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We must use words as they are used or stand aside from life.
Ivy Compton-Burnett, 1955, *Mother and Son*, Ch. 9.

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The ACC website has been carefully and capably updated by our remarkably talented and brilliant computer whiz **Ken Davis**. Ken has made our 'Leading Lights' feature well worth exploring and has added a cruciverbal website which may be of much interest to members: click on 'External Links' on the Home Page. It's called 'Best for Puzzles'. Sincere thanks Ken for your valued assistance and skill in carrying out these tasks.

We have been delighted with the excellent response to the renewal of subscriptions and the generous donations to the ACC prize fund 2012. Details of renewals and the names of those who have recently donated to the 2012 Prize Fund can be found on p9. For those who have not yet renewed, we enclose a renewal slip. Sadly, this will be the final *Crozworld* for those who have not renewed.

Our accomplished Puzzleman **Ian Williams** has selected another fascinating range of puzzles for you this month. *Virgo* has titled her interesting Slot 1 puzzle 'Foursomes' and we have cryptics by two of our favourite compilers *Southern Cross* and *InGrid*. *Penobscot* has contributed another fine AJ in the Slot 4 position and *Betelgeuse* will challenge you with another of her superlative cryptics in Slot 5. *Raoul* has given us one of his unorthodoxically-clued puzzles in Slot 6 with the title "A Very Dodgy Cryptic" and as an extra prize he will be donating to the lucky winner a bottle of fine Sherry from his outstanding collection. Many thanks *Raoul* for your kindness and generosity. The Quiz No 2/2012 featured on p9 titled 'Place It' has been devised by *InGrid*.

The solutions to the Christmas 2011 Bonus Puzzles and Bonus Quiz can be found on p13 of *e-Crozworld* and as a separate insert for the hard copy of *Crozworld*.

Good Luck with your solving this month. —Patrick

Seasons greetings and many thanks to all who sent me nice cards and other blandishments to gain a dot. They didn't work, and I shall continue to adjudicate in my usual ruthless and efficient manner! I have an entry from Hobart with no name on it. Please contact Patrick if you think it could be yours. My apologies to those members whose comments were not published: time and space constraints gave me no choice. Let slaughter commence!

Slot1: Many complaints about the grid size and number of unchecked squares. I must admit that it didn't do my eyesight much good either. Heartfelt thanks to those who enlarged their entry grid! 21dn had the most queries as to how this answer (sauce) was arrived at. Would the compiler please explain as I have no idea either?! A few spelling mistakes of MYRRH mainly as MYRHH otherwise not too many other problems.

Slot 2: Good success rate here with 9dn AMBROSIANCHANT giving the most angst to a few members.

Slot 3: 21dn: 'Abettor' and 'Abetter' both allowed: again a good success rate.

Slot 4: Zenolith disallowed for Xenolith, 'Z' clue should be more correctly answered as St Zosimus.

Slot 5: 21ac 'PRODS' not allowed in place of 'PRONG': it fits the definition but not the clue: regularly **spurs on nag**.

COTM: A dead heat for COTM between Slot 2 22ac 'Colonelcy' and Slot 5 19dn 'Corkage'. Well done *Jesso* and *Barney Naga*.

Compiler of the year: *Virgo* by a neck from *Crowsman*. Congratulations Audrey.

—Col Archibald

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	89	108	100	101	94	492
Correct entries	57	96	94	96	83	426
Success rate (%)	64	88	94	96	88	86.5
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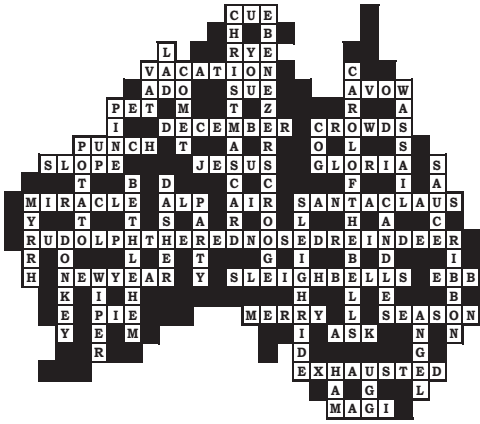
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Prizewinner: January 2012 Slots 1-5: Doug Butler.

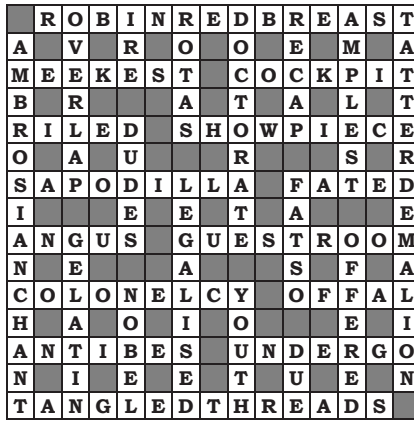
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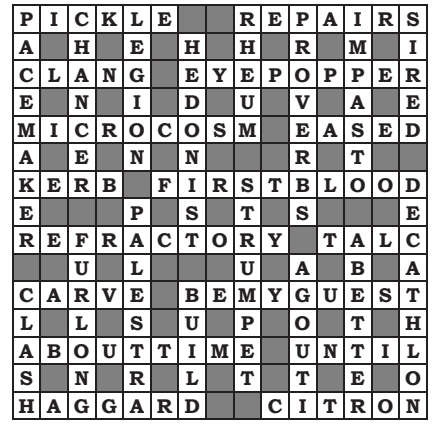
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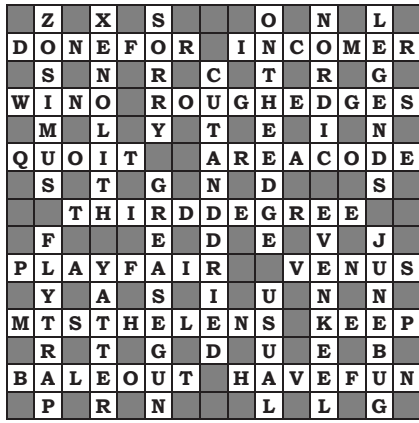
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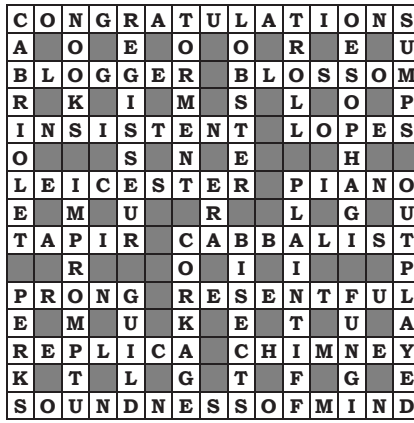
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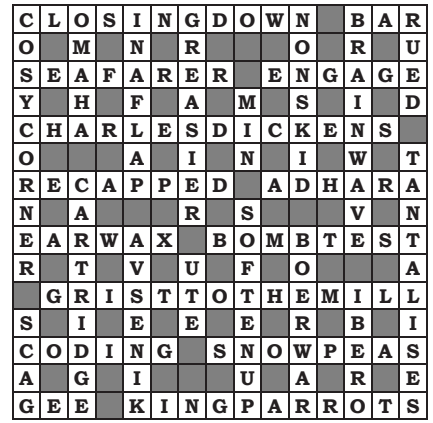
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Dec 6-2011



MEMBERS RESULTS for DEC 2011 Slot 6 & JAN 2012 Slots 1-5

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ARCHIBALD C
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BALNAVES J
BARBOUR J
BARNES J
BARRETT A
BAYLIS J
BENNETT B
BROTHERTON J
BRYANT R
BUTLER D
CAINE R
CAMERON H
CAMPBELL G
CARBINES M
CARROLL L
COATES D
COCKBURN B
COLE G
COLGAN L
COLLINS M
COPLAND F
COULTON L
COWAN M
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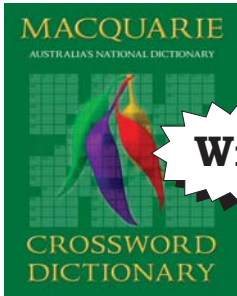
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FOWLER J
GARNER P
GLISSAN B
GRAINGER D
HAGAN R
HAMBLING C
HARPER K
HATCHUEL D
HEMSLEY D
HOCKING A
HORAN P
HOWARD L
HOWARD V
HOWELLS S
IBBOTT B
JERMY A
JESSOP N
JONES C
JONES D
KASIVAJJULA B
KENNEDY M
KNIGHT S
LEE C
LEE N
LEEDS G
LLOYD G
LORD P
McADOO G
McCLELLAND C
MacDOUGALL I
McGRATH J
McKENZIE I
McKINDLAY Y
McMANUS D
MARTIN John
MEEK D
MERCER P

