + allow + mas (Sam back) 6 Wit + ch 9 Vamp + ire 10 Cost + u + me 11 Skele (anag) + to + ns 15 Scar + y 18 Bon + fire 20 G + host 22 S + lime 23 Fantas (-y) + m 24 Part + y 27 Black + cats 32 Pump + kin 35 Scare + crow. **Down:** 1 H I V + es 2 Lumme (Hidden) 3 O + live 4 Mae + wo -o 5 Sects (Hidden) 6 Wasp (paws reversed) + s 7 Tsug (blow {up}) + a 8 Heed + y (may -ma) 12 Beginning of letters 13 Tai + led 14 Need + ful -e 16 Coom + a 17 A + go + nic, 19 Ne(is)t 21 Te + mp + t 24 Pip + it 25 Anagram 26 Yak + ut hut - h 27 Bank + s 28 Ant + ra 29 Double meaning 30 Anker (anag) 31 S + crew.

**Slot 5: A Cautionary Acrostic by St Jude**

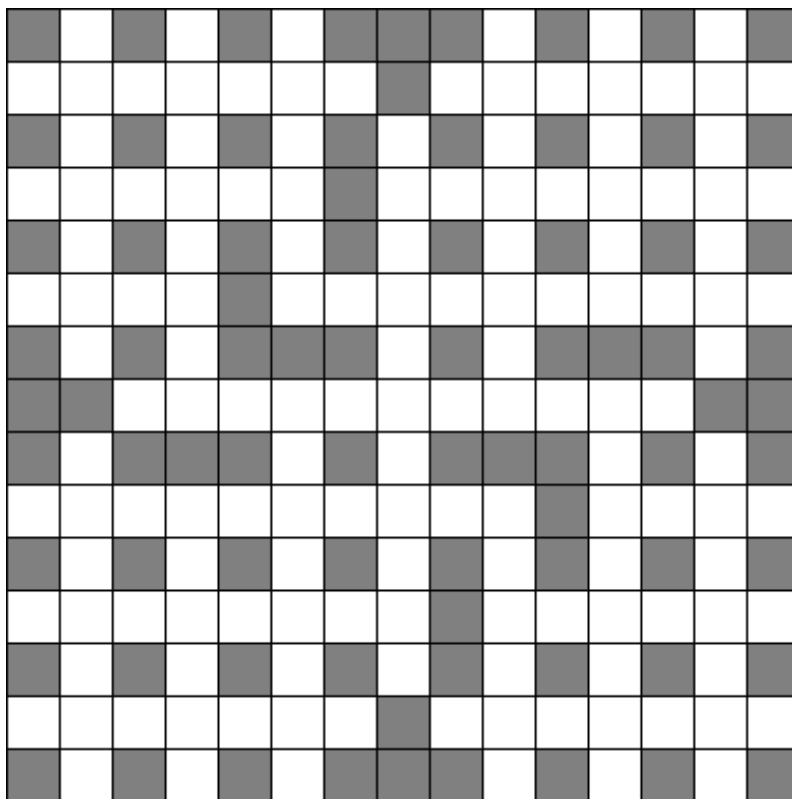
**A:** fish (HAG) + (DEN) **B:** Anagram: A + L + H + COOL **C:** HYDRated, cut short **D:** A + (NSW) + (ER)+ (ED) **E:** Head letters **F:** OF+F +SET **G:** UnTeAch every second letter **H:** CHIME + RA **I:** Anag: W + A + ASH **J:** HW iNABLAze; defn= DELia (Chambers) **K:** DD (+archaic indicator) **L:** GAL + LOWS **M:** Anagram: BUSHLOUT **N:** O + TT + ERS **O:** Anag MEN + GIRLS **P:** Anag EVIL + SWELL **Q:** HW; camEWHOWant **R:** TA + (RANT + ISM **S:** Anag HARD RAIN **T:** I +MP **U:** homophone indicator SCOOPS- SKOOPS overturned SKOOPS - SPOOKS **V:** V + ETCH **W:** US AS YET anag **X:** bit waRY of UK, + E + Y) US **Y:** S + HADES **Z:** ELL + I + PT + IC

Note: GENDERUWO is a black, hairy monster in Indonesian mythology and was the title of a horror film (allegedly dreadful) in 2007.

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**AJ**  
by  
**Southern**  
**Cross**

**Book**  
**Prize**



Solve the clues and place the solutions, jigsaw-wise, where they fit

- A** Make known doctor works on, supplies being landed by parachute (8)
- B** Is Scottish novelist right to pull up where Coral lives? (7,4)
- C** John goes up after fish – it's an environmental thing to do (3,4)
- D** Copper takes on carpet sellers and crack suppliers (4,7)
- E** Reputation held by the Spanish for paint (6)
- F** Skin gets hardened where some actors must work (4,3)
- G** Commonsense needed where forest's reportedly into trouble (8)
- H** Defensive covering for steering apparatus used by space traveller (6)
- I** I'm taking you in, say, after I free a metallic element (7)
- J** Boat carrying mostly unwanted mail (4)
- K** Coomera's said to produce these vegetables (7)
- L** A music-maker and storyteller, we are told (4)
- M** Romeo low – in disguise – it could make a fine yarn! (6,4)
- N** Awful experiences when right names are confused (10)
- O** Motel sale finally organised on note with breakfast order? (8)
- P** Say what to do with reports on molluscs, for example (6)
- Q** Question 1 involved with urinal for a hill in Rome (8)
- R** Neil to ring about replacing the inner layer (8)
- S** Having to live lower down than head of state is discriminatory (6)
- T** Some clientele coming back to old service provider (7)
- U** Finishing off by pursuing crazy, missing king (5,2)
- V** Five in Rome, one German, and no American being blue-blooded? (7)
- W** He puts together something that goes over the judge's head (3-5)
- X** Times has an ad – "Utopia's first pleasure-domed paradise" (6)
- Y** Herb is a worry somehow (6)
- Z** Buddhist sect applied this to the celestial heights (7)


