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Eloquence is a republican art, as conversation is an aristocratic one.
George Santayana, 1921, *Character and Opinion in the United States*,
Ch 1.

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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 2020. 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 2020 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 2020.

Don't forget about the special offer where you can sign up a new member for 2020 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: *InGrid*, *Zythum*, *Jesso* and *KA* with challenging puzzles. Our dynamic compiler *Crowsman* has compiled a stunning cryptic in the Slot 5 position and *Robespierre* has given us a brilliant cryptic composition for Slot 6. *Valkyrie* has devised another fascinating Quiz titled *A Quiz in the manner of Valkyrie*.

Kindly note the early closing date – **Friday 20 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.

Sincere thanks for your valued assistance to me for my lack of mobility in the past few weeks. I have been able to achieve some consistent improvement and remain in good spirits.
—Patrick

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Many thanks to Ian for his help with the adjudication. Not so many letters these days, but lovely to hear from snail mailers. Slots 1 and 2 created the most problems but there were a lot of one-off answers in all the puzzles. BERRI which was the SA town had 19 incorrect answers. Hoping all who are in the bushfire areas stay safe.

Slot 1: There were (6) ZEELANDERS, (2) ZETLANDERS and (1) SEALANDERS for (ZEELANDERS). Individual mistakes except for (2) CONDOLE (CONSOLE) and (2) BETA (ZETA) and I think a few typing errors.

Slot 2: Comments on this puzzle were lots of fun, tricky, very enjoyable but this puzzle had a lot of errors. Apart from the individual mistakes BERRY (19) for (BERRI) and (EXTON) had 14 incorrect answers AXION (8), AXIOM (2), IXION (3) and (1) OXION. STOP for (SPOT) also lost 4 dots.

Slot 3: The main lost dots for this puzzle was CLAM (8), CRAB (1) for CRAM the others were all different mistakes. Many votes for this puzzle for COTM

Slot 4: I cannot believe so few errors with this puzzle KERATISIS (KERATITIS), IBED (ITEM), QUAT (QUIT) and BASIB (BASIN). Always check your entries

Slot 5: The problems for this puzzle were (DISACCOMMODATED) DISACCOMODATES 3 and one DISACCOMOTATED, (DIDDICOYS) had 2 DIDDICOIS and DIDDYCOYS 1.

COTM: 32 nominations from all five puzzles. The winner was BARBERS with 6 votes and the runner up NINETEENTH with 4 votes. A close third ANCILLARY had 3 votes. Congratulations
Manveru. —Joan Smith

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Entries received	87	77	84	80	66	394
Correct entries	61	39	63	72	56	291
Success rate (%)	70.1	50.6	75	90	84.8	67.39
Prizewinners	Hilary Cromer	Doreen Jones	Jim Fowler	Ulla Axelsen	William Ryan	from 91 members

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Prizewinner: November 2019 Slots 1-5: Jeremy Barnes, Congratulations!

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Half and Half
by
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Across

- 1 Close (6)
- 4 Certify (8)
- 9 Premise (6)
- 10 Tool accessory (5,3)
- 11 Song (6)
- 12 School period (8)
- 13 Apiece (3)
- 14 Element 58 (6)
- 17 Pleasing sound (7)
- 21 Tenacious (6)
- 25 Ruffle (3)
- 26 Finally! (4,4)
- 27 Yarn (6)
- 28 Uncontrolled decline (8)
- 29 Purgative (6)
- 30 Infringe (8)
- 31 Legislates (6)

Down

- 1 Cuckoo derby, perhaps, for champion bird (8)
- 2 Opening for one cheeky regular quartet (8)
- 3 Cube lost in emptied roaster (8)
- 5 Tender around tense carrier (6)
- 6 Mitigation for umpire covering whopper (6)
- 7 Comes out badly busted (6)
- 8 Expresses disapproval over gold for teachers (6)
- 12 A hearse crashed into mollusc (3,4)
- 15 Face vessel (3)
- 16 Finish in splendour (3)
- 18 Annoy 15, stupid boy! (5,3)
- 19 Uncommitted to coasting around (8)
- 20 Puts forward promotions about foremost church (8)
- 22 Toughest lost without us in the poor quarter (6)
- 23 Soldier heads back when evening sounds light (6)
- 24 Post is about drooping eyelid (6)
- 25 Note over incentive losing right to partake (6)

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Slot 6: Ian McKenzie,
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Cryptic by Zythum



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Across


- 1 Dishonestly apply reconstructed app to primaries (14)
- 10 Declaration of principles a danger sign in company (5)
- 11 Progeny past its best season (9)
- 12 Figure large bottle with a third missing after a month (7)
- 13 Provisions for newborn delayed outside even now (7)
- 14 Swarming insect losing team leader and exact position (5)
- 16 Spooner's pawned a pet animal to get naval headwear (6,3)
- 19 Holy man revered in high country (5,4)
- 20 Mixture of English myth adds flavour (5)
- 22 Dress up expense with source of feathers backing up (7)
- 25 Funny bone? (7)
- 27 Cover up at a loss: drop in the ocean (4,2,3)
- 28 Overturned leading group (5)
- 29 With timid deletion I upset short production run (7,7)

