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Since Man from beast by Words is known,
Words are Man's province, Words we teach alone.
Alexander Pope, 1742, *The Dunciad*, IV, 149.

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The year 2011 has been another stellar one for the Australian Crossword Club. We have maintained our level of membership, continued to host and manage our website and Forum and furnished you with Australia's best crossword puzzles and quizzes. Thanks to the healthy renewal of subs and the generosity of member donations we will ensure that the ACC is the best place for challenging

crosswords & quizzes in 2012.

We sincerely thank those who adjudicated all puzzles and quizzes during 2011. The Club could not function without the valued assistance of the adjudicators. A special thank you to the wonderful compilers and quizsetters who strive so hard to meet the high standards set by the Club. We are confident that 2012 will bring out the best in our compilers and will provide an unending source of delight for all ACC members. Thank you compilers for a job well done!

A special thank you to our hard-working Secretary/Treasurer **Bev Cockburn** who has made a huge contribution to the success of the Club. And our sincere thanks to **Ian Williams** for his sterling work as the Club's Puzzle/Quiz submission master and to **Patrick Street** for his valued assistance in formatting and publishing *Crozworld* each month.

We hope you will enjoy the puzzles selected by Ian. This month is 'bonus time' with additional puzzles and a quiz! Answers to these next month. Also, we have increased the cash prizes for 2012! See the generous prize schedule for 2012 on p9. Finally, the Executive Committee of the ACC extends to all members and their families the Peace and Joy of Christmas and prosperity and success in the New Year. Happy Crozworlding!
Patrick

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May I extend my sincere thanks to my fellow CrOZworlders for giving me such a warm welcome to the role. It made what was already a pleasant task into a delightful one. We had a very good turnout for what was a second successive short month. But it was a tricky one. Those who expressed regret at not having had enough time to complete Slot 5 might just have saved themselves from a split lip...

Slot 1: UIST was *Jesso's* intended Scottish isle, but UNST was an eminently acceptable alternative for the 38 solvers who had it. But, och, not so ULST. CHEERERS gave no succour to those who missed the intended game of CHE(CK)ERS. Ditto for CHEQUERS. The well-checked LULL – left (L) up front (U) by 'local' sides (LL) also caused some problems. A busy grid with a number of 3- and 4-letter words is fertile ground for missed or erroneous lights. This was no exception – see KE*S and LY*E.

Slot 2: No less than ten separate COTM nominations for the indefatigable *Virgo!* 20ac (CARD) was a brute, clued here to mean 'comb' or 'separate' wool etc. PRESSIE for the intended BRASSIE also accounted for the undotted. Although a most appropriate, seasonally-inspired guess, it did not meet the requirements of 'money' (BRASS) + 'that is' (IE).

Slot 3: ShirI's legacy was vintage *Southern Cross*. Well-received and well-solved, the only significant quibble was the forenominal transposition of Ernie Wise and Eric Morecombe. The response to NAIL CLIPPERS ranged from questioning its cryptic value to a COTM nomination.

Slot 4: ZORILLA was the principal monster in the *Difficult Women's* AJ – 'domestic animal' (ZO) at brook (RILL) meets (A). Although ZORILLE didn't maximise the wordplay, it nevertheless satisfied the clue and was accepted. Unfortunately, not so with ZORILLO. The intended VANILLIN elicited some erroneous VANILLIAS. The unusual (to me) LAYSHAFTS and TINAMOU were well-solved.

Slot 5: A classic rope-a-dope stratagem employed by the *Crowsman*. First, run the solver to exhaustion through anagrammatic hoops, then, in the 22dn round, when the solver is about to claim victory on the last entry, hit them with a fiendish uppercut leaving GASHES – or not! 'He typically' is Helium, usually found as a GAS. We had CASHES, DASHES, HASHES, LASHES & MASHES some of which were quite close but all, sadly, to no avail. No BASHES though – except, perhaps, those of the head-on-table variety happening now! Almost invariably, entries were otherwise correct. A fine Slot 5 puzzle to finish the year, Len.

COTM: 27 clues nominated. *Southern Cross'* VELODROME across the line with 5 votes in a low-scoring contest from *Virgo's* ELAPSE followed by the *Crowsman's* SHATTERING.

Finally, may you all have a very happy and safe festive season, as well as a stippled scoresheet throughout 2012!
—Andrew Miles

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| Entries received | 114 | 105 | 112 | 106 | 71 | 508 |
| Correct entries | 93 | 95 | 104 | 88 | 36 | 416 |
| Success rate (%) | 82 | 91 | 93 | 83 | 51 | 82 |
| Prizewinners | L Kennedy B Siegman | F Ross L Coulton | A Dyer J Wenham | B Kasivajjala | A Jermy B Tickle | from 115 members |

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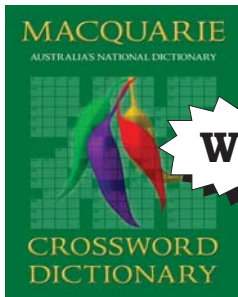
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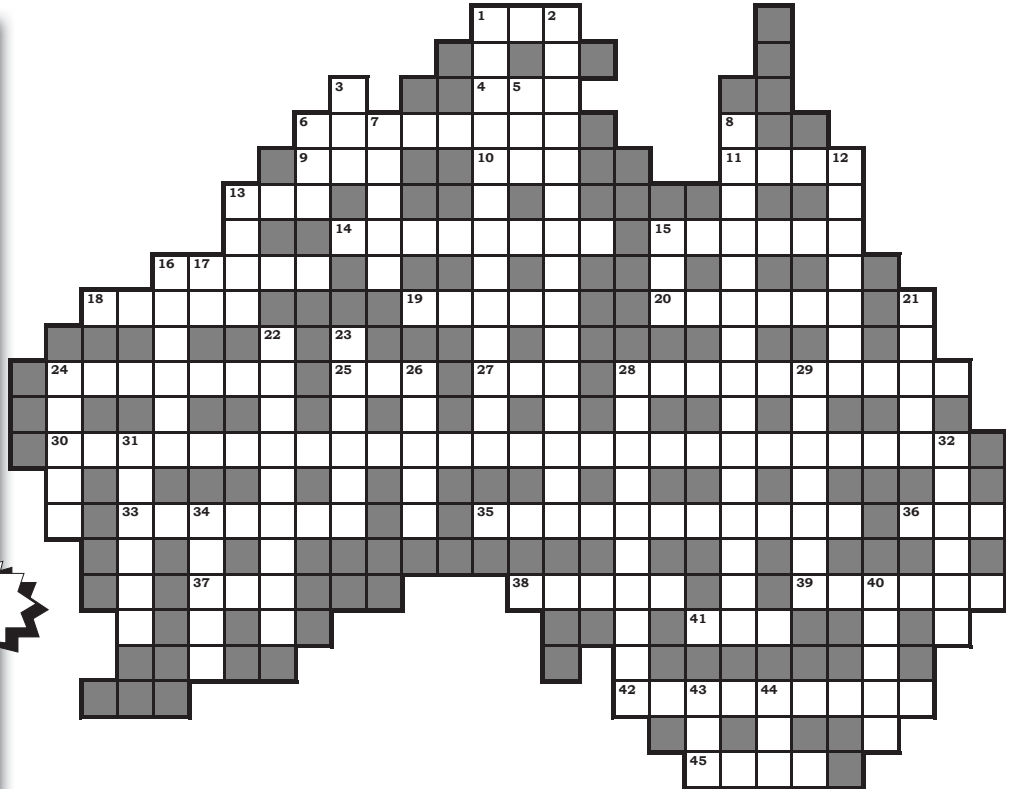
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**Seasonal
Greetings
by
Buzzer**

Prizes: \$75



Win!



Across

- 1 Hint like this, not liberal (3)
- 4 Grain from yesteryears (3)
- 6 Leave Octavian defeated (8)
- 9 Now nothing is a bother (3)
- 10 Bring charges against girl (3)
- 11 Declare Australia's 5-0 win's capital (4)
- 13 Favourite dog may be (3)
- 14 The German captured church honour in time (8)
- 15 Mobs about to fight with police officer (6)
- 16 Quip by companion becomes hit (5)
- 18 Lean and mean Poles (5)
- 19 God of justice Susanna backed without ego (5)
- 20 Praise a girl crazy about love (6)
- 24 Reclaim lost wonder (7)
- 25 Mountain from a mythical place (3)
- 27 Song broadcast (3)
- 28 Imaginary figure sans actual representation (5,5)
- 30 Fictional driver of the one before, pulls ahead of the pack with a bloody snout (7,3,3-5,8)
- 33 Fresh beginning for eyra? (3,4)

- 35 They create buzz with sledges about English batsman (6,5)
- 36 L-live about in decline (3)
- 37 Oddly pricey dish (3)
- 38 Cheerful setter's admitting mistake (5)
- 39 Period of bearing one offspring (6)
- 41 Demand like king (3)
- 42 Beaten empty (9)
- 45 Pilgrimage features sages from the east (4)

Down

- 1 Greetings from Queen maybe, following annual festival (9,4)
- 2 Once sober, geezer turns into a miserable character (8,7)
- 3 Son painter reared without interest (3)
- 5 Solver from Yugoslavia takes over (3)
- 6 Tank is huge, not small (3)
- 7 Primarily celestial object, making elliptical trips (5)
- 8 Song and ballet school ref arranged (5,2,3,5)
- 12 Revelry of whale heard around a ship (7)
- 13 Long tropical fruit (4)
- 15 Cheat lying in incognito (3)
- 16 King Edward for one (6)
- 17 Extremely unhip, not like this clue (2)
- 21 Chasing Apple? It makes no sense in America (5)
- 22 Famous birthplace of a girl on the French border (9)
- 23 One running - with hesitation (6)
- 24 Potter around, wasting afternoon after Mass and incense (5)
- 26 Do labor say (5)
- 28 Using glider he is making a trip (6,4)
- 29 Illuminating waxworks (7)
- 31 Teacher's essential for a stupid person (6)
- 32 Strip tease, good in France (6)
- 34 Commuter's rainy day help? (5)
- 40 Heavenly being left down in inclination (5)
- 43 Meat in basket's half disappeared (3)
- 44 Luggage found in boot? On the contrary (3)

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Cryptic by Jesso



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Across

- 1 Red Baron's tribe shot a bird (5,9)
- 10 Most submissive to gather around unfinished keg on Sunday (7)
- 11 Bird set to fight in pilot's compartment (7)
- 12 Annoyed when Rhode Island went first (5)
- 14 Featured article gets women in to buy something that's chic and expensive initially (9)
- 15 Naseberry backs everyone with words of acceptance after taking a step (9)
- 17 Overweight media boss is doomed (5)
- 18 Man sang out around university (5)
- 20 Estimated sound space for visitor's accommodation (5-4)
- 22 Office stop by railway near city's outskirts (9)
- 25 Aluminium not available in exchange for rejected parts (5)
- 26 Workers surrounding one last resort (7)
- 27 Bring ruin on without unit of work experience (7)
- 29 Stagehand let doctor develop elements of a complex plot (7,7)

Down

- 2 Partly coincide about drink (7)
- 3 One concerned with anger (3)
- 4 Astor changed tours of duty (5)
- 5 Tear cod to bits to a degree (9)
- 6 Harness horse brought up for tyre repair (5)
- 7 Most liberal politician in Beer Street (7)
- 8 Ragged individual let in to dream at burlesque (14)
- 9 Plainsong: something sweet and pleasing by northern church-worker (9,5)
- 13 Fellows detective sued wrongly (5)
- 16 Edge is all wrong, but made okay (9)
- 17 Note backstreet supported by round chubby fellow? (5)
- 19 Raised yarn in spirit for food-stuff (7)
- 21 Volunteered to be freed of confusion (7)
- 23 Superior person. The Spanish explosives expert (5)
- 24 Young fellow you think has nothing to write with (5)
- 28 Don't start on fuel centre, right! (3)

"New" Compiler Alert

Slot 4 this month has been compiled by a familiar duo under a changed name. Graeme Cole and Ian Williams have given up the grass and the intention of bamboo-zling the solvers, suggested by *Gramineae*, and have resolved to present much smoother clues as *Wet and Dry*. Graeme hails from Cole Point, Lake Macquarie, and is a keen sailor and Ian, from Canberra, only ever gets his feet wet on golf courses.