**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

- Many thanks for my prize for Slot 2; yet another beautiful certificate, and the opportunity to buy another reference book. *Crozworld* continues to offer hours of fascinating, sometimes frustrating, mental stimulation. Thank you to all you wonderful compilers, adjudicators and committee.  
*Gabrielle Leeds*
- What a thrill it was to be the lucky winner of Slots 1-5! Thank-you to the club for my lovely certificate and cheque. And while on the subject of thanks, a somewhat belated thank-you to Patrick for organising such an enjoyable afternoon for the Christmas in July celebration, and for my great book prize for the quiz.  
*Robyn Caine*
- I was really bowled over by the great *Chambers* book I received last week as the prize for October's Slot 4. It will certainly take pride of place on my reference shelf! Many thanks to the ACC, not only for the book, but also for the wonderful fun provided by each month's puzzles.  
*Michael Veress*
- The November issue of *Crozworld* should have been subtitled "Be afraid, be very afraid". The stuff that nightmares are made of!  
*Jenny Wenham*
- This was a tough bunch despite the common seasonal theme.  
*Michael Kennedy*
- On the theme for the Month – I am all spooked out!  
*Nea Storey*
- Very tricky month of puzzling, starting off with your saints – I can't stop wondering if I'd have had more success with sinners! All puzzles fitted the theme beautifully. Thoroughly enjoyed Doug's AJ and thought Drew's particularly clever – had a laugh with his reference to Google.  
*Roy Wilson*
- I loved the theme this month, especially Slot 3: *Timid Terrier* managed to maintain it in every across clue.  
*Betty Siegman*
- I'm not a fan of Halloween. I'm afraid the theme puzzles left me cold.  
*Ted O'Brien*
- I really appreciate the setters' effort in compiling all this but by the sixth puzzle I was very much over all the Halloween stuff. The theme required obscure words to accommodate them. It became laborious toward the end.  
*Andrew Patterson*

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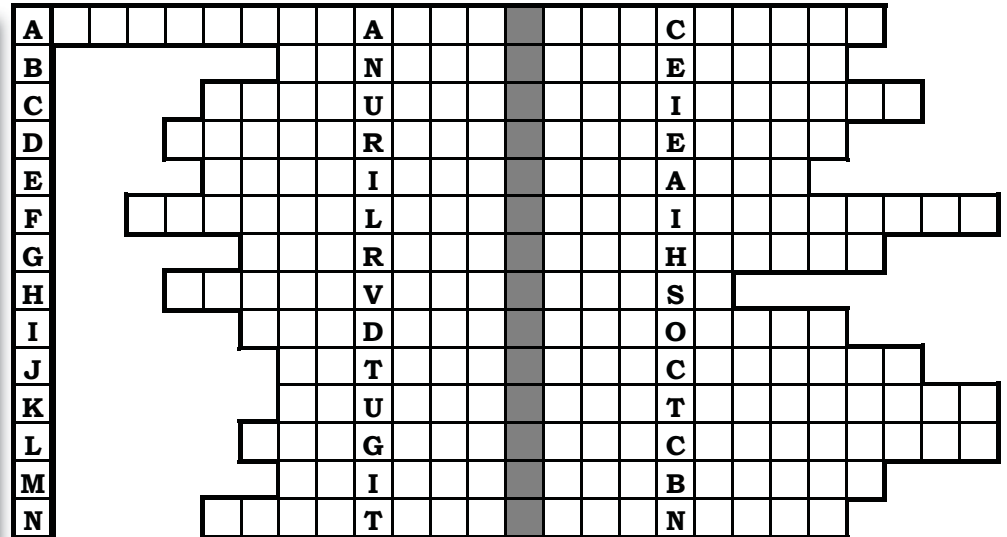
**New Horizons**  
by  
**Dazy May**

**Prizes: \$50**



**Win!**

**2006 edn**



Definitions are contained in the verse. Each cryptic clue relates to two words in each line of verse, i.e. two separate clues and two defined words per line, in the correct order. The defined words are underlined in the first line to give you a start.

- A** Much have I travell'd in the realms of gold
- B** And many goodly states and kingdoms seen;
- C** Round many western isles have I been
- D** Which bards in fealty to Apollo hold.
- E** Oft of one wide expanse had I been told
- F** That deep-brow'd Homer ruled as his demesne:
- G** Yet did I never breathe its pure serene
- H** Till I heard Chapman speak out loud and bold:
- I** – Then felt I like some watcher of the skies
- J** When a new planet swims into his ken;
- K** Or like stout Cortes – when with eagle eyes
- L** He stared at the Pacific, and all his men
- M** Look'd at each other with a wild surmise –
- N** Silent, upon a peak in Darien. *(John Keats)*

**Clues**

- A** Mull over cleverly, poke around, give way over note (12, 9)
- B** Star, barren, did duty after award out East (6, 8)
- C** Rashly blur goal by chance exchanging ring for first answer (8, 10)
- D** Time and time again gutless longstops field it badly, with sorry ending (9, 8)
- E** Betting account debts alerted reforms (8, 7)
- F** Overweight, in short – not so much publicity on care by paper boss (10, 12)
- G** Out of iron, gold next, and check off potassium (7, 9)
- H** Sect followed by four, and double that I heard as one involved in prying (9, 5)
- I** Don fled in disorder with no backward glance and little hesitation (7, 8)
- J** Soak points disturbed poet prince (6, 10)
- K** Research about right to examine patterns (6, 12)
- L** Cracked gold egg against lashes of old royalist (7, 12)
- M** Mimic swallows crushed ice in pub after pub leaving nothing with us (6, 9)
- N** Understood vessel was a small craft with novice on board (8, 8)