Down

- 2 "Like peas in a pod" translated in dialect (9)
- 3 Associated with a doctor – no good (5)
- 4 I phone CIA about old middle Eastern country (9)
- 5 Refuse rotten aluminium (5)
- 6 Yemen part destroyed in retaliation (9)
- 7 Fiver taken from competitor in last round in the top echelon (1-4)
- 8 English Duke accompanied by US soldier is in Paris, and most nervous (7)
- 9 Turnover with society Charlie on top and curl up (6)
- 15 Work quota around major underground line access openings a cause for excitement (9)
- 17 Make uncontrolled descent and intrude into private estate (5,4)
- 18 Broadcast animal feed with rapid movement. Surprise! (3,6)
- 19 The French bishop chilled but raised some noise (7)
- 21 Fake tears stirred zaibatsu leader (6)
- 23 In dress crimplene conceals coarse lining (5)
- 24 Relaxed but left off after cocaine removed (5)
- 26 Fall out with new leader replacing novice in climb (5)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thank you for my slot 2 prize. It is much appreciated. *David Procter*
- Thanks so much for my October slot 4 prize. It was lovely to come home from holiday to find a prize for the slot I always enjoy the most! *Alison Martin*
- Thank you all for a most enjoyable month. *Robyn Wimbush*
- The cheque for \$75 arrived in the post today. My apologies for bothering you about this. Many thanks for the prize which will be a very useful bonus. *Larry Kennedy*
- My prize for October Slot 5 arrived today. Thank you so much I trust you are continuing to improve, Patrick, and wish you all the best for good health in the future. *Maureen Blake*
- Patrick I was so sorry to hear of your accident. I hope this card finds you achieving consistent improvement in mobility and that you remain in good spirits! Kind regards to yourself and Sandra at this challenging time. *Judy Woodford*
- I hope you are recovering well. I am a little late in paying my dues; sorry! It is now done, by bank transfer. All the best, *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- Thank you for my cheque for Slot 6, August. That was a welcome surprise. Hope you have fully recovered from your fall. *Claire McClelland*

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">by</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Jesso</h2>


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Across

- 1 In a short time viceroy is taking in English cats (7)
- 5 Ill-natured drift sideways on couch (7)
- 9 Oddly, a tongue fails one in old forum (6,2,7)
- 10 See no end to level of proficiency in a car (5)
- 11 Man backed connection with a concentration camp (9)
- 12 At court, to contact about island rebellion (8)
- 14 Dismayed, Silver holds tongue at first (6)
- 16 Horse said to be absorbing a joke (3)
- 18 Be upset about any initial runs along the ground (6)
- 20 Father, without book, kicks idlers (8)
- 23 Ancient painter (9)
- 25 Adjusted and spread around forum (5)
- 27 Animals sat back with a passion for new cats (9,6)
- 28 Element of unknown abstainer ... one in spirit (7)
- 29 Gave Spanish gentleman a former delinquent (7)

Down

- 1 Hammers everybody in writing (5)
- 2 Great pictures taken around never-ending race (5,4)
- 3 Guiana's strange reptiles (7)
- 4 Firing second, expressing disapproval (8)
- 5 Study verse from the vault of heaven (6)
- 6 Mathematical concept opposed by Wood! (7)
- 7 Colour of dispute in beaten sides (5)
- 8 A man carries around English philosopher (9)
- 12 Out of bed to fix the window ... it's no good! (2,2,5)
- 13 Georgia parking in opening (3)
- 15 Casually mend a torn decking (9)
- 17 Turn a penny without the novelist being controlled (8)
- 19 Stars in a dreadful set-up (7)
- 21 Insect takes a man about a Chinese mile? (7)
- 22 Girl spies on border around midday (6)
- 24 A piece introduced, accepted by clique (5)
- 26 Poor odds about English being medicated (5)

Congratulations to the winners of the bonus 3D 2020 Calendars for our November puzzles as follows, and thanks to Keith Williams and his associates in the project for their generosity in making these magnificent prizes available.

Slot	3D Calendar winner
1	Max Roddick, 47 Rosanna Street, Carnegie, Victoria 3163
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5	Betty Siegman, 2/46 Neale Street, Long Jetty, New South Wales 2261

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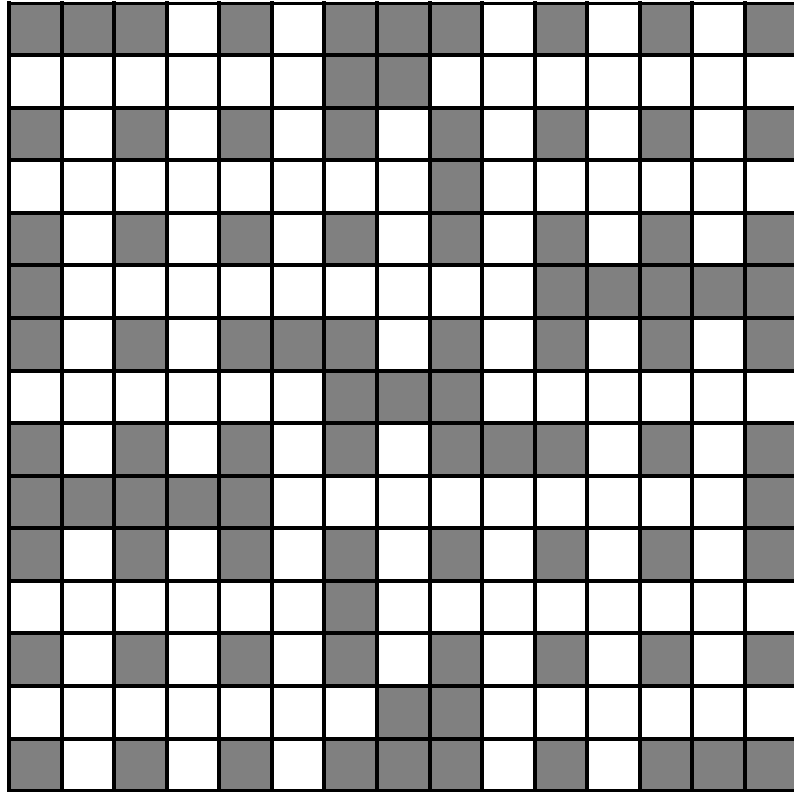
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Solutions begin with the given letter. Place them in the grid jigsaw-wise, where they fit.