Buzzer — new Compiler for the ACC

Bhavan Kasivajjula is relatively new to compiling cryptic crosswords but has been solving them for over 15 years. He contributes cryptic crosswords, under the pseudonym *Buzzer*, to *The Hindu* – a national daily in India. He works as a Software Engineer for IBM Australia Ltd. In his free time he can be found around badminton courts or trekking through mountain sides. He lives with his wife on the Gold Coast.

Explanations for December where provided by the contributors, to whom "Thanks":

Slot 4: Timid Terrier: Ag + low, Brain + waves, Ch(e)ats, Dash + off, Ever + lasting, F Initials, Ghana + ian, Host + ile, I Gi + nite (sounds like night), Jig + ging, K Hidden, Lay + shafts, Mis + naming, N Anagram (c+ken), O anag, Prim + riyal (anag), Q DD, Refugee + ism, S Anag, T Hidden, Ur + sa + minor, Vanill(-a) + in, Wrest + le, X + factor, Yaw + l, Zo + rill + a.

Slot 5: Crowsman: Clues marked * are anagrams of anagram indicators that form clues marked "†". **Across:** 1* anag; 5* anag; 8* anag; 9 - C + RASH; 11* anag; 12, 27 PALM TREE - PAL(anag of TERM) E; 13* anag; 15† double def; 16† (fo)RECASTS; 19 anag; 21† FALS(taff)/E; 24† RAM(rev); 25 double def; 26 MUG + ABE; 28 anag; 29† (vice) VERSA + TILE; 30† ask + EW; 31† STRANGE - S(ovie) T + RANGE. **Down:** 1 CHER (OK)EE; 2† S(hatter)ING; 3 E + MIG + RE; 4 STEEP + (cast) LE; 6* anag; 7 RES(OR) T; 10* anag; 14* anag; 17* anag; 18 IS + A + BELLE; 20* anag; 22 GA (SHE) S (He is helium); 23 A + MUSER.



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Across

- 1 Preserve in hot water? (6)
- 4 Resorts concerning couples (7)
- 9 This resonates in Germanic languages (5)
- 10 Diminutive salesman and muscular sailor, back together, become a cause of astonishment (3-6)
- 11 Called Michael King to meet old company Sergeant-Major. What a small world! (9)
- 12 Stopped, took cape off and relaxed (5)
- 13 Verbally restrain at side of the road (4)
- 14 Early advantage in fight, if extremely liberated robots go wild (5,5)
- 18 Note: Plant choking first rhododendrons is quite unmanageable (10)
- 20 Jazz fan's back embracing first love - white powder! (4)
- 23 Careful about right cut (5)
- 24 Just go ahead and smile, I thought out loud (2,2,5)
- 25 At last! A boxing match goes on for this long? (5,4)
- 26 Almost de-cultivate the land up to this point (5)
- 27 Rider looking emaciated? (7)
- 28 I say, take a seat, Mr Barassi, and have some fruit (6)

Down

- 1 UN representative, although lacking a little energy, is a leader in the field (9)
- 2 He risks serious illness in hospital? On the contrary (7)
- 3 Physical restraint not right for armed unit (6)
- 4 Sickness in enclosed environment, say (5)
- 5 Book in favour of terms of action (8)
- 6 New order of tiny Frenchman: "Patios to be painted in this way!" (7)
- 7 Reproduced from wild brief desire (5)
- 8 Profligate Mafia boss involved in robbery (8)
- 15 Call girl perhaps with single penetrating cry (8)
- 16 An extreme physical challenge - thirty-one days with a heavy weight about upper chamber in London (9)
- 17 Faded star upset in old training ground (8)
- 19 Over two hundred metres, pelt and then ache (7)
- 21 A gambler's aide? (7)
- 22 Reveal information about a soldier outside. He's a rat (6)
- 23 About fifty ready for confrontation (5)
- 24 Sent an account, say, for frame (5)

Another Sydney Get-Together Delight!

At William Ryan's modern Harold Park Hotel on 20 November members and significant others enjoyed a day of cruciverbal conversation, conundrum cracking and cogitation over a *stroz* puzzle, a Clue Writing Competition adjudicated by *manveru* and challenging quiz questions set by our illustrious Secretary *The Eager Beaver*. Approx. 35 members and friends gathered in the salubrious upstairs surroundings for a memorable occasion. The Sydneysiders were well represented including Roy Wilson, David Stickley, Joan McGrath, Joan Smith, Corryn Anderson, Betty Siegman, Dale McManus, Robyn Wimbush, Margaret Davis, Andrew Patterson and Michael Kennedy and Bill and David Bennett just to name a few. Catherine and Ted Hambling from Brisbane joined us for this occasion and the ACT members included our puzzle-set-up man and adjudicators Ian and Kay Williams. A Daffynitional puzzle by *stroz* was tabled. There were numerous prizes given away to skilful solvers and lucky door prizes. The food supplied by William was first-class and the day was a stunning success. We sincerely thank William for making his Pride and Joy available to us for our ongoing enjoyment and we have all resolved to come back again in 2012! Also, we appreciate all the work done by our Secretary Bev Cockburn. Her painstaking preparation and organisation contributed to the overall success of the occasion.

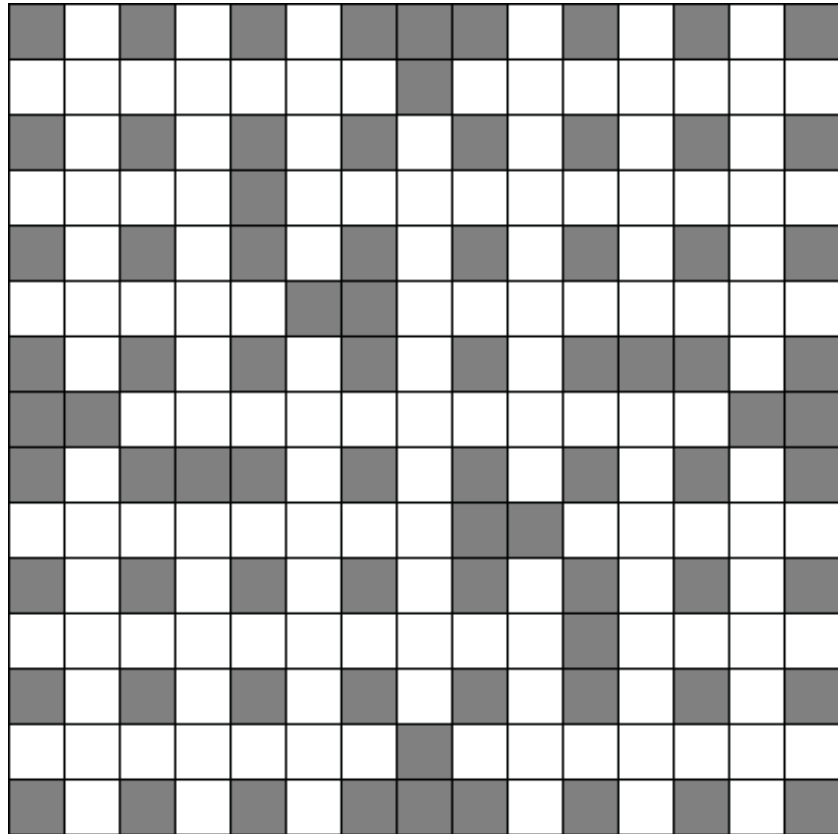


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Solutions begin with the given letter. Place them in the grid, jigsaw-wise, where they fit

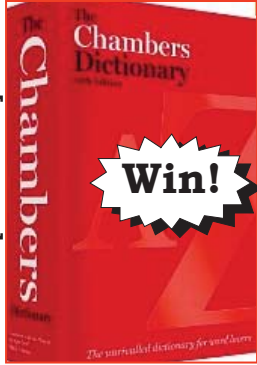


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| A Field laws number for STD calls (4,4) | O Very nervous near sheer drop (2,3,4) |
| B Leap from plane may resolve predicament (4,3) | P Perform all right and act honestly (4,4) |
| C Troublesome duct drained, now settled (3,3,5) | Q Ring half of the old justices with sex appeal (5) |
| D Close to death, pro realised earlier (4,3) | R Uneven finish resulted when he dug gorse carelessly (5,5) |
| E Balanced square barge (4,4) | S Poor bean, squashed by a luxury car reversing! (5) |
| F see V | T Torture from herded tiger (5,6) |
| G Curiously, urged Agnes to get lubrication device (6,3) | U Customary American upper-class man (5) |
| H Enjoy amusing play (4,3) | V and F Extravagant praise following planetary mission declared a plant (5,7) |
| I Successor demonstrates earnings and runs on the board (7) | W Achieve nothing being a down-and-out (4) |
| J Woman's mania is an American beetle (4,3) | X Fragment of volcanic rock yields strange, distorted light. Not good! (8) |
| K Glance back at the castle tower (4) | Y Jabber incessantly as treaty is quashed (6) |
| L Stage limits inscriptions (7) | Z Last overseas International Master to America as Pope (7). |
| M Huge mass to South seen wandering around lake elevation in Washington State (2,2,6) | |
| N Neither Fred nor Dick is part Scandinavian (6) | |

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- What a lovely day it was yesterday, and thank you for my great prize...I in fact found an answer for one of the December slots en route home on the bus. But I am keeping Daffynitional for Rob to finish! Again, thank you ALL for such a grand lunch... see you next year but in the meantime, have a lovely Christmas and a bigger better brighter New Year. *Dale McManus*
- Thank you ACC! I enjoyed September Slot 2, enjoyed solving it, and now am enjoying a prize for all that enjoyment. What a splendid Club this is! *Max Roddick*
- Many thanks, Patrick, for sending me that beautiful book for October's Slot 6. It is indeed magnificent and probably the most valuable book I possess, in more ways than one. Thanks, too, to Max Roddick for drawing my name from the pool of winning entries. *Bev Cockburn*
- Many thanks to you and the Club for my slot 5 prize. It's a great addition to my reference shelf, and has been put to good use already! *Alison Martin*
- Would you please pass on my thanks for the very welcome surprise — Slots 1-5 — November. Am on my mettle to keep the O'Brien flag flying! Would I could fill such big shoes! I so much enjoy *Crozworld*, and wish you & your merry cohorts all the best. *Eileen O'Brien*
- An interesting set of puzzles this month. No whinges this month about the %age of black squares – didn't count up but all seem pretty good. (value for money!) Many thanks for the team's magnificent efforts over the past year. Long may it continue. *Jim Fowler*
- Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone at the ACC. *Therese Savanah*
- I really enjoyed this month's collection. Slot 5 was very clever I thought, although I couldn't find the word 'anagind' in my *Chambers*. *Betty Siegman*
- Many thanks to the Club for my Nov Slot 1 prize. *Brian Symons*
- Thanks again to all concerned – plenty of fun and challenges. *Anne Simons*



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| Cryptic by Barney Naga |
| Prize:  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center; margin-top: 5px;"> [2011 edn] Win! Thumb-indexed </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">rrp: \$147.95</p> |

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Some words may not be found in *Chambers* or *Macquarie*

Across

- 1 Accolades for Cliff's big hit? (15)
- 9 B. Forester – diarist (7)
- 10 Develop some heart after last dumb defeat (7)
- 11 Purpose without direction is demanding (9)
- 12 Runs around slope (5)
- 13 Piggott carries diamonds to town? (9)
- 16 Soft Greek character with a negative response (5)
- 18 Salary drop for Spooner's critter (5)
- 19 Third-raters surround pop group to find one concerned with hidden meanings (9)
- 21 Regularly spurs on nag to get to the point (5)
- 23 Bitter measure in soothing surrounds (9)
- 25 Good player left in charge one match (7)
- 26 Fabricated bits of machinery are mostly missing a funnel (7)
- 27 Sanity – a firm head of care (9,2,4)