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
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NOBLE C
O'BRIEN, Eileen
PATTERSON A
PEARCE J
PINDER S
POTTS M
PROCTER D
PROCTER M
PYC M
QUINN C
RENDELL A
RODDICK M
ROULSTON S
RYAN A
RYAN W
SIEGMAN B
SIMONS A
SMITH J
SPICER L
STEINBERGER M
STOREY N
SYMONS B
TAYLOR R
TAYLOR S
TICKLE B
TOFONI B
VILLIERS W
WAITES L
WALTER A
WEBBER B
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**Foursomes
by
Virgo**

Prizes: \$75



Win!

[2007 edn]

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Clues are of four types:
cryptic, thematic phrase, general knowledge and orthodox.

Across

- 8 He'd be a devil to execute! (6)
- 9 Watchful five, tailing nuts (8)
- 10 Busy melting a bodily connection (8)
- 11 Greg has an average over (6)
- 12 Glass instrument! (5)
- 15 Fancy fixing the ladder, man? (9)
- 19 What a shame he turned ugly because initially there's a basin for soaking in (7)
- 20 Cake (7)
- 21 Pink (9)
- 25 Apple (5)
- 28 Cup (6)
- 30 Sweet (8)
- 32 Grape (8)
- 33 Malt (6)

- 4 Incarnation of Brahma (6)
- 5 African country, capital Kampala (6)
- 6 Relating to flowers, often a type of tribute (6)
- 7 Irish folk singer formerly of *Clannad* (4)
- 13 Ken _____: movie director of *Poor Cow* (5)
- 14 Bar or impede (5)
- 15 Clean up a program (5)
- 16 Contraction of Emmeline (5)
- 17 Red wine from France (5)
- 18 Early Scandinavian; Viking (5)
- 22 Percussion instrument (6)
- 23 Canny (6)
- 24 Works of fiction (6)
- 26 Satirical (6)
- 27 Multitude (5)
- 29 Scowl or frown (4)
- 31 Accept (4)

Down

- 1 _____ Moore: actress, star of *G.I Jane* (4)
- 2 Oscar _____: pianist, actor, star of *Humoresque* (6)
- 3 Larry _____: virtuoso harmonica player (5)


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Closing mail date: 9 March 2012.

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Cryptic
by
InGrid



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Across

- 8 Religious group to hold back points in shorts (8)
- 9 Cart backed over soldier. Just dreadful! (6)
- 10 Grit is a cultural potential for farmer (15)
- 11 Accent of born scoundrel (6)
- 12 Select one pack for Mr Dyer (4-1-3)
- 13 The woman's love of a doctrine is daring (7)
- 15 Employed over the man with the right to be shown (7)
- 18 Bend around if fraction only a partial (8)
- 20 A new article on the first master of song (6)
- 21 A health spa story misinterpreted seawater therapy (15)
- 22 Man has the majority, or very nearly (6)
- 23 Chook deaths attributed to poisonous plants (8)

Down

- 1 Dog will agree to twist turban (8)
- 2 Do flooring below confused Puck (5,10)
- 3 Condition a ton of air (6)
- 4 Atom is round this shark (7)
- 5 Acts tart over draws (8)
- 6 Foolishly ran at an imperial government official (15)
- 7 Debacle for company after odd Fridays (6)
- 14 Rareness of dialogue on health resort in Melbourne perhaps (8)
- 16 Freed old measure of past edition (8)
- 17 Shrink has a prize (7)
- 19 Breathe in sound of body (6)
- 20 Beach in Germany is somewhat uncomfortable (6)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- In totality, I rate Slots 1-6 in January's *CrOZworld* as the finest accumulation since I joined the ACC. Congratulations to Ian and each of those compilers. *Len Colgan*
- Thank you so much for my Slots 1-5 prize. It was a lovely Christmas present, and I made good use of the money at the after Christmas sales. I was surprised as I don't get all five crosswords correct very often, though I labour hard and long! *Fay Copland*
- A big thank you to the ACC for my slot 1 prize last month. I can see that the *Macquarie Crossword Dictionary* is going to be very useful to me and a great finish to the year. *Betty Siegman*
- Thank you so much for my book prize for December Slot 5. I have been a member of the club for over twenty years now and still enjoy it as much as the day I joined. *Brian Tickle*
- Thanks to the ACC for the updated copy of *Bradford's* word lists. This should come in handy for the difficult clues. *Alan Walter*
- I was absolutely 'blown away' to receive a cheque for my first ever entries! Thank you so much – especially Bob Hagan who gave me the membership + inspired me to risk divorce by devoting many hours to this month's puzzles! *Lyn Coulton*
- Thank you very much for the clue writing competition prize. I was most surprised and am using it already. *Don Hemsley*
- Many thanks for the 5 splendid bonus puzzles over and above the usual excellent set of prize puzzles, and a very happy New Year to all. *Iain MacDougall*
- Thoroughly enjoyed this month's offerings: we sure got our money's worth this month. *Roy Wilson*
- What a great bunch of puzzles to keep our brains working whilst our bodies went into sedentary mode over the Christmas break. *Glenda Lloyd*
- Thanks for an excellent Holiday edition – it gave me many hours of exquisite pain. *Jim Fowler*
- Thanks for a great Christmas edition of *CrOZworld* – but I didn't get as many jobs done around the house as I had planned! *Jeremy Barnes*
- Many thanks for the \$50 prize for my December Slot 1 entry. This was a very pleasant surprise as I am a new member and am struggling with the mental gymnastics required. But it is all good fun. Best Wishes for the New Year, 2012. *Laurence Kennedy*

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**Cryptic
by
Southern
Cross**



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Across

- 1 Another tax? Cut it out! (6)
- 4 Staffa Brickworks supplies this material (6)
- 9 Intimate friend is much upset (4)
- 10 Author takes large vehicle, in a fury, to Spain (5,5)
- 11 Tots' sad pud is off? (4,2)
- 12 Diagnose diversification, uncovering sudden decline (8)
- 13 Be deceived as female in favour ... (4,3,2)
- 15 ... rang back to growl (4)
- 16 Precious, but overpriced (4)
- 17 Game to criticise model after a time (9)
- 21 A bridal shower? (8)
- 22 Six-footer hiding in Leo's shelter (4-2)
- 24 Allocations for portions of land (10)
- 25 Be bold enough to disrupt 16 across ... (4)
- 26 ... as she's going around window frames (6)
- 27 The liberal arts are retaining backing of the stars (6)

Down

- 1 Small animal cruelly chained (7)
- 2 Thoroughly searches for shearing equipment (5)
- 3 Rio cops moved the sign (7)
- 5 Tiny star, twice losing direction, is in danger (2,4)
- 6 Hoping for a shower after this rhythmic exercise? (4-5)
- 7 Finding a dead body, the rotter has to testify (7)
- 8 Northern races investigate noise of birds above Swedish capital (13)
- 14 Jumps over spring crocus, one might almost say (9)
- 16 Meaningless scribble discovered by detective – lots of it (7)
- 18 Where blue shows areas of sea salt production (7)
- 19 Following the small prince – on side? (7)
- 20 Stump in derelict site getting my back up (6)
- 23 Read out about Dinar and the viper (5)

