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So now they have made our English tongue a gallimaufry
or hodgepodge of all other speeches.
Edmund Spenser, 1579, letter to Gabriel Harvey, in *The Shepherd's Calendar*.

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This month we publish details of two websites which may prove beneficial to all crossworders. The first is a website set up by our member **Brooke Watson** from Norfolk Island and it's called **CrosswordPrizes.com** whereby registered members can win prizes simply for completing crosswords. See p9 for further details. The second comes from the renowned English crossword compiler **Ross Beresford** who has devised three excellent pieces of crossword software which will greatly assist anyone solving or compiling crosswords. These applications are called **Crossword Man** and can be found at <http://www.crosswordman.com>. See p9 for further details.

The Club is becoming more and more reliant on a very small band of 5 quizmasters who spend much time adjudicating their quizzes on behalf of all members and who we thank sincerely on your behalf. Past appeals for new quiz setters have had little result. While we hope to be able to call on the stalwarts yet again in the next three months, if we continue to receive no quizzes from new compilers it may be necessary to review the frequency of publication of quizzes. Thinking caps on, please!

Our masterly Puzzle set-up person, **Ian Williams**, has again selected a challenging set of excellent puzzles and quizzes for you this month. Perennial favourites like *The Eager Beaver*, *Southern Cross* and *dB* are there for your ongoing enjoyment plus the skilful offerings from *Manveru* and *The Co-Op*. We are delighted to welcome a new compiler who has selected the cruciverbonym of *Pindar*. For details about this compiler see p4. We hope you will enjoy *Pindar's* first offering. In the Slot 7 spot with a masterly cryptic is the challenging *Betelgeuse* who has titled her cryptic Past Times? In addition we have quizzes from *Fortuna 48* and *The Busybodies* and Steve Trollope has challenged clue-writers to devise a clue for the word BARBER (6). Best of Luck with your solving this month.
—Patrick

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As members may have noticed, each Adjudicator normally has but one stint per year, and this has been my eighth. How things have changed: in 2002 there were two submissions with no name; this year none. Twelve grids with blank squares; this year three. Eight 'full house' entries, this year over 53. Five envelopes on the last day and two that arrived too late; this year none (and even one that arrived on the Monday of publication!). THIS HAS GOT TO STOP! Life for the poor adjudicator has lost its savour! But seriously, a big thankyou to all those who work so hard to make the job easy, and especially for those personal cards and wishes that make it a pleasure.

June 1: A well-received Half 'n Half with very few errors submitted. SATI for KALI, FOMA (a Vonnegut coinage) and a few BEMA (podium) for BOMA (yard) and that's about it. I couldn't justify MYSURE though with all the spelling errors on the Web, I can see how one might be led astray.

June 2: Several had TAN for PAN, SCRUB for SHRUB, SCRATCHED for STRETCHED or ABOUT for AFOOT (all of which *almost* work), BOWBOW or BOWBOY for BOWWOW were probably mistranscribed, as was KARGONG for KARIOG (but from a Victorian, so one must make allowances).

June 3: *Southern Cross* continues to please members with her offerings, with very few errors. NEGRIFY for NIGRIFY, THE CAKE for THE SAME, KRATE for KRAIT, POINTLESSNESS for BOUNDLESSNESS were the extent of our inventiveness.

June 4: Everyone enjoys an AJ and this was no exception. Some transcription errors (I hope that's what they were!) – JESSUP and TESSOP for JESSOP and MUTE for MUTT

June 5: This puzzle created the most heat; most comments to the effect that it was a Quiz not a crossword and this adjudicator, having failed Sports I, concurred heartily. Most of the blank squares were from members who simply didn't bother. A very high result though from those who did, with DAVID for CRAIG, SPUD for SCUD, ALLEMBY for ALLENBY and ELLS for ELLA the only deviations of note.

COTM: Once again, *Southern Cross* swept up most votes, spread across eleven clues, notably 1ac BROKEN HEARTED. But the most popular clue by far, with 17 nominations, was *Virgo's* witty 28ac AFOOT. Three COTMs were received for Slot 6 28ac, but unfortunately can't be recorded. My final comments don't refer to the many who enjoy personal contact and make ACC the friendly club that it is, but to those who just want to submit their solutions and wait for the next issue: If you have e-mail facilities, don't scan your pages (it's not fair to the adjudicator); get into our e-lodgement programme. This is the month to make the change. It's not rocket salad!
— Doug Butler

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	117	115	113	111	95	551
Correct entries	96	95	101	93	82	467
Success rate (%)	82.1	82.6	89.4	83.8	86.3	84.8
Prizewinners	K Harper V Lobsey	J Barbour G Cole	J Smith B Tickle	W Ryan	B Cockburn J Standard	from 119 members

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Prizewinner: June 2009 Slots 1-5: Alison Martin

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Jun 1-2009

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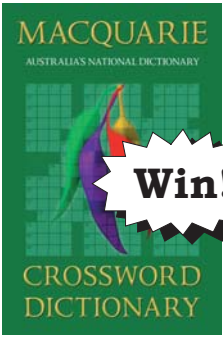
MEMBERS RESULTS FOR MAY & JUN 2009 & MAY Slot 7

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AUSTIN A	GREENING D	PINDER S
BALNAVES J	HAGAN B	PROCTER D
BANKS M	HAMBLING C	PROCTER M
BARBOUR J	HARPER K	PYC M
BARNES J	HAZELL N	RAW M
BARRETT A	HEMSLEY D	RENDELL A
BENNETT B	HOWARD L	RODDICK M
BROTHERTON J	HOWARD V	ROULSTON S
BRYANT R	HOWELS S	RYAN A
BUTLER D	HULL B	RYAN W
CAINE R	IBBOTT B	SAVANAH T
CALLAN A&D	JERMY A	SEALE E
CAMPBELL G	JESSOP N	SHIELD A
CARROLL L	JONES C	SIEGMAN B
CHAMPION G	JONES D	SIMONS A
CHANCE C	KENNEDY D	SMITH J
COATES D	KENNEDY M	SOLOMON B
COCKBURN B	KNIGHT S	STANDARD J
COCKBURN M	KNIGHT V	STEINBERGER M
COLE G	LEEDS G	STOCKS J
COLLINS M	LLOYD G	STOREY N
COOKE L	LOBSEY V	SYMONS B
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COWAN M	McGRATH J	TAYLOR S
CROMER H	McKENZIE I	TICKLE B
DAVIS M	McKINDLAY Y	TOFONI B
DEARIE P	McMANUS D	TROLLOPE S
DE GRYS A	McPHERSON T	VILLIERS W
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DINHAM V	MARTIN F	WALTER A
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Half 'n Half
by
The Eager
Beaver

Prizes: \$50



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Across

- 1 Open-weave fabric (7)
- 5 Fungus (6)
- 9 Superior (5)
- 11 A written composition (8)
- 13 Limestone (6)
- 14 Arab woman's garment (3)
- 15 Diadem (5)
- 16 Catch sight of (4)
- 17 Digest (5)
- 18 US philosophy of fine arts (9)
- 22 Company (4)
- 23 Adjourn (6)
- 26 A notational musical symbol (5)
- 27 Sang (6)
- 30 The top of the head (4)
- 32 Formulate in a creed (9)
- 34 Containing trivalent gold (5)
- 35 Essence (4)
- 36 Stage (5)
- 39 Industrious insect (3)
- 40 Attractively plump (6)
- 41 Dielectric material (8)
- 42 Animal related to a giraffe (5)
- 43 Predicament (6)
- 44 Cider (7)

Down

- 1 A flighty person found in University canteen inserting old English coin (9)
- 2 Doesn't cost as much if you buy them by the dozen! (7)
- 3 Answer found in Spiro T Agnew's course (4)
- 4 The sound of a shellfish suggests power (6)
- 5 Animal's cry caught by homeowner (4)
- 6 Criticise using noisier characters (7)
- 7 Appliance for winding yarn took a day to diminish (7)
- 8 At what place is the woman in this place? (5)
- 10 Through a backward commercial agent, the answer was found (3)
- 12 Balsamy mixture seems to be very deep (7)
- 19 Hot boy is near (5)
- 20 A green one of these leads to successful floriculture (5)
- 21 Make a cold spool into a basket (5)
- 24 Agree that the prisoner dispatched his validation (7)
- 25 Outstandingly mixed, a silently formed word appeared (9)
- 28 Funny Deirdre is a mocker (7)
- 29 Bivalve variant first eats some clean algae lying on pylons (7)
- 31 Frenzy sounds like a bridge-playing spirit? (7)
- 33 Plant consists of an over-sized axil (6)
- 34 Initially anyone really can use some deposit in the cornea (5)
- 37 Henry Kendall embraces Scottish form of 'reach' (4)
- 38 A slip of the pen led to the arrival of catnip (3)
- 39 Upset race to reach the maple (4)

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Closing mail date: Friday 14 August 2009.