- 2 Retreats from negative agreements (5)
- 3 The stage manager is sure German production has no male part (9)
- 4 Harass people in the wrong (7)
- 5 Tosses their alternate main course (7)
- 6 Fish for controversy on the internet (5)
- 7 Food passages processed sago, I hope (9)
- 8 Openings to some underground mines produce shallow pits (5)
- 14 I'm right on time, you say, without any preparation (9)
- 15 Generation in a happier atmosphere (3)
- 16 One brings action against candid words (9)
- 17 A loud type, surprisingly defeated (9)
- 19 Opening charge then close up before time (7)
- 20 Cuts in two pieces about half a second (7)
- 21 Are these coffees fringe benefits? (5)
- 22 Growing unity in local development leads to a mutual support group (5)
- 24 Black, spots an amusing bloke, we're told (5)

Down

- 1 Bet car oil improved old two wheeler! (9)

GENERAL COMMENTS (cont'd from p6):

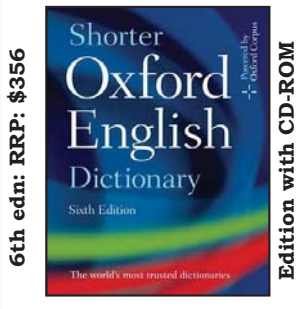
- Not a very happy lot for me this month. Slot 5 is way over my head and Slot 4 fell in a heap with the L-word. Valerie Howard
- At our lovely lunch, I received my great *Macquarie XWD Dictionary*, for which I thank you so much...but even that didn't help me with Slot 5!! All the best wishes to everyone for the festive season and Happy Happy 2012!! Dale McManus
- Quite a struggle this month. Slot 5 took ages with lots of 'maybes'. Robyn Wimbush
- To everyone at CrOZworld – "Season's Greetings and best wishes for the coming year" and thank you for all your hard work. Wendy Villiers
- Aren't we blessed to be enjoying the legacy left by the brilliance of Noel Jessop and Shirl O'Brien? Every time I solve one of their puzzles I think about the enjoyable times when I met them. Brian Tickle
- Hope I get back "in the books". Haven't had a DOT since Dave (my husband) died 2 years ago. (*Adj: so close, Gabriel!*) Gabriel Fuller
- Here are my first attempts – well, at least those I think that I have completed! I can only get half way through Slot 5 and a quarter through Slot 6 despite having neglected chores to cogitate long and hard! And I thought that my "retirement" (or at least extended long service leave) would be boring!! Bob Hagan (my former Head Teacher) has really led me beautifully astray. Lynne Coulton
- What an amazing amount of brain work entailed in devising all those clues! Much appreciated. Rosemary Dorrell
- CrOZworld gives me so much pleasure each month. Gabrielle Leeds
- To all the wonderful people who make the ACC such a great Club – all the best for 2012. Yvonne McKindlay
- Here I am rushing at the last moment, having just arrived home from a wonderful cruise of the Mediterranean. As usual, the crosswords were both challenging and interesting. Jean Evans



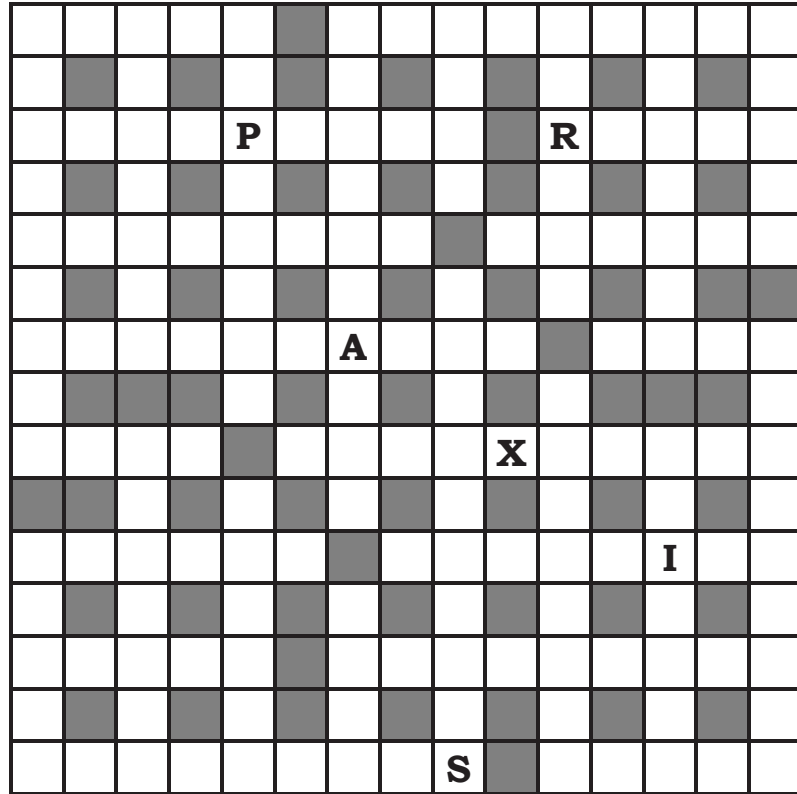
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Acrostic Jigsaw by Praxis

Prize



Solutions should be fitted into the diagram jigsaw-wise (scattered letters PRAXIS will help). When completed, arrange the clues from the first Across to the last Down – their 32 initial letters contain an instruction which, when followed, will give 6 answers which should be nominated.



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Clues:

- Again it's emphasized; engineer's time's restricted by changes in tide (10)
- Operetta's play's set within Greek Island? (10)
- Enid's at uni doctor implied (10)
- Moved fetid oxide and got clean (10)
- Expensive car carried American; the one who helped bandit (3-6)
- Robberies around European river implicated pleasure-seekers (9)
- Stomach trouble; it's after flatulence and tummy rumble starts (9)
- Idiot earl's crazy point of view? (9)
- Topic nine's vague in the beginning (9)
- Erratic Tamils are supplied weapons (8)
- Happen to let bird escape; a tear's visible (8)
- Exclamations of protest; sheds more tears (8)
- Debilitated girl's gifted and starting to develop (8)
- Vast universe; an unordered reaction? (8)
- Insane Ugandan leader to return in charge? (7)
- Thicken up after including first of iced eggs (7)
- Ed stood behind girl with bull; one for the compound (7)
- They murdered the king besetting queen with problems (7)
- Couple left after rider returned with methamphetamine (6)
- New pub art's rude (6)
- Type of vessel's put in Swiss river to make a graphical image (6)
- Old revive, about to draw breath (6)
- Girl overcomes current displeasure (5)
- Woman's after a note for the steward (5)
- Lamenting verdict dismissed learner (5)
- Wallops Des, pinching cleaned chook (5)
- Incapable idiot's starting at the North-east point (5)
- Royal Engineer captivated sweetheart with a flower (5)
- Network called for quiet after docking men (4)
- Essential part of brine; the lieutenant's after it (4)
- Ocean sound reached shag (4)
- Tarn the French take without a word of thanks (4)

**Post
Solution
to:**

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2 Dell Street, Blacktown NSW 2148
email: rbw4133@tadaust.org.au
Closing mail date: Friday 10 February 2012.**



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ACC COMPILER OF 2011: We have had plenty of crossword compilers featured in *Crozworld* during 2011. No doubt you have your favourite ACC compiler. If so, then we would like you to vote for him/her as the ACC Compiler of 2011. See p11 for the voting form.

CLUE OF THE MONTH: We continued the COTM in 2011 and it has been keenly embraced by the solvers. We will continue it in 2012. During 2011, the results were as follows. Carole Noble, John Brotherton and Iain McCulloch and the late Shirl O'Brien won 2 COTMs each and Len Colgan, Audrey Austin, Joan Smith, Michael Kennedy, Andrew Patterson and Jean Barbour won 1 each. Well done!

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER! If you sign up a new member for 2012, the cost is only \$30. Unbeatable value! A wonderful present for your friends! We have a number of new members already for 2012! Let's make a lot of people happy by signing up your cruciverbal friends. It only costs \$30 for the whole year. Great value!

Subscription renewals/new members for 2012 kindly received from: Collins M, Cromer H, Crossman Dr B, Davey J, Davis K, Elick J, Foott B, Greig N, Heenan C, Hocking A, Lee C, Leeds G, Lloyd G, McAdoo G, McGrath J, Maunder M, Meek D, Mercer P, Mitchell J, O'Brien Eileen, Otrupcek R, Parsons D, Procter D, Randall J, Shipway S, Smith J, Spicer L, Stocks J, Taylor S, Thomas E, Thomas M, Villiers W, Watt K, Wilcox C, Wilson R and Wood J.

Donations to the ACC Prize Fund 2012 are gratefully received from: Merv Collins, Hilary Cromer, John Davey, Ken Davis, Barbara Foott, Chris Heenan, Alison Hocking, Gabrielle Leeds, Glenda Lloyd, Greg McAdoo, Marie Maunder, Drew Meek, Judith Mitchell, Eileen O'Brien, Robina Otrupcek, David Procter, Judy Randall, Sally Shipway, Joan Smith, Lynne Spicer, Jack Stocks, Shelia Taylor, Wendy Villiers, Cheryl Wilcox and Jan Wood. Many thanks for your generosity.

E-LODGMET: Would you like to lodge your solutions in an electronic format rather than relying on the post? If so, then e-lodgment is for you: it's quick, reliable and inexpensive. Ian has been skilfully managing e-lodgment entries since July 2005 and we express our sincere thanks to him for the time and energy he has devoted to this worthwhile project. Kindly send your e-lodgment entries to Ian whose e-mail address is: ianw@webone.com.au

Appeals: If you feel aggrieved about any decision made by an Adjudicator, then contact the Adjudicator and put your case. If your appeal to the Adjudicator is unsuccessful, you may contact the Executive Committee who will then finally determine the appeal.

SPONSORSHIP OF THE SLOT 1 PUZZLE FOR 2012

We are delighted to announce that the sponsorship for the Slot 1 puzzles for 2012 has been continued. **Susan Butler** from MacMillan/Macquarie Dictionary said: "We'll be happy to provide stock for the Slot 1 puzzle again." We extend our sincere thanks to Macmillan/Macquarie for their generosity in continuing to support the cruciverbal art in Australia.

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New Members: **Jim Elick** from Ravenshoe, Qld (a Membership Gift from Dave Parsons), **Margie Thomas** of Korweinguboora, Vic (a Membership Gift from Gabrielle Leeds), **Margaret Carbines** of Ashtonfield, NSW (a Membership Gift from Margaret Steinberger) and **Richard Skinner** of Auldana SA (a Membership Gift from Liz Hatcliffe). Welcome to the Wonderful World of *Crozworlding!*

Puzzle Adjustment: October Slot 6: The following were awarded dots: Veniece Lobsey, Shelia Taylor and Andrew Patterson.

Quiz shortage - update! Since our plea in the November issue I have received only three quizzes, all from our regular quiz compilers. It's hardly fair to have to continue to call on them to adjudicate quizzes on a regular basis (a pleasant task, but not one that we can expect them to do every month). We may need to consider discontinuing the quizzes. If you value the quizzes, and wish to give enjoyment to your fellow members, please try your hand at a quiz. Editorial help will be given freely as necessary. Any submissions or correspondence should be sent to me please. —*Ian Williams*

Providing your comments on puzzles: While we aim to publish all comments made by members on puzzles (space in *CrOZworld* permitting), the volume of some of the comments that are provided in manuscript form creates a significant workload for our longsuffering adjudicators. To help us to help you to have your comments published, even when you post your entries, if you have e-mail would you kindly provide your comments direct to the adjudicators in e-mailed form. To do so means that they will only need to cut and paste the comments rather than spend a considerable amount of their valuable time in typing them. Thank you.

