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A wise man hears one word and understands two.
Proverbial (Yiddish).

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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 2019. 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 2019 Prize Fund can be found on p6. Further renewals and donations will be acknowledged in the next *CroZworld*. Many thanks for your generous sponsorship of the ACC in 2019.

Don't forget about the special offer where you can sign up a new member for 2019 for only \$35. Some of the members have already taken up this great offer. It will make a wonderful gift to your friends and a great Christmas present not to mention a year-round intellectual challenge for your friends!

Our outstanding Puzzle Editor **Ian Williams** has selected another excellent range of puzzles for this month. Your favourites are featured: *Crowsman*, *Pentangle*, *Jesso* and *Valkyrie* with challenging puzzles. Our dynamic compiler *Flowerman* has compiled a stunning cryptic in the Slot 5 position and *Lexi Conner* has given us a brilliant cryptic composition for Slot 6. *Fortuna 48* has devised another fascinating Quiz titled *Down Shades*.

Kindly note the early closing date – **Tuesday 18 December**. This will enable us to get the January *CroZworld* out in good time for Christmas. Best of Luck with your solving. And we sincerely thank our Adjudicator – **Andrew Patterson** – who has taken on the pleasant task of adjudicating Slots 1-5 for December.

Our puzzle Editor **Ian Williams** has kindly informed us that we are running short of puzzles and quizzes by some of our former compilers and also new compilers. See p9 for further details.
—Patrick

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I am beginning to feel redundant as an Adjudicator only receiving eight nail mail and two e-mails. It was nice to hear from you Graeme: I do miss the communication with members. Many thanks to the 'dyed-in-the-wool snail mailer' for the lovely card. Please accept my apology for the Annual Get-Together: have a great time and I will make sure I attend next year.

Slot 1: No outstanding errors here mainly one-offs apart from ETHOS 2 (ECHOS and ETHIS) and 3 for BOATMEN (BOATMAN) 2 (CHASMAL) 1. It was decided to accept INTERFERE and INTERCEDE for INTERVENE as it was an ordinary clue.

Slot 2: The puzzle was thought to be yummy though a few errors crept in for many solvers. VITRIOLS (7), VITRIOLI (2) VITRIOLE (2) and VITRIOLA (3), there were also three ENDS for ELD, the SOLOSTAR had GOGOSTAR, MONOSTAR and DOCUSTAR. One missing letter A-A (which is so easy to do) lost a dot.

Slot 3: This puzzle had the least mistakes WAITED (LASTED) 2 and (ELSE) 2 (ERST) 2 for EAST. It was well received by members and had many nominations for COTM.

Slot 4: There is always one clue that creates a problem and in this puzzle it was T(ACE)T champion in race with TACIT (12), GAPY (4) for GAMY, ZAIRE (7) and 1 ZEBEC for ZABRA. Many comments on the grid being hard to get started.

Slot 5: Well received puzzle with the main mistake being ESSAYING (6) for ASSAYING and I think FRESSIA may have been a typo for FREESIA.

COTM: 39 nominations received from all four puzzles, the winner is FUTURE PERFECT with 8 votes. WORKING MODELS and ABUSER next with three votes each. Congratulations *Penobscot*.
—Joan Smith

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Entries received	81	80	78	71	58	368
Correct entries	72	51	64	41	37	265
Success rate (%)	88.9	63.7	82.1	57.7	63.8	71.7
Prizewinners	Arthur Barrett	Lesley Carroll	Barbara Tofoni	Ian Mason	Tony Dobeles	from 85 members

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Prizewinner: November 2018 Slots 1-5: Rosemary Ducker, Congratulations!

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**A Bardic
Puzzle
by
Crowsman**



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Across

- 1 and 15 Male character in *Henry VI* (4,2,8)
- 4 Male character in *Henry IV, Henry V, etc.* (8)
- 10 Male character in *The Taming of the Shrew* (9)
- 11 Spiritual character in *The Tempest* (5)
- 12 Male character in *Much Ado About Nothing, etc.* (7)
- 13 Male character in *Hamlet* (7)
- 14 Conjured character in *Henry VI, Part 2* (6)
- 15 See 1-across
- 18 Female character in *As You Like It* (8)
- 20 Male character in *Twelfth Night* (6)
- 24 Female character in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (7)
- 26 Male character in *The Merchant of Venice, etc.* (7)
- 27 Titular Shakespearean character (5)
- 28 Male character in *A Midsummer Night's Dream, etc.* (9)
- 29 Male character in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (8)
- 30 Male character in *Julius Caesar* (6)

Down

- 1 Anticipates spittings, but not talk (7)
- 2 Etruria is resettling gladiator armed with a net (9)
- 3 Oedipus violated the work of God (4,3)
- 5 A parrot aboard destroyer (8)
- 6 With three different sides, nearly everyone is captivated by view (7)
- 7 Put out to pasture for a significant matter (5)
- 8 Photocompose the props for a movie scene (7)
- 9 Reportedly packs type of flower (5)
- 16 Person researching insect and its evolution (9)
- 17 Detach riding gear in sun-affected daze (8)
- 18 Briefly become weary during actual act of giving up work (7)
- 19 President left, taking pass through hotel (7)
- 21 It turns both ways (7)
- 22 Part of orchestra is wearing funny boots (7)
- 23 Henry provides means of protection for wounds (5)
- 25 X-generations (5)

Slots 1-5: Andrew Patterson, 372 Great North Rd, Abbotsford NSW 2046.
e-mail: mcandap@bigpond.net.au
Closing mail date: Tuesday 18 December 2018.

Slot 6: Ron Shapiro, 168/5 Wulumay Close, Rozelle NSW 2039.
email: rmbjs@iinet.net
Closing mail date: Friday 11 January 2019.