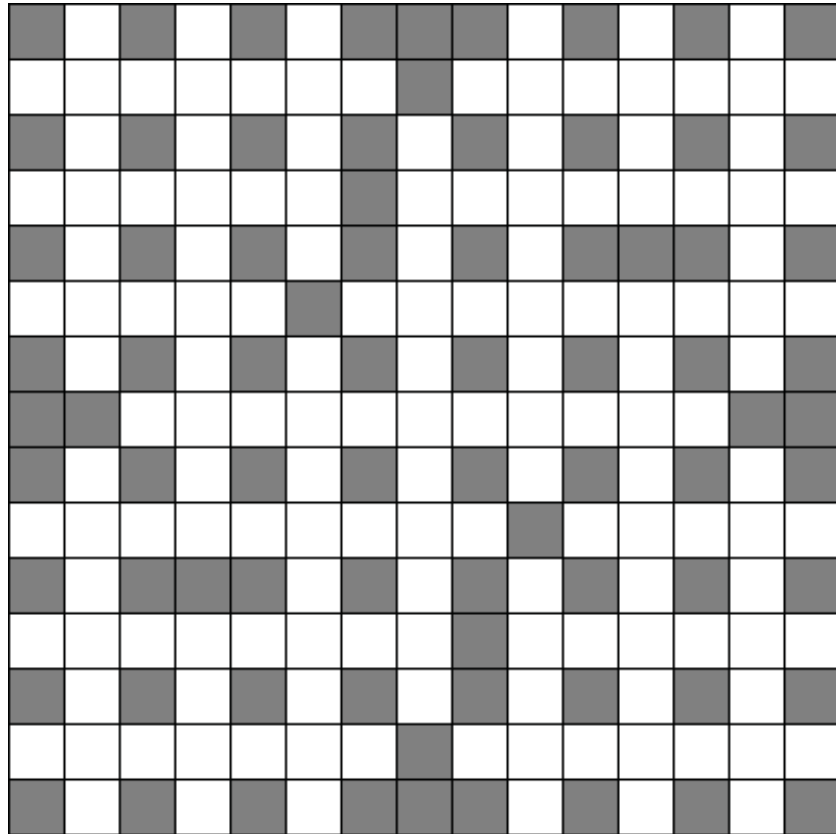
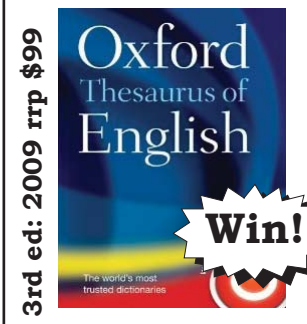
Comments for Quiz No. 12/11 Feedback by Both Sides continued from p12:

- I thought it was quite a testing quiz, but better using “brain power” than looking up the internet. *Graeme Cole*
- This was a fun quiz to do, very fair, but with plenty of challenging clues and I'm most impressed by how you managed to find foods ending in almost every letter of the alphabet. *Robyn Caine*
- I enjoyed it and it was tricky in places. NOUGAT was my last in and very clever, I thought. BAGEL is an indirect anagram and spoils an otherwise well constructed, challenging and fun quiz. *Jenny Wenham*
- A most enjoyable quiz; I would have had it in sooner but for No.18. How clever you are. *David Grainger*
- This quiz kept me entertained for many weeks – especially ROUX. *Robyn Wimbush*
- A piece of cake? Easy as Pie? More like a hard nut to crack! *Peter Dearie*
- This was a very tricky quiz. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- I really enjoyed working on this quiz and I would have finished it a lot more quickly if I had followed your instructions and actually thought about the title. *Susan Howells*

To **Patrick Street**. Not only does he set up and edit our professional quality magazine every month but his work behind the scenes can only be guessed at by the general member. Management of the website, moderation of DEEF, to keep it wholesome and free from lawsuits, physically printing and posting CrOZworld and sending out the e-version, buying prizes, posting prizes, providing certificates in his unmatched calligraphy...I haven't by any means exhausted the things he does for us, but do, on behalf of the membership acknowledge the great debt that we all owe to him. —Ian Williams

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AJ
by
Penobscot

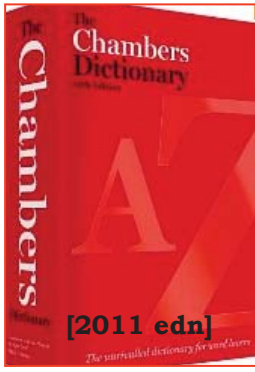


Solutions begin with the given letter. Place them in the grid, jigsaw-wise, where they fit

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| <p>A Estranged foreigner confused date (9)</p> <p>B Accreditations. Nothing up in cricket extras (7)</p> <p>C Embarrassed after chap took out insurance (7)</p> <p>D Endless discussion to get rid of cave-dwellers? (2-3)</p> <p>E Peer around a frenzied riot about Great Circle Line (10)</p> <p>F Made a false pass and passed out in speech (7)</p> <p>G French indifference to a melange of lush garlic with just a dash of ginger (6,5)</p> <p>H Expresses disapproval over rump with harsh treatment (9)</p> <p>I Desire to travel applied to feet (5)</p> <p>J Caretaker with first of year on a high spot (7)</p> <p>K Any one of a thousand could follow this (4)</p> <p>L Rent which if distributed could support an artist's effort (5)</p> <p>M Support for Ma in <i>Ain't Misbehavin</i> (8)</p> <p>N Foolish person when he's off his this (4)</p> | <p>O Power cuts? Not in a long time (7)</p> <p>P Very different when roast apple dished up (5,5)</p> <p>Q Give up leases for payments in lieu (4-5)</p> <p>R Sending to the country for a change for giant rictus (11)</p> <p>S M-mastered was faulty and faltered in speech (9)</p> <p>T Opponent of Taurus hidden by Europa, Castor, Eros <i>et al</i> (6)</p> <p>U Rodeo put off and forcibly removed (8)</p> <p>V Bigwigs about HM. Avoid such a nest! (6)</p> <p>W Was around this place. In a word, taking into consideration (7)</p> <p>X For woody stuff distribute oxygen around the outset of lumbago (7)</p> <p>Y Short form of Yb. Lacking leader, rather attractive rises (5)</p> <p>Z Old song adapted for monogamists? "Yes we have no _____!" (7).</p> |
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A SPECIAL NOTE OF GRATITUDE:

- To **Col Archibald** for another brilliant Adjudication this month with a large number of entries. Thank you for being such a wonderful contributor to the ACC. Also to this month's Adjudicator **Jean Barbour** who will be carefully checking numerous solutions in sweltering heat or raging flood waters!
- To **Bev Cockburn** our tireless Secretary/Treasurer and Life Member who has carefully handled all of the subscription renewals for 2012. This is a complicated and time-consuming task requiring special skills and Bev has carried it out in an efficient and most capable manner. Plus all of her wonderful puzzles and quizzes! Thank you Bev for your enduring contributions to the ACC.
- To **Ian Williams** who not only sets-up and selects all of our puzzles and quizzes every month but quietly and skilfully manages the e-lodgment scheme. Not to mention the challenging puzzles he frequently contributes to *Crozworld*. Thank you Ian for taking on these multiple tasks on our behalf. And to **Kay Williams** for her dedication and valued assistance to the ACC.
- To **Brian Symons** who has organised the trophies for the Jan-Dec 2011 Slots 1-6 and the Quizzes Jan-Dec 2011. This takes a lot of skilful organisation and Brian has done it in a masterly manner. The trophies will be distributed to the lucky prizewinners soon.
- To **all of our compilers**. We could not function without your challenging puzzles. They are always keenly assessed by the solvers and scrutinised in detail. We are indebted that we have such a dedicated band of compilers who so freely donate their skills for the enjoyment of the solvers.
- To **all of our adjudicators** we appreciate all of their work done each month in assessing the hundreds of solutions. It's a task which requires patience and application and we thank you for your invaluable assistance in making the ACC the best crossword club in the world.
- To **all of our members** for making the ACC a thriving, friendly and successful club. Here's to another Great Year! —Patrick

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Break-out by Betelgeuse
Prize:

Thumb-indexed rrp: \$147.95

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Not all words will be found in *Chambers* or *Macquarie*.