A Sincere Thank You to Andrew Miles

Thank you to Andrew Miles for his distinguished efforts in taking on his first Adjudication of the Slots 1-5 puzzles this month. Andrew has provided the results in an efficient and timely manner and provided helpful explanations for those cases where Dots were not awarded. In fact Andrew has provided me with a 13-page complete Table of Reasons why Dots were not given in each case! If you need to ascertain why you missed out on a Dot feel free to contact me (pstreet@bigpond.net.au) and I will gladly pass on Andrew's Comments. —*Patrick*

PRIZE SCHEDULE for 2012

Subject to the overriding discretion of the Executive Committee, the monthly prizes for Slots 2 and 3: \$75 each. Slots 4 & 7 and all quizzes: Book prize. Puzzle No 1: *The Macquarie Crossword Dictionary* (2007 edition) or other book as selected plus one x \$75. Puzzle No 5: *The Chambers Dictionary* 12th edn (2011). Slots 1-5 correct selected winner each month: \$125. Cumulative slots 1-6, Jan-Dec, trophy. Numbered Quizzes Jan-Dec, trophy.

NOTES: (1) "Closing mail date" means that entries eligible for a prize must be received by the Adjudicator at or before the time of the postal mail delivery on the date specified each month in *Crozworld*. This includes any entries which may be sent electronically via e-mail. Any entries received after that time and date will not be eligible to gain a 'dot' or to qualify for a prize.
(2) Only current financial members of the Australian Crossword Club are eligible to win prizes in 2012.

A Note about the Prizes for 2012

Thanks to the generosity of members, we are able to increase the prize schedule for 2012 and are continuing with Cumulative Prizes for the best solvers in 2012. We recognise that we should reward the champion solvers with something tangible to mark this achievement. As in 2011, we will award trophies for the Club's champion solvers and each trophy will carry a plaque setting out the details of the winner's name and the particular competition. Trophies will be awarded for Cumulative Slots 1-6 Jan-Dec 2012 and the top scorer for the numbered Quizzes Jan-Dec 2012. These special trophies will look great on anybody's mantelpiece so go to it! Commencing from this edition of *Crozworld*, the clock starts to run. Best of luck with your solving in 2012!

Note: In 2012, only one entry per person per puzzle or Quiz is allowed. In cases where e-lodged submissions of completed grids are corrupted, or are otherwise unable to be read or opened, a repeat submission may be allowed following consultation with Ian Williams.

December 1-2011: Half 'n Half by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

- I needed a bit of Wikipedia to find some answers but otherwise a good, fair puzzle. *Andrew Patterson*
- I tossed up between UNST and UIST for 4ac, but settled for UNST. *Jenny Wenham*
- I always find the across clues in this slot harder to get! Mercifully I wasn't stuck this time. There are some good clues in here but I liked SUDDEN and OWED the most. *Bhavan Kasivajjala*
- I'd write to Jesso, but not sure which direction to send it... *William Ryan*
- 38dn: Bridge points = IMPS = International Match Points + S. *Alan Walter*
- A typically well-clued Jesso puzzle. *Peter Dearie*

December 2-2011: Cryptic by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- The shorter clues turned out nicely e.g. 10ac, 12ac, 24ac, 27ac, 2dn, 23dn. They were neat and meaningful. *Andrew Patterson*
- I noted 2 uses of Pi - clued as the circle ratio and the Greek letter. *Jim Fowler*
- Thank you Audrey for your puzzle, Especially liked 25 and 28ac. Not too sure about 20ac. *Joan Smith*
- 29ac: Straw is not the same as hay. 2dn: NOUS n intellect; talent; common sense - I don't see how it is indicated by ahead; 7dn: 'off' doesn't contribute to clue. *Drew Meek*
- Quite a few clues to like here - CARD, ELAPSE, KOREA and CALIBRES. But I don't understand how 14ac works. Where is the instruction to "remove" hot from the capital? (Adj: 'from' is intended to equate to 'taken from'). *Bhavan Kasivajjala*
- No idea on 20ac? (Adj: CARD here is used to mean comb or separate wool etc. A difficult clue to solve with confidence - I cannot find a reference source which lists 'card' and 'separate' as directly synonymous. The reasoning requires 'card' means 'comb' and 'comb' means 'separate'.) *William Ryan*
- CARD seems to be a contronym. It can mean separate or mix. *Brian Symons*
- 20ac: How does 'separate' equate to CARD? A 'heart' can be a CARD. Is CARD here a short form of DISCARD? *Alan Walter*
- Some good clues - last two were BEATRICE & STOKED. Hope I have 20ac (CARD) right! *Anne Simons*
- 20ac took longest, but the penny dropped eventually. *Peter Dearie*
- 8dn (ANTONY) - There is no need for 'off' in the clue. *Doreen Jones*
- How much time was wasted to find a word to fit in 20ac, trying every letter of the alphabet to fit in the first and third square. My best comment is that this is perhaps a mistake and the wanted word is REND for 'separate' and used in the phrase 'HEART-RENDING'. I hope I am right and thus worthy of a dot. *Tony de Gruy*

December 3-2011: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- All clues, except for 7dn, were worthwhile challenges. *Andrew Patterson*
- Loved this. Hopefully there is a goodly stock of Shirl's puzzles for us to enjoy. Favourites were 1ac & 15dn. *Jenny Wenham*
- 25ac: if Eric is meant to indicate "wise", did the setter perhaps mean Ernie Wise, partner of Eric Morecombe? *Drew Meek*
- The very first clue in this slot caught my attention. It was handled very well I thought. And the linked clues were quite smooth too. My picks - LEARNED, VELODROME and SINCE. *Bhavan Kasivajjala*
- Liked TWENTIETH! (Adj: I thought it deserved better than it received in the COTM stakes.) *William Ryan*
- A lovely cryptic. VELODROME got my COTM. *Brian Symons*
- 25ac Was Shirl referring to WISE as ERIC? Wise was Ernie not ERIC (Morecombe was Eric). *Alan Walter*
- 3dn (VELODROME) gets my COTM - very neat! Maybe 25ac should read "Wise partner perhaps", to indicate "Eric". I hope NAIL CLIPPERS is right for 7dn. I don't quite follow the cryptic sense of this clue. *Peter Dearie*
- Loved 1ac (PET AVERSIONS) for COTM and 26ac (CLOTHES HORSE). *Max Roddick*

December 4-2011: AJ by Difficult Women (Carole Noble & Joan Smith)

- The surface reading of the clues was very good. The answers were not too obscure. Unfortunately had a Spenserian word (I'm a bit over them). *Andrew Patterson*
- Not sure about "overmagnify" as a word but evident enough as correct once solved so no drama either way. *Jim Fowler*
- A couple of false starts on this one with both 11 letter words having a common second letter, as did 2 of the 9 letter words. *Jenny Wenham*
- I'm fascinated by this slot - imagining how does the setter go about finding 26 criss-crossing words, each starting with a different letter of the alphabet? Favourite clues - BRAINWAVES, SCARE and WRESTLE. *Bhavan Kasivajjala*

- I didn't much like the clues for REFUGEEISM or MISNAMING. *Roy Taylor*
- Z clue: ZO = domestic animal under entry for ZHO. 'Brook' = RILL meets A (ie ZO+RILL+A). ZORILLO does not fit this clue. (Adj: Agreed, but ZORILLE was accepted - RILLE = RILL and ZORILLE is equivalent to ZORILLA). *Alan Walter*
- An enjoyable AJ with not too many obscure words, though "layshafts" was new to me. *Peter Dearie*
- It's hard to find 'new' words for the X clue in AJs. Using the TV show X Factor was a clever idea. *Brian Tickle*
- Liked AGLOW and URSA MINOR. *Max Roddick*

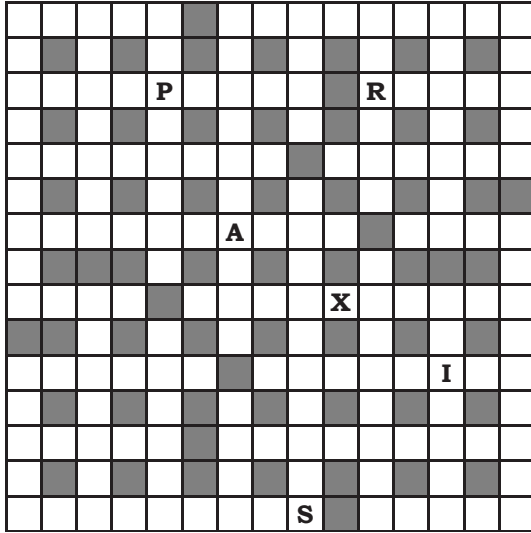
December 5-2011: Anagind Party by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

- The return of the segmented grid was the only problem here. The puzzle was good fun. *Andrew Patterson*
- I pondered Crowsman's posting on DEEF under Non ACC Puzzles: The Independent of Fri October 14 wherein he referenced clues of similar nature to his theme in this one. If this puzzle resulted from that idea it was pretty smart work to compile and publish in that length of time. As always with Len's puzzles - totally enjoyable, hard but fair. *Jim Fowler*
- A great challenging puzzle which had me floundering until the penny finally dropped. Great clues and my favourites were 26ac and 2, 7 and 18dn. Not confident about 22dn. *Joan Smith*
- I expect there'll be lots of comments about this grid. As with one last month, this one has 2 corners completely blocked off which unfortunately spoil an otherwise enjoyable Slot 5. I thought 18dn was a nice clue - simple but effective. *Jenny Wenham*
- I particularly enjoyed Crowsman's slot 5 - brilliantly conceived and executed. *Roy Wilson*
- 7dn: "Coast's" doesn't contribute to clue. 22dn has my vote for COTM. *Drew Meek*
- SORTER is an alternative solution to 11ac. (Adj: agreed.) *Ian McKenzie*
- This is an excellently innovative puzzle. Hats off to the setter. Anagrams are looked upon as easy entries into a puzzle, but by adding one level of indirection, the setter has managed to keep my interest up in them. Kudos. Several enjoyable clues: TEARS, STRANGE, SHATTERING and ISABELLE. *Bhavan Kasivajjala*
- Clever tricky clues. I enjoyed it. 7ac (RESORT) close to COTM. Also, 1dn (CHEROKEE) and 22dn (GASHES). *Roy Taylor*
- Thanks, Crowsman, for a while there I had as many clues in as the Crows had won games this season... *William Ryan*
- Wonderfully clever. *Brian Symons*
- 21ac Deceitful companion of Hal's half English. Deceitful (definition) = FALSE. Companion of (Prince) HAL = FALSTAFF in Shakespeare's two Henry IV plays, "half" of FALSTAFF = FALS + E (English) equating to the definition FALSE. I'm sure there could be other solvers who would appreciate the full dissection of the wordplay of this clue. (Adj: thank you Alan, your adjudicator being one of them.) Also, 22dn: He is a GAS (Helium), female is SHE. Answer GA+SHE +S [ie GAS takes in SHE (female)] = GASHES (splits). I first considered LAS + HE+ S where LASS is the 'female' taking in HE. However here 'female' takes in 'He' which is not 'He takes in female' & LASHES does not equate to "splits", so LASHES does not fit the correct answer to this tricky clue. Could you please explain why Crowsman put in double number clues? A single number would have sufficed with the note saying that 'Clues parts containing numbers are related & lack any definition.' (Adj: presumably so that what was required was in no doubt - eg, 'tear tear', 'mar mar'.) Also, the title appears misleading as "Anagind" = Anagram indicator, which traditionally is numerical, whereas the related clues are ANAGRAMS of each other. Perhaps Crowsman was surreptitiously implying that ANAGIND here is the double number indicating an anagram! *Alan Walter*
- This was just plain mean! With a lot of help I have completed it! Fingers crossed. *Anne Simons*
- A cleverly constructed puzzle. I guess "sorter" or "roster" will do for 11ac. If I am reading the clue correctly, in 7dn "coasts" does not seem to refer to any part of the answer. *Peter Dearie*
- What a clever idea to use anagrams of the anaginds. Re 22dn: This is not the first time I've been fooled into thinking 'He' was a pronoun when it was actually a gas. *Brian Tickle*
- Slot 5, 22dn (DASHES) - I must be missing something because I cannot understand the cryptic part. No doubt someone will enlighten me. *Doreen Jones*
- Phew! What a workout! - and I'm still unsure about 22dn. *Max Roddick*
- Not sure about 25ac - but the only answer can be TEAR - but I cannot confirm it is a ladder bolt! (Adj: a run in a stocking and tear off) *Marian Procter*
- Len certainly knows how to get the brain going. *Bob Hagan*
- Congratulations to Crowsman for a very clever concept for puzzle 5. *Merv Collins*