- A** Medicine for Pastor with spasm after a beer (9)
- B** Uncultured person from North American backwater (5)
- C** Girl fled to Scottish outlaw (7)
- D** GP goes to anything newspaperman designed (9)
- E** In Nome, a duenna hid the returned spirit (8)
- F** Loud disagreement with partners produces disapproving looks (6)
- G** Aer Lingus listings include instruments (6)
- H** Man's fear of Spanish (8)
- I** Popular to like old colour (6)
- J** Caretaker brings back rubbish on New Year's day (7)
- K** Fuel is a type of heather (8)
- L** Put charges portside (9)
- M** Male changed date of lunch, say (8)
- N** No girl student has this grammatical description (6)
- O** Past epitaph to Earl is too old (8)
- P** Travelling regularly, priest is telling stories (6)
- Q** I hear there is money for the cornerstone (5)
- R** Traveller with misshapen tangun is horrible (9)
- S** Description, in other words, of money (6)
- T** Tea staff recycled fabrics (8)
- U** American author is climbing dam (6)
- V** No carnivore, for example, is put in the vehicle (5)
- W** Feeble wife on a fling? (5)
- X** Copy-cat returns with animal (5)
- Y** Stories about bits of rope (5)
- Z** This lizard is the last on the river (6)

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**An all-
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by Crowsman**



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Across

- 1 Model visiting inside place of worship (8)
- 5 ACCOLADE is over in a number of minutes (6)
- 10 Screen identifies Heath framing fool (7)
- 11 Kids brought around an inconvenience while serving meat cuts (7)
- 12 Object about unwise punishment (9)
- 13 Worry when dividing support (5)
- 14 Fool trapped beside chasm (5)
- 16 Female singing star accepts help from city (8)
- 19 Increase layer around a cube (8)
- 21 Scoffed about operational pay (5)
- 25 Remains while accommodating that female (5)
- 26 Leg is supported by rope suitable for scaling (9)
- 28 Reclusive individual, before receiving discharge (7)
- 29 Drives while circling location (7)
- 30 Father admits attending burlesque (6)
- 31 They protect wise men restraining dog (8)

- 4 Vegetable container in dump (6)

- 6 Related to cyclical trajectory is said about particle (7)
- 7 Date interrupted alternative affair (9)
- 8 Assigned a timber measure, splitting pole (8)
- 9 Hear about old drama (7)
- 15 On top academically, or just inside it? (9)
- 17 That fellow is involved in supplies for crooks (8)
- 18 Ran aground, getting hurt in bunk (7)
- 20 More reckless white wine swallowed by that woman (7)
- 22 Greek character overshadowed clever scene (7)
- 23 Face struggle, admitting slump (6)
- 24 Punts carrying like animals (6)
- 27 Furrow covered by live animal (5)

Down

- 1 Unduly going around covering fruit (6)
- 2 Damage restricted not one country house (5)
- 3 Exercise cutting many flowers (7)

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Lightly Spiced by Robespierre



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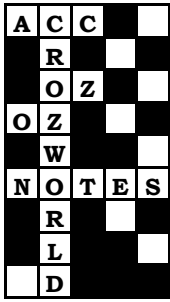
- 1 Choice morsel – on offer in 23? (6)
- 4 General opponent of Rome, one who expects people to supply his dinner, hot not cold. (8)
- 10 Meet doddering piano tuner gone ape? (3,4)
- 11 Cooked breakfast's starter – brought up! (7)
- 12 Go up closer to minor protest (4)
- 13 Decrepit old man, spotted with nutty feature (6-4)
- 15 Slangy mouth for Spooner? (6)
- 16 Bride's excited about love – gets to prepare for marital bed? (7)
- 20 Explicit messaging shows former partner involved in deception (7)
- 21 Briefly look upon arbiter to renege on agreement (6)
- 24 Opposition leader conspires slyly to achieve moving spectacle (10)
- 26 Digital image of Ben Hur, say? (4)
- 28 Arresting photo of crockery recently nicked (7)
- 29 Visitor with a taste for take-away? (7)
- 30 Two refusals add to obstruction for one arriving in big group (8)
- 31 Agitate, as eleven strikes, outside plant (6)

Down

- 1 Opportunity to fish the American way (8)
- 2 Distraught model repeatedly seen in a state (9)
- 3 Registration statement has currently charged items (4)
- 5 Delicious food aroma is wafting over a follower (8)
- 6 Troglodyte points out altar end (10)
- 7 Endowed with well-developed 23, a bit statuesque? (5)
- 8 Hoity-toity daughter is into opera and after headlines (2-2-2)
- 9 Mobile platform for 7 US singer/actress (5)
- 14 Receive notice supplying reason to go to butcher's (3,3,4)
- 17 Obscene items in skiers' hands form controversial artwork (4,5)
- 18 I understand test case is mounted after an alcoholic drink (8)
- 19 Lacking substance, small muscle is deficient in oxygen (8)
- 22 Rising pop celebrity lifted missing link? (6)
- 23 Mistakes twin peaks? (5)
- 25 Unorganised, drops undies to reveal body (5)
- 27 Faithful girl, wearing tank top, is penniless (4)

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Closing mail date: Friday 10 January 2020.
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October Quiz 10-2019

Trivia and nonsense for wordsmiths by Brian Symons

Winner: Julie Leigh. Congratulations!