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Cryptic by Pindar



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Across

- Woodcutters and butchers, say, might come down to earth here (7)
- Qualified message about Dad (7)
- Defining characteristic of his expertise (3)
- Sort out ten dealings (11)
- Discoverer in Isle of Wight resort not heading out (8)
- Tart is cooked in layers (6)
- Bread passed back and forth (4)
- Withdrawal of remedy for superficial annoyance (10)
- They hold hats in place with a mix of pins and starch (10)
- Bitter sweet (4)
- 9 across, 10 (6)
- Blemish associated with Paris, perhaps. That's a rarity (8)
- Divorcee is given an allowance. What a relief! (11)
- Literati bother to mind language (3)
- How two different flowers can be held up (7)
- Prejudiced individual kept under observation (3-4)

Down


- Coarse cloth shines with a shake-up (7)
- Vial with toxin I twice agitate, sorting soluble and insoluble constituents (11)
- Pressure on Dante to become an excessively fastidious individual (6)
- Upset with police officers' agreement (10)
- A hundred and one shapes? No, just one (4)
- Law firm's charge, including deed (8)
- Annoy flea, perhaps (3)
- Getting things straight late in the day (7)
- A way of being friendly at which an Irishman is said to be particularly adept (11)
- The drink for a man with a habit? (10)
- Mothers about heat indicator (8)
- Pretty sister's ashes (7)
- Shield shaped by your old backward designer (7)
- A good selection of wine (6)
- Group declared prohibited (4)
- A word of celebration as spy is decapitated (3)

PINDAR: Our newest compiler:

Pindar (John Brotherton) was Head of Spanish and Latin American Studies at UNSW prior to his retirement. He considers The [London] Times to offer a "cryptic benchmark", and is a member of that publication's Hall of Fame, as a winner of the monthly Clue Challenge, in which he has also been a runner-up several times. He is a novice setter, who aspires to compose crosswords in *The Times*' mode.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thank you for my prize of *Stone the Crows – the Oxford Dictionary of Modern Slang* for the Quiz no. 4, Letter Opener. It is a very welcome addition to my reference shelf and I have already spent some time, when I should have been doing other things, browsing through its fascinating contents. *Susan Howells*
- Many thanks for the cheque for April Slot 6 and thank you to Michael for pulling my name out of the hat. It's always a victory getting inside *Manveru's* head! *Pat Garner*
- The arrival of *CrOZworld* is a highlight of my month. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- A pretty good lot. *Margaret Galbreath*
- A very easy lot this month. *Bob Hagan*
- Puzzles of an excellent standard. Hope this level persists. *Alan Walter*
- A good selection, and none of them too difficult. *David Procter*

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


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Across

- 7 Attacked when put to sea (8)
- 9 A short distance on is this Korean port (6)
- 10 Basil possibly having the woman's second letter ... (4)
- 11 ... feels indignant after agent acts as a substitute (10)
- 12 Parliament overturned half of debt and cut down on internal requirements (6)
- 14 Sobriquet when doing time? (8)
- 15 Animals declared not to be bears – a big blow, unfortunately (6)
- 17 Silly girl has left half on grating (6)
- 20 Without obligation nothing provides romantic licence (4,4)
- 22 Eliot twice includes a line of "Lovers' Meetings" (6)
- 23 Try the dailies – these should yield results (4,6)
- 24 Carnage created by AI in the US? (4)
- 25 Reddish-brown 10? (6)
- 26 A fellow taking in another fellow from The States (8)

Down

- 1 Small star is in danger after seat breaks (8)
- 2 Jack, getting a doctor to hold the door post ... (4)
- 3 ... scowled, though pleased about being inside (6)
- 4 Licenser modified muffler (8)
- 5 Censor performance on TV perhaps (10)
- 6 It's beaten the piper's son (3-3)
- 8 Count point lost in one end of the pool (6)
- 13 Roy's upset after transference of flight-path (10)
- 16 Mrs Copperfield enters, competent and charming (8)
- 18 AI follows former partner and bird outside (8)
- 19 Info a long time after reveals classes of objects (6)
- 21 S. African antelope travelling on foot? (6)
- 22 Dicky steals a pendant decoration (6)
- 24 Hold the note before a prayer for the dead (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS continued:

- Another lovely month spent crosswording. Many thanks to all.
- My COTM is usually the one that takes longest to solve. It's always such a buzz to find what one has worked out is in fact a word! Thank you for so much fun.
- Thanks to 'whomsoever' for the free FriXion pen, delivered within two days – not bad eh?
- My thanks for the Slot 5 book prize. I know everyone says 'it was a surprise' but it certainly was for me, as it arrived two days before the magazine, so I didn't know I had won anything!
- Many thanks for my prize money last month.
- Thanks for picking such an interesting and varied lot of puzzles. Lots to pick from this month for the COTM (or maybe just more time to think about it).
- The puzzles were of the expected high standard this month although Slot 5 was, perhaps, a little too simple and quiz-like for that position.
- I agree with Audrey Austin that it is unfair not to indicate the length of each word where more than one word is required for the answer. eg (14, 3 words) adds another degree of difficulty, and I do not think it is normal practice, either within or outside the club. About 18 months ago CrOZworld published a list of compilers' pen names and real names. I would like this be a regular (perhaps annual) feature of the magazine, for the information of new members especially, and a useful resource for members generally. Was it a coincidence that both Slots 5 and 6 dealt with the same theme, namely sport? [totally - IMW]
- Thank you to Compilers and Adjudicators for all they contribute to the Club.
- My thanks to ACC and Patrick for the certificate for adjudicating in May. It was quite unexpected, and a wonderful surprise. I shall treasure it.

Robyn Wimbush

Dale McManus

Ann Jermy

Paula Mercer

Fay Copland

Kath Harper

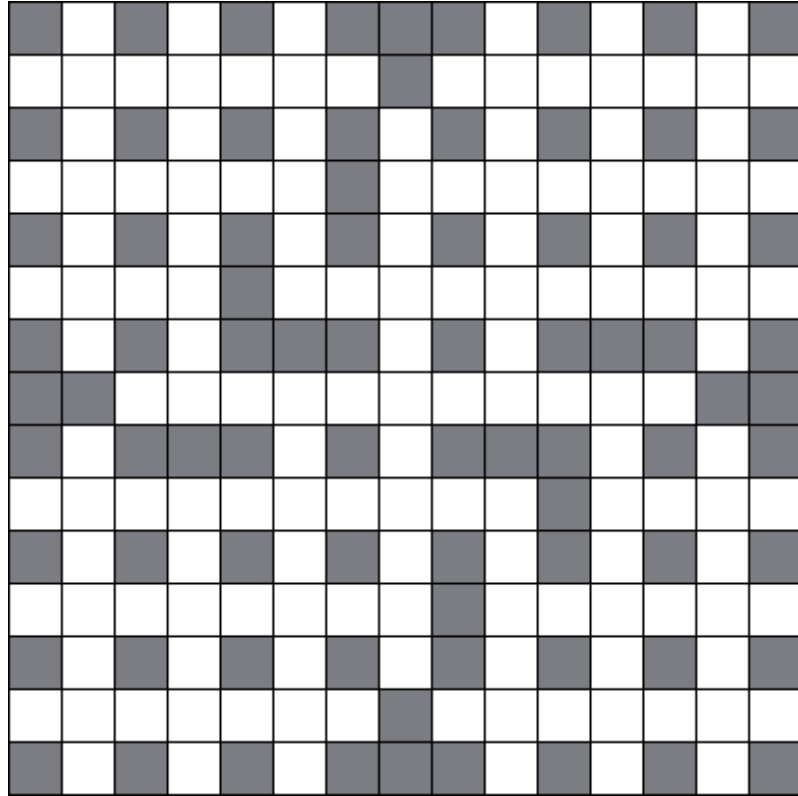
Jim Fowler

Nea Storey

Eva Seale

Betty Siegman

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AJ by dB
Prize: Tornado Crossword Pencil [rrp \$77.00]



Solve the clues and enter them jig-saw wise where they fit.

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| <p>A They come to hear a car park, less a few coins (8)
 B Live, uncontrollable, broken reed losing the plot (10)
 C Cogitate on something that is stuck to sidewalks (6)
 D Party clothes turn a corner ... (3-3)
 E ... they'll even be organised numerically! (10)
 F Without a revolution, acts as if he supports a dictatorship (7)
 G Get to hospital in Jewish quarter (6)
 H Determined to grass on the Underworld (8)
 I Native American takes a short time to guess correctly (6)
 J Sauce trial is most appropriate (7)
 K Snake I found during mass (6)
 L Bart's possibly found running on bearings (7)
 M Use badly and tear about after light rain (8)
 N Nationalist in a Zionist section! ... (4)</p> | <p>O Christian mission is fantastic, a Scot says regretfully (8)
 P Become clammy through reading Golding book (8)
 Q Royal loses north half of French Cyprus, soggy underfoot (7)
 R Vengeance turns into a retail organization (11)
 S Use priority, in a way, to get the upper hand (11)
 T Start to embrace a rough criminal (4)
 U Deprogrammed by University lantern slide (8)
 V Flesh out tin from various inventions (7)
 W Conflict cut the City (6)
 X Having a bad hair day, the king of Rome returns to the Continent (7)
 Y Jazz aficionado divides money in Mexico (7)
 Z Rubber boats forming rings around the Sun (7)</p> |
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Letter of the Month:

My sincerest thanks to the ACC for the May Slots 1-5 prize cheque; I am still reeling from the shock. My X-wd solving aids consist of a 60-yr old *Webster's Dictionary* (invaluable), a Xwd Dictionary (in tatters from overuse) and a Book of Anagrams which is a previous prize from the Club, so achieving the Slots 1-5 prize was really most encouraging. I am writing this letter of appreciation to you Patrick personally because when I have been fortunate enough to win a prize in the past, the gremlins have intervened and my thanks were not printed which made me appear ungrateful. Thank you once again for the cheque. I gain much satisfaction from solving (or attempting) to solve the puzzles each month. Yours sincerely, **Odette Greenberger**

Missing Results from May 2009 Slots 1-5

MEMBER	Slot 1 <i>Jesso</i>	Slot 2 <i>Virgo</i>	Slot 3 <i>Southern Cross</i>	Slot 4 <i>St Jude</i>	Slot 5 <i>Zinzan</i>
Callan A&D	IRIS (IRID)	OK	OK	OK	Not Found
Champion Gillian	OK	OK	OK	DWELLER (DWELLED)	OK
Garner Pat	OK	OK	OK	SARR (SAIR)	OK
Hambling Catherine	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
Wilson Roy	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

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Here's How
by
Manveru

Prizes: \$50



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- 1 Cuts to relieve pressure and plays a delicate shot after opener is dismissed (6)
- 5 Looked after ransacked store held by US agent (8)
- 9 Hereditary science mastermind rejects university for college to follow you reportedly (8)
- 10 Old bus run travels around towns outside American city (6)
- 11 One point in arrears (6)
- 12 Mark, later, spotted a crook (8)
- 14 One looking forward to drug treatment of graze (7,5)
- 17 Reflections from optical illusions swallowed up retreating army on border (6,6)
- 20 Where should he shop Harry? Answer me! (8)
- 22 Ancient kingdom is backing doomed king (6)
- 23 Success follows aborted venture for evolving writer? (6)
- 25 Selects jurors from one randomised sample containing indefinite number (8)
- 26 Amalgam of oxygen injected with phosphorus and iodine used for glueing (8)
- 27 Guarantee to survive if daughter takes son's position (6)

Down

- 2 Copper infiltrates Australian army for intelligence (6)
- 3 Plastic that attracts unwanted interest? (6,5)
- 4 Make up alcohol-free beer oddly with water-extraction device (4,5)
- 5 Pernickety sort of American goes after fellow climbing peaks (7)
- 6 The core issue? (5)
- 7 The Muppets' characters include Big Bird (3)
- 8 Drug initially mixed with beer is poison (8)
- 13 Doctor treated wrist trapped by horrible snag with ties (11)
- 15 A small gift can be appealing when presented a certain way (9)
- 16 Present can be carried to and fro in this perhaps? (4,4)
- 18 We hear crying in the early hours (7)
- 19 Dog veterinarian for one, we're told (6)
- 21 Boredom is genuine – there are no limits, sadly (5)
- 24 Seal with a kiss (3)

Creative Puns for Smart Minds from Glenda Lloyd:

- 1. The roundest knight at King Arthur's Round Table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
- 2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
- 3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
- 4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated in an algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
- 5. The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.
- 6. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationary.
- 7. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
- 8. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
- 9. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
- 10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
- 11. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
- 12. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- 13. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other, "You stay here, I'll go on a head."
- 14. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

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Cryptic by The Co-Op



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Across

- 1 Australia, Uruguay, Romania and Argentina? I see the light! (6)
- 5 Highly discoloured bruises from the wet ribbons? (8)
- 9 Same doll twisted and turned (8)
- 10 Flight of missiles missing ocean but getting a glen (6)
- 11 Poll frequently big actor's laudation (4,2,6)
- 13 Start the race with cereal! (4)
- 14 Nat or Ely tossed elaborately (8)
- 17 Velocity of light, say, to fool street worker (8)
- 18 Turn horse head in butter (4)
- 20 Scratch car hood with chilli? (6,6)
- 23 Draw wild cony around artist (6)
- 24 Man wears fabric for sport (8)
- 25 Rose reported as finished (8)
- 26 WC in pastures? (5)

Down

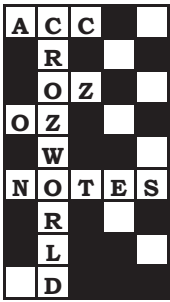
- 2 Lurgy had rat's head dropping off. Deformed and hideous! (4)
- 3 Distinct about 50 I couldn't see (9)
- 4 Confesses to having sound commercial gloves (6)
- 5 Medium felon fished for model type (5-10)
- 6 Cordial held in 6 gram metal implant (8)
- 7 Basal elements used for timber (5)
- 8 Poison to dope assassin (10)
- 12 Sailor to back joker's means of prediction (5,5)
- 15 Cable drunk about precarious course (9)
- 16 Dame Chin was strangely shaped (8)
- 19 Dr Manchu turned nice in children's organization (6)
- 21 Put cored yam in the vegetable (5)
- 22 Accustomed to collecting dues (4)

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Creative Puns for Smart Minds continued:

- 15. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said, "Keep off the Grass."
- 16. A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, "No change yet."
- 17. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- 19. The short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- 20. The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- 21. A backward poet writes inverse.
- 22. In a democracy, it's your vote that counts. In feudalism, it's your count that votes.
- 23. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
- 24. Don't join dangerous cults, practice safe sects!



CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2009

Don't overlook our **Christmas in July** to be held at noon on Sunday 26 July at the Royal Oak Hotel, 442 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy. The Dining Room will open specially for us if we can guarantee at least 30 persons. All Victorians should attend this function: we need your support. Be there! The cooking is good country style and will suit all palates. The main courses cost about \$18 and you can buy all sorts of drinks from the bar at very reasonable prices. Pay on the day. Bookings and enquiries to Patrick Street, ph (03) 9347 1216 or email: pstreet@bigpond.net.au

by 20th July please. Good Book prizes for the Quiz!

ROSS BERESFORD is a well-known English compiler (who happens to live in the USA at present) and has devised some excellent programs for crossword enthusiasts. The three main **Crossword Man** applications are:

- **TEA Crossword Helper** is a crossword puzzle solver with over a million words and phrases. It finds crossword answers, solves anagram clues, helps with other word games such as Scrabble and Countdown, and shows word meanings in an integrated dictionary and thesaurus. Visit: <http://www.crosswordman.com.tea.html> Cost: US\$49.99.

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the web. Its comprehensive construction features and flexibility in grid drawing and puzzle layout appeal to both compilers and publishers of crosswords. <http://www.crosswordman.com/sympathy.html> Cost: US\$159.00. Note that Sympathy Crossword Construction incorporates Wordplay Wizard and TEA as integrated tool windows.

From Margaret Davis:

I'm A Crypto-cruciverbalist

I'm a cryptocruciverbalist, do you wonder what that means?
Am I someone who's afraid of verbs or allergic to soy beans?
Do I specialise in vaults or tombs, maybe crucify my mates?
Do I steal from graves or make a list of the things I really hate?

Now the answer to these questions is a resounding **no, no, no!**

For a cryptocruciverbalist is a person on the go;

He will have his head bent low all day and a biro in his hand,

Filling in small squares with obscure words
that few others understand.

He's a crossword buff (the cryptic type)
who prefers strange words to drinking;
Ten across, two down, it's all the same,
he's adept at lateral thinking;
There's a clever use of anagrams
and some hidden words and puns,
Abbreviations, double meanings also add to all the fun.

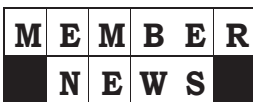
Unexpected answers are the norm, what you see may not be clear;

If at first you have no luck at all, don't give up the end is near;

Anyone can solve a cryptic clue.

Believe me this is what you'll find:

Don't need brains or brawn or handsome looks,
all it takes is a twisted mind!



Many thanks to **Maurice Cowan** for his generous donation to the 2009 Prize Fund.

Member **Brooke Watson** from Norfolk Island has set up an interactive website for crossworders. The site is called **CrosswordPrizes.com** and you can see it at <http://www.crosswordprizes.com> Brooke tells us that it is free to join and play the free games, of which she loads about 40 a day. There are also cash prize games where players have to pay \$1.10 to play. Each game has around 15 or so crosswords and a few knowledge question sets. Players score points by answering crossword clues and the most points scored in the time (usually around 20 minutes) wins the session. Free games have Grade Points as prizes which are status only. Pay games have Grade Points prizes and Sirius Points prizes which can be cashed out. The biggest prize game so far was \$1,000 won by a person from Queensland. Each month has a player of the month, and recently the winning player was from United Arab Emirates. There are 850 registered players from 40 different countries.

TOURNAMENT: Brooke is planning to have a week-long tournament on Norfolk Island next January, with games every day and loads of prizes; cash prizes and sponsored prizes like laptops etc.

OPPORTUNITIES: Brooke is looking for crossword players who like a challenge and some fun. The games are fully interactive and quite exciting once you get more than four or five good players racing each other to score points in the time limit.

Brooke says: "I am very strongly trying to attract the new young generation into crosswords, and have also found a lot of cross cultural students attracted to my game - which I call MASTERBOARD."