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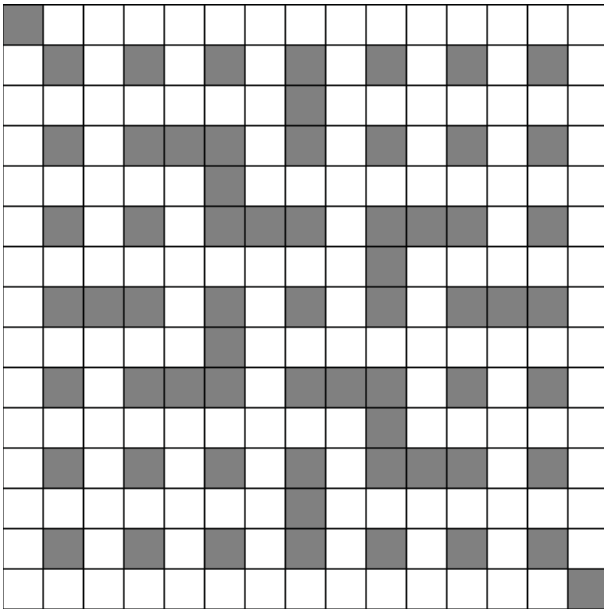
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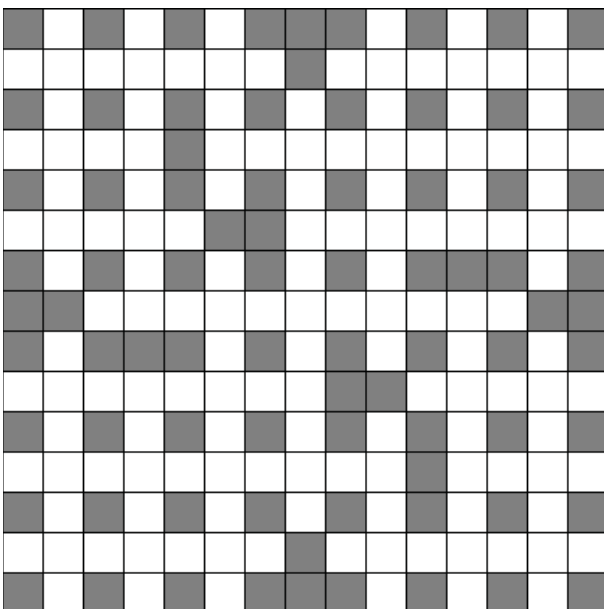
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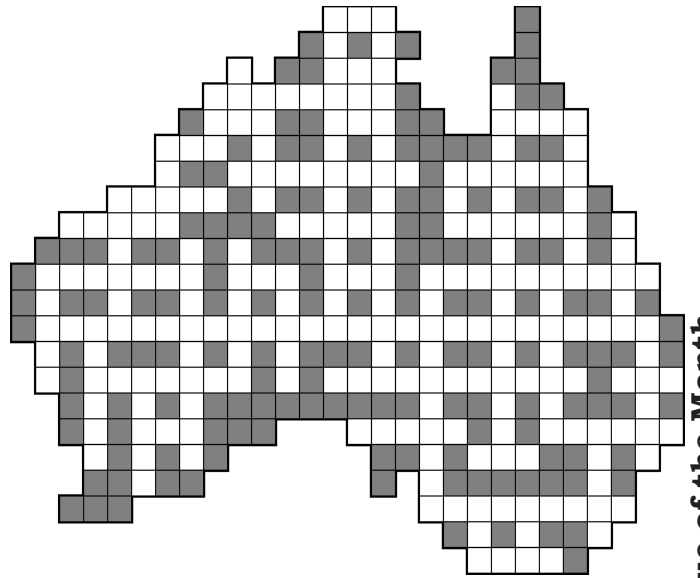
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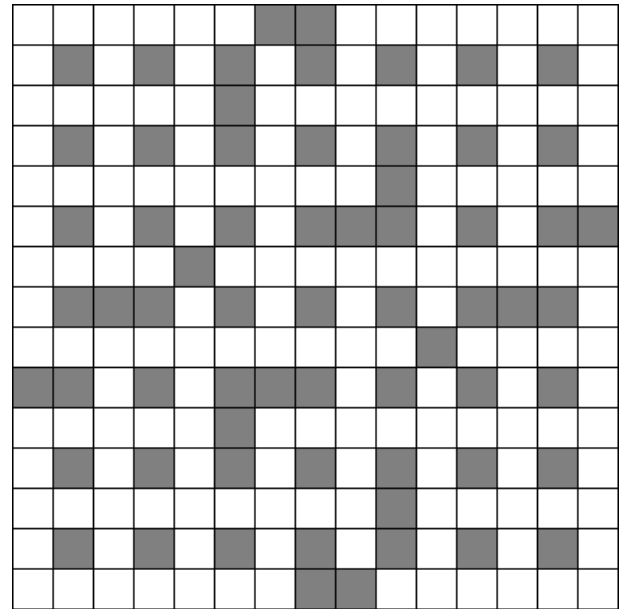
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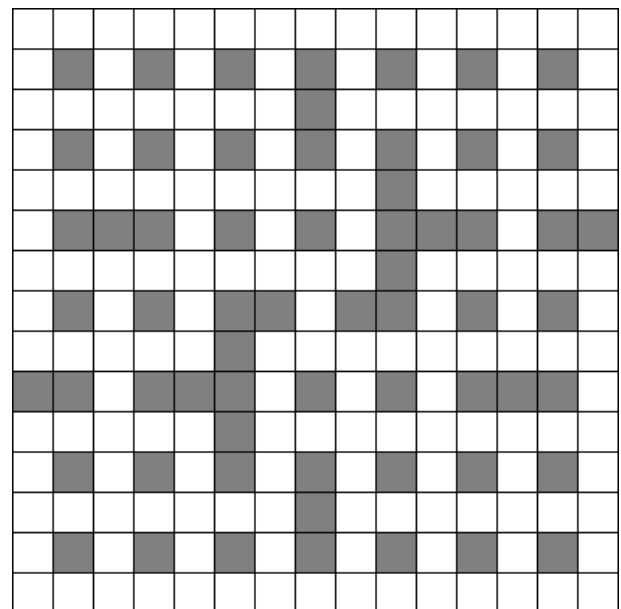
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Clue of the Month

ACC Compiler of the Year



November 2011 Slot 6 "A Beast of a Puzzle" by Hot & Cold (Jenny Wenham & Ian Williams)

Results: Entries: 38; Correct: 28. Success Rate: 73%.

Winner: Veniece Lobsey. Congratulations!

Adjudicators' comments: Thanks for all your cards, comments and Christmas wishes. Many solvers commented on the aptness of the title. The answers to be entered in the grid were animals, with the non-beastly part of the phrase clued and the whole phrase defined. We thought "Dear Octopus" might cause the most comment, but it seems many of you have never had the pleasure of licking the caramello off your fingers when it has oozed out of the koala. *Dear Octopus*, a movie was, in retrospect, a bit too obscure for this one. A few solvers were unsure about the indicators for "Caramello". "Beetle, perhaps"=CAR + A + MELLO(w) (soft and ripe - MELLOW - without the W - weightless). Several solvers had SNAKE or STAKE for SKATE in 30ac. The clue was for CHEAPSKATE. Some other explanations that were requested:- 13ac LAG+EL reversed; 24dn is a hidden word reversed elioT NESS Admits; 26dn MP inside ALE. We love to get feedback - good or bad - on our puzzles. Hopefully we can keep improving. Don't worry about offending us; we are very thick-skinned.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to more setting and solving in 2012.

—Hot and Cold (Jenny Wenham & Ian Williams)

Solvers' comments:

• Congratulations on a novel and testing puzzle that provided lots of enjoyment. *Len Colgan*

• Interesting puzzle. A couple of the animals were plain to see, a couple needed some work to get and the last three, OCTOPUS, SNAKE and HORSE, I don't get at all. Hence they are hopeful answers based only on them fitting the grid. I might've googled myself silly but this is a much quicker conclusion. [*"Dear Octopus" - expensive=dear, "Hobby Horse" - fairy=hob; beside=by and "Cheap Skate" - initial cash=C; collection=heap: H&C*]

Andrew Patterson

• Thanks for your delightful puzzle. How do you come up with such a different approach? The one that had me most bewildered was Caramello Koala. I had never heard of it but thank goodness for Elizabeth who had and pointed out said confection at our next trip to the supermarket. *Jim Fowler*

• I have no idea what kind of octopus or shark I'm looking for, and I'm not sure how 8dn works, but I thoroughly enjoyed the challenge. [*"Loan Shark": H&C*]

Jan Wood

• What a beast of a puzzle to solve. Each clue became a saga, blowing Cold and eventually becoming Hot. Thank for a mind shaking puzzle. Please explain why CARA=beetle perhaps. I can only find CARABID=BEETLE or S+CARA+B [*the VW - see our comments above: H&C*].

Alan Walter

• Great concept. Loved the SHARK, KITTEN and MONKEY clues best. Five clues (11, 13 & 23ac and 1 & 27dn) using "perhaps" is probably four too many. "Maybe" is an alternative, only once each per x-word. Curious to know who edits the editor? [*We're quite hard on each other in an editorial sense, but in a co-conspiracy the obvious is sometimes overlooked (like the "f"s in "of" and Paris in the the Spring). Thanks for the timely style reminder, Carole: H&C*]

Carole Noble

• Thank you for your puzzles this year. (This one was a cow! But oh, so rewarding when I finished!)

Pat Lord

• Thanks for a tricky and absorbing puzzle. The Rabbits reference was a bit hard for a Victorian.

Roy Taylor

• Loved this one.

Betty Siegman

• This truly was a beast of a puzzle.

Pat Garner

• Yes, it was pretty beastly.

Nea Storey

• What a great puzzle! It took me a while to cotton on, but I thoroughly enjoyed the taxing mental workout. Thank you.

Robyn Caine

• Thanks for a great puzzle. Could not get that last one in. Guessed SCUTE. [*Sorry, Raoul, you should have guessed SKATE: H&C*]

William Ryan

• Thanks for a great challenge. My favourite clues were KITTEN & AIRMAILED. Not sure if AGENDUM is any longer a word. [*The SOED says The neut. gerundial ending is sometimes retained as in addendum, agendum, etc.: H&C*]. KOALA is all that fits for

27dn - but the cluing is certainly hard.

Brian Symons

• This puzzle wasn't an easy one, but great fun to solve and particular favourites were 17 and 26dn. I wasn't sure of a few words so just keeping fingers crossed. Wasn't sure about 20ac - is 'agendum' the singular form of 'agenda' (or is it -us?) Couldn't find it in *Chambers*.

Gillian Champion

• SKATE caused me the most angst. A very clever puzzle.

Bob Hagan

• Although SKATE at 30ac fits the clue perfectly, I can't find CHEAP SKATE in any of my dictionaries (as opposed to CHEAPSKATE). Bargain at the fishmongers maybe? 27dn can only be KOALA (hopefully) but the two word phrase escapes me, as does the meaning of the clue. Thanks for a challenging puzzle.

Peter Dearie

• This was, indeed, a BEAST of a puzzle! Some answers are a bit of a guess, as they are animals and fit in! eg KANGAROO, OCTOPUS, HORSE, KOALA.

Anne Simons

• Thanks for a fun puzzle. I had not heard of Dear Octopus or Caramello Koala before and only knew Captain Kangaroo from the song of the tragic bloke who plays solitaire all night with a card missing and watches it on tv.

Tony Dobebe

• Thank you for this entertaining puzzle. I don't follow OCTOPUS for 4dn though.

David Grainger

• Thank you for an enjoyable Puzzle. I spent a long time trying to "TARANTULA" into 18dn!

Andrew Miles

• Great Puzzle! It took me quite a few solutions before I worked out the relevance of the title.