Entries 13. Correct 22 Julie Leigh. **21** Mike Potts. **20.5** Ann Millard, Betty Siegman and Ulla Axelsen. **20** David Bennett, David Procter and Roy Taylor. **19** William Ryan and Robyn Wimbush. **17** Julie Crowe and Bev Cockburn. **16.5** Pat Garner.

Adjudicator's comments

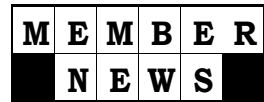
Only a small entry but members seemed to enjoy it and it was a close run race. I had to be inventive in marking (hence the half points) as members came up with so many alternatives, all deserving something – but some more than others. One in fact was better than mine (scaunched for strengths in #14 as it is longer but stretched and screeched were accepted). For body part synonyms nerve/guts, cheek/gall, heart/marrow...and for caress/cares many alternatives were provided such as brass, ogress, mantis. Only one correct answer was given for #2 inkstand. (*What word has st in the middle, in the beginning, and in the end?*) In #18 “liquefy” was actually correctly spelt. Some variants to the “correct” antonyms and anagrams sought

were also accepted as correct in various questions. Even a palindromic alternative for "Nauruan" was found, namely Kazak!
—Brian Symons

Answers: **1** Q, **2** inkstand, **3** lip and cheek, **4** tittle, **5** lap, **6** the whole word is horizontally symmetrical, **7** eyes and nose, **8** short, **9** spine, **10** the space bar, **11** elbow and bowel, **12** it reads the same when inverted, **13** forty, **14** strengths, **15** no letter is repeated, **16** ushers, **17** caress, **18** they are misspelt, **19** spine and penis, **20** no two words rhyme, **21** cow (cows and kine), **22** Nauruan.

Solvers' Comments

- Well, that was a strange one. Made me think a lot!
Roy Taylor
- This gave us a lot of fun. Thank you.
Julie Leigh
- Fascinating and fun.
Robyn Wimbush
- I greatly enjoyed your quiz and spent a lot of time going over my body parts to find synonyms and antonyms.
Ulla Axelsen
- Sure was a challenge.
Ann Millard
- This was certainly something different.
Julie Crowe
- Thanks for a challenging quiz.
Betty Siegman
- Well, that was different. Quite a collection of unusual trivia.
Bev Cockburn



New ACC memberships: We have received new ACC memberships from the following: **Glenn Vallis, Frances Ferrier Penelope G Wilson, Paul Kalinski, Agent Deposit, and HCU.** As we do not have any of their addresses would they kindly contact Jenny Wenham, c/o Post Office, Comet Qld 4702? We will then Welcome them to the wonderful world of **Crozworlding.**

UK Crossword News November 2019

The UK December Prize Puzzle will be the now traditional Christmas puzzle from *Eclogue*. Seasons Greetings XI will be published at the end of November.

As I am moving house and expect to be a week without broadband the December puzzle will be published a week early. *Eclogue* is a UK setting partnership of Eddie Looby and Keith Williams, who initially met over the internet in 2009 (or was it earlier?).

The perfect dovetailing of a grid compiler who wasn't very good at clues and a clue writer who didn't like setting grids enabled a prolific partnership to form. The pseudonym is derived from those of the compilers, which are Eclipse and Logogriph.

Eddie has now retired from the world of IT, while Keith is a freelance accountant. Crosswords fill a great deal of their spare time, whether it be solving or compiling.

To date, *Eclogue* have been published in the *Sunday Telegraph* (Enigmatic Variations), Independent and i newspapers (Inquisitor), 1 Across, Crossword Club, Magpie, 3D Crossword Calendar and the Crossword Centre where they have provided the Christmas puzzle for over ten years.

A blog of their outputs can be found at www.eclogue-eclogue.blogspot.co.uk.

Quiz 12/2019: A Quiz in the manner of Valkyrie

Each answer contains a common element which is neither right at the beginning nor right at the end of the word. Answers are in alphabetical order. Send your entry to Ulla Axelsen, 6 Maud Street, Donnybrook, QLD 4510: e-mail ullaaxelsen@hotmail.com Closing date 10 January 2020. Prize.\$75 prize.

- 1** Harshness (8)
- 2** A mobile form of advertising (6, 7)
- 3** 16th century scientist (10)
- 4** Wild ruffian (9)
- 5** Infuriate (10)
- 6** Trial (10)
- 7** Trifling (8)
- 8** Primitive group of seed plants (10)
- 9** Exaggeration (9)
- 10** Haughty (9)
- 11** Unskilled (13)
- 12** Ribaldry (6)
- 13** Non-professional (9)
- 14** Way of working (5, 8)
- 15** Journalist (12)
- 16** Clamorous (12)
- 17** Documents and the like (9)
- 18** Good fortune (10)
- 19** Irascible (5-8)
- 20** Pull through (10)
- 21** Unnecessary (11)
- 22** Disposition (11)
- 23** Bloody minded (13)
- 24** Spiteful (8)
- 25** Someone who talks to horses (9)
- 26** Insect exterminators (7)

November 1-2019: Half 'n Half by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- Very difficult but worth the effort. *Judy Ferguson*
- The H in PUBLISH seems to be from Push, but Push = Promote, in my view not a true synonym for Publish. *Max Roddick*
- Usually try to do slot 1 without use of references but that's almost impossible with a Virgo puzzle. *Ulla Axelsen*
- 1-down. I hope the word length has been transposed otherwise we're in trouble. *Richard Skinner*
- Lovely to see one of Audrey's puzzles. A clever half and half to start us off. *Robyn Caine*