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

triskaidekaphobia *n.* fear of the number thirteen. [ORIGIN: from Greek *treiskaideka* 'thirteen' + *-phobia*.]

The Australian Oxford Dictionary, Second Edition, 2004
Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$110.00 ISBN 978019557965

July 2009 Bonus Quiz

One Word Musicals by The Busybodies

Send your entries to Bev Cockburn 12 Norman Street, Merrylands West NSW 2160. e-mail to bevco4@bigpond.com Closing mail date: 14 August 2009. Book prize.

- 1 Inane, silly orphan girl (5)
- 2 What a show, man! Bar number revealed talent (6)
- 3 Big doona right? Danced after a long sleep (9)
- 4 Oddly bound, Eddy is a friend (5)
- 5 Cart Bea around to theatre restaurant (7)
- 6 King Arthur's court had to park the dromedary outside tent openings (7)
- 7 Felix and Garfield are bad acts (4)
- 8 Church letter provides game of skill (5)
- 9 Stylish past of US city (7)
- 10 Reverie maidens (10)
- 11 President's wife secretly ate Vita Wheats (5)
- 12 One American soldier beside another (4)
- 13 Deity charm gives uplifting message (8)
- 14 Sounds like an oil country (6)
- 15 Nomadic woman has stripped assets (5)
- 16 Leading hirsute actors in radical topline show (4)
- 17 Atomiser used for firm locks (9)
- 18 My auntie muddles everything at first (4)
- 19 Look! A ham cooked for US state (8)
- 20 Stone, reed or evil twist (6)
- 21 Ms Hilton goes to capital (5)
- 22 Slash payment (4)
- 23 Hey! It's your round (5)
- 24 M&Ms in toy gun (5)
- 25 Devilish yet deft (6)

June 1-2009: Half 'n Half by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

- Not the easiest Half 'n Half I've attempted. I'm not keen on the inclusion of slang terms. *Barb Ibbott*
- Noel is getting more devious with age. *Ann Jermy*
- I bow to the master! Using only one obscure word and so many intersections shows your skill, much appreciated by this apprentice. *Carole Noble*
- Liked PHILIPPI. *Max Roddick*
- I liked 9dn I+C+E +AGE = that is around front of CAGE (prison). *Alan Walter*
- Another of Jesso's fair and balanced offerings, with enough unusual words and entertaining clues to pique the interest. (Nice to see this setter featuring in another of this month's crosswords too.). *Kath Harper*
- A particularly good Jesso in Slot 1 methinks and I liked 12dn for its simple but disarmingly misleading clue and I had thought to give it my vote for COTM. But then 28dn eftssoons I considered, but no, I stick with 12dn. *Jim Fowler*
- Quite hard for a #1, I found – the acrosses were particular obscure. Shouldn't EFTSOONS have an archaic indicator? *Mal Cockburn*
- I always enjoy a Half 'n Half to start off the month. *Jenny Wenham*

June 2-2009: Cryptic by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- 30ac and 27dn (ROT and PET) have similar clues, but where is the indicator for the hidden words? 2dn: Isn't BESTIAL an adjective not a noun? (yes, but *animal* can be an adjective – dB) 14dn: (FLOODGATE) I don't properly understand this clue 24dn (ENTRY) Does EN mean 'little'? (perhaps the clue should have read ... little space attempt – dB) *Graeme Cole*
- Clever and interesting dog theme. *Barb Ibbott*
- I'd never heard of the RED DOG card game. *Bob Hagan*
- Doggone it! I had to put my Hush Puppies on to solve this one. Ruff! *Carole Noble*
- Thanks for the canine-themed puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- Loved the (unstated) canine theme – it crept up on me quietly, and made itself comfortable in clue after "doggy" clue. *Kath Harper*
- Definitely something to get your teeth into – canines, of course. *Jim Fowler*
- I detected a bit of a dog theme to this one, with 8 clues with a canine scent. *Mal Cockburn*
- I stalled about half way through this one, but with a bit of dogged determination I made it through. I liked 14ac and the definition in 28ac. I thought 1dn & 26dn could have done with one more checked letter each. *Jenny Wenham*
- Very doggy. Hats off to Virgo for incorporating so many references to canines – whether words incorporating "dog", names of dogs – in both the clues and answers. WOOF WOOF! *Nea Storey*

June 3-2009: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- Much easier once the long words were in place. CARD INDEX was my runner-up COTM. *Barb Ibbott*
- The best clues overall – clever and solvable. *Catherine Jones*
- Top marks to Southern Cross for her excellent clues. *Doreen Jones*
- Gave BROKEN HEARTED my COTM. So many to choose from though, as usual. *Carole Noble*
- 23dn OFTEN is a goodie! *Max Roddick*
- Half a dozen of these clues could have won my COTM but I went for 23dn as it arrived just when I was putting together a presentation for teachers on decimal fractions. *Brian Tickle*
- I thought several clues were worthy of COTM, but I chose 19dn (RADICAL) – clever use of the other meaning of 'spoke'. *Roy Taylor*
- A nicely challenging Slot 3 from Southern Cross. I was sure the anagram was wrong in 14ac, until I took the trouble to consult the dictionary for the correct spelling. *Kath Harper*

- Thanks SC for the puzzle. I don't fully understand 9dn. Hopefully this will be illuminated in the magazine. [MIS RE (bible classes) PRESENT (here) - IMW] *Mal Cockburn*
- At first glance I was convinced that 2dn was PINEAPPLE, but then I RETHOUGHT it and it fell into place. *Jenny Wenham*
- 16ac: Why almost kind of comic? 2dn How is KRAIT a ship? (Check your library for *Krait, the Fishing Boat that went to War*. A great Australian story – dB) 7dn: The personal pronoun makes this clue look unnatural, so very obvious. Perhaps an anagram would be a better solution (pardon the pun). *Tony De Gry*
- Another 'star quality' cryptic from Southern Cross. Many thanks. *Alan Walter*

June 4-2009: AJ by Timid Terrier (Joan Smith)

- KRIMMER, GOLLAN and VOTEEN were all new words for me. *Bev Cockburn*
- Some tough answers – FROG HOPPER, VOTEEN, ORPINES, KRIMMER, GOLLAN, NISEIS. *Alan Walter*
- Some very difficult clues, particularly A, M, O, K. That JESSOP character crops up everywhere and is my COTM. *Barb Ibbott*
- One of my favourite types of puzzle, and a particularly satisfying one at that – accessible, with not too many obscure words to interrupt the solving flow. More please! *Kath Harper*
- I must be going blind. It took me ages to see the animal in the C answer! A few new words here but all gettable. *Jenny Wenham*
- My vote for COTM goes to Timid Terrier for the J clue - JESSOP. A graceful compliment to a club founder. *Nea Storey*
- I find the 11-letter words walk onto the grid, then have great deliberations for the 4-letter words – hope I deliberated enough! *Dale McManus*
- Always good value Joan. An excellent AJ. Must admit I haven't encountered a FROG-HOPPER yet. *Carole Noble*
- Stymied myself for some time with REGARD instead of REVIEW. And where did VOTEEN come from? Thanks TT for this enjoyable puzzle. *Max Roddick*

June 5-2009: This Sporting Life by Waratah (Carole Noble)

- My sports-mad grandsons had much pleasure with Slot 5. *Eva Seale*
- Gave us all a good test run. *Alan Walter*
- One look at the theme and I was convinced I'd never solve this one, but I surprised myself with how many blanks I filled before I had to go searching in print and online (not having the recommended *Millers Guide*) for the last few. *Kath Harper*
- Thanks Wara - ta. A bit of trivia: America's Cup was named after the yacht America, who won the first race and the famous cup. The first race was held in 1851 by the Royal Yacht Squadron of UK, around the Isle of Wight, and the cup was then called "The Hundred Guineas Cup". *Mal Cockburn*
- Whilst not cryptic, this puzzle made an interesting change. Those answers that I did not know were not hard to locate but 23ac was a little more challenging. Congratulations to Waratah on making every answer relevant to the theme. *Nea Storey*
- 8ac: My dictionary shows Rappelling to be a French word for (guess what?) Abseiling! Original meaning: a call to arms. (Time to invest in a better dictionary – dB) *Tony De Gry*
- When is a crossword not a puzzle? When it's a QUIZZLE! Unless the answer is stored in your memory, you can't solve it without reference books or the Internet. I did solve this at the 'local' library, but I found no particular enjoyment in this – I prefer answers that can be deduced rather than researched. *Peter Dearie*
- I like the idea of a grid-based Quiz but not in Slots 1-5. *Maurice Cowan* (similar comments from *Graeme Cole, Jill Freeland, Bob Hagan, Margaret Galbreath, Barb Ibbott, Del Kennedy, Ted O'Brien, Max Roddick, Betty Siegman, Roy Taylor, Jenny Wenham*)