**GENERAL COMMENTS (cont'd from p6):**

- Overall, I enjoyed all the puzzles. Not too sure about having a themed edition. Once the first theme is found you've basically got the lot.  
*Jim Fowler*  
*Shirl O'Brien*
- I was all spooked out this month and glad to be rid of the Good Grids.
- Len and I are no longer able to send individual Christmas cards and ask for none to be sent to us. We do wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks to all who make this a unique club, especially Patrick, Bev and Ian.  
*Carole and Len Noble*
- The degree of difficulty of many of the November puzzles, the need to Google answers and the esoteric nature of some are most off-putting for many solvers. I introduced a lady to the Club and she has managed only one dot in over six months. I think that one or two slots should be confidence builders.  
*Bob Hagan*
- I think this was a difficult set of puzzles, especially for a short month and I think that Slot 1 required too much research for that slot.  
*Margaret Davis*  
*Dave Parsons*
- Although this message will not self-destruct in five seconds, the grids felt like "Mission: Impossible" for a while there.
- The Halloween theme was a lot of fun. Congratulations to all the clever compilers. I couldn't decide on a COTM this month; there were lots of good clues. I guess I was most taken with the non-cryptic clue for St Jerome in Slot 1. Fond memories of reading *Three Men in a Boat* a long time ago.  
*Robyn Caine*

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**Altogether  
Now!**  
by  
*midships*



Across solutions are of a kind: each clue has a cryptic indication only, which is closely associated with the solution to be entered into the grid, which may be singular or plural. The first word length indicator is that of the solution and the second is of the word to be entered into the grid. Down clues are normal.

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**Across**

- 1 Maori rum-nut cocktail (11) (8)
- 5 Roll to church (5) (6)
- 10 Inject drug into dermis (5) (5)
- 11 Rod scores one last and two firsts (6) (9)
- 12 The way round (6) (9)
- 13 Take nothing out of vacuum cleaner (5) (5)
- 14 Declared caught (6)
- 15 Leads secure old retriever dog (4) (7)
- 19 First three litre convertible (6) (7)
- 21 Turned poor Tom's innards (5) (6)
- 23 US President's personal statement, lacking independence (6) (5)
- 26 Informal man with youth (5) (9)
- 27 Jolly, following tea! (5) (9)
- 28 Fast lot of ships (5) (5)
- 29 Many wander (5) (6)
- 30 Queen in Tibet has no time (5) (8)

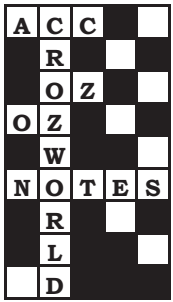
**Down**

- 1 Gays' game with oval ball turns sickly (6)
- 2 Guaranteeing that 'Enry is suffering internal expression of pain (9)
- 3 Could old doctor fasten yacht rigging? (5-4)
- 4 Country river current active (7)
- 6 Metal tag possessed by beagle trainer (5)
- 7 Give weapon to senior officer at the road barrier (5)
- 8 Tendency for viewpoint to include first person and neglect last (8)
- 9 Plume I waved was on top of bird's head (6)
- 16 Old bomber granted freedom of ancient Rome by an Eminence (9)
- 17 Got around to novel. Does one deserve another? (1,4,4)
- 18 Postgraduate, off rota, came to be overshadowed (8)
- 20 Drink in drug while passive (6)
- 21 Shakespearean Woods may sting poor actor (7)
- 22 Would Earth Mother sock wicked lizards? (6)
- 24 Old physician has little quantity to measure (5)
- 25 Plentiful lire in sack (5)

**Post  
Solution  
to:**

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Closing mail date: Friday 9 January 2009.**





**VALE JOHN VILLIERS**

We were saddened to hear of the death of **John Villiers** on 10 November. John had been a member of the ACC for many years and was a regular attendee at the Victorian Get-Togethers. He was in attendance at the one in July 2008 and looked to be cheerful and in good spirits. We send our sincere condolences to John's wife Wendy Villiers (also an ACC member) and to their loving family.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2009:**

Austin A, Barbour J, Bryant P, Caine R, Callan A&D, Carroll L, Clayton J, Coates D, Dearie P, Davey J, Davis M, Ducker R, Fauser G, Fuller D, Gillis J, Gleeson C, Hagan B,

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**Results of Quiz No 10/2008:**

**Six on Both Hands by dB (Doug Butler)**

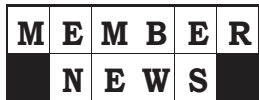
**Entries 26. Correct 7.**

**Winner: Andrew Miles. Congratulations!**

**Solutions:** 1: Robert Ansett 2: Ronnie Barker 3: Torrey Canyon 4: Little Digger 5: Deadly Ernest 6: Arthur Fadden 7: Graham Greene 8: Edmond Halley (contact me if you need evidence for this spelling) 9: Robben Island 10: Buster Keaton 11: Nicole Kidman 12: Martin Luther 13: Arthur Miller 14: Johnny O'Keefe 15: Little Pattie 16: Ginger Rogers 17: Harley Street 18: Women's Weekly.