November 2-2019: Partly Cryptic by Flowerman (Ian Thompson)

- Good fun. LOI was EXTON because "cricket side = on" evaded me for a while. *Len Colgan*
- Tougher than the average Slot 2? *Ann Millard*
- I can't remember a slot 2 as hard as this. Gave COTM to SINE DIE. *Roy Taylor*
- Learnt a new meaning for an everyday word, WING = improvise. *Max Roddick*
- Very enjoyable puzzle: I hope I've managed to find all the towns. *Betty Siegman*
- Beautiful silo art at Patchewollock. Fun puzzle, thank-you Flowerman. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Unusual slot 2 type. 34dn was hard to find. *Richard Skinner*
- I learned so much from this slot. Thank you Flowerman. *Lynn Jarman*
- 34dn has me stumped. Can only hope its this Tassie town! *Barbara Morris*
- Tricky puzzle. Took me ages to parse 34dn. Still not sure of 3dn. *Julie Crowe*
- Your advice that 6 states were represented was a great help in finding Exton because I was stuck on the cricket side being XI. *Robyn McKenzie*
- First clue solved was EMERALD. Aha! I thought. Gemstones. But no, the theme was place names – and not all of them familiar! *Nea Storey*

- This was a lot of fun. I particularly like the use of places like Coonabarabran and Patchewollock. *Robyn Caine*
- A very interesting trip around Australia. Patchewollock is definitely on my list of places to visit! *Laurence Kennedy*
- I would like to say I understood what I was doing with this puzzle, but I didn't! If I earn a dot here it won't be my fault. I am eagerly awaiting the solution and the explanations. *Frank Martin*

November 3-2019: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

- As usual with Manveru, a great selection of words for the answers. Did like 11c especially. *Len Colgan*
- Loved this one – great fun! *Judy Ferguson*
- Not too hard, but full of interesting clues. Is that an &lit I see? I'm nominating it COTM. *Roger Douglas*
- Loved clue for NINETEENTH. *Roy Taylor*
- Another gridful of Manveru's goodies! Liked NINETEENTH, ETCH, POSSESSED, WARSHIP. *Max Roddick*
- Lots of fine clues, with BARBERS and NINETEENTH my favourites. *Ian Thompson*
- Some very clever definitions. *Ulla Axelsen*
- As usual, some great clues from Michael. I gave my COTM to 12ac, but also considered 4 down "BARBERS". *Robyn Caine*

November 4-2019: AJ by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen)

- Valkyrie's AJs are always challenging and always enjoyable. I particularly liked the letter-substitution clues for OBJECTED and ZEST. *Brian Tickle*
- Usual quality Slot 4 from Valkyrie. *Len Colgan*
- Always a favourite, and I always seem to learn a new word or two. *Ann Millard*
- Enjoyed the puzzle. But KERATITIS is not a swelling. *Roy Taylor*
- Reasonably straightforward and enjoyable. *Ian Thompson*
- Took me a long time to understand the I clue make-up. *Max Roddick*
- I was stuck for a while here, as I had TRIOS instead of TERNS. Both fit the clue, but TRIOS would not fit the grid. *Mike Potts*
- I had to chuckle at the spoonerism in the 'P' clue. (How appropriate it was that particular clue). *Robyn Caine*

November 5-2019: Cryptic by Eclogue (Keith Williams and Eddie Looby)

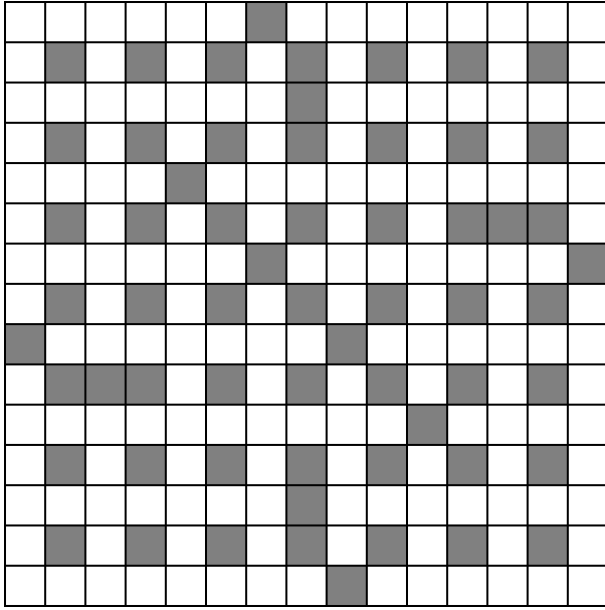
- Some off-the-beaten-track solutions (notably WIENCKE), doubtless