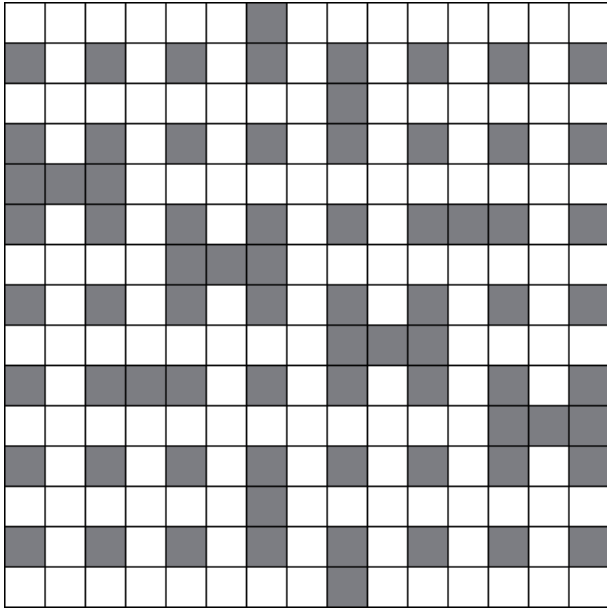


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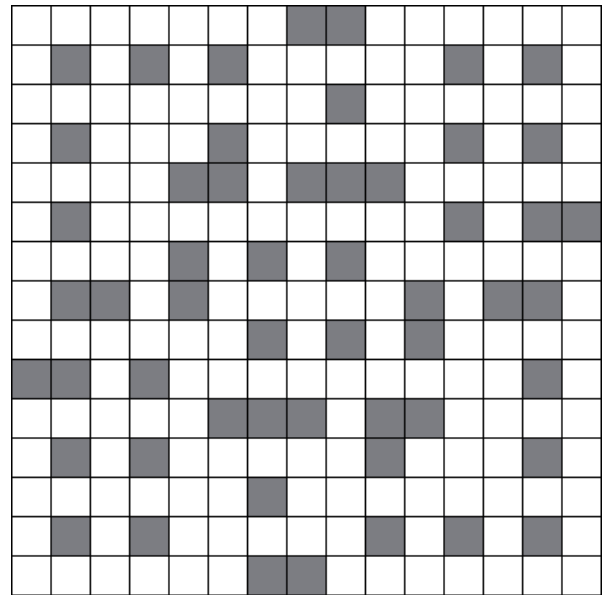
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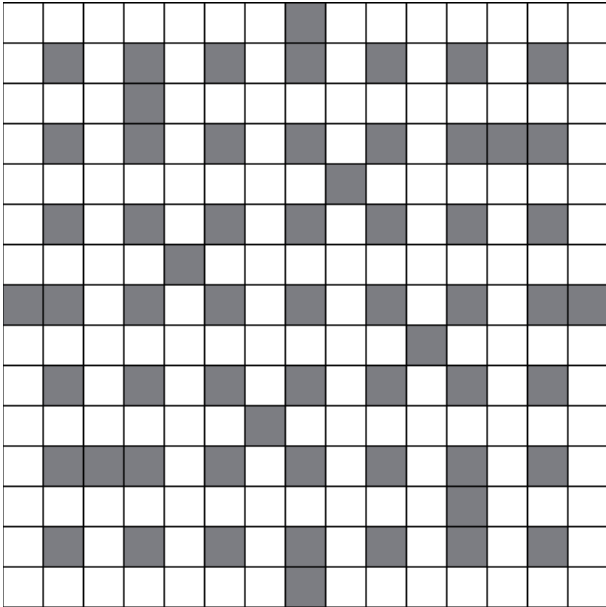


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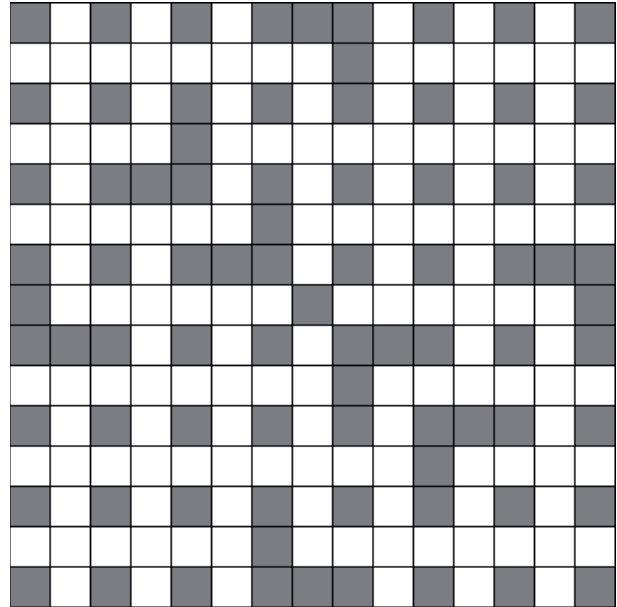


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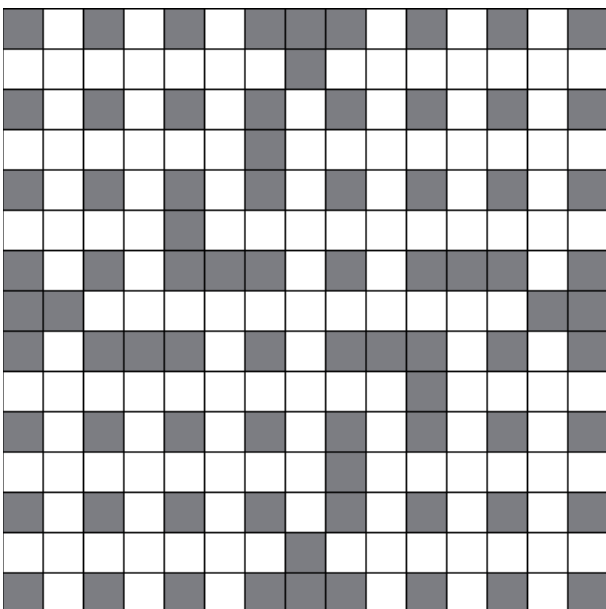
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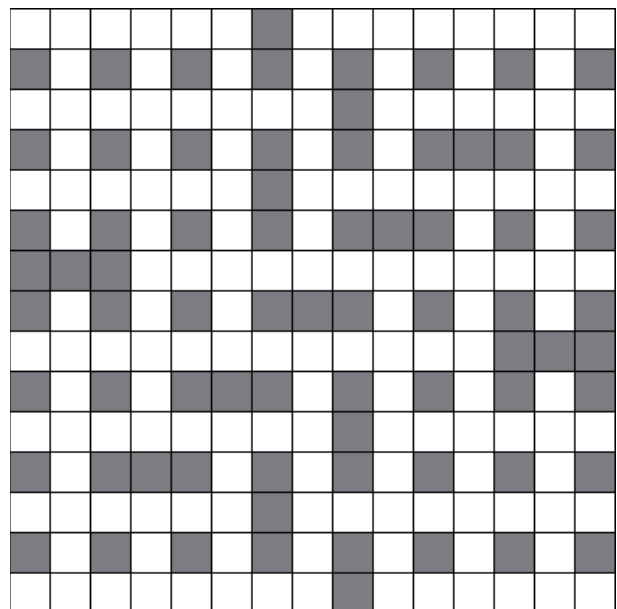
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May 6-2009: Cryptic by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

Entries: 91. Correct: 53. Success Rate: 58.2%.

Prizewinners: Gillian Champion and David Grainger.

Adjudicator's Comments: *Unlike blocked diagram puzzles, those set on the Ximenean diagram use many words and abbreviations not familiar in everyday speech, some found only in *Chambers*. They can be words from ancient languages, archaic English (Shakespeare, Spenser, etc) Scottish words – words that would be unfair if used in the blocked diagram. Expect setters to also use names from all aspects of life, entertainment, sport, literature, current affairs which in many cases, may not be household names; but, all are grist for the Ximenean mill. To compensate, the vast majority of the letters in the words are checked but, be assured, it is a different, more complex standard of crosswording which may take solvers some time master. **6ac: sacred site:** M(E – direction or way)C/ca (about) = **Mecca**; **11ac: organ stop:** NASA/Rd = nasard; **16ac: inked = drunk** (see *Chambers*); **23ac: time:** now on out west = **noon**; **29ac: Irises** (by Van Gogh); received considerable publicity when it was sold to Alan Bond, but he did not have enough money to pay for it and it had to be re-sold. *Irises* is currently in the J. Paul Getty Museum. **4dn: Make:** ear/n(ew) = **earn**; **6dn: ledge:** man/let (rev) = **mantel**; **24dn: rocker:** reel (film/re (rev) = **reeler** (rock/reel are synonymous); **27dn: Bear (Latin):** Ur (ancient Sumerian city)/SA = **Ursa**. Again, alas, there were several obvious transcription errors; including grids with empty squares.