Across

- 1 Old car feature requiring internal tool bag adjustment (9,6)
- 9 After river retreated, wild bear became grisly (7)
- 10 Lime cordial in pub is more soothing (7)
- 11 Recovers, sore from unfinished exercise (7)
- 12 Block non-functional window (7)
- 13 Unusually sterile around church city in England (9)
- 15 Portugal, country short of news outside living area (5)
- 17 Misplacement of keys succeeded hiccups (5)
- 19 Up to that time, bar a great success with other trades (9)
- 21 A horse difficult without rider? (7)
- 24 Hopelessness of French additional sound (7)
- 25 More sanguine with right one in the bag (7)
- 26 Empty pilsner cooler costs more (7)
- 27 Detests second hand artwork so provides a model example (4,3,8)

Down

- 1 Charm lady artist to design official maps (9,6)

- 2 Reptiles primarily lack adaptations combating environmental rising temperatures in different surroundings (9)
- 3 Uncontrolled and numberless binges trap man more than half full (7)
- 4 French Third Class revolting – tries to eat when duck is off (5,4)
- 5 Raging animal bit off 1Down (5)
- 6 Used to provide light work without morning-after sickness (3,4)
- 7 French water is returned unaffected (5)
- 8 Film with rampant cost – hue led error? (5,7,3)
- 14 Bird drank up at transport facility (4,5)
- 16 Am I right about backing Ezra Pound verse form? (5,4)
- 18 Note from Ms Stein said to characterise island (7)
- 20 Old German hen is a small hybrid (7)
- 22 Obtained sandwiches, the same for character in play (5)
- 23 Lament rising energy of power system (5)

Macquarie Dictionary Word of the Year 2011

Voting is now open!

Meggings, slashy, disaster porn, achacha, guyliner, thongage, photobomb, food coma, planking, PIGS... which is your word of 2011?

The categories have been selected, the nominations are in, and now it's time for you to decide! Cast your vote for what you think is the most striking contribution to Australian English in 2011. The voting will determine the People's Choice. The overall winning word will be selected by the Macquarie Dictionary Word of the Year Committee chaired by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sydney, Dr Michael Spence. All words will be included in the annual update of the Dictionary Online. Voting closes 5pm, Friday 27 January 2012. **Vote Now!** <http://www.macquariedictionary.com.au/>

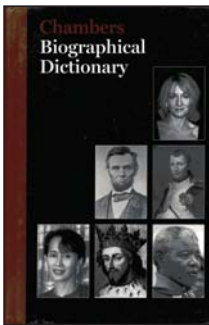
Live Q&A Broadcast with editor Susan Butler

Have you always wanted to know how words are chosen to go into the dictionary? The most commonly searched words? The origin of a certain definition? Well, now's your chance! On Tuesday 24 January 2012 at 11am, Macquarie are holding a special live video Q&A. Ask questions via Twitter and Susan will respond via a live broadcast on Ustream. Tune in at www.ustream.tv/channel/macquarie-dictionary and spread the word! #MacqWOTY.

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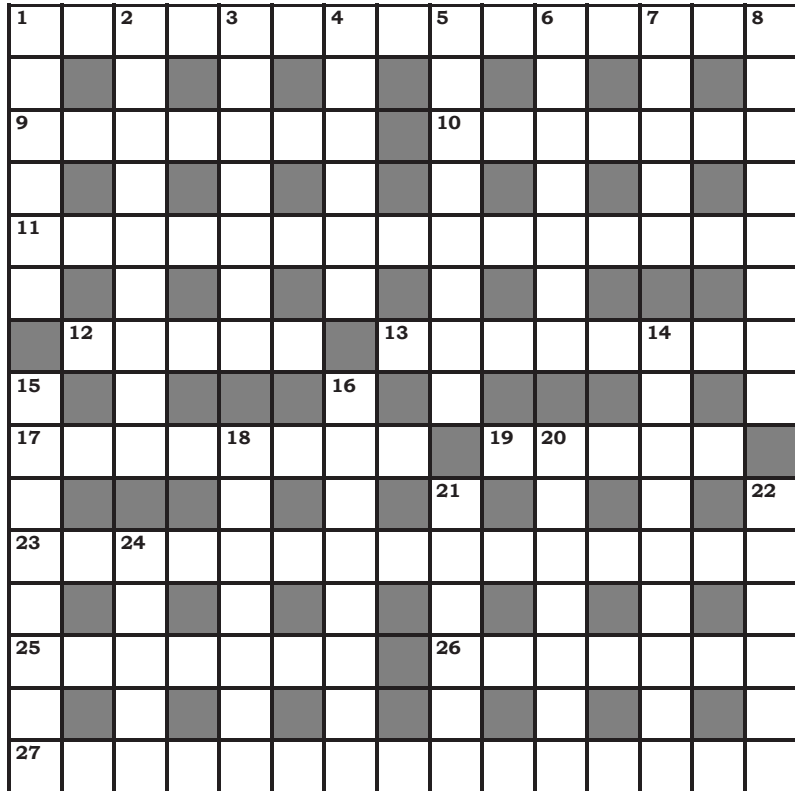
A Very Dodgy Cryptic by Raoul

Prize:



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[William is offering an extra prize of "a bottle of fine Sherry from the bowels of the Harold Park Hotel"]

Across

- 1 Old king to leave vehicle, stolen, by railway or 27ac (6,4,5)
- 9 Flemington, Randwick, are examples, and (6,4) of 1ac was one (7)
- 10 Material made by eccentric helpful person, not Kelvin (7)
- 11 Fume about this deception? (5,3,7)
- 12 Many a 13ac has one of these days? (5)
- 13 Tom was one, although doubtfully, not Dick or Harry? (8)
- 17 Eggers and collectors? (8)
- 19 Big fish in the nets! Hark! (5)
- 23 Rules of this game go in one ear and out the other? (7,8)
- 25 Schooners should not go down here! (7)
- 26 Fabricated celeb ad could be complete disaster (7)
- 27 Renovated foolishly rented 1ac (4,3,8)

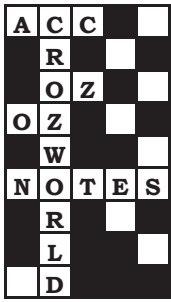
Down

- 1 Present empty talk? Sacrilege! (6)

- 2 Tommy – not the one in 13ac – was one of these! (4,5)
- 3 Wanton Xena Warrior Princess Actress, Lucy (7)
- 4 At 1ac, a 27: I like these sorts of customers (6)
- 5 Back to the nuthouse for recidivism (8)
- 6 Homoerotic? No! Too heroic! (7)
- 7 Hill – so unfinished (5)
- 8 Is chain gang gait hair-raising, darling? (8)
- 14 "Where are your buccaneers?" "On your buccan head", may be an example of this type of humour! (9)
- 15 Sherry, say, for a fairy almost finishing blue (8)
- 16 Not good for business – even if they are four? (8)
- 18 Sounds like a tall hooker. Or a bashful song? (5-2)
- 20 In? Ha! LIB uttered a scaly answer (7)
- 21 Bad luck when criminal takes two eggs (6)
- 22 'Hair of the dog' I yammered, 'I am lost. Lost' (6)
- 24 One in bird, one taking out a bird! (5)

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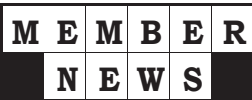
Explanations for January grids (where provided by compilers) Thanks to Bhavan, John and Graeme.

Slot 1 Buzzer. Across: 1 C(-l)UE, 4 Hidden, 6 Anag, 9 AD + O, 10 DD (Double Definition), 11 A+V O+W(-in), 13 DD, 14 DE (CE MBE)R, 15 C + ROW + DS, 16 PUN + CH, 18 Anag, 19 J + SUS(-i)E rev, 20 Anag of A GIRL round O, 24 Anag, 25 Hidden, 27 DD, 28 Anag, 30 Cryptic def, 33 Anag of EYRA or NEW YEAR, 35 SLEIGHS round (Ian) BELL, 36 B-BE rev, 37 PrIcEy, 38 MY around ERR, 39 SE + A + SON, 41 AS + K, 42 DD, 45 Hidden. **Down:** 1 Charade of CHRISTMAS and CARD (as in a deck), 2 Anag, 3 DAL(-i) rev, 5 O(ver) in YU, 6 VA(-s)T, 7 Acrostic &lit, 8 Anag, 12 Homophone of whale (WAIL) around A SS, 13 DD, 15 Hidden, 16 Cryptic def, 17 U(-nhi)P, 21 Applesauce (ie Sauce following apple) means nonsense in the US, 22 BETH + LE + HEM, 23 DASH (-) + ER, 24 M + H(-a)RRY rev, 26 DD, 28 Anag, 29 Cryptic def, 31 DON + KEY, 32 RIB + BON, 34 Cryptic def, 40 ANGLE with L moving down, 43 HAM(-per), 44 Hidden.