**Scores:** 18: Catherine Hambling, Susan Howells, Michael Kennedy, Gabrielle Leeds, Trish McPherson, Andrew Miles and Carole Noble. 17: Warren Allen, Robyn Caine, Peter Dearie, Ro Ducker, Pat Garner, Doreen Jones, David Procter, Margaret Steinberger, Jack Stocks and Dallas Window. 16: Audrey Austin, Bev Cockburn, Don Hemsley, Ted O'Brien, Betty Siegman, Brian Symons and Alan

Walter. 15: Valerie Howard, Catherine Jones and Drew Meek. **Adjudicator's comments:** Ah, the perils of puzzle production! I had the perfect trap set where Robben Island was the wrong answer. The idea for the puzzle came after I read an article on Nelson Mandela that, unknown to me, had his final lodgings misspelt. A quick Web search produced a match so I was content. Ironically, I've had to mark wrong the one person who had 'my' answer! (Mandela was held on Robben Island 1964-82, Pollsmoor 1982-88, Victor Verster 1988-90). Alternatives accepted were 2: Ronald Barker 9: Ussher Prison (where Kwame Nkrumah was immured; actually a much better answer) 10: Steven Wright 17: Middle Temple. No marks given for 3: Tasman Spirit 5: Deadly Earnest, Madame Elvira 6: Lionel Bowen 7: Arthur Hailey 8: Edmond Halley, Edwin P Hubble 9: Robbin Island (the commonest error), Victor Vester 10: Steven Martin 13: Norman Mailer 14: Johnny O'Keefe, Pattie Newton 18: Woman's Weekly. —dB (Doug Butler)



**New Members:** We extend a warm welcome to **Gretchen Alt-Cooper** from Goulburn, NSW, **Dale McManus**, Mosman, NSW (a Membership Gift from Margaret Pyc), **Lyn Prince** from Hamilton NSW (a Membership

Gift from Margaret Steinberger) and **Dr John Brotherton** of Alexandria, NSW. Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworl ding!*

**Sorry ...**

- Our apologies for errors in the Bonus Quiz for November, *The Headless Horses* by *Virgo*. The clue to #11 is "Dr Yellow" and that to #20 is "Martyr Neill".
- Our apologies also for the incorrect numbering in the citation grid in the printed copies, due to a program problem. Experienced acrosticians would have identified the problem without difficulty but we hope that those less experienced solvers were not deterred by the omission of the normal sequential numbers in the grid.

**Mini Quiz No 10 by Ian Williams**

Can you name three consecutive days (in English) without using the words Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday? Answer: Yesterday, today and tomorrow. Several members submitted *Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day*.

**Mini Quiz No 11 by Ian Williams**

What do the following words have in common? Banana; Potato; Dresser; Revive; Assess. Can you identify any others? I have two more.

**Quiz No 12/2008**

**WISE ENOUGH by Brian Symons**

All answers contain no vowels except Y. In fact 31 Ys appear in the 24 answers. Send your answers to Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Pl, Grays Point NSW 2232 or by email [bsymons8@bigpond.com.au](mailto:bsymons8@bigpond.com.au) Closing mail date: Friday 9 January 2009. Book prize.

- 1 Moving ability (6)
- 2 A mammal (4)
- 3 Nimble (4)
- 4 A box (3)
- 5 A sac (4)
- 6 Oz game (3)
- 7 In a sardonic manner (5)
- 8 Appointment (5)
- 9 Beautiful maiden (5)
- 10 Pain (3)
- 11 Surreptitiously (5)
- 12 Spirit (5)
- 13 A portico (4)
- 14 Young (3)
- 15 Charily (5)
- 16 A wanderer (5)
- 17 Figment (4)
- 18 Uninteresting (3)
- 19 A race (5)
- 20 Conjunction (6)
- 21 A cavity (5)
- 22 Body fluid (5)
- 23 Gum (5)
- 24 Song (4)

**The Australian Oxford Dictionary**

**WORD OF THE MONTH**

**paralogism** *n. Logic.* 1 a fallacy. 2 illogical reasoning (esp. of which the reasoner is unconscious). □□ **paralogise** *v.intr.* (also **-ize**). **paralogist** *n.* [ORIGIN: French *paralogisme* via Late Latin *paralogismus* from Greek *paralogismos*, via *paralogizomai* 'reason falsely' from *paralogos* 'contrary to reason' (as **PARA**<sup>-1</sup>, *logos* 'reason').]

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## November 1-2008: Half but Hallowed by *midships* (Ian Williams)

• A tough puzzle that I almost gave up on. Some of these had a number of different Saints and variations in spelling, some of which wouldn't fit in any of their variations. In a couple of cases I had to make an uneducated guess then try to verify the answer, so I won't be surprised if I've missed some. It took me (and Stu) ages to catch onto the theme despite the 'gimmies' of Scotland and England. And it didn't help that I had PIPE ORGANS for 5dn and SHACKLED for 4dn. I'm hoping I have the homophone the right way round in 24dn, as either RAIN or REIN would fit the grid without affecting the intersecting words. Despite the trouble I had, it was an enjoyable puzzle once I was on the right track, and a different tack from the rest of this month's offerings. Favourite clues were 1dn, 6dn, 21dn & 22dn.  
*Jenny Wenham*

• I don't know if there's a patron saint of empty grids (*St Jude?* - K) but for a while I needed to call on him or her. Once I cracked a few though the rest followed but I did need to resort to some web searching to verify some of the saints. Nice job on filling the holy grid. I will be interested to learn your view on 24dn REIN. I did consider RAIN or REIN could equally be valid but decided on the former because of 'may lead to'. In other words, RESTRAINT (or rein) when heard could lead you to fall (rain). At least that's my take on the clue. (*RAIN was intended, but in view of this eloquent argument either has been accepted - I*) I'm blessed if I can find the patron saint of bakers, so it's a complete guess. [*AGATHA - her emblem in art is a dish with her (severed) breasts on it - sometimes mistaken for a dish with two loaves, hence the link with bakers (and bell-founders!)*] - J].  
*Michael Kennedy*