- forced by the demanding grid. No walk in the park, even after you've solved 1-across. *Ian McKenzie*
- Amazing! Thankfully, 9-across quickly gave the theme. *Len Colgan*
- All those 15 letter clues! Took a while to find WIENCKE Island – took me into some interesting research. Thank you. *Ann Millard*
- Amazing. *Brian Symons*
- Very clever. Wiencke Island! Really! At least it didn't have a D in it. *Roy Taylor*
- An impressive piece of setting. I needed to resort to aids a fair bit and mostly resolved the wordplay of the seven affected clues after identifying the answer. *Ian Thompson*
- A most interesting grid pattern. Took a while to work out how some of the clues worked but got there in the end. Thanks for a great challenge. *Ulla Axelsen*
- An interesting concept with all the across clues being 15 letters. I look forward to seeing the explanation for 18-across and 19-down. *Lynn Jarman*
- Quite tricky and sent with fingers crossed! *Robyn McKenzie*
- A fairly hard puzzle, but each 15-letter word was a joy when solved. *Max Roddick*
- I would rate this puzzle as AAA, not DDD. *Mike Potts*
- Just hope I got this right. (you did Robyn and thank you for the card: Joan). *Robyn Caine*
- I was stymied halfway through until I changed 'lovers' to 'solver' in 14 across. Some very obscure (but not unfair) abbreviations. *Kath Harper*
- This puzzle had me scratching my head. Some solutions totally eluded me until Ian's timely deadline reminder. Then mercifully; they appeared!! Many thanks. *Julie Crowe*
- A very clever puzzle. Tough going until I figured out the consistent inconsistencies! *Laurence Kennedy*

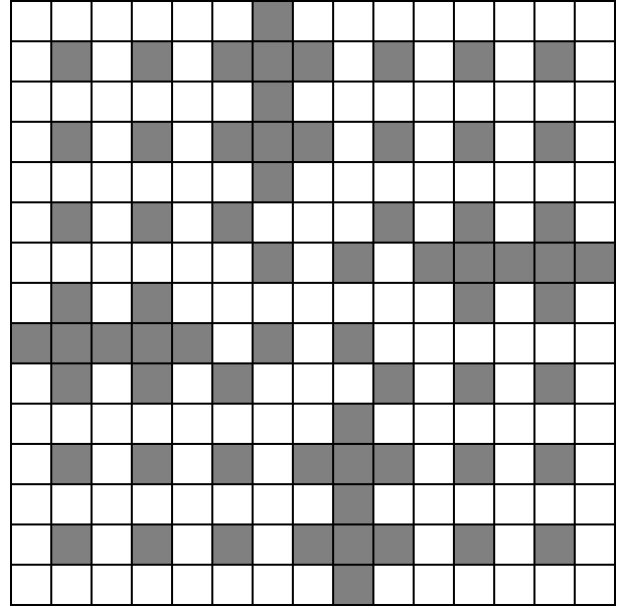
Quotes from Shakespeare

- We often use quotes and some have become an essential part of the language – but how many people realise how prolific the Bard was and how many of his quotes are in use today, often out of their original context?
- Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them.' (Twelfth Night Act 2, Scene 5)
 - 'Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste of death but once.' (Julius Caesar Act 2, Scene 2)
 - 'How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child!' (King Lear Act 1, Scene 4)
 - 'Frailty, thy name is woman.' (Hamlet Act 1, Scene 2)
 - 'If you prick us, do we not bleed? If you tickle us, do we not laugh? If you poison us, do we not die? And if you wrong us, shall we not revenge?' (The Merchant of Venice Act 3, Scene 1)
 - 'I am one who loved not wisely but too well.' (Othello Act 5, Scene 2)
 - 'The lady doth protest too much, methinks' (Hamlet Act 3, Scene 2)
 - 'Get thee to a nunnery.'
 - 'If music be the food of love play on.' (Twelfth Night Act 1, Scene 1)
 - 'What's in a name? A rose by any name would smell as sweet.' (Romeo and Juliet Act 2, Scene 2)
 - 'The better part of valour is discretion' (Henry IV, Part 1 Act 5, Scene 4)
 - 'To thine own self be true.' (Hamlet Act 1, Scene 3)
 - 'All that glisters is not gold.' (The Merchant of Venice Act 2, Scene 7)
 - 'Nothing will come of nothing.' (King Lear Act 1, Scene 1)
 - 'The course of true love never did run smooth.' (A Midsummer Night's Dream Act 1, Scene 1)
 - 'Cry "havoc!" and let slip the dogs of war' (Julius Caesar Act 3, Scene 1)
 - 'There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.' (Hamlet Act 2, Scene 2)
 - 'Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?' (Sonnet 18)
 - 'But, for my own part, it was Greek to me.' (Julius Caesar Act 1, Scene 2)
 - 'Neither a borrower nor a lender be; for loan oft loses both itself and friend, and borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry.' (Hamlet Act 1, Scene 3)
 - 'Off with his head!' (Richard III Act 3, Scene 4)
 - 'Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown.' (Henry IV, Part 2 Act 3, Scene 1)

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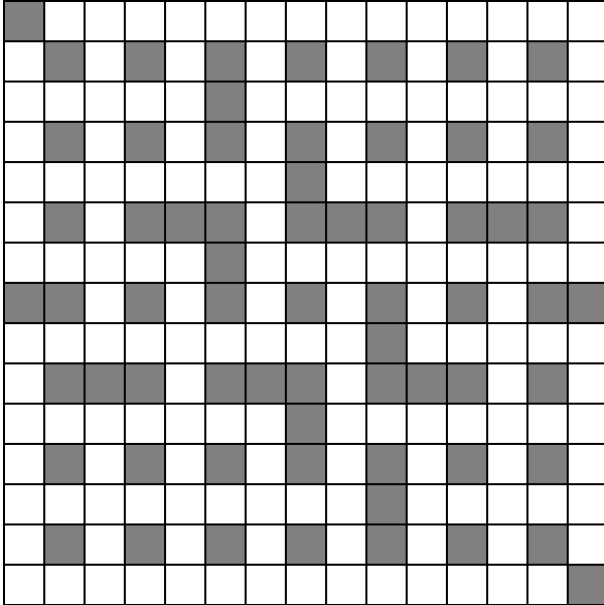