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Cryptic by Pentangle



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Across

- 1 Undeveloped country to prohibit construction of arena by the people (6,8)
- 9 Exercise to reach a satisfactory result? (7)
- 10 Catches injured seals (7)
- 11 Organise guns' return to England (5)
- 12 Nine started in and crossed over (9)
- 13 Prophet recalled pilgrimage after terrible lie (6)
- 15 Team involved over a little information on information (8)
- 18 Truly qualified and legally responsible
- 19 Forms he'll pass out with lines erased (6)
- 21 Short tough guy interrupting Satan upset with curses (9)
- 23 Ease off short leg put back (3,2)
- 25 Record first love's early beginnings in a letter (7)
- 26 Stirrs up routine formality around about ten (7)
- 27 Unfamiliar with strangely unused motto about our club (12,2)

- 2 Hurried back, wildly enthusiastic about note for report (9)
- 3 Shortly going over constant loop (5)
- 4 Revolve around contents of data in mechanical memory (6)
- 5 Forwards pages without soft covering in bundles (8)
- 6 Key figure badly lacks boarding party (9)
- 7 Still, big ship doesn't start on time (5)
- 8 Endless tricks with shuffled cards showing what the dealer may offer (4,4)
- 13 Proceeds from firm with a reputation's turnover (8)
- 14 Cold way to call back after awkward beginning (9)
- 16 Cut off commercial about political leader involved in change (9)
- 17 Torch short rude email message to lover (8)
- 20 Climb a track (6)
- 22 False statement admitted by an outsider (5)
- 23 Brother leaves clubroom under construction with replacement (5)
- 24 Ripest oranges – ingredients for sauce (5)

Down

- 1 Shouts upended carton of beer with written introduction inside (5)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Many thanks for my Slot 3 prize for September – a lovely surprise. The more so as, while I do the puzzles every months, because of many other distracting interests I've rarely submitted them in the past couple of years. *Margaret Steinberger*
- Always pleased to receive the *Crozworld* – have a very good reason to ignore the iron and the broom! I mean if you go to the trouble of sending me a copy.....! *Eileen O'Brien*
- Many thanks for my Slot 1 prize. I will buy myself something nice with it on my cruise. *Joan Smith*
- Thank you for my prize for the October Slot 2. What a timely funds boost! We were on holiday in New Caledonia when the new *Crozworld* came out and were delighted to see the prizewinners. It sounds even better when you consider it is worth about XPF4500 (Pacific Francs). *Frank Martin*
- Thankyou for my Slot 6 prize. What a welcome surprise! *Kathy Horadam*
- No puzzles in this set for a beginner *Lynn Jarman*
- What a lot of clever clues! I especially appreciated FUTURE PERFECT and I loved all the references to plants. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Love you all. Thanks for 2018. All the best for 2019. *Dale McManus*

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Cryptic
by
Jesso



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Across

- 1 Everyone wanting to deal with a call to action? (3,5,2,4)
- 10 Is busy about our playful fancies (7)
- 11 Get good oil from depressed tract (3-4)
- 12 Low three-quarter moon (3)
- 13 Drug circle almost crippling in range (11)
- 14 Strange quiet echo of historical time (5)
- 16 Embracing batting with a class measure (2,1,6)
- 18 Supersedes and puts plans out (9)
- 20 Delicate race-starter is more agreeable (5)
- 22 Paris is more unhealthy for musical directors (11)
- 25 Note some initial exclamation (3)
- 26 Stilling organ around ballet centre at one (7)
- 27 Invertebrate in low mere not well disposed (7)
- 28 Put your hands up for a book (5,3,3,3)
- 3 Drags booty (5)
- 4 One trains in disguise, like the patriarch of Constantinople (9)
- 5 Also opposed to incorrect discharge (5)
- 6 Fresh season in America not all men downed not long ago (3-6)
- 7 Love-god on charge for eating away (7)
- 8 Kahn, the East German is out ... he introduced the Toad (7,7)
- 9 Ballrooms, changed around, are not finished with a spectacular column (8,6)
- 15 He made punched cards to shout it on the hour (9)
- 17 A balance sheet intent about being temperate (9)
- 19 Father sick inside with swelling (7)
- 21 Coat caught to that extent by blow (7)
- 23 A great start by Greek obviated initial strife (5)
- 24 Somehow loves to settle (5)

Down

- 2 Father, in an automobile, gets a great grey greasy flower (7)

2018 GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN!!

The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's delectable pub *The Harold Park Hotel*, cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW on Sunday 25 November 2018 commencing at 11:30am. William has allocated a comfortable and spacious room upstairs and he serves delicious meals at bargain rates and drinks at pub prices. It will be a lot of fun and we can discuss all manner of things cruciverbal! There will be plenty of the Club's best known personalities in attendance. Why not come along and say 'hello'? Pay on the day. We will have prizes to give away and our dynamic Secretary Bev Cockburn has some exciting intellectual challenges for you. Kindly let Bev know if you are available to attend. Looking forward to meeting up again. Be there!