• Heavens above, there are so many saints! Is there a patron saint of cruciverbalists, I wonder? [see above for lost causes - K]  
*Betty Siegman*

• Quite a lot of unwanted Googling required. I thought that Jerome was very obscure, and Agatha hard to find [both in *Brewer's and the Oxford books of Phrase and Fable among many other references* - J].  
*Roy Taylor*

• This was the hardest slot of all and possibly too hard for a Slot 1.  
*Bev Cockburn*

• A very hard Slot 1. The down clues are excellent, especially 18dn DO LITTLE.  
*Brian Symons*

• I thought I knew my hagiography. I was wrong!  
*Ted O'Brien*

• This one had me stumped for so long, it was the last I completed, hopefully correctly. I have never known so many Patron Saints in my life, till now! 11ac had me stumped, though; I could only find BERNADINE but she is the only one who fits the slot.  
*Barbara Morris*

• It took me ages to find all the Patron Saints - some were somewhat obscure. I could not find dictionary support for spelling Panatela with only one "L" but it has to be the answer - don't it [SOED - I]? Also I cannot unravel 18dn: Do Little, can find DOLT but not the bit about one third of a mile.  
*Jim Fowler*

• The theme seemed imprecise and I couldn't understand some down clues - 18 and 21. I had to search too much for it to be a Slot 1.  
*Andrew Patterson*

• There was far too much Googling and I don't approve of that for a Slot 1.  
*Shirl O'Brien*

• Slot 1 should have been promoted to Slot 3 or above. Lots of Googling for me with a number of the patron saints not being readily identifiable to the published clues.  
*John Gillis*

• Could 28ac be RUTH? The only one I know of (she suffered from alien corns) was pre-Christ so can't be a Christian saint. [*She appears to be a Saint according to the Greek Orthodox Church (as does Hilarios) and is thus accepted in this hagiographic context - I*]  
*Doug Butler*

## November 2-2008: Oooh, Creepy! by *Praxis* (Roy Wilson)

• Almost a relief after Slot 1. A good workout, though I had trouble finding BOSSDOM. Favourites were 17ac and 25dn.  
*Jenny Wenham*

• Creepy but fun - thanks, Roy.  
*Brian Symons*

• ATTERCOPS and BOSSDOM are not words that I use very often.  
*Ted O'Brien*

• Well done, *Praxis*, for getting so many creepy things into your grid. Loved ATTERCOPS (COTM for me). Still trying to work out how to slip that one into a conversation.  
*Barbara Morris*

• 12ac (ATTERCOPS) is non-existent in most dictionaries and *Chambers* defines as "ill natured person" - is that really a whinger? A lot of whingers I know - especially POMS - are really quite pleasant-natured.  
*Jim Fowler*

## November 3-2008: Children's Pranks by *Timid Terrier* (Joan Smith)

• More nasties (the answers, not the clues) to keep us worried. Favourite clue was 21dn.  
*Jenny Wenham*

• No wonder you're timid!  
*Brian Symons*

• There was more trick than treat here.  
*Ted O'Brien*

• This one had me scouring the dictionary. LUMME it was hard! 16dn had me scouring the postcode book, and then I found COOM in the *Chambers* and felt sure it must be right (COOMA). What a collection of odd words in one puzzle: TSUGA, NEIST, KIBES, PIPIT, RAMIE, YAKUT, ANTRA, ANKER (and that's if they're all correct!).  
*Barbara Morris*

## November 4-2008: Scream Gems by *dB* (Doug Butler)

• Two references to *Lord of the Rings*! I can see I'm going to have to read the books or put the search permanently into Google! The last answer I got was SAURON, and then only because the 'rings' reference was duplicated in the N clue and gave me a starting point for my search. Apart from that, though, it was all fair, if not necessarily easy. I liked the image of the bat's talon being used to treat a cat with laryngitis in the H clue.  
*Jenny Wenham*

• The U clue (UNSOWN) was another tricky homophonic clue as the indicator is in the middle of the clue and I think one could argue UNSEWN as a valid answer too [also accepted - K].  
*Michael Kennedy*

• "Edited Latvian yarns" is a great anagram - anagram indicator.  
*Brian Symons*

• The B, M, D and V words were all new to me.  
*Ted O'Brien*

• Thank goodness I'm a fan of the *Lord of the Rings Trilogy*; made this job easier for a couple of the clues. Not sure of a couple I've entered - fingers crossed!  
*Barbara Morris*

• The U clue is unknown to me. I think homophone clues should have the indicator at one end to make the answer clearer.  
*Andrew Patterson*

• This slot again had me searching the internet as I've never read or seen the *Lord of the Rings* and hopefully have the U clue correct with 'unsown' [Spot on - K].  
*John Gillis*

## November 5-2008: A Cautionary Tale by *St Jude* (Drew Meek)

[*Many people managed to solve it, but others asked for a solution to the optional puzzle, which read "A rookie's grim dismal poetry" - K*]

• I was plodding along nicely with this one until GENDERUWO materialised. I didn't think that could possibly be right but couldn't work out what I'd done wrong. Nothing, as it turned out, but once again I needed Google to find out about it. A nice bit of humour in the initial letters of the answers, but I don't think *St Jude* should be calling himself a 'rookie' [Only as a poet, I understand - K].  
*Jenny Wenham*

• *St Jude* is very badly named - definitely more fiendish than saintly!  
*Nea Storey*