Kath Harper

• Once I got the hang of the instructions, your puzzle was fun to do and I hope that I have found all the correct "beasts". If so, could I please have a Caramello Koala, please?

Susan Howells

• Delightfully "Beastly".

Margaret Pyc

• I found it quite hard - it's been to Thursday Island and back and I worked on it all the way!

Robyn Wimbush

• This really was a "beast of a puzzle" and I had to use all my resources. Had some of the beasts before I understood the directions.

Veniece Lobsey

• It took a while before I connected the dots and chastised myself for once again forgetting to look at the title! I wasn't sure of 23dn - perhaps you could explain that one for me. [*An anagram of UNFORGETTABLY minus GROTTY: H&C*] I loved the use of connecting words - "cheap-skate" & "loan-shark" etc. Very clever.

Bev Cockburn

• This was a curly one! Had never heard of Dear Octopus, but very familiar with Caramello Koalas!

Mike Potts

Dots for November 2011 puzzles

Because we left Canberra before Friday's post on "Closing mail day" there were a number of entries in the mail box when we returned from the Sydney Get-together (which was great fun, by the way, thanks to the work put in by Bev, Patrick and mine host William). All these late entries have been adjudicated and the results are below. They also include corrections for the "JOB/LOT" entries resulting from Ian's finger trouble. I hope that those affected didn't get too much of a shock when they scanned the December issue and found their dots missing! *Kay Williams*

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- 1 Wash the baby's top half first! (5)
- 4 Racial affiliation in the wrong urban area (9)
- 10 Male acrobats take time to sign for make-up sessions (15)
- 11 Information provided at start of play (3-3)
- 12 Play's opening brings complaint for black lead (8)
- 13 Cold, longing for somewhere to keep safe (5)
- 14 Last of pigeons enters deep mesh construction for its food, perhaps (4-5)
- 16 Roger possibly breaks down, coming around in cellar (9)
- 18 Crook fish (5)
- 21 Companion, holding back sleep, makes offer (8)
- 22 Legendary isle where one is lured into forgetfulness by music player at herbal centre (6)
- 23 Easily defeats small bands trapped by subterfuge (4,5,6)
- 24 Cabinet's disturbed by oft-repeated stories (9)
- 25 Make up after lunch, possibly (5)

Down

- 2 Female graduate screened one derivative of bauxite (7)
- 3 Specialised shrinks sorted out phony and the serious criminals (15)
- 5 The bathers avoided southern stairway C (3,5,2,5)
- 6 Declaration excluding certain meat cuts (2,6)
- 7 Bare cabin perhaps in Martinique? (9,6)
- 8 Elderly citizens get head sacked (3,4)
- 9 Stalwart is through, with charge upheld (5)
- 15 A blue involving Polish leader and foreigner (8)
- 17 Finished in thick grass, missing centre of green (7)
- 19 Renowned bequeather turned around an independent nation (7)
- 20 Classic assertion made by one holding all the cards (5)

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Quiz No 1/2012



by *The Eager Beaver*

Quiz 1/2012

Follow the Leader Roundabout by *The Eager Beaver*.

Each solution (clues are not in order) contains a pair of letters as they appear in the reversed alphabet. Your task is to solve the clue and place the answer in the alphabetical order of the pair – for example – First English saint (5) is **Alban** giving the two letter pair BA. That would be the first solution: your next word should contain the letters CB together.

Send your entries to Bev Cockburn 12 Norman Street, Merrylands West NSW 2160. e-mail to bevco4@bigpond.com.

Closing date: 10 February 2012. Book prize.

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| 1 U.S and Canada's 'yeti' (7) | 10 A Holy War (5) | 18 A Bohemian dance (5) |
| 2 Transmit by radio or television (9) | 11 Catchy tune used to advertise a product (6) | 19 A little box or casket for jewels (3) |
| 3 A vendor of meat (7) | 12 Another name for tetanus (7) | 20 Initials of MacDonal'd's other famous hamburger (1,1) |
| 4 A Scandinavian country (7) | 13 Shakespeare's King of Scotland (7) | 21 Greek resin-flavoured wine (7) |
| 5 To throw into disorder or confusion (7) | 14 Used for teeth protection in sport (10) | 22 A variety show with skits (5) |
| 6 To board a ship or aircraft (6) | 15 To hurt someone's feelings (6) | 23 Your other half (6) |
| 7 Protein substance produced by living cells (6) | 16 Floor covering of wooden blocks (7) | 24 Madame Tussauds (8) |
| 8 A goblin accused of vexing airmen (7) | 17 A person who sells small items door to door (6) | 25 U.S abbreviation for West Virginia (1,1) |
| 9 The best policy (7) | | |

Results of Quiz No 11/2011: Animal Crackers by *Virgo (Audrey Austin)*

Scores: 25: B Cockburn, L Carroll, P Dearie, J Evans, V Howard, S Howells, C Jones, C Noble, P Garner, B Glissan, B Ibbott, A Miles, S Pinder, S Roulston, B Siegman, A Simons, J Smith, A Walter, J Wenham and C Wilcox. **24:** T McPherson and R Wimbush. **21:** C McClelland.

Prizewinner: Valerie Howard. Congratulations!

Solutions: 1. A Kid for two Farthings 2. Babe 3. Bambi 4. Bedtime for Bonzo 5. Chicken Run 6. Finding Nemo 7. Fly Away Home 8. Free Willy 9. Garfield 10. Greyfriars Bobby 11. Happy Feet 12. Ice Age 13. Kes 14. Lady and the Tramp 15. Lassie Come Home 16. Legend 17. Marley and Me 18. National Velvet 19. Racing Stripes 20. The Ghost and the Darkness 21. The Silver Brumby 22. The Yearling 23. Turner and Hooch 24. Valiant 24. Willard.

Comments:

- Another enjoyable quiz! *Claire McClelland*
- Going on past performances, when films are involved, I lack! But I'll have another go. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Here we go again. Another good one, thank you, though Google had to do most of the work. *Valerie Howard*
- Thank you for this outstanding quiz. I am just a novice in the use of the computer, so this gave me a great opportunity to practice. *Jean Evans*
- I knew quite a few of them, but still a number I haven't seen. *Andrew Miles*
- My card playing friends & I had lots of fun with this one. Thanks to them, it is complete – and correct, I hope. *Anne Simons*
- What a lot of films about animals! The only one that I had never heard of was *The Ghost and the Darkness*. Thank you for all your effort in creating these quizzes. *Susan Howells*
- I was surprised how many of these I got on my first read-through. My only concern is number 22. I am submitting *The Yearling* for this one, but I can only find a reference to it being re-released in 1973, having been released much earlier. Hope I have it right. *Jenny Wenham*
- Your depth of knowledge about movies never ceases to amaze me. I knew most of the movies in the quiz but had to Google some answers. The only fawn film I could find dated back to 1946 not 1973 as clued by you. Was *The Yearling* remade in 1973? (No, that was apparently the re-release date. Sorry. A.) *Barbara Ibbott*
- Thanks for another of your clever quizzes. *Bev Cockburn*
- Not being a filmgoer I appreciated the dates a great deal – they certainly narrowed down the search. My granddaughter was some help, but as she is only 10, some were a bit early for her! *Pat Garner*

• This quiz brought back some lovely memories of enjoyable movies I've seen. Thanks for the Memories! *Carole Noble*

• Thanks, Audrey, for your Animal 'Biscuits' Quiz. Quite a span of years from 1942 till 2008. Certainly a thought-provoking test. *Alan Walter*

• They say 'Never work with children or animals', but there do seem to be lots of them. *Betty Siegman*

• Thank you for another great quiz. Learned some new movies. *Peter Dearie*

• My answers for the quiz, some easy and some a challenge. Did enjoy. *Cheryl Wilcox*

From the Quizmaster: So many correct entries. Very few errors or blanks. The quiz contained only a few of the very many movies featuring animals, so I tried to get as large a variety as I could. Maybe some more another time. Meanwhile, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! —**Audrey**

Results of Bonus Quiz November 2011

Transmutation of Metals by *dB (Doug Butler)*

Winner: Alan Walter. Congratulations!

From the Quizmaster: Our clever alchemists found two solutions: COPPER/COPTER/COLTER/COLDER/SOLDER/SOLVER/SILVER and COPPER/CAPPER/CARPER/CARVER/CALVER/SALVER/SILVER.

They were Bev Cockburn, Graeme Cole, Pat Garner, Bob Hagan, Catherine Jones, Jill McCulloch, Carole Noble, Jan Pearce, Marian Procter, Anne Simons, Roy Taylor, Alan Walter and Jenny Wenham. The name drawn was Alan Walter, who reminded me that this game was invented by "Lewis Carroll". —**Doug Butler**

• I'm looking forward to more of your "thinking" quizzes next year. *Graeme Cole*

• I like ... puzzles that are not straight research. *Bob Hagan*

Below is a photo of a "friend" who dropped in to Doug's bush retreat last week:





November 7-2011: Cryptic by *Betelgeuse* (Gillian Champion)

Entries: 24. Correct: 20. Success rate: 83%.

Prizewinner: Marian Procter – Congratulations!

Correct: R Caine, G Champion, B Cockburn, L Colgan, F Copland, P Dearie, J Fowler, P Garner, B Glissan, D Jones, P Lord, I McKenzie, A Miles, C Noble, D Procter, M Procter, S Roulston, B Symons, A Walter and J Wenham.

Solutions: Across: 7. -CAR- + CHILD-E (Childe Roland) = CHILDCARE 8. P-E+-ODG- = PODGE 9. PLAY+FUL (I) = PLAYFUL 11.This was meant to be Settlers- T= SELLERS (Sorry!) 12. EYE=I 13. S-LLEY(shouts back)+-HE-=SHELLEY.15. ELK+CURT(back)=TRUCKLE. 17. German society-GER+S-behind LOD(old snow)=LODGERS(boarders). 19. V-AIN(vessel heard)+-ILL-= VILLAIN. 20. EYED(heard saw)=IDE(fish). 21. anag of OLD BIBLE (minusL)=BILOBED. 23. EXTRA ACT – A= EXTRACT. 25. RO-C+-MI-=ROMIC. 26.anag of CHAP-A-PYRO=APOCRYPHA

Down: 1. -OIL-+V-A=VOILA. 2.NO+D=NOD. 3. STAN-Y(nasty crack)+-LE-=-STANLEY. 4. OVER+SET=OVERSET. 5. EXCEL minusC+P=EXPEL.6.anag of RUDE+I+BACK+RUDBECKIA. 10. FALSETTO minus T+TO=FALSE. 14. anag of PHONED+MY+L=ENDOLYMPH. 16. (S)UNLIT+UNLIT. 18. -IDEA-+MR-S(rev) =SIDEARM. 19. -R OFF(fellow for rev)+VEE- =VEER OFF. 22. BACON(saving one's). 24. -PA-+AP-L=APPAL. 27. (Back) REVERSE minus ERSE=REV(turn).

Adjudicator's Comments:

Many thanks for all the cards, letters and comments. Unfortunately there were a couple of mistakes in the puzzle – the clue to 11ac was incorrect and the abbreviation in 25ac (MI) should have been Michigan instead of Mississippi, so apologies for those and it is hoped that they didn't put off some solvers. I was unaware that Peter Sellers had also played Dr Fu Manchu in the film, but luckily solvers were able to untangle this with no problems. There were few errors, some from those who got the rest of the puzzle right but then forgot to fill in the missing letters. This was a shame as it resulted in the loss of a dot.

The doctors around the periphery of the puzzle and the associated words were:-

Dr LIVINGSTONE – and the presuming STANLEY (3dn)

Dr FRANKENSTEIN – by Mary SHELLEY wife of poet Percy Bysshe (13ac)

Dr STRANGELOVE – played by Peter SELLERS (11ac) in the 1964 Kubrick film.

Dr FU MANCHU – the archetypal VILLAIN (19ac)

Dr MIRABILIS – another name for the 13th Century philosopher and friar Roger BACON (22dn)

Dr SPOCK – well known in the 1960s-70s for his book on CHILD CARE (7ac).

Wishing you all the very best for the holiday season and in 2012.