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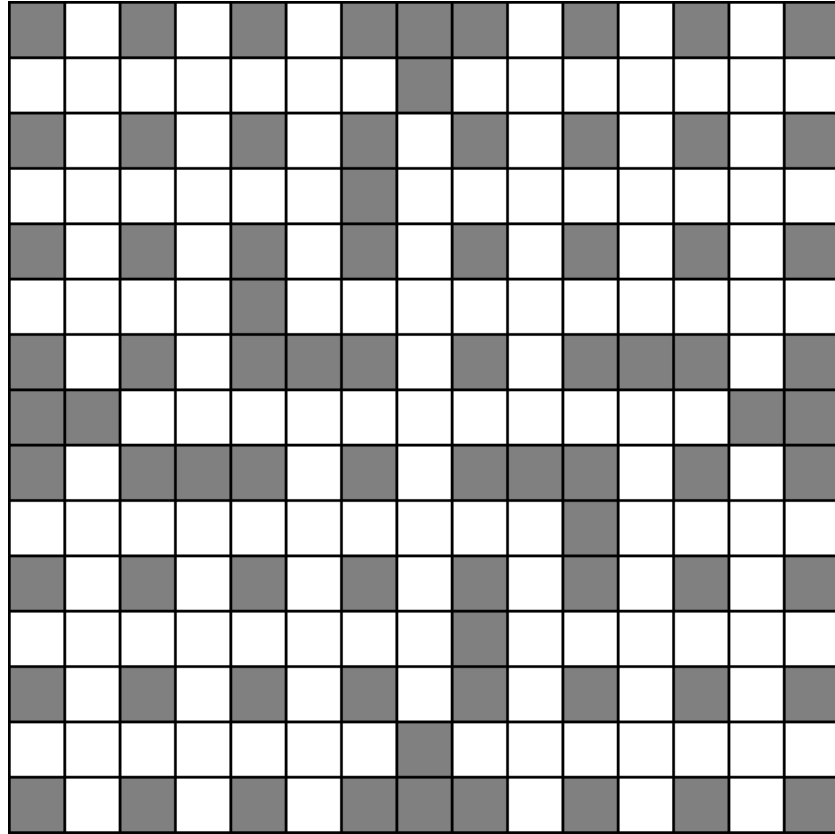
AJ

by

Valkyrie



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



- A** Unorthodox laic school habituals (10)
- B** Sounds too tired to ride (7)
- C** Dishonest man, put inside, relapsed last month (7)
- D** Plain rice blend is unusual (11)
- E** Heads of department record first what some priests wear (6)
- F** Strong Roman Catholic tribunal accepts new Latin facade (7)
- G** To become more likeable to Greece, at first opportunity head north without delay (4,2)
- H** Elvis Presley's song abandons all head to toe connections (4-3)
- I** Intuitively pub with a TV removes third of bulletins (8)
- J** Music provider is Japanese with a small musical instrument case (7)
- K** Sulk about including limitless edges for makeshift devices (7)
- L** Hirer to insist on printed text (11)
- M** Fictitious writer's fair is drug free (8)
- N** Australia is surrounded by north-eastern American revulsion (6)
- O** Partial recovery after nil by mouth (6)
- P** Bird bit pig – time to get to source of grievance (6-4)
- Q** Even bits of gnocchi found in bizarre drink (8)
- R** Rebuke severely for boisterous romp (7)
- S** Muscly beer? (3-5)
- T** Mass clothing mobile unit takes on Coles, nothing withheld (8)
- U** German and English party for immature (5-3)
- V** Virgin is immersed in airwaves' talkback (6)
- W** Flounders back order alongside chops (7)
- X** Mark Scot is a believer (4)
- Y** Money shouts, Spooner sings (6)
- Z** Small room for leader of Zoroastrians and French associate (4)

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Cryptic by Flowerman


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- 1 Daffy is meant to save line for Bugs (8)
- 5 School class in line keeping right back (6)
- 9 Relay 1-0 result for people living remotely (8)
- 10 Handheld device? It's hip to play with one (6)
- 12 Well-placed reserve for sport (8,5)
- 15 Disappointed to have fallen off ridge (5)
- 16 Earl loved working in protective clothing (9)
- 17 Italian welcoming servant carrying suitcase key (9)
- 19 Insect reportedly chewed leaves (5)
- 20 Left with a gastric upset around noon after briefly looking over it (2,5,6)
- 22 Steal an amount of booze (6)
- 23 Noblewoman has set no conditions about clothes (8)
- 25 Most senior commanders at first not appearing in the least bit friendly (6)
- 26 Idle's last funny part (8)

- 2 Authorised, informally, to cancel American soldier's permit (3)
- 3 European getting points regularly retaining the title (7)
- 4 Angus heartlessly ran story about extinct animals (12)
- 6 Starchy substance I love cold in a snack (7)
- 7 Supply Kleenex to extremely obnoxious hard case (11)
- 8 Run into sporting event (4)
- 11 Vulgar old cardinal entering office briefly with American (12)
- 13 Mysterious unionist cross and clearly in need (11)
- 14 Mature queen worried by taint (10)
- 18 Rex following sun beams (7)
- 19 Escaper accepting son's support (7)
- 21 Old chairman wanting maiden to adopt French hairstyle (4)
- 24 Guard giving up attempt to find coin (3)

Down

- 1 Furious with police captain prepared to dismiss excellent man at base (10)

Vale Paula Mercer

Sadly I write to tell members of the death of former member **Paula Mercer**, on 11th November 2018. As reported in January this year, Paula was one of the original members of the Australian Crossword Club joining in May 1990 and between September 1990 and June 2017 she won 25 prizes. She thoroughly enjoyed solving the puzzles each month and only resigned (with great regret) when she moved into aged care at the end of 2017 and had limited access to a computer plus the increasingly unreliable postal service. She continued to enjoy some of the puzzles that I passed on to her until her health made that too difficult. During her time living in Victoria Paula attended several ACC get-togethers and got to know many members. —**Margaret Dennis**