Slot 3 Pindar. Across: 1 DD (Double Definition), 4 RE+PAIRS, 9. Hidden, 10. REP+POPEYE rev, 11. MIC (homophone)+R+O+CO+SM, 12 Anag, 13 Homophone, 14. Anag, IF+LD+ROBOTS, 18. RE+F[R]ACTORY, 20. TA[L]C (CAT REVERSED), 23. CA[R]VE, 24. Homophone, BEAM+I GUESSED, 25.A BOUT TIME, 26. UNTIL(L), 27. REF. RIDER HAGGARD, 28. Homophone, - SIT+RON. **Down.** 1 P(E)ACEMAKER, 2. CH[AN]CER, 3. LEG-I(R)ON, 4. Homophone, 5. PRO+VERBS, 6. Anag, - M +PATIOS, 7. Anag, 8. HE[DON]IST, 15. S+TRUMPET, 16. DEC+A+T[HL]ON, 17. PALE + Anag,, 19. FUR+LONG, 21. A+BETTER, 22. A+G[OUT]I, 23. C[L]ASH, 24. Homophone,

Slot 4 Wet and Dry. Across: A AREA + CODE, B DD, C anag, D (FOR + DONE) rev, EVEN + KEEL, F see V G anag, H DD, INCOME + R, JUNE + BUG, K rev PEEK, LEG + ENDS, MT + STH + anag SEEN round L, N HW, O DD, PLAY + FAIR, QUORum + IT, R anag, SO (RR) Y, T anag, US + U + AL, V&F Homophone Venus flight rap, W WIN + O, XENO + anag (LIGHT - G), Y anag., Z + OS + IM + US.

Word of the Day: RUDDOCK. The word ruddock goes back to at least the year 1000, and originally meant 'red or reddish in colour'. You can see by looking at ruddick that it's clearly related to the more familiar word ruddy. Presumably, the clan from which the family name Ruddock is descended was once noted for its red hair; or, perhaps, for its ruddy complexion. Back in the Middle English period, anything of that colour was nicknamed a ruddock. Hence the robin redbreast was known as a ruddock (this is still, I am told, a dialect name for the bird in parts of England). A variety of cider apple was also called a ruddock, as was a type of toad – known as the 'red toad or ruddock' and said to be 'very full of poison, and of great use among witches'. Kel Richards, ABC Classic FM's *Word of the Day*, 2004, p137.



New Member: We extend a warm welcome to **Teresa Pitt** of Fairfield Vic. Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworlding* Teresa!

Note on December Slot 5 (Crowsman) Anagind Party

The comments of some members indicated that the concept behind the double numbers was not wholly understood. The answers to eleven normal cryptic clues were designed to be all anaginds (anagram indicators). The indicators included STRANGE, RECASTS, ASKEW, SHATTERING, TEARS, etc. Then, for example, with the answer to clue 31 being STRANGE, the clue for 20dn, being "31 31 (7)" is really "Strange strange (7)". Hence, you needed an anagram of the anagind STRANGE, giving the answer GARNETS. That is why the eleven clues **needed** double numbers, with one of them representing the anagram indicator. In other words, the eleven paired answers were not just anagrams of each other, but anagrams of anagram indicators. —**Len Colgan**

New Compiler for The Age, Sydney Morning Herald

LR is the new compiler for the cryptic crosswords published in *The Age* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*. According to David Astle's website (<http://davidastle.com/blog/post/q-a-with-lr/>) it's **Liam Runnalls** and his puzzles will be featured every four weeks in the Monday slot.

In Brief (The Age 17 Jan 2012):

"Thank you LR. It's nice to have a setter under 100 years old, judging from your clues." David Taft, Hawthorn

Comment: Did not know that DA and the other well-seasoned setters were centenarians!

Some examples of LR's clues from The Age Cryptic No 19,579:

- 1ac: Court catchphrase for smashing rallies (3,4) ALL RISE [Comment: LR must have spent some time in Court. This term is used by the Bench Clerk when announcing the arrival of the learned Magistrate onto the Bench.]
- 10ac: mark@church.net (5) CATCH
- 11ac: Katherine has one wolf (5) GORGE
- 25ac: Nerdy dept, already outread the nation (5) ITALY
- 2dn: O Romeo, Romeo! (5) LOVER
- 21dn: Employ a lawyer, partial and trusted (5) LOYAL
- 22dn: Priest hugged sheep less (5) FEWER

Quiz No 2/2012 Place It by InGrid

Each answer begins with a different letter of the alphabet except Q, X and Z. The clues are in postcode order and are as listed in the 2011/12 White Pages. If there is more than one state, the relevant state reference is given. Send your entries to:

Jean Barbour PO Box 290, Wonthaggi Vic 3995.

e-mail william.barbour@bigpond.com.au

Closing mail date: Friday 8 March 2012. Book prize.

- 1 Long for the girl (7)
- 2 Destroy protection (8)
- 3 Funny crook(8)
- 4 (NSW) Love that tank! (9)
- 5 (NSW) Bank (9)
- 6 Alexander shirty(9)
- 7 (ACT) Open some links (8)
- 8 (V) Run and plant (10)
- 9 Not short enough (7)
- 10 No prominence, no love (5)
- 11 Setter has one, we hear (4)
- 12 Hold radar rather steady (5)
- 13 Leap over sports ground (11)
- 14 Itchy place (9)
- 15 Valley of the just (10)
- 16 Kissa (5)
- 17 Not over hill (9)
- 18 Fields (7)
- 19 Fruit mad (10)
- 20 To fix a flat? (8)
- 21 Confused lad (of) eleven (9)
- 22 Endless buildings (4)
- 23 Former weight (5)

January 1-2012: Seasonal Greetings by Buzzer (Bhavan Kasivajjula)

- 19ac: J+E+SUS where J=Justice, SUSIE backed without ego= I = E+SUS. JESUS is usually referred to as 'the son of God' rather than "God". 3dn: I+LAD gives DALI in reverse, delete I. 21ac: Word Chasing Apple = SAUCE, which I presume makes "cheek" or 'little sense' in the US. A case can be made for the answer NOUSE which is a computer nose operated mouse used by the disabled in association with Apple computer screen icons etc. NO USE in the US means "pointless" or of "no sense". Could a full explanation of Buzzer's intent here please be supplied? 8dn: *Carol of the Bells* is the Ukrainian song *Schedryk* adapted in English by Peter Wilhousky in 1936. *Alan Walter*
- Some good clues, especially 23dn and a great theme but that grid is stretching the friendship too far even in the season of goodwill – 4 checked squares out of 11 (35ac) and 1 out of 5 (38ac). I look forward to seeing more from this setter with a fairer grid. (You should try checking it Brian! **C.**) *Brian Tickle*
- A very difficult Slot 1. *Brian Symons*
- Welcome to our new compiler. This was the toughest lot and I will be surprised to get a dot for it. The clue for 19ac remains a mystery. *Peter C. Dearie*

- This was a challenge: last out was 21dn. My *World Book Dictionary* provided the answer. *Anne Simons*
- A puzzle where all the answers seem to fall in place corresponding to the definitions, yet in the following cases I am unable to work back to the cryptic part of the clue, not only frustrating but also defeats the purpose of finding the solution by one's own efforts. 1ac: Is CUE a Labour seat? (I hate the Americanism LA)BOR. Is CDS a police officer? Also how does 'CROWDS' surround row with CDS or police officer? 36ac: cannot work out L-Liveeven when 'live' = 'be' 1dn: How is the Queen involved in Christmas cards? 24dn: Obviously 'MYRRH', but potter, wasting afternoon and after mass (m?) is far from obvious. *Tony de Gry*