–*Betelgeuse* (Gillian Champion)

Solvers' comments:

• Another superb contribution, Gillian. Finding the final character was frustrating, and I needed the internet to confirm that Roger Bacon was known as Dr Mirabilis. Michigan is MI, not Mississippi. SIDEARM was clever. I look forward to your next brainteaser.

Len Colgan

• Many thanks for a most enjoyable puzzle, hard but not impossible (obviously as right or wrong I finished it). Frankenstein came first of the doctors and slowly, slowly the others fell into place. I must, I suppose, quibble about 11ac which – assuming Sellers coming from Settlers is the correct interpretation – doesn't quite work. Or I am a dill?! Anyway I really enjoyed this one so thanks again.

Jim Fowler

• I got about half way through this and thought I was stuck. I had 3 of the theme words but couldn't see what they had in common. In fact, I had to get 5 of them before lightning struck and I got the last. Thanks for the challenge.

Jenny Wenham

• A truly wonderful puzzle. You certainly have composing skill. I am a little unhappy with 'ROMIC'. An obscure word with even more obscure definition. MI stands for Michigan, not Mississippi. Or does 'around' serve a dual purpose – ROC around MI, and referring to the outskirts of MISSISSIPPI – ie MI? Anyway, it was loads of fun.

Brian Symons

• Another great brain-teaser! What a great collection of doctors, and how did you manage to work everything in so beautifully... wow!

Robyn Caine

• The most challenging puzzle I've ever done!

Pat Lord

• Great idea for a puzzle. Is there something amiss with 11ac? SETTLER-T+SETTLER not SELLER. *Carole Noble*

• This was an epic struggle – and I can't explain the exhilaration I felt when I finally conquered it – well, I hope I did! It did help when I realised the common link was that they were doctors. Thanks for creating these monsters to try us out. *Pat Garner*

• Could you please explain clue 11ac. SETTLERS settle the bills and if we take time (T) out it becomes SETTLERS not SELLERS as appears to be the answer as Peter SELLERS played the role of Dr Strangelove. Thanks for a mind-bending puzzle. *Alan Walter*

• Really tough puzzle! Not made any easier by Sellers playing both Drs Fu Manchu and Strangelove. Is 'bacon' undefined? I reckon it could pass for a complete clue in some quarters. *Andrew Miles*

• Not being a literary scholar, I had never heard of CHILDE HAROLD. I thought 7ac must be a vehicle, as REV seems to be an undefined clue, (well it could be!) However pennies finally dropped and I got the last character Dr SPOCK. Lots of clever clues – I loved "lugs fluid" for endolymph! *Roy Taylor*

• Very difficult puzzle which took ages to solve – thank goodness it was a slot7! I think the main difficulty is not having a 1dn – what you need is a palindrome!!! Impossible, I would say! I always enjoy the challenge, so keep up the good work. *Bev Cockburn*

• Another good one, Gillian. Took me ages to solve – I firstly solved STANLEY – so then got LIVINGSTONE. Thought they were all going to be explorers until I got SELLERS and SHELLEY. Peter Sellers has taken off FU MANCHU as well as STRANGELOVE. MIRABILIS was the last one I got. *Marian Procter*

• Thank you for a very difficult puzzle. Working out the perimeter took some time and Dr Mirabilis proved to be elusive for a while. Very satisfying to be able to complete the puzzle. *David Procter*

Solution to November 2011 Slot 7

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OOPS!



Construction site at Canberra Hospital. Observed by Charles Storey



Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 6/2011

Write a clue for APOSTLE (7)

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy

Definition of **APOSTLE** from *Chambers* (11th Edition)

n a person sent to preach the gospel; *esp* (and *usu* with *cap*) one of Christ's twelve chosen followers; a first introducer of Christianity in a country, eg *Augustine, the apostle of the English*; a principal champion or supporter of a new system, or of a cause; one of the twelve officials forming a presiding high council in the Mormon church. [Gr *apostolos* one sent away, from *apo* away, and *stellein* to send]

This word is really a compiler's dream when it comes to breaking a word up, and just about every clueing method was used this month. There are also various ways of defining it and this was reflected in almost 14 different definitions. I was hoping to receive more than 14 entries but I suspect some members may have sent their entries to my old e-mail address. The winning clue for this competition comes from the mind of **Donald Hemsley** with his excellent story-telling anagram.

Perhaps one in twelve had to lapse unexpectedly **½**

The clues are listed in alphabetical order and the definitions, where appropriate, are *italicised*.

A follower with his chariot after the horses have bolted **½

Remove the two Hs (horses) from 'his chariot' and you are left with ISCARIOT as in Judas the apostle. Judas Iscariot was one of the original apostles, later replaced by a more reliable Matthias. The secondary indicators are accurate, indeed quite clever, to produce ISCARIOT. However, we really need the indicators to elicit APOSTLE directly. ISCARIOT is indirect, and with nothing to indicate to the solver that this is so, the clue becomes quite a challenge.

A job for the french ambassador ****

A+POST+LE. Lovely! Very simple charade clue with perfectly sensible surface and no superfluous words. Well done!

An appointment to lead evangelism in the beginning ***

A +POST+L+E. I have not italicised the definition here because the whole clue serves as the definition. It's an attempt at an &lit and it nearly works. The key part of the definition is the noun 'appointment' meaning job or post. Strictly speaking this defines an 'apostolate', which is the office of an apostle. The apostle is certainly the right fit for the role but he or she is not specifically referenced.

I bring good news – lost ape, disoriented, but fine! **½

Anagram of LOST APE. I really like the definition as it encapsulates an apostle spreading the 'Good News' very well. The anagram, as indicated by DISORIENTATED is fine. However, the last two words 'but fine' are being used *only* to pad the surface, which is not in keeping with a fair Ximenean type clue.

I felt so passionate about embracing a preacher *½**

This was the only submitted clue using not only containment, but a reversal. The answer is found in 'ELTSOPAssionate', as accurately indicated by 'about embracing'. This is a terrific clue as all the elements are cleverly disguised. The only criticism is the superfluous 'T' at the beginning of the clue. It's only a single letter but it does not contribute to the clue, except as a surface-padder.

John for example, saint in a European setting ****

ST in A POLE. A fine clue with satisfactory surface reading. Following the death of Jesus, John the Apostle appears to have spent most of his time in Asia Minor. However, he may have spent some time on the Greek island of Patmos, which falls under the umbrella of Europe, so the surface reading could be interpreted as actually true.

Old missionary had a stake in the Egyptian Pound ****

A+POST+LE (French for the Egyptian Pound). I have learnt something new! I have never seen 'Egyptian Pound' for LE and it at least presents the solver with a challenge that is unlike

'the' French. While I was able to locate it online (it's not listed in *Chambers*), some may argue that it's too obscure to be fair to the average solver. However, in this case the rest of the clue is more gettable. It was also necessary for the excellent surface reading.

PA stole – misinterpreting the messenger *½**

An anagram of PASTOLE as indicated by 'misinterpreting'. There's nothing wrong at all with the indicators but the surface reading is strange. Perhaps that's the point – a misinterpreted message! Great definition!

Perhaps one in twelve had to lapse unexpectedly **½**

Anagram of TOLAPSE as indicated by UNEXPECTEDLY. This is a gem. "Perhaps one in twelve" defines an apostle neatly. In addition, the entire surface reading defines Judas, as the one apostle who did lapse unexpectedly. A deserved winner.

Peter, "The Rock", is one who mines opal set in rock **½

Anagram of OPAL SET as indicated by MINES. The definition is very generous and perhaps makes it too easy for the solver. The anagram indicator 'mines' is fine, but the last two words 'in rock' are superfluous. In addition, the two uses of 'rock' make the surface reading rather bumpy.

Pioneer saint in an extreme situation *½**

ST in A POLE. Accurate mechanics and I like 'extreme situation' for POLE. The definition 'pioneer' is maybe one you wouldn't consider. The compiler took it from the *Macquarie Dictionary* (1986) but it's also found in the *Chambers Thesaurus*.

The one sent by Jesus is upright in the presence of alcohol ***

POST in ALE. A clever misleading way of using 'upright' is the highlight for this clue. The surface reading is also entertaining. I would probably have dropped the initial 'the' as it then doesn't imply a 'specific' person.

The special messenger had a mail delivery to leave outside ***

A+POST+LE. The secondary indicators are a little tricky. 'Post' is derived from 'a mail delivery', while LE comes from the first and last letters of LEAVE as indicated by outside. For me this latter indication is too vague as it doesn't literally direct the solver to finding LE. I do love the surface reading though, as it fits nicely with the role of a messenger.

Tom was one; not Dick, or Harry ****

A cryptic clue! We've all heard of Tom, Dick and Harry, but only Tom (Thomas) was an apostle. By far the quirkiest of all the clues! It's one of those clues that would be served well by the other clues in the crossword, as the solver would probably need a checked letter or two. While I'm sure there are other examples of what Tom was, and the others weren't (admittedly, I can't think of any), it does help that 'was' is being used. The solver is also required to make a deductive leap from Tom to Thomas. While I don't recall St. Tom from my RE lessons, perhaps his doubting was related to this.

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| Secondaries | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Fairness | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Surface Reading | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| x-factor | 0 | 1 | 2 |

Star Rating: No star; 1-2 *; 3-4 **; 5-7 ***; 8-9 ****; 10 *****

Clue Writing Competition No. 1/2012.

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.

Write a clue for the word **GREMLIN (7)**

Note: only one clue per person. Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Michael Kennedy, 27 Hennessy Lane, Figtree NSW 2525 or by email to: manveru@bigpond.com

Closing mail date: Friday 10 February 2012. Book prize.



Christmas Bonus Quiz by Tobi

Find the normal titles represented by the following. Send your entries to Barb Ibbott, 29 Boiton Hill Road, Norwood, Launceston, Tasmania 7250. e-mail: bjibbott@hotmail.com. Closing date 10 February 2012. Book prize.

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| 1 Ag glockenspiels | 10 Celestial messengers from superb worlds | 17 Father hopes you sleep happily chaps |
| 2 During the time ovine caretakers observed their charges after dark | 11 Endeavour to personally experience one tiny Yule | 18 Well behaved religious fellow give a cheer |
| 3 Please permit pristine precipitation | 12 The Yuletide's diurnal dozen | 19 Chime joyfully aloft |
| 4 Are you experiencing my auditory sensations? | 13 Jolly scarlet clad man is approaching the city | 20 A huge and powerful awful miracle |
| 5 We are a trio of non-Occidental potentates | 14 It manifest itself at the onset of a transparent day | 21 Believers, get out of bed, greet the glad sun up |
| 6 O coniferous nativity | 15 Listen, the foretelling spirits blend musically | 22 While happy guys of yore |
| 7 Our desire is your Yuletide cheer | 16 The prickly and clingy pair | 23 To us a young male is delivered |
| 8 Removed in a bovine feeding trough | | 24 Observe in the white precipitation of cold weather |
| 9 Approach everyone who is devoted | | 25 The primary Yule |

Bonus Puzzle 2 — Half 'n Half by Waratah

Across

- 1 Bides (5)
- 4 Rider (7)
- 8 Dupe (7)
- 9 Make speech (5)
- 10 Wickedness (12)
- 12 Auctioneer's desk (6)
- 14 Stick (to) (6)
- 17 Beheading (12)
- 21 Lover (5)
- 22 Lower back pain (7)
- 23 Post (7)
- 24 Powdery (5)

Down

- 1 Clean Welsh tree (4)
- 2 Popular one turned tail at the beginning (7)
- 3 One car passed another on the inside (5)
- 4 Direct action receives kudos (6)
- 5 Conservative reportedly loathed being dressed (7)
- 6 Silly, silly Annie (5)
- 7 Trophy has sheet camouflage (8)
- 11 Back number! (8)
- 13 Little rascal learning to beg (7)
- 15 Dan seen arranging groups of nine (7)
- 16 Home to the French models (6)
- 18 The firm assembled heavenly body (5)
- 19 Subdued, Ted embraced the morning (5)
- 20 Diamond embedded in lad's corpse (4)

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January 2012 Additional Quiz No 3: Letters Enclosed by Virgo.