Solvers' Comments:

- Thanks for another splendid contribution from our old friend Praxis. I enjoyed your Vincent puzzle. Can't pick any particular clues for special mention. Having said that, my fingers are crossed, as always, against any stupid errors on my part. *Margaret Davis*
- I loved this "Van Gogh" Themed puzzle It's not often I complete one of your puzzles! *Yvonne McKindlay*
- Great puzzle! I detest SUNFLOWERS, so when I solved that one I thought: "Why didn't he use IRISES, so much prettier." Of course I came to them down the track. *Carole Noble*
- I knew of Mark Edmondson as a 'tennis player' but he's more of a trivia question than a household name (**ALL TRIVIA** is grist for the Ximenean mill*). Non tennis fans may have needed more definition. (Edmondson was the least of solvers' problems with this one, Andrew.) *Andrew Patterson*
- A very enjoyable puzzle with some very clever clues. Especially liked INWARD and GOES (when the penny finally dropped) along with many others. *Joan Smith*
- Nice challenge but not as hard as some of your previous contributions. (Shoulder is barely sore from the wrestle!) Might just mean I have been misled. Enjoyed ULTERIOR for the brilliant story the clue told. *Jack Stocks*
- Many thanks for your 'artistic' puzzle, Roy. Particularly liked your clues for OINKED & ISATIN. The SUNFLOWERS & CORNFIELDS brightened this ARTWORK! *Alan Walter*
- Thanks for the puzzle. I'd never heard 'inked' for 'drunk'. Did you know that Emerald has a hideous, giant replica of Sunflowers? It's supposed to be a tourist attraction???? All it's done is ruin a couple of perfectly good soccer fields. *Jenny Wenham*

Explanations for May Slot 7 What the...

Across: **5** Clue LUCRETIA TOX - LUCRE + (TA + IT) backwards + OX, **10/26** ED + WIND (*Chambers* 2) + DOOR backwards, **11** Clue THERESE DEFARGE, anag **12** Clue LEDBRAIN - LED + B + RAIN, **14** Clue FAGIN - FA + GIN, **15** Clue THE ARTFUL DODGER anag, **17** Clue SYDNEY CARTON double definitions (DD), **21** Clue DOLLY VAR + DEN, **23** Clue PROFESSOR QUEERSPECK style (title) of dancing master - see *Ch*, + QUEERS + PECK (as in bushels) **25** anag RACED, **28** Clue SLACKBRIDGE DD, **30** ST - OR+M+IE - ST, **31** Clue SIMON TAPPER (phonetic "tap a") + TIT, **33** Clue SKETTLES - S (KETTLE) S, **34** CARGO inside EST.
Down: **1** B (RE) ATH, **2** (far)ROW, **3** Hidden word (HW) growth INDUstry, **4** REFIT OR reversed, **6** HW twO DISTRICTS, **7** BLIN-k + I, **8** anag, **9** LO+GG+IA (AI rev), **13** Phonetic for OILER, **16** DD, **18** A+LP, **19** Tails, **20** ABS + ASS IC upwards, **22** HEW+HAY reversed, **23** PI (RAT) ES, **24** A+SPECT-re, **29** TERRA-pin, **32** DOG replace O with A.

Review by Ian Williams: Armchair crosswords by Afrit, republished by Derek Harrison and Rendezvous Press, 2009.

Afrit was the pseudonym of AF Ritchie, some time head of the Cathedral School in Wells and the compiler of *Listener* crosswords in the 1930s and 40s: these had the reputation of being extremely difficult. The present collection may come under the heading of "easier puzzles" and by their title should be solvable without frequent trips to one's bookshelves (or computer): the author assured his original readers that the words used come under the heading of old friends or fairly familiar nodding acquaintances. The edition newly available was masterminded by Derek Harrison of *The Crossword Centre* fame with the permission and assistance of Afrit's daughter.

Afrit established the basis of the modern cryptic in the form of "Afrit's injunction" – "you need not mean what you say *ie the surface reading can be as misleading as you wish*, but you must say what you mean *ie the definition must be accurate and the construction must lead to a logical assembly of the components of the secondary indication into the solution*" [my italics] – wise and powerful words that have (or should have) guided the work of all subsequent compilers of cryptic crosswords: he was said by his peers to have stern principles of composition and cluemanship and rigid standards of fairness and accuracy. It was thus with some trepidation that I embarked on the task of attempting to decrypt the workings of the mind of someone with that reputation.

I cannot say that I have yet solved all of the 40 puzzles but for this review have looked carefully at several and solved some. The book starts with a few pages describing Afrit's setting principles and the main types of cryptic clue employed in the puzzles. To a modern cruciverbal enthusiast the first thing that strikes the eye is the format of the grids. Many contain unclued (and meaningless) two-letter words and not all meet the presently-accepted norm of symmetry. Interestingly, some have the words separated by a combination of blocks and bars. The next feature of note is the length of the clues – at a rough estimation about twice as long as the modern clue – with many words that nowadays would be seen as redundant to solving the clue. Despite the "old friends" assurance, the last 50 years have seen a number of the words in the grids go out of common parlance – but the vast majority can still be found in *Chambers*. Surprisingly, given the contemporary admiration of his discipline and accuracy, a number of the clues had partial secondary indications needing a flash of inspiration to derive the full solution. An early clue reads *There's bound to be a scar here, though it ends in a very short time (9)*, requiring a leap between "a trice" and the required CICATRICE. It may be due to shortcomings of my ageing brain in the 21C, but I can't find the indication for the beginning CIC. Another intriguing aspect was the relatively frequent use of the indirect anagram, eg *This is how sporting dogs look when they run between rows of houses (7)* requiring SETTERS to be identified and "run" [doing double duty – or is "look" the anagram indicator?] into STREETS. These comments are in no way a criticism of one of the founding fathers of the modern cryptic crossword, but rather as observations on the way that style and the perception of fairness to the solver have changed over the last half-century and more – and these puzzles are his easy ones!

Despite his apparently formal background, the brief biographical notes in the book show that he had a well-developed sense of fun and his clues show his ready wit: he was responsible for perhaps the worst pun that I have ever seen in a crossword with '*Arry says it sounds like feathers but it's only shut in (7) (ENCLOSE)*'. The humour also shows up in his theme puzzles: the clues for one that I solved were each couched in the form of an amusing rhyming couplet, for example *Daisy's suitor for her marriage / offered this instead of carriage (6) TANDEM*, requiring a little arcane knowledge of a song that is not much sung nowadays. Space does not allow a fuller commentary on the clues or their style, but anyone interested in the history of the crossword and/or solving puzzles reflecting the manners and mores of earlier days will be sure to find this book charming, intriguing and challenging. At the time of writing it cost £8 from Amazon. The book should be in stock from Amazon (<http://www.amazon.co.uk>) and is also available from the publishers, Rendezvous Press, acting as Amazon marketplace sellers.

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Past Times?
by
Betelgeuse



Across clues are consistent with the theme and are not defined

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Across

- 1 Phone card activated from Yass exchange (5,4)
- 6 Return male bird to empty cage. (5)
- 9 Old-time greeting (7)
- 10 Backgammon not first in exercise. (3-4)
- 11 Unfortunately, Mr Tie isn't chaste (3,9,3)
- 12 Fish (8)
- 13 Mates without male? (6)
- 16 Point of frilled ruche (6)
- 18 Figure on legs (8)
- 21 Cooks try out Sherwin's cheesy recipe tip (7,8)
- 24 Discover rip in balloon fabric (7)
- 25 Ancient and dotty one is admitted. (3,4)
- 26 Last vegetarian into fish? (5)
- 27 Hear approval for darn on part of sock? (3-3-3)

Down

- 1 Dart-bearing bird (5)
- 2 Sheer excitement after first mastering a fish (7)
- 3 Invalidator declared "You are Fellini in disguise!" (9)
- 4 Side effect after a cat sprayed (8)
- 5 Ditto the object in old cloth. (6)
- 6 Returns greeting in stop at Indian province. (5)
- 7 Openings for alcopops in tertiary institution (7)
- 8 Old language society got one involved in wrangles (9)
- 12 Thing used for drawing second boat to launching area (9)
- 14 Timekeeper led with scrapyard reorganisation (9)
- 15 Type of glass cichlid, long lost or hybridised (8)
- 17 Flea shuns German, no, French hairstyle (7)
- 19 Rough in late part of play (7)
- 20 Wine witticism covers hesitation of leading lady (6)
- 22 Lift up, when bearing the dead (5)
- 23 Dotage is on the rise, so creep quietly (5)

ROUGH COPY

GOOD COPY - Name

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Quiz No 7/2009

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Endangered Species by Fortuna 48



by Fortuna 48

Clues are not defined. Answers (to be found in and around Australia) are in alphabetical order. Send your entry to Nea Storey, 10 Whiteman Street, Wanniasa, ACT 2903. Fax: 02 6231 0820. Email: neachy2@netspeed.com.au Closing mail date: 14 August 2009. Book prize.

- 1 Sounds like a spin at the South Pole (9,4)
- 2 Australian Wheat Board initially erred twice – right in the haze! (3,3,4)
- 3 Libby went astray (5)
- 4 Swashbuckling Australian actor is embarrassed (7,5)
- 5 Dabbler makes a swap with one who uses pointed tool for sowing (7)
- 6 Oriental exchanges zero for one in a porcupine spine (7,5)
- 7 XL DOTS normal with a lot of French around (5,7,9)
- 8 Talking bird tapped on upper arm joint by Midas? (6,10,6)
- 9 I hear a dromedary cry in pain (8,5)

- 10 Stunning victory in the style of ... (5)
- 11 Badly dressed, Lt. True wears tanned skin on his rear (11,6)
- 12 Nocturnal bird in disguise (6,3)
- 13 Sounds unfeeling! Flying mammal used defensively at the crease? (6)
- 14 Nomad of the flat lands (6,8)
- 15 Acting King with a sweet tooth? (6,10)
- 16 It would be wrong to find it in the North Sea (8,5,5)
- 17 Gulliver's repeater (5,6)
- 18 Abel's Lord of the Underworld? (9,5)
- 19 Cowboy movie takes lash to girl (7,8)
- 20 Cowardly little spud (6,4)

Results of Quiz No 5/2009. Cryptic Cakes Part 2

by The Busybodies (Carole Noble and Bev Cockburn)

Entries: 28. Scores 26: T Abraham, W Allen, C Anderson, P Dearie, V Dinham, B Foott, B Glissan, G Leeds, K Harper, S Howells, A Jermy, A Martin, C McClelland, J McGrath, T McPherson, A Miles, D Procter, A Shield, M Steinberger, J Stocks, A Walter, J Wenham and R Wimbush. **(Well done!) 25:** A Austin, A Simons and N Storey. **24:** M Galbreath. **23:** B Ibbott.