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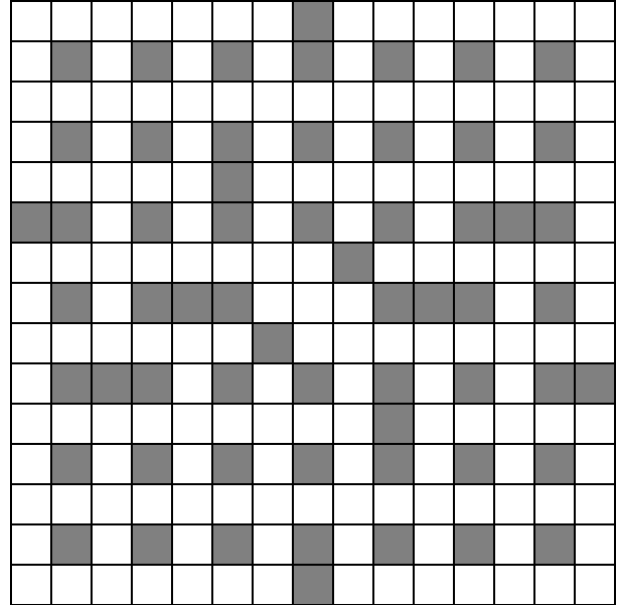
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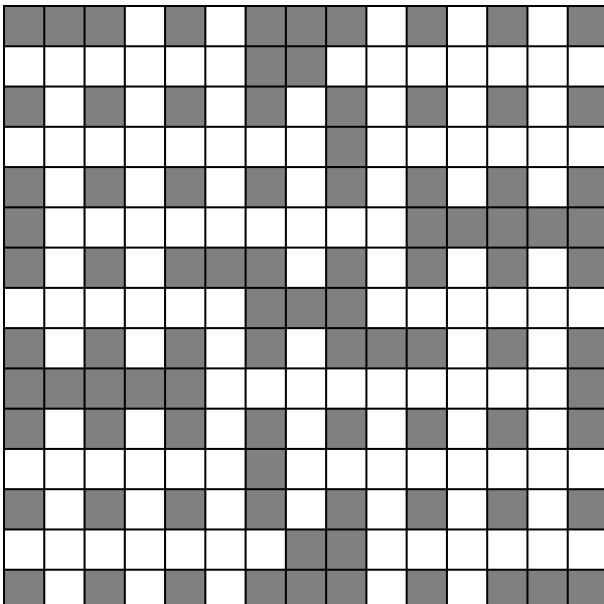


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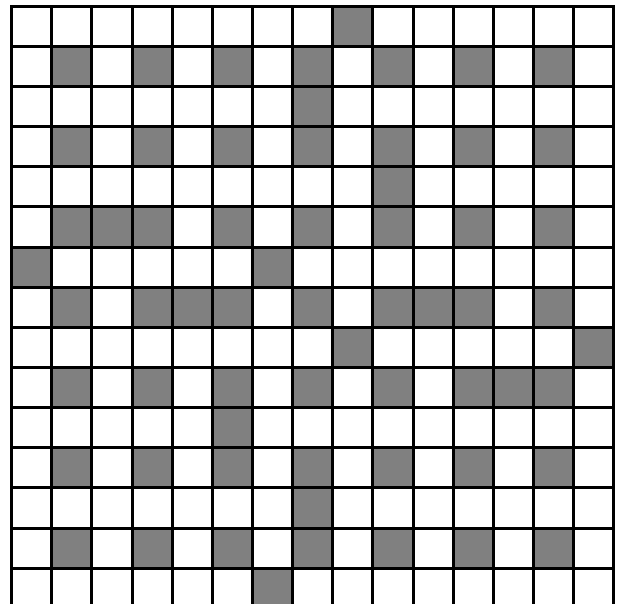


Clue of the Month

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October 6-2019 I am if you are! by Hot and Cold (Jenny Wenham and Ian Williams))

Entries received 52, Correct 41, Success rate 78.8%.

Prizewinner: Keith Williams. Congratulations!

Compiler's comments

Thank you for the positive comments. We shall continue to search to bring you something different with an interesting theme. Our apologies for the incorrect Good Grid in the magazine. CHUCKS resulted in the most errors with CHUNKS, CHUKKA and CRUNKS sharing the blame. CONQUERERS (CONQUERORS), BACKER (BANKER) and DECK (DICE) were also the cause of some dotlessness.

Explanations – Theme clues are marked *. **Across:** 8*HE + ARTS, 9 EN + ACTORS, 10 O + TO + SCOPE, 11 IMP + E + Drake + Expedition, 12 TE in S, W, 13* C + AS + I + NO, 14 sEEK (expression of surprise), 16 AR inside MINA, 17 anag, 20 cd, 23 cd G = G and RAND - ie GOOD AND "rand" is READY (currency) in South Africa, 25* BANK + ER, 26 See 23, 28 anag, 29* HUCK in CS. **Down:** 1* TEETOTAL -AL +UM, 2* cd, 3 hidden, 4* (REVISER)*, 5 cd, 6 UP in STA, 7* cd, 13 homoph "conker" + OR +S (quarter), 15* *INTENT+GUV, 18* K + L ON DI + K + e, 19 DD, 21 hidden, 24 E in SKIN, 27* D+ICE.