Names all start and end with the same letter. They are all females. Answers are in alphabetical order. Answers in the February *Crozworld*.

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| 1 Heroine of a Leo Tolstoy novel (4,8) | Goddess (7,6) |
| 2 Heroine of G.B. Shaw's <i>Pygmalion</i> (5,9) | 12 Aussie actress and panellist on TV's <i>Blankety Blanks</i> (7,5) |
| 3 British heroine who rescued sailors from a doomed ship (5,7) | 13 NZ model and former wife of Rod Stewart (6,6) |
| 4 Italian born actress, star of <i>Blue Velvet</i> (8,10) | 14 American actress who won an Oscar for her performance in <i>Chicago</i> (5,9) |
| 5 American actress, star of <i>Vertigo</i> (3,5) | 15 American TV actress – <i>All in the Family</i> (5,9) |
| 6 Former U.K. model and girlfriend of Prince Andrew (3,5) | 16 Kim Cattrall's character in <i>Sex and the City</i> (8,5) |
| 7 A character in Oscar Wilde's <i>The Importance of Being Earnest</i> (4,9) | 17 American Tennis champion (6,8) |
| 8 American actress, star of <i>Forever Amber</i> (5,7) | 18 American actress who starred in <i>Cagney and Lacey</i> (6,5) |
| 9 Actress who played Miss Money Penny in early James Bond movies (4,7) | 19 Welsh actress who played Livia in <i>I, Claudius</i> (4,8) |
| 10 British actress, star of <i>Gothic</i> (7,10) | 20 American actress – <i>Enchantment</i> (6,6) |
| 11 U.K. presenter of TV cooking shows – the Domestic | |



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Across

- 2 Ounce of cocaine a Pole distributed by road (4,7)
- 9 Love affair is a routine lure essentially (5)
- 10 Maintains entirely, say directions (7)
- 13 King backing a jerk (4)
- 15 Feature of trim brunette (4)
- 16 Head case? (8)
- 17 Having no legal claim to authorize changing capital before date (8)
- 18 Order on the side to build atria (5)
- 19 Source of decreasing load say? (4,3)
- 20 Good, like experienced knight (7)
- 25 Heartily cantabile horn and drum (5)
- 28 Sitcom ... er... turned out to be a catastrophe (3,5)
- 29 Dressing is sober during broadcast (8)
- 31 Masters club (4)
- 32 Pachyderm found in royal park? On the contrary (4)
- 33 Correct place to retire wearing a formal dress (7)
- 34 I heard on the radio ... (5)
- 35 ... wild deer escaped but died before the rest (11)

Down

- 1 Perhaps petty thieves! (3,8)
- 2 Special setter's genetic material found in Turkey (6)
- 3 Con bowled by woman's sex appeal (6)
- 4 Bird torn violently in half (4)
- 5 Gem state African tribe nearly begin to invade (6)
- 6 Beetle, one that brings joy (6)
- 7 Fowl, vegetable and egg supplier (6)
- 8 More sincere about timeless change (6)
- 11 Derive small compensation for second best effort (6,5)
- 12 Wiped oily mitt in easy movement (8)
- 14 Extra large wine bottle for old king (8)
- 21 King of 20 (6)
- 22 Put up with article on offer by journalist (6)
- 23 Account describing dictator is bitter (6)
- 24 Mark to need correction (6)
- 26 May be Ruce Wayne's souls (6)
- 27 Chord I played is a bloomer (6)
- 30 Goddess evenly lacking in gravitas (4)

A Fond Farewell Note From Thérèse Savannah

THÉRESE

To quit or not to quit? Question! Whether use: "Email or the old fashion way"?
 Hard decision! Every month hoping to solve the enigmatic, interesting clues,
 Errors, mostly due to lack of imagination and time, were my tragic misfortune.
 Retirement therefore, will not be very easy to envisage and accept gladly.
 Enjoyed, I did! though: "Speaking French" the translation was quite a challenge.
 So, I am sorry to say Adieu, farewell, Goodbye to everyone at the ACC.
 Eleven years! End of an era for me. Special thanks to dedicated Patrick.

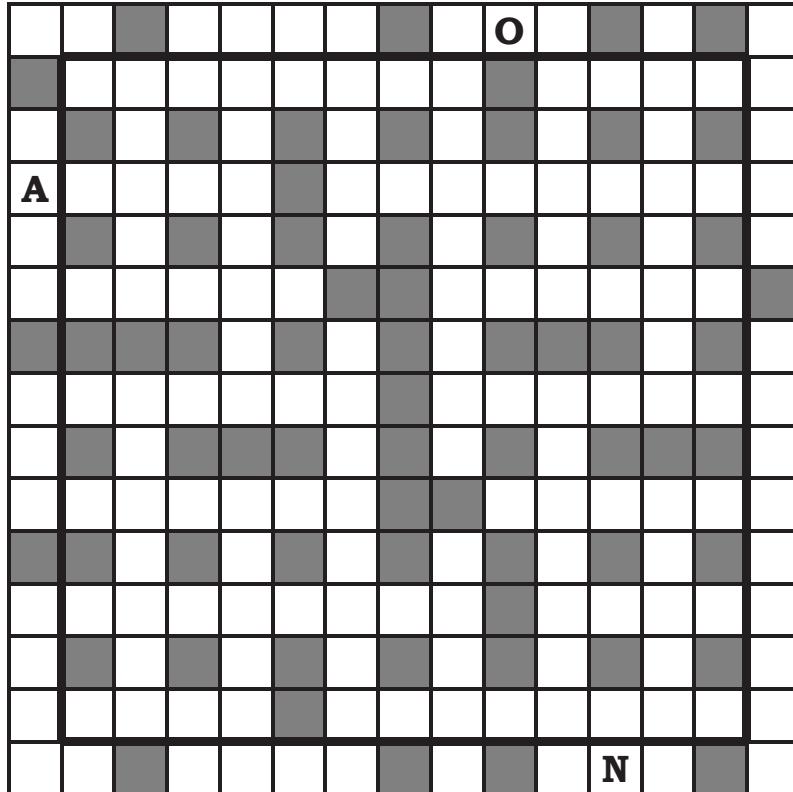


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**Christmas
Pastime
by
Fortuna 48**

A three-part puzzle!

1. Write the answers to the 10 perimeter clues in the grid provided. Use these letters to spell out a message around the perimeter of the crossword, starting top left: (The letters of this message do not form part of the inner crossword): Three letters have been put in to get you started.
2. Solve the crossword; and
3. Complete the associated quiz.



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Perimeter Clues:

- P1** Van Gogh night when Christ was born (6)
- P2** Love-God pulling sleigh? (5)
- P3** Reindeer feed where Jesus lay asleep (3)
- P4** In South, North or West, starts to fall
- P5** Out where manger was (4)

Across:

- 1** Watch over damaged heavy duty sphere (8)
- 6** Source of chops, looked after by 1 across (4)
- 8** Chopped fuel, where Santa may get stuck (4)
- 9** Always second helpings in eternity (8)
- 10** Non-linear cylinder for the juice (5)
- 11** Seraph mostly found in Queen Mary's nosh-trough (6)
- 13** Tom let out the milk supply (6)

Down:

- 2** Prickly type of girl (5)
- 3** Here and now! (7)
- 4** No bar when result on the level (4) Perhaps fairer if the clue is put more directly as
- 5** Picturing ring around Scottish cream (8)
- 6** French guy eats a lot of fruit (5)

Associated Quiz:

- 1** Name the animal described in 16 down and 12 down
- 2** Name clingy type of girl, who accompanies 2 down
- 3** What type of fuel is gathered by a poor man in the clue to 8 across; and...
- 4** Whose feast was it?
- 5** In what carol does 1 across look after 5 across?
- 6** Which carol is mentioned in P5 and 11 across?

- P6** A weekend starts in reverential wonder (3)
- P7** Song of praise for non-Oriental God of marriage
- P8** Ancient Mariner's poem is frosty! (4)
- P9** Eastern Light for all (5)
- P10** Treacherously spear the central celestial being (6)

- 15** Nothing left for the wicked? (2,4)
- 17** Perverted art in evil race (6)
- 19** In the US, girl with part of Santa's laugh (5)
- 22** Compliant when ordered to "Bide Not in East!" (8)
- 23** Threatening character found in women only
- 24** Roughly reap the partridge tree (4)
- 25** Communist cadre scattered to find timber

- 7** Spoils half the parchment in expressing astonishment (7)
- 12** Caribou rule not cheap, I hear (8)
- 14** Jesus' birthplace could be shaky (1,6)
- 16** Sign of cold, or drinking (3,4)
- 18** Tormented Lear embraces daughter in tree (5)
- 20** Spoken greeting for female animal (5)
- 21** Steed skips one point for advantage (4)
- 7** To what carol do Q&A for 24 across refer?
- 8** In what carol are 13 across lowing?
- 9** Which carol says man shall live for as long as 9 across?
- 10** Which carol tells children to be mild and good as well as 22 across?
- 11** Which little town's sleep was the opposite of 5 down?
- 12** P10's address to 1 across is followed by the appearance of a shining throng of what?



**Bonus
Puzzle
No 5**

**Semi-
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by Virgo**

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Across

- 1 A call to the lost? (5)
- 4 Below average (9)
- 9 Last month's porridge takes off varnish (7)
- 13 Molasses (7)
- 14 Bison (8,7)
- 15 Plastic containers taken back to store? (7,4)
- 16 Being nice to Umberto - or to the environment (3-8)
- 17 Knot bootlaces, bud I'm upset (14)
- 20 Eastern Russian province (8)
- 23 Steps up or down (9)
- 25 A potentially deadly guest (5,6)
- 26 American football code (8)
- 28 It goes around a tum or a hangar (5)
- 29 Lionel ____ US. actor/singer. *Hello!* (7)
- 32 Long-serving prison inmates (3,4)
- 34 They are the ends in soccer! (5)
- 35 A water carrier (8)
- 38 Lapidary counter-test engineer (5,6)
- 40 South London railway station (2,7)
- 42 Office accoutrements (4,4)
- 43 It's not unusual to rehearse! (6,8)
- 46 Will termed minis disgusting! (11)

- 48 Astronomical almanacs heed Empire's sway (11)
- 50 Obliterating all trace, of a country perhaps (6,3,3,3)
- 51 Sidney ____ US. actor. *To Sir with Love* (7)
- 52 Desires exciting lives (7)
- 53 One who cares may organise study turn (4,5)
- 54 A maxim of Russia? (5)

Down

- 1 Looked after bewildered RA defector (7,3)
- 2 Clouds atop pitches (9)
- 3 Book of facts (13)
- 4 ____ McQueen - *The Magnificent Seven* (5)
- 5 A tot counting sheep? (3-4)
- 6 Exaggerates disastrous elver loss (9)
- 7 The principal eastern state of America (5)
- 8 Go ahead and tease! (4,2)
- 9 Actress star of *The King and I* (7,4)
- 10 A small drinking vessel (6,3)
- 11 A large empty vessel (9,4)
- 12 Ostentatious (5)
- 18 Termite - not one to entrance! (5)

- 19 Casual tops (1,6)
- 21 It's a hunger. Okay? (6)
- 22 Hop by nun - rock dance (5,3)
- 24 Deny sailor north-east passage opening (8)
- 27 I-pod is to ear so scattered radioactive atoms (13)
- 28 The least one can give to a blonde! (1,4,2)
- 30 A reel copy? (4,9)
- 31 I'd pose differently in this position! (6)
- 33 One should watch these daredevils! (5,6)
- 36 Detection system belonging to soldiers on artillery (5)
- 37 Missing "No", e.g. (4,6)
- 39 Worshipped Dickie Henderson? No-o I added! (9)
- 40 Melbourne's *The Footy Show* panellist (3,6)
- 41 Riders nip out for laundry appliance (4,5)
- 44 One lacking prospects (2-5)
- 45 Slang offended (6)
- 46 Investment in talent! (5)
- 47 Exclamation of denial could be a myth! (2,3)
- 49 A type of syrup (5)