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by
Lexi Conner



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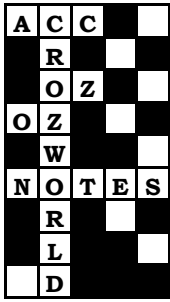
- 8 Core integral characters in autochthonous film (8)
- 9 Be equal to a climb (6)
- 10 Keep secret ghastly unfenced house out of the way (4)
- 11 Court order makes Italian empty meeting place (10)
- 12 Informants mentioned dressing and the like (6)
- 14 Considered grip lost as pecking order changed (8)
- 15 Snake uncovers vicious redback (7)
- 17 Made as if coming from feeding frenzy (7)
- 20 Treat with awe extremely nonplussed clergyman (8)
- 22 Travel to the street where models walk (6)
- 23 Drink servers exhibit skill in drinking sprees (10)
- 24 Draped the beginners in cotton lace and denim (4)
- 25 Prescribes corticosteroids, more than enough to provide protection (6)
- 26 Delighted about the outskirts of Macau being copied (8)

Down

- 1 Reflect when looking up at the same gallery (8)
- 2 Demolish lift noisily (4)
- 3 Unfortunately, timeliness not seen to create checks (6)
- 4 Forswearing for each panel (7)
- 5 Clear ban possible for shellfish (8)
- 6 Is the tongue such an instrument? (5,5)
- 7 Men don't start at the centre in repeat performance (6)
- 13 Large gathering gives rise to international agreement (10)
- 16 Unusual eery tint visible in perpetuity (8)
- 18 Gentleman ate definitely too much and was sprung! (8)
- 19 Include this point within when stuck (7)
- 21 Go with pronounced ease around stages (6)
- 22 Doris questioned embrace bordering on indecent (6)
- 24 Sweet talk crew member to accept another leader (4)

Post
Solution
to:

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Closing mail date: Friday 11 January 2019.
[or submit via www.crosswordclub.org/accolade]



Solutions to QUIZ 10/2018.

Taking It in turns by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen)

Entries Received: 25.

Winner: David Procter – Congratulations!

Results: 26: W Allen, K Audrins, L Colgan, J Crowe, P Garner, B Glissan, J Leigh, A Miles, J Pearce and D Procter. **25:** M Blake, C Mackay-Sim, M Procter, B Siegman, J Smith and R Taylor.

24: B Cockburn, J Fowler, B Hagan, P Lord, H Perrow, K Williams and R Wimbush. **23:** G Cole and Ann Millard.

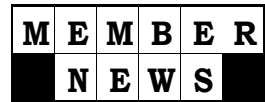
Answers: 1. Aperitif **2.** Bedizen/Bejewel **3.** Caricature **4.** Deliberate **5.** Diminutive/Economised **6.** Epidemic **7.** Finalize **8.** General/Generic **9.** Heterodox/Heretical **10.** Inanimate **11.** Joculator **12.** Kimono **13.** Leverage **14.** Malison **15.** Nominal/Minikin **16.** Overused **17.** Paradoxical **18.** Qanat **19.** Rutabaga **20.** Simulate **21.** Tumulus **22.** Uneducated **23.** Vicinage **24.** Womaniser **25.** Xerosis **26.** Zenana.

Adjudicator's Comments: Thank-you to all those who gave it a go. The 'taking it in turns' of course referred to the alternate use of consonants and vowels. As you can see there were a few words which had more than one answer, such is often the way with quizzes. There were other answers I accepted as well but have not included them all. It certainly makes it more interesting to mark. Some people had 'epitomised' for #5 which I accepted except when it was out of alphabetical order with #6 'epidemic'. I'm sorry to say I did not accept the American 'favorite' by those

trying to overcome this problem; I would have indicated it by a 'US'. I also did not allow 'generate' for 'wind up'. I did however, allow a few uses of 'y' as a vowel: however 'everyday' stretched the friendship.

Solvers' Comments:

- Always good to learn new words and I did just that with more than a handful here. *Andrew Miles*
- I found this one quite a bit easier than others recently. Having said that, I hope they're correct! *Julie Crowe*
- Another brilliant quiz, very enjoyable, thank you. *Julie Leigh*
- Once again many thanks for an interesting quiz; you manage to come up with great ideas. *Betty Siegman*
- I was hung up on 2 and 23 for a long time and I thought there were multiple answers for 6. Mining Chambers helped me find what I think you are looking for. *Warren Allen*
- It took a while for me to discover what 'Taking It In Turns' meant, and then there were lots of answers new to me. Thank you for giving my grey cells a good workout! *Maureen Blake*
- Thanks for the challenging quiz Ulla.....keep them coming. *Pat Lord*
- Thanks for an interesting quiz – as usual with your offerings. *Jim Fowler*
- This quiz was a doozy! If you didn't twig to the ultimate destination you were doomed! I hope I've guessed correctly! *Bev Cockburn*
- This was a toughie until the penny dropped – and not much easier after that – I can only imagine how hard it was to compose. Your efforts are much appreciated. *Pat Garner*
- Thank you for providing a quiz and a slot 6 for our enjoyment and for entertaining our brains. *Graeme Cole*



New ACC memberships: Sue Reynolds

from Keilor Vic and **Megan Hamer** from Clifton Hill Vic (Gift Memberships from Max Roddick), **Felicity Piper** from Sylvania NSW. **Tinney Atkinson** from Coonabarabran NSW (Gift Membership from Sally Knight). Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworliding*.

Changes to November Slot 7 and Slot 2 puzzles.

The word length reference to 5dn in the November 2018 Slot 7 puzzle should be "9" not "8". In slot 2 the word length indicator for 18ac should read (8).

Vale Beryl Chilcott

Jean Barbour told us these sad news: "Beryl Chilcott passed away recently at 97. She had been a member of the Australian Crossword Club since June 2015 and enjoyed the puzzles very much. Beryl maintained her zest for living and enthusiasm for everything until the last and played Bridge the day before she passed away. She is sadly missed by the local community."