- Congratulations for including so many festive season based answers on such an imaginative grid. *Len Colgan*
- Welcome to Buzzer and what a worthy puzzle to start with. Lots of fun but very fair and seasonal. Thank you. *Jean Barbour*
- Welcome to new compiler, Buzzer! Doubly Seasonal to get Christmas references and a map of Australia for Australia Day, all in the one puzzle! *Nea Storey*
- I needed a magnifying glass for Slot 1, but am thinking that with the age group of most of our members, I might not have been on my own! *Pat Garner*
- Where's Tassie? *Jim Fowler*
- Good to see Buzzer's entry. I thought some of the clues/answers were a bit strained – but then I should wait for the final adjudication as I may have got them wrong! *Alan Dyer*
- COMET was a brilliant mynorca and my COTM. *Doug Butler* [or as a footnote – *The Urban Dictionary* defines MYNORCA as "A known word and expansion of the word into a phrase or a sentence in such a way that the meaning of the word is explained or described, perhaps in a funny way. The word can be thought of as an acronym of the expansion, though in fact it is not. Hence Mynorca is the literal reverse of Acronym and normally refers to the word and its expansion taken together. Examples (1) FAMILY — Father and Mother Intensely Love You. (2) BRA — or Breast Reshaping/Raising Aid: *Adj IMW*]

January 2-2012: Cryptic by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

- Thanks for another superb cryptic by Noel Jessop. *Alan Walter*
- I liked 24dn. Young fellow you think has nothing to write about (5) = YOUTH and I'm determined to think of a way to introduce 'tatterdemalion' into a conversation. *Brian Tickle*
- Well-clued and enjoyable. *Peter C. Dearie*
- 22ac: Does 'EL' represent railway? (yes Tony, *Chambers* states EL = an elevated railway. **C.**) *Tony de Gry*
- Another excellent Jesso. I enjoyed all the clues; some deeper research needed for a couple (particularly 15ac SAPODILLA and 8dn TATTERDEMALION). *Alan Dyer*

January 3-2012: Work it out! by Pindar (John Brotherton)

- 10ac: A v. clever clue. REO+POP-EYE in reverse gives EYE-POPPER. 24ac: Sounds like "BEAM MY GUEST" ie BE MY GUEST 21dn: A+BETTER (not A+BETTOR). *Alan Walter*
- Some great subtractive clues: Taking the E from 'peacemaker' to get 'pacemaker' (1dn) and taking the R from 'leg iron' to get 'legion' (3dn). *Brian Tickle*
- I particularly liked 24ac: baffling until "beam I guessed" dawned on me. *Peter C. Dearie*
- A very good cryptic esp. LEGION and ABETTER: the latter gets my COTM. *Brian Symons*

- Enjoyed this one; lots of great clues and could have given COTM to 4 or 5! Eg. HEDONIST, FURLONG, REFRACTORY, HAGGARD, RHEUM. *Anne Simons*
- 8dn Does 'profligate' in the clue mean 'hedonist'? (I think there could be a 'loose' connection there Graeme! **C.**) *Graeme Cole*
- Several top-notch clues, with the best yielding EYE-POPPER and CHANCER. But I believe that, in 15dn, "single" should be "singular", and I cannot see how "first rhododendrons" and "first love" are "r" and "l" respectively. *Len Colgan*
- A really challenging puzzle. It may seem odd, but my favourite clue was 25ac, purely for the exclamation mark. *Jean Barbour*
- By no means easy! My favourite clue 10ac. *Nea Storey*
- 21dn could be abetter or abettor, fingers crossed for the first. [*Chambers allows either spelling for either meaning – adj*] *Lynne Spicer*
- Great puzzle with plenty of clues for COTM. Favourites were 10, 25 & 27ac and 3, 19 & 22dn. *Joan Smith*
- A few challenging clues here. 24dn (BUILD) is obvious now that I have solved it! This is my vote for COTM. *Alan Dyer*

January 4-2012: AJ by Wet & Dry (Graeme Cole & Ian Williams)

- (Several members commented, correctly) that B and H are interchangeable)
- The answers BALE OUT and HAVE FUN can be interchanged. Thanks for a very clever AJ by *Wet & Dry*. G: Delete D from 'urged' to obtain correct anagram. H: 'amusing' does not equate to 'HAVE'. Q: 'Half of the old justices' = QUO+IT (sex appeal) taken from QUO(RUM). Y: Considered YABBER, YAMMER, YAPPER, YACKER & ended with YATTER. *Alan Walter*
 - I don't recall seeing any previous AJ's in which a clue did 'double duty'. "Venus Flytrap" supplied the V & F answers. *Brian Tickle*
 - A tough AJ. G clue is imperfect and I think the 'B' and 'H' clues can swap positions. *Brian Symons*
 - Had problems with 'Bail Out' until the other spelling occurred to me. *Peter C. Dearie*
 - AJ's are always fun: I could not confirm ZOSIMUS or MTSTHELENS. *Anne Simons*
 - Note that the 'G' clue should read 'URGE AGNES' not 'URGED AGNES'. *Graeme Cole*
 - Trickier than usual, with an initial misplacement of one of my answers not assisting. Thanks for the challenge! *Len Colgan*
 - All the 2- and 3-word answers added to the difficulty of this puzzle. *Nea Storey*
 - Challenging puzzle with good clues. *Joan Smith*
 - I always find the AJs challenging and fun – this one proved a big challenge for me (until a couple of minutes ago, I thought I was not going to get it completed)! *Alan Dyer*

January 5-2012: Cryptic by Barney Naga (Jeremy Barnes & Bob Hagan)

- 18ac doesn't appear to be a fair clue. A RIP+AT one's salary could be a 'Salary drop' for Spooner = Transform or switch round to get TAPIR = 'is critter' (where 's' = is). Please could the setter(s) explain this clue in full? *Alan Walter*
- Some good head scratchers here. Did you notice the answer to 15 dn (ERA) can be found in the instruction: happIER Atmosphere and the definition: genERAtion? Incidentally, this is the fairest of fair grids for cryptics – all initial letters checked and every second square checked, even in the 15 letter answers. Gotta love it! *Brian Tickle*
- Lot of excellent clues aimed to deceive. *Roy Taylor*
- 3dn 'Regiseur' took some deciphering. I put 'trawl' for 6dn, until 'troll' surfaced. *Peter C. Dearie*
- Unsure of 'Tapir': liked 13 & 16ac & 4dn. CABBALIST was new to me. *Anne Simons*
- Quality puzzle with quality clueing. Best were CABBALIST and NOOKS. *Len Colgan*
- Third-raters=C List – brilliant! (19ac) *Nea Storey*
- 18ac: the only word that I came up with was tapir and no matter how I say it I cannot get a Spoonerism from it [Pay{salary} tear{drop} – adj]. Maybe I am just not looking at it the right way around! *Lynne Spicer*
- Enjoyable puzzle esp. liked the clues for 9 & 16ac and 4 & 19dn. *Joan Smith*
- Another good challenge. Two clues have beaten me, so didn't get to submit it. *Alan Dyer*

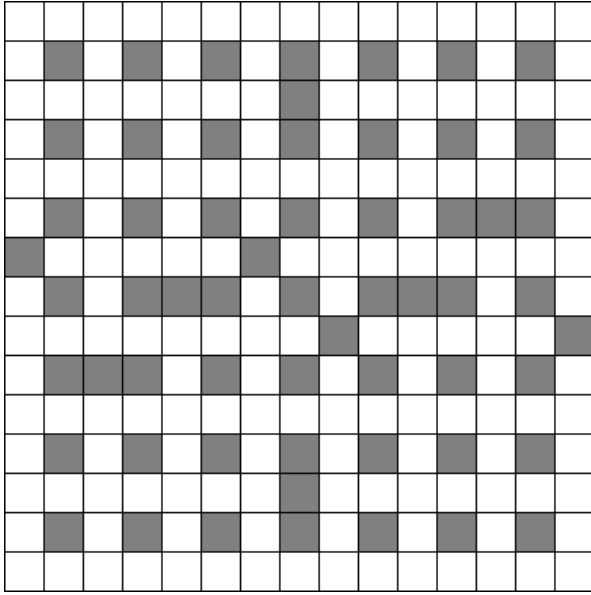
General Comments:

- I was delighted to receive my prize for Quiz No 11/2011: many thanks. It is most interesting and perhaps will help me get "The Big One"!! *Valerie Howard*

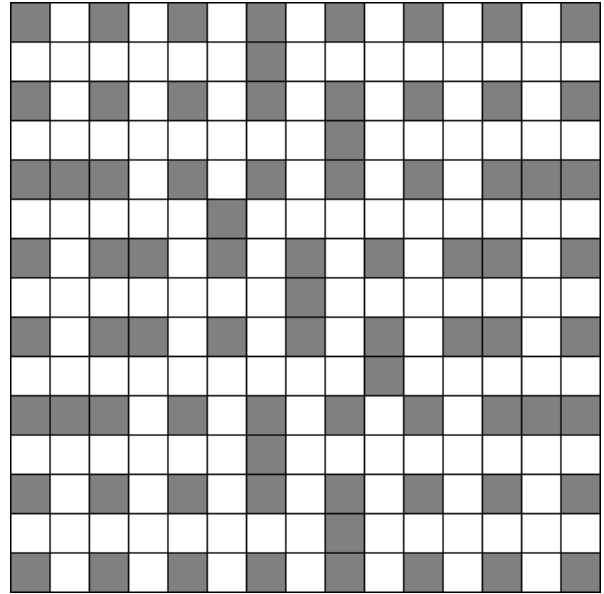
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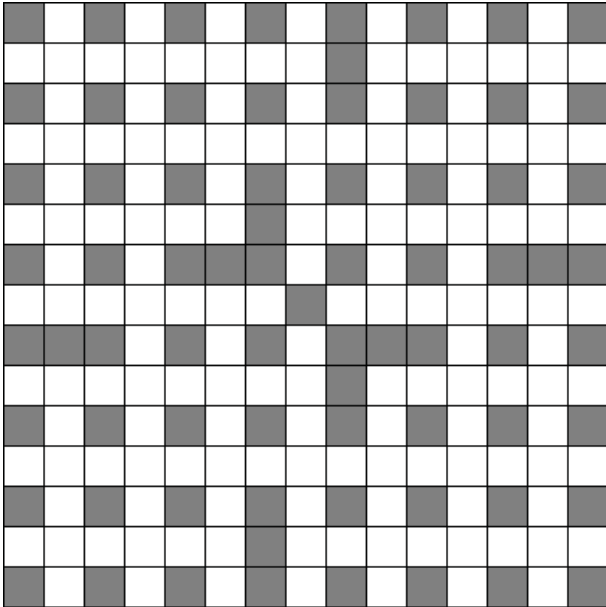


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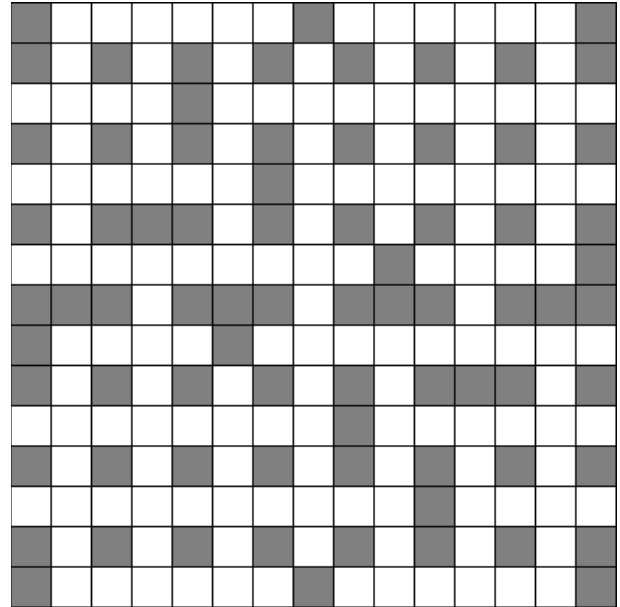


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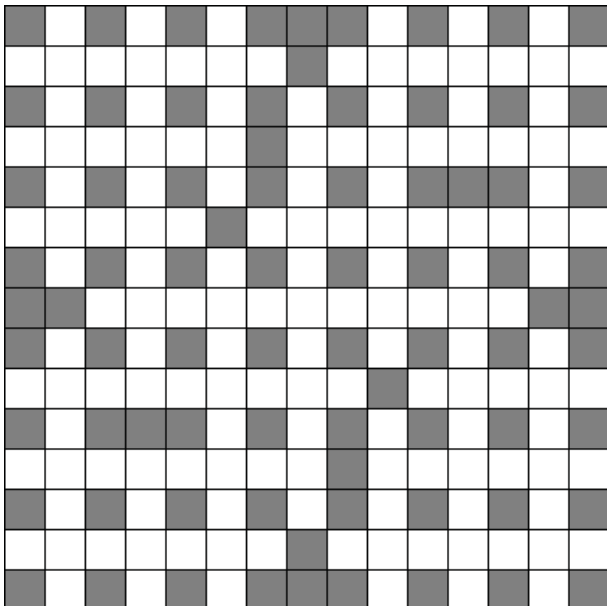
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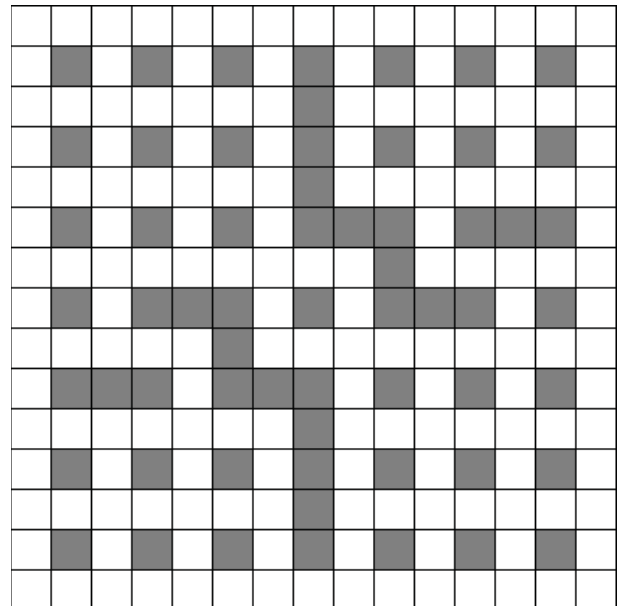
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December 6-2011: "Snapper, Sole, so fishy" by midships (Ian Williams)

Results: Entries 51; Correct 36; Success rate 71%.

Winner: Kath Harper. Congratulations!

Compiler's remarks: The indirect clue to the theme, to stand in stead of placing the critical transformation reference in each across clue, was in the title with "fishy" as the anagram indicator – giving "Spooner lapses". I hope that solvers didn't spend too long seeking the piscine connections. ADHARA will be found in few references, my only excuse being that I was seeking the satisfaction of having all across solutions as Spoonerisms. Similar reasons underlay the choice of the obscure (but popular – in Slovenia) composer and musician AVSENIK to provide a solution to fit A-S-N-K. (Blame AxWord for both! Where does Doug find these words?) IBERO is defined in the SOED, as it was clued, as a "combining form" but is not in the normal references. In the Spooner solutions it was sometimes necessary to follow the "master" and use a transformation that differed from the popular (but erroneous) application of the form by simply exchanging the sound of the first letters of two words or syllables. Apart from problems with the above, solvers made no systematic errors, although a couple of submitted translations of Spoonerisms defied my attempts at analysis. All things considered it was a tribute to the solving skills of our members that over 70 per cent got it right – but, please everyone, do check your entries for literals and blanks, which cost not a few dots and a chance of the prize! It was pleasing that a number of members seem to have enjoyed and have been amused by the clues and solutions. Our aim is to entertain. Thank you for your kind comments. Finally, and by no means least, my thanks to Patrick for his invaluable assessment of the draft that saved me from one of my habitual solecisms. —*midships (Ian Williams)*

Explanations, including Across Spoonerisms "en clair": 1 Dozing clown, 6/27 Jar bee, 8 Fee Sarah, 9 gen age, 11 Darl's chickens, 13 Key rapt, 15 had a RA – [Virgin is Epsilon Canis Majoris, one of "The Virgins" in Arabic], 17 Weir axe, 19 Tom best, 22 mist to the grill, 25 doh king, 26 Po sneeze, 28 Ping [sharp noise] carrots. **Down:** 1 anag, 2 OM + AHA, 3 < HW, 4 GRE (AS + I) ER, 5 NONS + KID, 6 BRAIN + WAVE, 7 homophone, 10/21 MINi + UTE, 12 anag, 14 double def for CART + RIDGE, 16 S OFTEN UP, 18 anag, 20 B (O'ER + W) AR, 23 anag (I + BOER), 24 S (C) AG.