• This was the most enjoyable of the first five slots.  
*Roy Taylor*

• Love the acrostics, and was chuckling at the author's message down the side. Must admit, I'm a fan of search engines when you just can't work something out, no matter how many books you look in, and how far into the memory you delve. There's a lot of cobwebs in mine, I find.  
*Barbara Morris*

• I agree that Googling a keyword that you have worked out in an Acrostic may give the answer in a hurry. But Google is only a quicker version of all the other reference sources that some/most people have and once a feel for the quotation is appearing most ordinary mortals will look to that answer/potential answer to work through the clues. "T-E", for example, will probably result in a "H" to go into the appropriate clue solution. The quotation may, of course, be remembered. Is that cheating? Solving clues without intersecting letter assistance can be daunting and back insertion of probable letters may be the only way to solve some clues [agreed - and is the Acrostic equivalent to the checked letters of a conventional puzzle - K].  
*Jim Fowler*

• Shades of *The Beast* - our dear departed Kev Layton - and very enjoyable. Thank you *St Jude* - yet another hallowed one.  
*Shirl O'Brien*

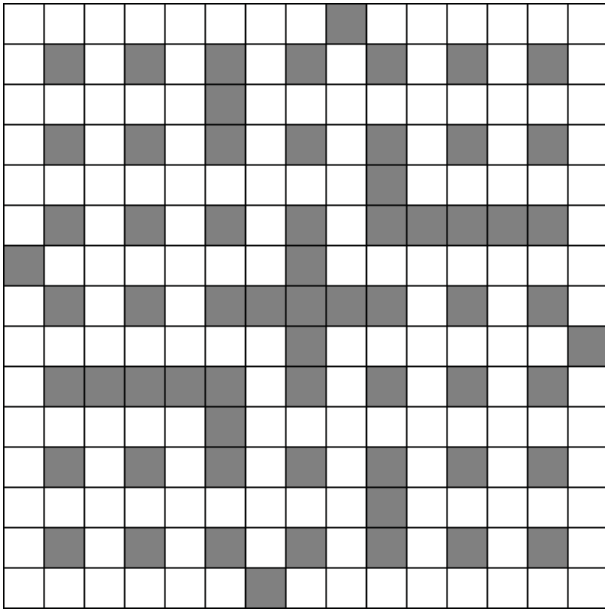
• Slot 5 was very enjoyable except for the X clue; can't seem to justify it no matter how I try: maybe I Googled the wrong islands!!!! [see the explanations p5 - K] But a rookie's grim dismal poetry was a pleasure to read.  
*John Gillis*

• I refrained from giving Drew a COTM vote as punishment for dismal poetry.  
*Doug Butler*

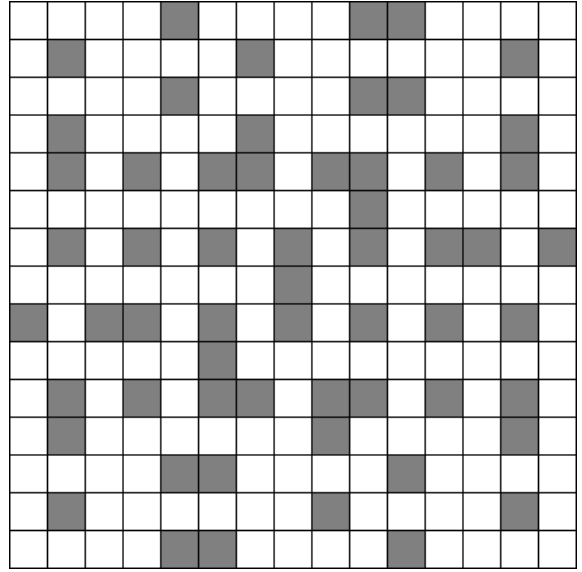
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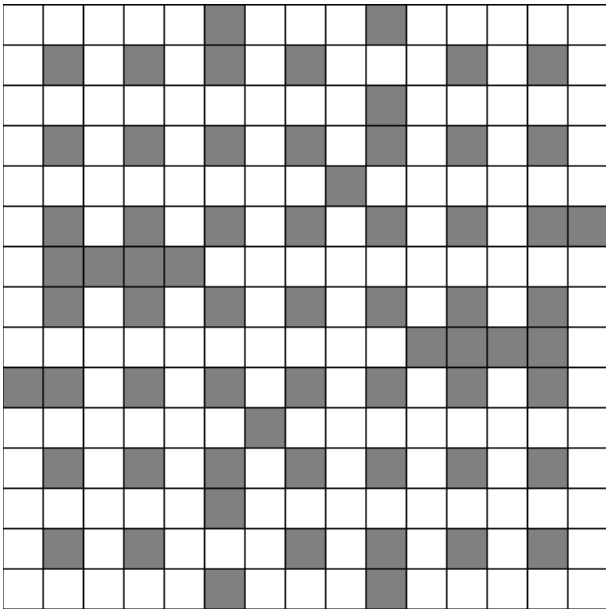


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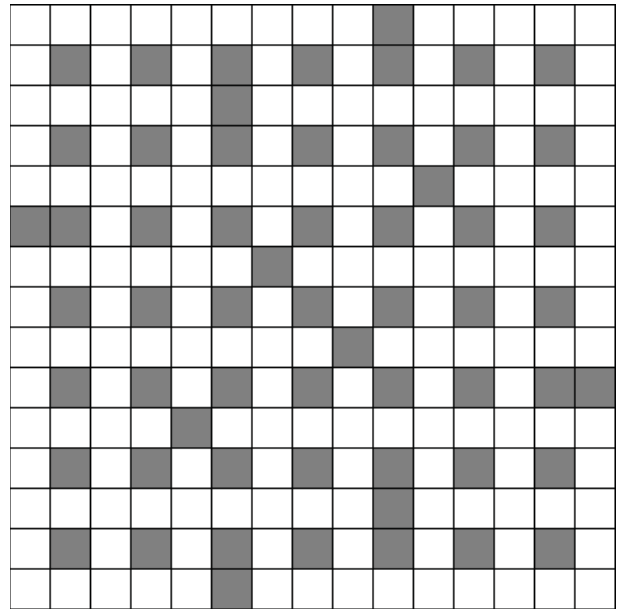