A Note from Ian Williams, ACC Puzzle Editor

Our puzzle editor reminds us that we depend on our members to provide the regular fare for the monthly puzzling enjoyment of our more than 200 members. While we have a goodly number of puzzles in stock that have been compiled by a surprisingly small number of the usual suspects, we are running somewhat short of puzzles and quizzes by some of our former compilers and also new compilers. In particular we have few slot 1 puzzles and quizzes for publication in 2019. Compilation of a slot 1 puzzle is around half the work of setting a full cryptic and can provide an easy introduction to an enjoyable pastime. Ian has some helpful notes on compilation and publication that can set you off to a flying start – just ask him using the email address on Page 1: full and encouraging feedback will always be given on any puzzles or quizzes submitted. We invite you to make it your New Year's Resolution. If you fancy having a go we'd love to hear from you.

Quiz No 12/2018 Down Shades by Fortuna 48.

One answer is associated with all the others. Answers are in alphabetical order. Send your solutions to Nea Storey, 10 Whiteman Street, Wanniasa, ACT 2903. Email: neachy2@netspeed.com.au. Closing date 11 January 2019. \$75 prize.

- 1 Military branch (3,5)
- 2 1-0 (4)
- 3 Old city concealed by East London fog (5)
- 4 German capital (6)
- 5 A red head (4)
- 6 An English University (9)
- 7 Atomic No. 27 (6)
- 8 Possible omelette ingredient (4-3)
- 9 Type of eel (8)
- 10 Refined type of Scotsman? (7)
- 11 *In Nomine Dei*, I go (6)
- 12 Jamaica 101 North (7)
- 13 A gem stone (5,6)
- 14 Time for Cinderella to go! (8)
- 15 With 21, the Senior Service (4)
- 16 Non-white river in Africa (4)
- 17 A rival to 6 (6)
- 18 A showy bird (7)
- 19 Cook wrinkle pie (10)
- 20 Talc (6)
- 21 Befitting a king or queen (5)
- 22 A gemstone (8)
- 23 Fires reported! (4)
- 24 A fight (5)
- 25 A Conservative (4)
- 26 A gemstone (9)
- 27 From overseas (11)
- 28 Keep an eye on the alien (7)
- 29 Famous pottery brand (8)
- 30 Description of racy film? (1-5)

November 1-2018: Half 'n Half by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- Very enjoyable. *Judy Ferguson*
- I liked the clues for VERDICT, PURCHASES and BOATMEN. *Brian Tickle*
- Great start for the month. I liked ABSEILING! *Ann Millard*
- Clear sailing except for the obscure MUJIK. *Roy Taylor*
- Laughed out loud at the Long Johns clue. Very clever! *Anne Young*
- A good Half and Half. Plenty of good clues, but not too hard for beginners. *Max Roddick*
- Some neat clues, I liked 10ac and 7dn. There were several options for 3dn so hope I chose the most fitting. *Kathy Horadam*
- Another gem from Virgo. *Bev Cockburn*
- Thanks for the puzzle Virgo. Ayn Rand required some Googling!! Nicely done. *Wayne Bradbury*
- It's frustrating to find a clue involving more than one answer and finally discover I've chosen the wrong one(s)!! *Lynn Jarman*
- A challenging number one! *Robyn McKenzie*
- Whew! Talk about skin of my teeth! Don't you hate it when your mind refuses to shift from an idea. In 24ac was determined to 'toss a coin' instead of 'tossing nay' to get Ayn! Groan! *Eileen O'Brien*

November 2-2018: Cryptic by St Jude (Drew Meek)

- Yum yum. *Jenny Madden*
- Couldn't work out the 4dn Clue. Hope I got it right because I can't relate what I put with the clue!!! *Judy Ferguson*
- An intriguing puzzle. *Ian Thompson*
- CAME as a lead (Pb) rod was new for me. Always learning! *Ann Millard*
- In among a lot of unfamiliar foods was the clever ABUSES which I gave COTM. *Roy Taylor*
- Really disliked the partial homophones in 5dn (mele) and 19dn (tri). They didn't reflect the actual pronunciation, if anything. In 7dn, fate itself isn't worse than death. In 3dn, an overwrought definition of a random phrase. 12ac clearly unlike the others. 27ac, I assume IN RUIN just appears throughout INSTRUCTION. Some clues could definitely be reworked. *Andrew Patterson*
- What a stewpot! but (until I checked) I'd have thought MATELOTE was a lady sailor! *Max Roddick*
- We all love a hearty stew, and these were very well cooked! For the cryptics I especially liked ELD and LAPLAP. I haven't met GER before. *Kathy Horadam*
- Something a little different, thank you, Drew. *Bev Cockburn*
- What an assortment of dishes, none of which appeals. *Lynn Jarman*
- I stewed over some of these casseroles! *Nea Storey*
- What a feast! *Robyn McKenzie*
- A very appetizing puzzle! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*

November 3-2018: Cryptic by Penobscot (Maurice Cowan)

- Some clever clues. Took me ages to work out 9ac and 4dn despite the fact they made sense! *Ann Millard*

- Several interesting long solutions cleverly clued. *Brian Tickle*
- Lot of good clues. I particularly liked FUTUREPERFECT. *Roy Taylor*
- As well as a horse, the Suffolk Punch was a Traction Engine. See and hear it on Google. *Max Roddick*
- Some of these (13ac, 31ac, 16dn) are guesses as I couldn't decrypt, but there are some really good clues. I especially liked DAUGHTER and EAST. *Kathy Horadam*
- So many clever clues. A most enjoyable puzzle! *Bev Cockburn*
- I loved the clue for (Mark) Twain. *Nea Storey*