Prize winner: Joan McGrath. Congratulations!

Solutions: 1. Apple Turnover 2. Madeleines 3. Brownies 4. Chelsea Bun 5. Cheesecake 6. Doughnuts or Donuts 7. Pound 8. Gingerbread 9. Caramel 10. Tea-cake 11 Devil's Food 12. Cream Puffs 13. Rock 14. Scone 15. Fudge 16. Coffee 17. Sultana 18. Swiss Roll 19. Jam Tart 20. Fairy Cakes 21. Upside-down, 22. Butter 23. Simnel 24. Tiramisu 25. Christmas 26. Spice.

Members' comments:

• Your lovely quiz made my quite hungry, but unfortunately there are about four cakes that I'm unable to eat because I can't solve the clues – ah me, life is hard! I think I should do some baking this afternoon. Now will it be Eccles cakes or Mum's wonderful recipe for what she called bricks? The latter I think.
Barb Ibbott

• A quiz about food – irresistible. I thought Nos 5, 16, and 19 were particularly clever. No 21 is a desperate guess. *Alison Shield*

• What a great quiz! Hard to beat one that combines the pleasures of wordplay and cakes. Thank you for the enjoyment of one and the (mostly vicarious) savouring of the other.
Kath Harper

• Thank you for your puzzle. Makes me hungry thinking about all those lovely cakes.
Claire McClelland

• I enjoyed this quiz very much.
Susan Howells

• Thanks, I had a lot of fun with this!
Alison Martin

• Thanks for your delicious menu of cakes. In item 21 the indicator is (6-4). I found this hyphenated spelling in four cookbooks and the *Macquarie Dictionary*. *Chambers* gave no reference to this cake. I also found the description 'in complete confusion' misleading, as the cake is simply 'Upside-down', it is not in a complete mess. (Thank you for pointing out the error in the indicator. It should have been (6-4) and we have counted all entries for 21 correct regardless of their answer.) *Alan Walter*

• Thank you for another delicious treat. I have put on four pounds just thinking about the answers. Hope I've selected the right delicacies.
Jenny Wenham

• Enjoyable even if it did make me hungry.
Joan McGrath

• Thank you, Bev and Carole for another excellent quiz.
David Procter

Bonus Quiz. Construction Site by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

Solutions: 1. Animal House 2. A Pub with no beer 3. Archie Bunker 4. Footrot Flats 5. Hatter's Castle 6. Holiday Inn 7. Hospital 8. Hotel Paradiso 9. Jailhouse Rock 10. Museum 11. Prison Break 12. Shirley Temple 13. Theatre of Blood 14. The Ballad of Reading Gaol 15. The Little Hut 16. The Mill on the Floss 17. The Tower of Babel 18. To the Manor Born 19. Uncle Tom's Cabin 20. Winchester Cathedral.

Scores: 20: B Cockburn, M Collins, P Dearie, J Fowler, P Garner, B Glissan, C Hambling, K Harper, S Howells, B Ibbott, A Jermy, C Jones, D Jones, G Lloyd, S May, C McClelland, J McGrath, T McPherson, C Noble, S O'Brien, J Stocks, M Steinberger, N Storey, A Walter, J Wenham, R Wimbush. **19:** T Abraham, B Foott, V Howard, B Hull, G Leeds, A Miles, B Siegman, J Smith. **18:** W. Allen, D Window. **17:** V. Dinham. **14:** D Butler.

Prizewinner: Ann Jermy. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments: A goodly number of entries (35) which poured in steadily over the five weeks. Errors included Westminster Cathedral for Winchester Cathedral, Loftus, for the more obvious Museum, The Walls of Jericho for The Tower of Babel, Peyton Place for Prison Break (Wentworth miller wasn't in Peyton Place), a few omissions and misspellings. Thanks to all for the positive comments.
—Audrey Austin (*Virgo*)

Members' Comments:

• Thanks, Audrey, for a very 'constructive' quiz. *Alan Walter*

• An enjoyable jaunt around construction sites. *Bronwyn Hull*

• Thanks for a nice easy bonus quiz that just needed a bit of research but wasn't a drain on my brain.
Jenny Wenham

• Fun and quite different.
Claire McClelland

• You keep coming up with these interesting ideas. Many Thanks.
Betty Siegman

• I'd never have thought of so many types of buildings. What a creative mind you have.
Carole Noble

• A clever theme.
Ann Jermy

• An entertaining little quiz.
Merv Collins

• Thanks for another fun challenge.
Trish McPherson

• This was a real trip down memory lane with lots of fun.
Sandra May

• A thoroughly enjoyable challenge. Thank You. *Pat Garner*

• Another innovative quiz from you – and what a mixture of buildings, everything from a hut to a manor, and then some. Very clever!
Bev Cockburn

• Thank you for another enjoyable quiz which I think I have completed successfully. No. 17 had me stuck for a while as I wanted to put The Walls of Jericho, but that was the wrong number of letters – very devious of you.
Barb Ibbott

• Here is my entry for your most entertaining quiz. I do enjoy the quizzes and thank you for your good work.
Gabrielle Leeds

May 7-2009. What the ... by Hot and Cold (Jenny Wenham and Ian Williams)

Results: Entries: 55; Correct: 34. Success Rate: 63%

Winner: Hilary Cromer. Congratulations!

Adjudicators' comments: The theme, of course, was Dickens, with themed clues leading to one or two characters in each of the books for which the title was to be entered in the grid. Explanations for these are provided on p12. Everyone seems to have generally enjoyed it. Most lost dots were for 2dn with RAW instead of ROW. Rank was the definition; subtract 'far' from 'farrow' (litter). The other clue that caused some comment was 32dn. The intended answer was DAG. 'A man generally'=DOG (Ch defn); replace O with A for DAG (a person who is rather eccentric or comically entertaining in *Chambers*). However, one solver provided the following alternative suggestion: A man generally = General 'Doug' MacArthur losing O to give DUG. A Google search located the "I Dig Dug" comics. After much discussion we have decided to accept this. Although it's obscure, it's still a valid explanation and, therefore, acceptable. Solvers also commented on 13dn EULER, a German mathematician the name of whom in his language (and amongst mathematicians and engineers) is pronounced 'oiler'.

Solvers' comments:

- What the...DICKENS was I looking for? The titles of Dickens' novels for the grid answers & the names of some Dickens' characters. 11ac: The only (9,7) character I could find from (A Tale of) Two Cities was Alexandre Manette. As this does not answer your clue I deduce that your (9,7) indicator is incorrect & should correctly be (7,7) giving Therese Defarge which is an anagram of 'feathered serge'. 33ac: Skettles: I guess your 2 additional, undefined clues were 10ac & 26dn EDWIN DROOD? Thanks for a real Ding-dong Doozey Dickens of a puzzle. You certainly like giving us all Hard Times! *Alan Walter*
- I got a real buzz when I finished it and I love that in a puzzle! *Roy Wilson*
- It took a while for the penny to drop though – and the title helped to confirm it too. *Pat Garner*
- Thoroughly enjoyed your Dickens puzzle. I was impressed that you know how to pronounce 'Euler' (are you a mathematician?) and that you are not intimidated by the Tetragrammaton. I'm not entirely sure about 32dn – DUG fits the cryptic clue nicely (General Macarthur loses nothing) but I don't know about the straight meaning. If it's [the] US comic strip, found by Googling, it's much too esoteric. *Doug Butler*
- I didn't actually solve a lot of the clues as once Dickens became apparent (in 14 and 15ac), it was a matter of using one of my ACC-awarded books to fill in the gaps. *Andrew Patterson*
- Thank you for the No 7 puzzle. I found it extremely testing. I had filled in the squares and still wonder how I got some of them. *Ron O'Rourke*
- An interesting and challenging puzzle. *Bill Bennett*
- Great fun. Much tougher than met the eye. *William Ryan*
- 12ac had me in a fog for quite a while. *Denis Coates*
- I admit I found this close on impossible – most of the clues were quite beyond me! I solved half a dozen unthemed clues, then the notion of Dickens struck – from there I worked backwards from a list of Dickens works & other resources & some lucky guesses. Hope I finally made it. Incidentally, *Mudfog Papers* was completely new to me! And I still can't work out any of the themed clues! *Nea Storey*
- I had not heard of *The Mudfog Papers*, so found 12ac difficult. For a while I thought this was about Charles Dickens with 2 Cs and a silent Q, from Monty Python. *Roy Taylor*
- How on earth did you fit in so many Dickens books? Enjoyed this one very much. *Betty Siegman*
- A tricky little puzzle this, til I got on to the theme. *Ann Jermy*
- Thank you for this – a fun and challenging puzzle worthy of Slot 7. It took me ages to get the connection. *Jean Barbour*
- My knowledge of Dickens is relatively limited, so apart from 14ac & 15ac, I could not use your clues to lead me to the required answers. Like most people though, I am familiar with the titles of many of his works, so the answers weren't too hard to work out – with the exception of 12ac, which required googling. 13dn had me mystified for quite a while, as I was unfamiliar with Euler. *Peter Dearie*
- Wow, what a difficult puzzle – just understanding the two lots of numbers after each clue was a puzzle in itself! Edwin Drood

gave me my first clue as to what the theme was but the rest were gained little by little with quite a bit of help from the internet. My favourite clue was 1ac Burghers! And 32dn gave me the most trouble. *Bev Cockburn*