Solvers' comments:

- A very clever and unusual puzzle with mostly (hilarious) Spoonerisms. It was fun trying to find the actual definitions for the answers required. ADHARA and ENGAGE were both anagrams and Spoonerisms. ADHARA and AVSENIK I could only find through the internet. Thank you for an "engaging" puzzle with Spoonerisms reminiscent of Dickens characters. *Tony de Gryz*
- What a might nare. I spent a tong lime on it. But it's nun dhow. Please Mel tea about 23dn. I rope it's height. *Jenny Wenham*
- Thoroughly enjoyable, but mysterious until Dr Spooner showed up. I thought that EARWAX (weir axe) was very good. The carry-over of the definitions from 4dn to 5dn isn't much seen these days. There was the odd, unheard-of (by me) composer, star and language form, but very cleverly constructed. *Roy Taylor*
- ADHARA and AVSENIK were very difficult to locate. As for the editor, he'll call for the keel haul to torture all solvers. A bind mender, but what a stunning puzzle. Please explain the significance of the title [please see above – m]. I can only find fish partially in 1ac CL-OWN, 6ac and 27ac GAR + BEE, 11ac CHAR, 13ac REDCAP as an anagram of part of RECAPPED, 15ac DAR as part of aDhARa, 25ac COD as part of CODing and in 28ac KING(fish). *Alan Walter*
- Boy, was this tough! All the down clues were hard and I almost gave it away, until I fluked 1 1ac, which helped. Anyway, have filled in all of the blanks [and very successfully, too – m]. *Anne Simons*
- When I started the puzzle I had no idea what the across clues had in common, particularly since the title revealed "Personal Poses", which did not help! Darl's chickens were mentioned in an old British comedy sketch, *The Bookshop*: I seem to remember Marty Feldman playing the part of a very eccentric customer and John Cleese as the shop owner [This included the immortal lines: **Proprietor:** (slight pause) No, well we don't have "Rarnaby Budge" by Charles Dikkens with two Ks, the well-known Dutch author, and

perhaps to save time I should add that we don't have "Karnaby Fudge" by Darles Chickens, or "Farmer of Sludge" by Marles Pickens, or even "Stickwick Stapers" by Farles Wickens with four M's and a silent Q!!!! Why don't you try W. H. Smith's?

Customer: I did, They sent me here! –

see <http://mzonline.com/bin/view/Python/BookshopSketch/>

- Once the light dawned the answers were worked out, the title turned out to be relevant and all went well until 15ac and 18dn. Using the logic that "possessed a painter" meant HAD A RA I successfully guessed ADHARA for "virgin" and Googled to confirm the connection. On AVSENIK, I have to admit that I "cheated" at this stage and Googled the possible combinations and connections. [successfully – m] *Peter Dearie*
- Apart from the Spoonerisms, every one a gem! I liked the smart carry-over from 4dn and 5dn (from *Dorothy* – I wasn't having a good day until Max read out your gorgeous Spoonerisms. It's marvellous what a good laugh does). *Max Roddick*
- Thanks for the very clever and innovative puzzle. *Tony Dobebe*
- Still haven't got my head round all your red herrings, but am sending my solution anyway. *Pat Garner*
- Excellent puzzle and the way across clues are defined is truly inspirational and some of the clues themselves were outstanding. My favourite of the lot is 25ac CODING from DO + KING.

Bhavan Kasivajjula

- You know that it's finally Spring/ When all of the carrots go Ping! And the Po's giant sneeze/ Jars the hives of the bees/ And Darl's chickens all take to the wing. *Gillian Champion*
- Well the good Reverend Spooner got a really good work out with this one. Took a little while to twig the theme and was a seriously enjoyable puzzle. Must have been a mammoth compiling exercise. *Jim Fowler*
- This was good fun. The thought of jarring bees, darling chickens and pingng carrots nearly racked me cup! *Jan Wood*
- Novel and impressive concept, with not one of those Spoonerisms in my previous personally-compiled list. The two 14-letter ones particularly appealed. I needed the internet to confirm AVSENIK and ADHARA (the only iffy Spoonerism). *Len Colgan*

Results of Quiz No. 12/11 Feedback by Both Sides

Adjudicator's Comments: Thanks to those who sent cards and Christmas greeting. And thanks to my sister Anne Simons, who is the other half of *Both Sides*, and provided much of the inspiration for this quiz, which members found enjoyable, but challenging. Unfortunately, some missed the alphabetic order by last letter, despite the instructions to read the title carefully! Three members pointed out the indirect anagram for BAGEL: – our apologies – this slipped past everyone! *—Nea Storey*

Entries: 26: Correct: 16: Success Rate: 62%.

Winner: Andrew Miles, Congratulations!

Results: 24: A Austin, R Caine, B Cockburn, P Dearie, J Fowler, S Howells, D Jones, G Leeds, C McClelland, A Miles, C Noble, D Procter, J Stocks, B Symons, A Walter and J Wenham **23:** C Anderson, P Garner and R Taylor **22:** D Grainger, B Glissan, A Shield and R Wimbush **21:** N Wilson **20:** G Cole and M Steinberger.

Solutions: 1 Enchilada 2 Kebab 3 Garlic 4 Custard 5 Profiterole 6 Meatloaf 7 Poached Egg 8 Sourdough 9 Spaghetti 10 Buttermilk 11 Bagel 12 Mushroom 13 Bacon 14 Sago 15 Tomato Soup 16 Flour 17 Cornflakes 18 Nougat 19 Fricandeau 20 Pav 21 Marshmallow 22 Roux 23 Saveloy 24 Blintz.

Members' Comments:

- Good job, only missing J and Q as last letters. What a zyxototic feast! *Carole Noble*
- DEEF. This quiz was an enjoyable brain-stretcher. What a veritable collection of sumptuous food. *Alan Walter*
- A clever and mind-bending quiz which had me puzzled for quite a long time when I realised the order it was a whole lot easier. *Bev Cockburn*
- Lots of great clues – but NOUGAT takes the 'cake'. *Brian Symons*
- This quiz took me a long time due to all the snack breaks I had to have. *Roy Taylor*
- NOUGAT (the last answer I got – a great clue). *Doreen Jones*
- Many thanks for a definitely different and most enjoyable Quiz. *Jim Fowler*

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Solutions to Christmas 2011 Bonus Puzzles and Quiz

Bonus Puzzle 2

Half 'n Half by *Waratah*

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

Cryptic by *Buzzer*

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

Christmas Pastime

by *Fortuna 48*

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

Quiz No 3: Letters Enclosed by *Virgo*

1. Anna Karenina
2. Eliza Doolittle
3. Grace Darling
4. Isabella Rossellini
5. Kim Novak
6. Koo Stark
7. Lady Bracknell
8. Linda Darnell
9. Lois Maxwell
10. Natasha Richardson
11. Nigella Lawson
12. Noeline Brown
13. Rachel Hunter
14. Renee Zellweger
15. Sally Struthers
16. Samantha Jones
17. Serena Williams
18. Sharon Gless
19. Sian Phillips
20. Teresa Wright

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°	E	V	E	R	Y	'	S	E	R	A	P	H	

Bonus Puzzle No 5: Semi-Cryptic by *Virgo*

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