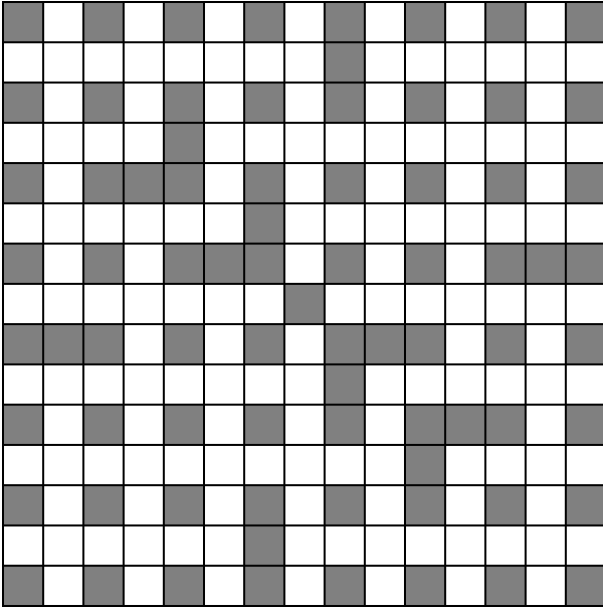
November 4-2018: AJ by KA (Karl Audrins)

- Always a favourite!! Thank you, KA. *Ann Millard*
- Tricky grid. F, S were the best clues. *Len Colgan*
- Got a good laugh from FRITTER AWAY, almost got gamy myself, getting GAMY. *Max Roddick*
- I had a lot of trouble fitting the clue for G (gap year?), and T, where TACIT is more usual. Clues for V and M were fun, R took me ages. This was a really challenging puzzle. *Kathy Horadam*
- A really good challenging puzzle. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Tough but fun. *Brian Tickle*
- A good honest AJ. Thanks Karl. *Bev Cockburn*
- This was a tough AJ to get started. Some very rare words. Loved Bar Sinister, especially as I'm left-handed. *Wayne Bradbury*
- KA is being super-tricky this month! Oh the frustration of determining which 5-letter word to put where, ditto 9-, 4- and even those 1-letter words! However, KA, I did choose one for COM. *Lynn Jarman*
- Confronting grid, with so many words of same length. It was hard to get started, and right at the last I still had five x 5-letter words to solve and fit in! *Nea Storey*
- Not easy getting the answers into the grid. *Kate Williams*

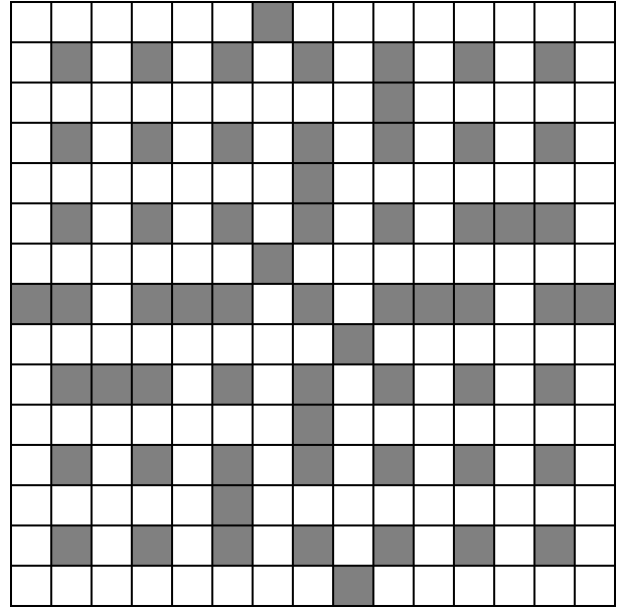
November 5-2018: Cryptic by Nigrum Cattus (Ray Gooderick)

- For 17dn I decided on DANEWORT. STAMINA is plural of stamen! *Roy Taylor*
- Some wonderful clues, especially UMBEL for 26ac. Thank you! *Ann Millard*
- Great puzzle, with a few new words for me too. *Julie Crowe*
- Clever inclusion of plants. Loved clues for STATICE and MELILOT! *Bev Cockburn*
- Clever to fit so many plant-based clues, but difficult with so many unchecked triples. I enjoyed ITALICS and MELILOT. *Kathy Horadam*
- I found this quite tough with several of the plants unknown. *Ian Thompson*
- Slot 2 was mixed food, and now we have a mixed bunch of flowers and weeds! *Nea Storey*
- A very clever and challenging puzzle; requiring a lot of stamina! *Laurence Kennedy*
- A very late submission – I found this puzzle anything but submissive! *Eileen O'Brien*