- I had a Dickens of a time getting started on this one, but discovering Edwin Drood pointed me in the right direction. Thank you! *Kath Harper*
- I found the instructions difficult to follow but I recall having done one of these previously when I was able to solve both parts of the clue. This time, however, even after I guessed the Dickens reference and fitted the novels etc in the spaces, I was still unable to work out the first part of any of the connected clues. Maybe senility has set in or was it just the convoluted nature of the puzzle! I also wonder how many members know EULER is pronounced OILER!! It's not often I burst into print but it really was quite an obscure offering. *Bob Hagan*
- Fascinating. Could you explain the link between the clue and the answer in 12ac & 33ac please? *David Grainger*
- Because of his subject matter & semi-autobiographical writing – "The Dickens" became a euphemism for child abuse. *Brian Symons*
- All I can say is 'WOW!' What incredible ingenuity to fit in all those titles, and without recourse to rare, wild words in the Down part! I had never heard of *The Mudfog Papers* before & was greatly relieved when I found them in a list on Google. I have heard of Euler, but must confess I don't get the tanker connexion. Thank you for a hard but satisfying puzzle. *Margaret Galbreath*
- Another enjoyable learning experience from *Hot and Cold*. Whoever heard of *The Mudfog Papers* before this? *Max Roddick*
- It took me several readings to fully understand what was required in your puzzle, and I still am unable to relate the 11 clues to the answers which seem to be correct: Well, they fit in OK. I did the Down clues (as many as possible) and with the title "What the ..." gave me DICKENS. However I did require Google to obtain writings by Dickens which fitted into the grid. Still, I enjoyed the challenge of the Down clues. *Graeme Cole*
- Thanks for a most enjoyable puzzle. *Jim Fowler*
- I am thankful for my rudimentary knowledge of Dickens – at least I knew where to look when my knowledge ran out. I would be grateful if you could publish the solutions to the secondary clues as I can't be sure of some of them – or indeed the primary solutions! Thanks for setting yet another of your puzzles. *Catherine Hambling*
- What fun. We were holidaying with Paul's family in The Lakes District and everyone had a Dickens novel from their memory to contribute even Paul's 98 year old mum – no computers, no books – we had to do it the old fashioned way. *Trish McPherson*
- Thank you for an excellent puzzle which was a dickens of a job to solve. I had never heard of *The Mudfog Papers* and was expecting to see Pickwick somewhere in the answers. *David Procter*
- Well, it's obviously Charles Dickens in the title, but I hardly understand the instructions or lots of the clues – not hardly – I just don't! These days I'm beginning to feel I'm losing the plot. I do, however, congratulate you for managing to include so many of his works, and will just keep my fingers crossed and await some explanations. *Shirl O'Brien*
- The name of the puzzle helped me get the link and I'm still trying to work out a couple of the clues. *Hilary Cromer*

**Results: Column 7 page 2
Solution to May Slot 7 – What the ...**

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Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 3/2009.
Write a clue for PROCEDURE (9)
Adjudicated by Steve Trollope

Definition of **PROCEDURE** from *Chambers On-line Dictionary*
Noun 1 the method and order followed in doing something.
 2 an established routine for conducting business at a meeting or in a law case.
 3 a course of action; a step or measure taken.

Thirteen clues were submitted this month, as shown below. Interestingly, several of them stretch Ximenes' principle, somewhat. A good clue should be able to be read like a mathematical equation (I am an Engineer). Normally the definition will be either at the start or at the end of the clue – the solver has to decide which – with the rest of the clue being the indication. The problems are usually experienced in the indication part. If I follow the clue writer's instructions, I should be able to directly identify the solution, ie the definition, which will confirm that I am reading the clue correctly. This clue from this month's entries exemplifies the requirement – **Continent embraces retro décor program**. Continent means 'PURE', embraces means 'takes in' and retro (backwards) décor is ROCED, giving PROCEDURE which is a program. See individual clues for examples where this principle has not been followed. Finally, when following the clue writer's instructions, you should ignore all punctuation. This is normally included to lead the solver into reading the clue in a misleading way – see last March's winning clue for an example of this technique. Super-finally, a good clue will make sense and tell a story. Ultra-finally, an excellent clue should have an AH!! factor, but more about this next time.

The winning clue is:

Go ahead with your stated plan of action

by **Bob Hagan**. In line with my theme, the clue can be read logically, leading to PROCEED plus YOUR, which when put together sound like (indicated by 'stated') PROCEDURE meaning a plan of action. At another level, the clue makes perfect sense when read exactly as it stands, instructing me to continue with my plan.

For the guidelines which I have used to determine the winner see the March 2006 *Crozworld*. I have written each clue to identify the **definition (in bold)** and the indication (in italics), then underneath I have added some comments.

Reproduce doctors way of doing things

I would have preferred 'doctors' to be the first word because it is 'reproduce' which is doctored, not 'way of doing things' – this clue arrived very early, with the comment that there would be many similar clues, but as you can see below, this was the only one to use an anagram of 'reproduce'. Also since 'doctor' is intended to be a noun, there should be an apostrophe, either before or after the 's', depending on whether the noun is singular or plural.

The backstage adomments to be found in kosher ritual

Kosher means PURE and backwards décor (ROCED) is then inserted, although I'm not too sure about backstage (which means 'behind') as an indicator for 'reverse'.

Way to get out of education

'Way' is the definition and the indicator is PROCURE (get) surrounding ED.

Operation to secure embedded journalist

This clue has exactly the same make up as the previous one,

with different words used. A good clue, as well as giving a logical guide to the answer, should also make sense, and ideally be a full sentence rather than a phrase; but I'm not sure what an 'embedded journalist' is.

I am replaced by soldier in a painful pedicure operation

This clue requires me to remove I from 'pedicure', replace it with OR (soldier) and then to create an anagram of the result (with the anagind being 'painful'). However, if I read the clue's instructions, I am told to place OR in an anagram of PEDCURE – I am not told to make an anagram of PEDORCURE, or to reverse OR in an anagram of PEDCURE.

Forgive in biblical city – that's the way!

{(For = PRO) plus (give in = CEDE) with UR inside} = {that's the way = PROCEDURE}. There are three problems here. The first is whether it is fair to expect the solver to split forgive into two parts – personally I am happy with 'midnight' (to be read as 'mid night') being an indication for G (although staunch Ximeneans might not agree), but I think for/give is not fair. Secondly 'in' is expected to take two parts, 1 in the verb 'give in' and 2 as an indicator that UR is to be inserted into CEDE – again this is not fair clueing. Thirdly the clue reads as though PROCEDE is to be inserted into UR, rather than the other way round.

Continent embraces retro décor program

See the introduction for an explanation of this clue. The clue is fair as far as leading to the answer is concerned, but it doesn't make a lot of sense as a sentence.

Process pure? No, it has faulty interior design

The indication leads to PURE with an anagram (the anagind is 'faulty') of DÉCOR to be included. This is known as an indirect anagram and it is not considered fair to expect the solver to make the double step of identifying the word and creating an anagram of it. Also the words 'No it' play no part in the clue and are simply there so that the sentence makes sense.

Step taken to advance and wander about the old city

'To advance' leads to PROCEED and 'wander' is intended to suggest that an anagram is to be created from PROCEED. Again this is an indirect anagram, but also, when I read the clue, it is not clear that 'wander' refers to 'advance'.

New crop is bound to endure, with no new operation

'New crop' leads to PROC (an anagram of 'crop') plus EDURE (endure minus N – no new)

Cord puree ruined MO

A simple anagram of CORDPUREE, but the clue has no meaning!

Go ahead with your stated plan of action

PROCEED plus YOUR sounds like PROCEDURE which is a plan of action.

With editor embedded contrive to bring about the way things are done

'Contrive' leads to PROCURE and ED is then inserted (embedded).

Clue Writing Competition No 4/2009

Write a clue for the word **BARBER (6)**

Note: only one clue per person. Send your clue **and explanation** to the adjudicator: Steve Trollope, 28 Pannosa Ct, Capalaba Qld 4157 or by email to: steve.jt@bigpond.net.au
 Closing mail date: Friday 14 August 2009. Book prize.