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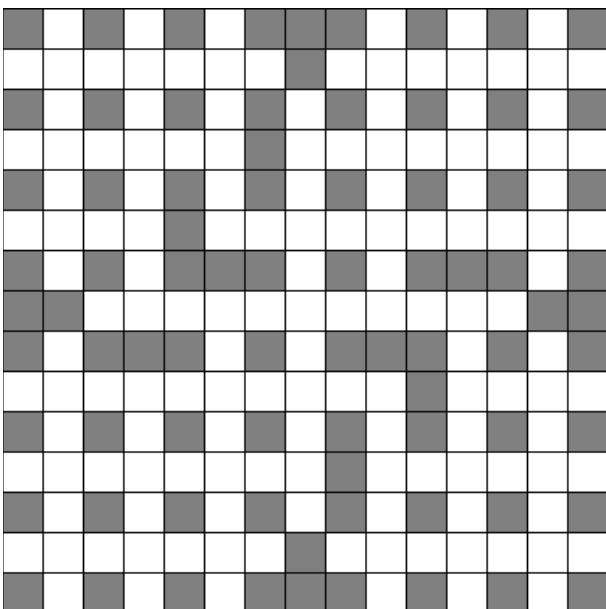
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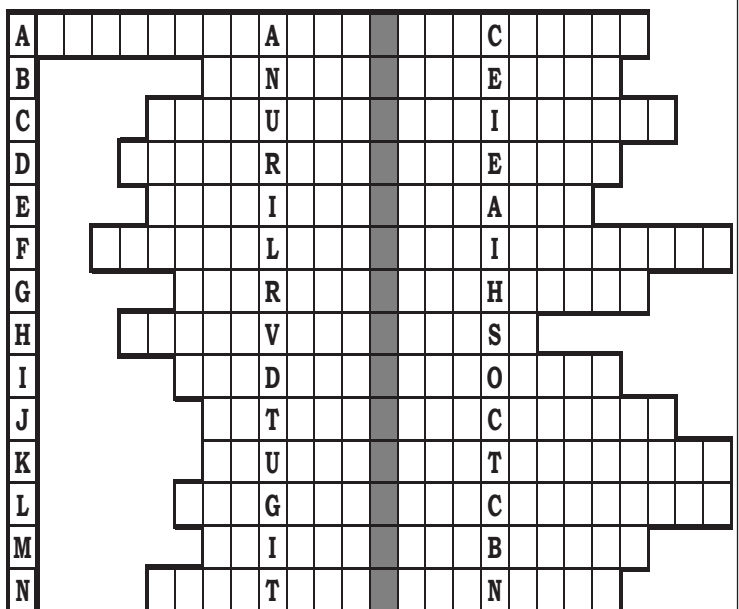
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**October 6-2008. Next Please by Jack Stocks**

**Entries: 78. Correct: 51. Success Rate: 65.4%**

**Winners: Merv Collins and Ann Jermy. Congratulations.**

**Adjudicator's comments:**

Thank you to those who sent wonderful cards and made such generous comments. SLIGHT, PLIGHT, ALIGHT for FLIGHT {F-forfe Strong or Loud)+LIGHT (illumination) = group} caused the most errors (16 in total). Both 'tie' and 'tye' accepted for 8dn as *Oxford* has them as alternative spellings for both definitions, even though my *Chambers* had only 'tie'. 6dn JOY, caused a few comments. Not the best clue, but everyone got it right. It was decided not to mention that the definition for 32ac was in 1ac to add a little extra Slot 6 spice. Did not seem to cause errors (4 only) and they were more likely to be caused by NAY or NAW for NAE in 30dn.  
—**Jack (Jack Stocks)**