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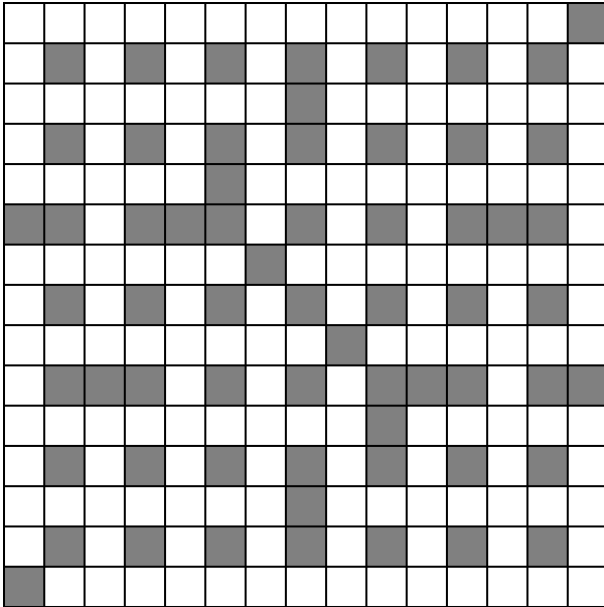
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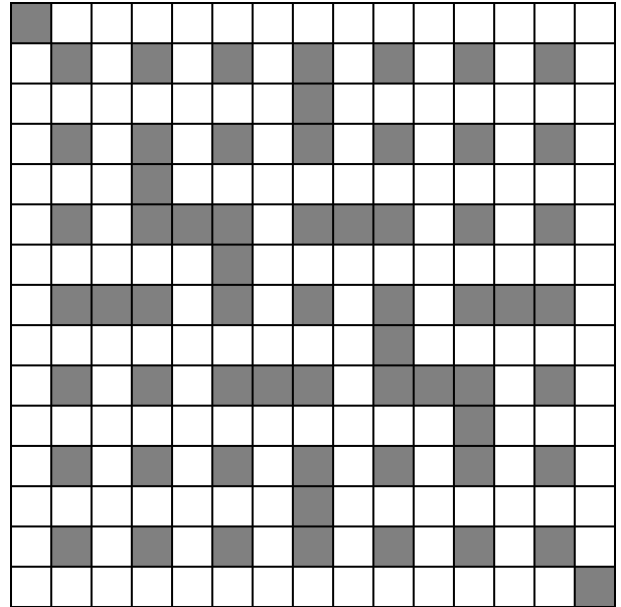
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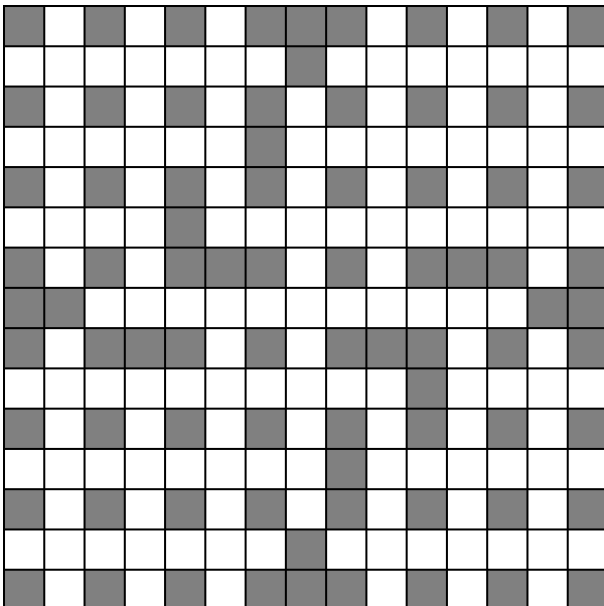
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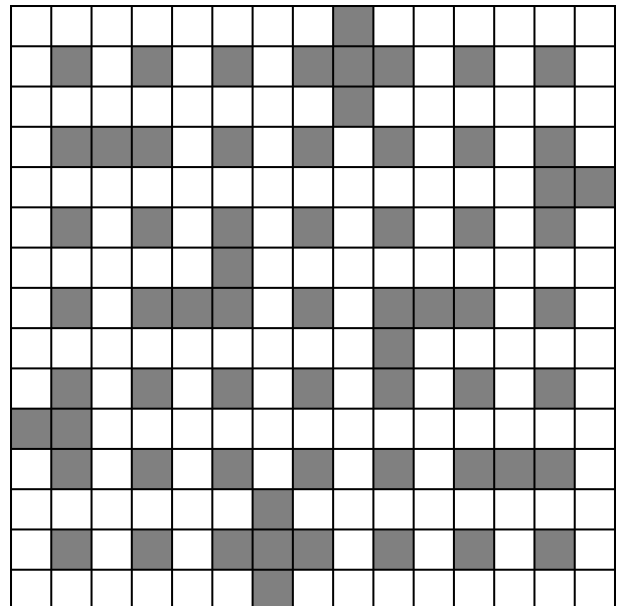
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Clue of the Month

October 6-2018: Sweet 100 by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen)

Entries: 70; Correct: 51; Success rate: 72.9%.

Prizewinner: Robin Wimbush. Congratulations!

Compiler's Comments: Being such an iconic Australian book I thought that *The Magic Pudding* by Norman Lindsay deserved some recognition for its 100th year in print. Thanks for all your positive comments. Two 4-letter words resulted in most lost dots. 12-across GELD (a tax paid by landholders to the crown in late Anglo-Saxon and Norman times) attracted 11 "gold"s and was a hidden word, indicated by "a contribution". 17-across NONG caused 6 varied incorrect solutions and was a simple substitution using a couple of tricky definitions (it was a slot 6 puzzle!), explained very clearly in Joan's comment below.

Explanations: Across: 1 BUN+YIP+BLUE+GUM, 4 ICE(MAKE)R, 9 UN+(EVIL)*, 10 P+R + ELUDED, 12 Hidden, 13 FAIRY, 14 (NAKED TYKE IS)*, 16 M(IS+C)ALL, 17 SONG replace S with N, 19 OS+S+A, 20 ROSE+HIP, 24 gALLOWS, 25 muNIch+glouCEster, 26 Hidden, 28 double, 29 NIL+ homophone of GUY, 30 NOT(IF+I)ED, 31 sOAK+COG. **Down:** 2 NOVEL + IST, 3 I+SIR<, 5 Double double (swimmers), 6 MU (ENGLISH-G)* SS, 8 fRiEnD iS oKaY, 11 BILL+BAR+(CLEAN)*, 15 SA+MS+A+NeW<+OFF, 18 THE MAGI+C+PU<+DD+IN+G, 22 WAN+TON, 23 Double, 27 DIVAn.