Solvers' Comments

- A sprinkling of straightforward clues but overall not an easy solve: a few clues with devious structures. *Ian McKenzie*
- The answer GOOD AND READY, referring to the title, has a devious clue. Was Hot or Cold responsible? [*Guilty – Hot*] *Len Colgan*
- The theme proved to be games, but solving this puzzle was no game! *Nea Storey*
- Good fun. Had a few S's that just didn't seem to work but I eventually tracked them down. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Interesting puzzle. *Roy Taylor*
- Once we realised the theme was "game" it all became much easier. *Julie Leigh*
- I enjoyed the puzzle and the clever theme. Took quite a while to parse ENACTORS. *Brian Tickle*
- I loved the clue to KLONDIKE: just about my favourite clue ever. *Betty Siegman*
- GAMES as theme didn't help much at first. A few guesses and a lot of headache to get it done! *Anne Simons*
- Enjoyable puzzle with a games theme, well done! *Tony Dobelev*
- This took me two weeks to complete so it was great to meet the challenge even if I am not entirely sure I have! Lots of great clues and I loved GOOD AND READY. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Very difficult. I'm not sure I even got on the right wavelength. *Robert Hagan*
- Game, set and match – I hope! *Kath Harper*
- Some challenging clues. One clue took me a month and then it was so obvious! Thank you. *Ann Millard*
- Liked EEK, BRIDGE, and especially ENACTORS. *Max Roddick*
- What great fun! *William Ryan*
- Plenty of games and game-related answers. Thanks for the clue in the name. *Robyn Caine*

Explanations to November 2019 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 COP + IOUS, 5 PUB + (bLISs) + H(otel), 8 UN + CL + UTTER, 9 anag, 11 IO + NA, 12 FARING* + PAIN*, 14 dd, 16 (ACCEPT + OIC)*, 18 (LOUD MEN + I + homoph"see")*, 21 (I DEER)*, 22 anag, 23 cd, 26 dd, 27 S + FOR + Z + AND + I, 28 IN + SIS + T + S, 29 rELATION.

Slot 2 Flowerman. Cryptic clues. Across: 9 hw, 10 (OPTS)*, 11 HUME + R + I, 19 DAM PIER, 24 U(L)VA, 26 (ALDERMEN)*, 32 Rev. hidden, 35 CO + commENding, 36 RElaX, 38 KANGAROO + (NORTHERn)*. **Down:** 2 (ROMEO WAS)*, 3 homoph "berry", 4 DENIS< + IE, 6 (LOOK ACCEPT tHe LaWs)*, 7 (A + B + ARAB) in (COON + RAN), 13 (G + DEED)*, 15 GI< in CAR, 16 Initials C. R. U. D. S., 27 (ARK)* in MEET, 34 (fu)nEXT + ON.

Slot 3 Manveru. Across: 1 SEPT+(m)EMBER, 6 (CANCER - C)*, 9 p(OUNCE), 10 (RECTANGLE - CIA)*, 11 cd, 12 P+L+A+Y, 14 PL+URALS, 15 (SOAP,A,M,H) &lit, 17 caSH ALLOWance, 19 E+CON+MO< +Y, 20 f(ETCH), 22 PROPER+TIE+S, 25 (REST)* around RETCH, 26 cd, 27 DR + (W+O+N)*, 28 P(REFLECT)*Y. **Down:** 1 dd, 2 (SPINE + ULNA)*, 3 EVENT+U+ALLY, 4 BARB(ER)S, 5 RE+CIT(i)ES, 6 CRAM(p), 7 Hidden - sANG ELoquently, 8 EVE+R+Y+BODY, 13 (VALUE OF BAR)*, 14 POSSE+SS+E+D, 16 PR+(ON TEN)* around MI, 18 WAR(d) SHIP, 19 (ROME)* around REP<, 21 C+ARGO, 23 (DISPLAY - I)*, 24 hidden.

Slot 4 Valkyrie. A (CILLA) in (YARN)*, **B** B + A + SIN, **C** CIT(OLd)E, **D** DI + (ERUPTS)* + ABILITY, **E** Hidden reversed, **F** FOR+(cLIMBER)*, **G** G(OS+S)AMER, **H** H+ bATCH, **I** MITE move M to end, **J** JO(Y)Ss, **K** (KneesARE)*+TITIS, **L** Double / pun, **M** MISs + M+AT+CH, **N** N(ASS)AU, **O** DEPRESSED replace DE with OB, **P** LATENT PEE = patently, **Q** QUITch, **R** (CHORISTER-S)*, **S** SEA+L+ANTS, **T** dd, **U** (RETUNE CAT)*, **V** eVER+ON+I+CAShew, **W** W + (THEATRE)*+ROUSERS, **X** (NONE+X)<, **Y** YE+S+MAN, **Z** NEST replace N with Z.

Slot 5 Eclogue. Across: 1 [D]EA[D] + LETTER + [D]R + OPS, 9 HEY + [D]I[DD]LE + [D]I[DD]LE, 10 (GOT HAIL)* after [D] AVI[D]AN[D], 11 (IN SCIENCE SITS ON)*, 14 (LORDS SCORER VOWS)*, 18 (EEN)< + [D]LEAN[D] + R in THE + A[D], 21 [D] IS(a)AC + COMMO(n) + [D]ATE[D], 22 IN[D] + EP + EN[D]EN + CE + [D]AY. **Down:** 2 (ser)ENE MA(jesty), 3 [D]I[DD] + COY in IS, 4 END + (p)EARS, 5 (ELUTED)* + S(mell), 6 DROS(s) in REE, 7 RAD + II, 8 homoph "Polly" + THEN + E, 12 NOR replacing GAL in Galwegian, 13 (END ROACH + L)*, 15 K in (NEW ICE)*, 16 (MAN in DEER)<, 17 (WINDS TO)*, 19 (E + PARD)<, 20 N in AREA.