**Solvers' Comments:**

- Thank you for the puzzle. I hope the Stocks have lots of laughs. *[Mostly; except when Stocks are low - J] Bev Solomon*
- Thank you for this very clever and challenging puzzle. *Jan Barbour*
- I had worked out most of the clues before I could work out the connection between them. *Hilary Cromer*
- I submit slot 6 with a degree of trepidation. I appreciate your effort. *Pat Garner*
- I am afraid I didn't always 'get' the connection from one clue to the next. *Dallas Window*
- Enjoyed doing this innovative puzzle and particularly liked ATHWART, FINICAL and REGAL. *Gillian Champion*
- Thank you for a very clever slot 6. It nearly did my head in trying to remember the definition was in the next clue but I eventually settled into a rhythm. I assumed the definition for 32ac lies in 1ac, hence UNSETTLE for 'overturn'. I did sit a while on FLIGHT, but figured F=strong as in loud, with FLIGHT equating to GROUP. My favourite clue was SHEBEEN, both for its surface reading and clever indication. *Michael Kennedy*
- Those across clues were amazingly imaginative. *Trish McPherson*
- Very clever idea; I enjoyed the challenge very much. *Roy Wilson*
- I thought this was a very well crafted puzzle. Good fun and a bit different. *Robyn Caine*
- This was cleverly constructed and enjoyable. Some great clues such as AORTA. It took me a while to associate ROTATOR and 'top'. *Roy Taylor*
- Thanks for an enjoyable and clever puzzle. UNSETTLE was my favourite clue. *Brian Symons*
- This crossword was without a doubt the most bewildering I've ever done. (Bewildering me I mean) I didn't know where I was half the time. I've stuck at it and feel quite smug about finishing it. Cross fingers. Thanks for the challenge and congratulations on thinking up something so very different. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Some connections elude me. Hopefully they did not prevent correct conclusions. Thanks for a great puzzle. *Ted O'Brien*
- What a different (tricky) puzzle. Thank goodness it was only the across clues! I particularly liked SHEBEEN – a word I had not heard of but beautifully concealed. *Bev Cockburn*
- Good one *Jack*. *Bill Bennett*
- A nice challenge. Some very good clues. *Bob Hagan*
- Thanks for your 'Next Please' puzzle which was quite unique and must have been time-consuming to construct so that definitions for across clues form part of the next clue. For 32ac UNSETTLE, was it your intention to relate this to 'overturn' in 1ac clue? If the answer to 7ac is CAST+E, how do you relate 'condemn' to 'cast'? (My *Chambers* has it -J) Also in 26dn if CARE+T is correct to indicate 'the missing mark' and we use CARE in the grid, how are you indicating the letter 'T'? *[Just meant "USE the little upside down 'v' to show that something was omitted" until you found that CARET = missing mark, with a question mark to say 'Look out Jack's gone crazy again' - Hope you always use CARE in the grid! - J] Alan Walter*

• An enjoyable puzzle with a clever idea for the across clues. Generally I thought the clues were well constructed. My "critical" comments are: 16ac: I'm presuming 'over' in 18ac is intended as the definition but neither *Chambers* nor *Macquarie* have that as a meaning for 'athwart' and I can't see any word suggesting 'across' or 'awry'. [*Chambers has 'over' meaning 'across' so I did a reverse meaning. Probably very naughty - J*]. 6dn: Joy seemed a bit facile. 26dn: I'm not sure of the second, though the definition clearly points to CARET. *[see above - J]*

*Drew Meek*

• Very clever idea for across clues. *Betty Siegman*

• Thank you for a most unusual and quite challenging puzzle. I am not entirely sure how to arrive at some of the across clues. What is the indicator for PACE and if JOY is correct for 6dn, I don't get that clue either? *Margaret Davis*

• What an imaginative puzzle! It took me a while to get the hang of looking ahead for definitions, but it was worth the challenge. *Kath Harper*

• Great puzzle. Took me a while to work out the extra hints in the clues, but eventually I twigged! Can't always complete slot 6, so I'm quite pleased with myself. *Barb Ibbott*

• I thought your puzzle was going to be next to impossible when I read the instructions but although difficult, I found it very fair and cleverly done. *Jim Fowler*

• Enjoyed your 'Next Please' and assume the definition for 32ac was in 2dn? *[see above - J]* The final answers I wrote in were FLIGHT (group) and ERG (needed a dictionary). I liked the idea of 'Next Please' but it must have taken a while to compile. Not sure of JOY for 6dn. *Graeme Cole*

• I thoroughly enjoyed this puzzle, but was a little confused about the relationship with the across clues, until I realised the connection was not at the beginning of the following clue. *Joan McGrath*

• I enjoyed your puzzle, but have agonised over 8dn (TIE /TYE). I cannot see the connection between 18 and 21ac. *Jan Wood*

• Good puzzle. Re 6dn: This is a sneaky one as *Chambers* has JAY = immoral woman (ie fast) but where does 29 fit in? So JOY it is for the elation component. *[very clever -J]*

*Maurice Cowan*

• Very clever puzzle. I'm always amazed at the many variations of the traditional crossword people come up with. *Dave Parsons*

• An interesting variation to the norm, and an enjoyable challenge. *Peter Dearie*

• I much enjoyed this puzzle. It was interesting and different; a challenge but not impossible. *Margaret Galbreath*

• A fascinating concept which gave the puzzle an extra edge. Well done. *Steve Trollope*

• A very interesting puzzle. It must have been difficult to put the definitions in the following clue. *John Gillis*

**Explanations for October Slot 6**

**Across:** 1 anag cars+ce >scarce=short 5 ad+c+anag Janet >adjacent=beside 9 origin+ally =initially 10 s+u+re =certain 12 nu +clear war+head(intelligence) =type of bomb 16 at+h+w+art = over 18 a tor over >rota + tor =top 21 c in finial>final=fussy 23 anag thrones>shorten=lessen 25 s+anag cheeps lessen + s >speechlessness=quiet 27 p+ace =speed 29 (speed up is) rev +elation =illumination 31 f + light = group 32 un+set+anag let>unsettle = overturn (in 1ac).

**Down:** 2 anag perch trout-the >corrupt=batter 3 lager rev >regal = kingly 4 eon hidden word 5 al +low (down) +s>allows=concedes 6 Joy revs up in 29ac 7 cast (condemn) +e >caste 8 tie/tye (draw) (trough for etc) double meaning 11 (travel in vehicle)>ride - e(front End >rid=free 13 (Only over 18's ie adults only) ao +anag art >aorta 14 roo hidden word 15 abbrev apartment(flat) =apt =suitable(double meaning) 16 starting letters AUF=elf's child (arch) 17 w(h)ine =bellyache 19 (stole)took (pattern(shape) = formed up 20 anag turns>runts = smallest 22 install=set up (where goods may be displayed) in stall? 23 shebeen (hidden word) 24 anag litotes 26 caret, use the upside down v to show omission (the missing mark). 28 erg double meaning 30 nae (whicker said neigh).