Solvers' Comments

- That brought back memories. However, I don't think I ever found the book to be funny. *Ian Thompson*
- That was tricky but once I got The Magic Pudding I was away! *Patricia Abbott*
- Only having lived in Australia for eight years, this crossword has introduced us to an Australian classic book, thank you. *Julie Leigh*
- I appreciated the challenge and learned some things about *The Magic Pudding*. *Tony Dobe*
- A delightful Australian classic revisited. *Betty Siegman*
- Thanks for constructing a fascinating journey round Lindsay's famous book. *Roy Taylor*
- I reread *The Magic Pudding* and learnt some new words. This was a real challenge with OAK COG being the last to find. Thank you! *Ann Millard*
- PHEW! *Anne Simons*
- Thank you, Ulla. Clever. *Eileen O'brien*
- Lovely to see Norman Lindsay's classic celebrating its 100th birthday in such entertaining style. *Kath Harper*
- Fortunately I'd heard a talk on the ABC about the centenary of *The Magic Pudding*, which helped me negotiate some very tricky clues! *Nea Storey*
- It was great fun and I thoroughly enjoyed working through it. *Jean Evans*
- Thank you for the memories of *The Magic Pudding*. I'm sure all the little pickled onions are squeaking in delight at the 100th anniversary. *Robyn Caine*
- Thank you for providing a quiz and a slot 6 for our enjoyment and for entertaining out brains. *Graeme Cole*
- Nice theme and many great clues. I particularly liked the clues for NICE, ALLOW and DIVA. *Brian Tickle*
- What a lovely way of celebrating TMPs anniversary! *Alison Martin*
- It would have helped if we had ever read *The Magic Pudding*! Guess we know a bit about it now. Also didn't know that lied was a hymn and ton could be fashion. The

things you learn through CrOZworld eh? Well done you.

Richard Skinner

• Thank you for a great puzzle, loved your clues though NONG was the last one to get. I was going through all the Charlies I could think of when it was suggested charlie was also a fool. The penny dropped when I realised that lied was a song. Thank you from a nong. *Joan Smith*

• A very entertaining puzzle. Thank you!

Caroline Mackay-Sim

• Liked THE FORCE, IRIS, and DIVA. Last one in: OAK COG. *Max Roddick*

Explanations to November 2018 Slots 1-5

Note: cd = cryptic definition; dd = double definition; rev or < = reversal; homophones are noted as "homoph" and words from which they are derived may be shown in quotes; anagrams as anag. if straightforward, or (NNNN). "Heads" or "Tails" are first or last letters of part of a clue; letters forming solutions are normally written as capitals and removals as lower case; hw or hidden = hidden word. Explanations provided by individual compilers may vary from this format.*

Slot 1 Virgo. Across: 1 VERDI + CT, 5 P (REP) ARE, 9 hidden, 10 PUR (CHA) SES, 12 DUSTIN + G, 13 dd, 15 AGE (NICE)* S, 18 anag, 19 EN + GI< + MA, 22 BO + MEANT*, 24 NAY* + RAND, 26 dd, 27 I + homoph "glue", 28 ST (R) OKED, 29 homoph "abbesses".

Slot 2 St Jude. Across: 8 All across clues are anagrams of stews, (12 ABUsED*). **Down:** 1 cd AB-USER, 2 tri(homoph)+COT, 3 SOLO+st+A+R (cd), 4 heads, 5 ME(DD)LE (homoph "meal"), 6 COL (hUBRIs) D, 7 cd, 10 SAT+URN, 14 reAGAn, 15 LA+H, 17 DD, 18 DD, 19 VI(TRI hmp)OLS, 20 bILly, 21 CA(PO)T+E, 22 OLD (WO) MAN, 23 ELDer, 25 OR+I+GIN, 26 PAL< x 2, 27 IN+fReUdIaN, 28 A+SIDES, 29 DD.

Slot 3 Penobscot. Across: 1 FI (G-MEN) TS, 5 ST EMMA, 9 DA (UGH) TER, 10 dd, 12 cd, 15 cd, 19 cd, 23 GIRL + SCOUTS, 25 hidden, 28 anag, 29 cd, 30 anag, 31 cd (love-in-idleness). **Down:** 1 dd, 2 dd, 3 dd, 4 TE (E) THER, 6 TW (A) IN, 7 cd, 8 anag, 11 song title reference, 14 E + TUI, 15 cd, 16 pELMet - pet, 17 anag, 18 dd, 20 G + ROW, 22 dd, 24 SUE + DE, 26 cd - red, white and blue [on flag].

Slot 4 KA. A a+ged, **B** bar+s(in)ister, **C** con+front+in+g, **D** da+ta+bases, **E** eyes+train, **F** fritter+away, **G** gam+y, **H** h(anag)oney, **I** inter+anag, **J** rev, **K** knap+wee+d+s, **L** dd (wrestling holds/hair), **M** dd, **N** rev, **O** ok+rev+i, **P** pocket+ful(l) = amount, **Q** dd, **R** re(mane)nts, **S** anag+incl(broth), **T** t(ace)t, **U** UN + DO, **V** rev (e)veer, **W** whee+n, **X** x+eric, **Y** hid, **Z** za +bra.

Slot 5 Nigrum Cattus. Across: 1 GENT+IAN, 5 Hidden, 9 STAT + ICE, 10 B in homoph "route", 11 INUTI* + LE, 12 DD, 14 LOT + US, 15 CUD + WEED, 18 QU(AM)ASH, 20 ROLF< + A, 23 Hidden, 24 A(NEMO)NE, 26 Th(UMBEL) ina, 27 INF + USES, 28 H+(AGHAST*), 29 ANYSALT*. **Down:** 1 G(LAD+IO+L)I, 2 (NATURIST[-ST]MUST)*, 3 Leaning to the right, 4 N+AILED, 5 AGE+RATU+M, 6 CORN + ROW, 7 dUMBO, 8 Hidden, 13 Anag, 16 AS + SAYING, 17 DANE + TROW< [stamina = stamen plural], 19 ME(LILO)T, 20 FAERIES*, 21 AM + BUSH, 22 RAF(FIT-T) A, 25 rev hidden.