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Words must surely be counted  
among the most powerful drugs man ever invented.  
Leo Rosten, attrib 20C, in the *Forbes Book of Business Quotations* (1997)

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The ACC website was showing its age. The new website [[www.crosswordclub.org](http://www.crosswordclub.org)] has been designed to provide easier navigation and to be more relevant to our members. In particular, it will provide a link to ACCOLADE and now gives a direct link to *The Times* for *The Times* blog. A number of old and irrelevant topics in DEEF have been retired and in the near future a new version will be installed that will provide more security and require less maintenance. We apologise in advance for any lack of its availability: we hope to retain all useful posts but this may not be practicable.

The new website is not finalised and we shall be working over the next few weeks to improve its appearance and content. But we need your advice on ways to make the website more attractive and useful to you. All members are invited to make their contributions via the topic "Updating our website" under "Read the latest in news from the ACC" in DEEF when it becomes available later in the month. We have also changed our host server and interim arrangements for ACCOLADE will be necessary for a short period. Please see the separate article on page 5.

This month we have another testing set of puzzles and a Quiz for you expertly chosen by our skilful Puzzle Editor **Ian Williams**. Favourites include *InGrid*, *Nigrum Cattus*, *Isla* and *KA*. We welcome the respected compilers *Crowsman* and *Zplig* in the Slots 5 and 6. *Both Sides* have compiled another challenging Quiz called *A Confining Quiz* which will stimulate all solvers.

Best of Luck with your solving this month!  
—Patrick

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**A**djudication is nothing like the task it was ages ago – only 17 “paper” entries this month and two of those came in by email – so I was greatly touched by the thoughtfulness shown by one of those solvers. “David – as I am still a (dreaded) paper entry, am only sending in 3 puzzles this month so as to lessen your task and eye strain”. I’m not going to give away the solver’s name but you know who you are, and thank you!

**Slot 1:** OUTFOX certainly outfoxed a number of solvers (OUTWIT, OTRUN, OUTCON were amongst the offerings) but some other blues were perhaps typos (SCARECROS, EUTHENASIA, MOSERE).

**Slot 2:** Well received slot; nothing really stood out but I was impressed by the imagination shown in solving TOUSLE – OOPSIE, BOSSIE, POISON for example and I enjoyed the Spoonerised DALETTES for LADETTES!

**Slot 3:** Judging by the success rate, many of you found this a hard puzzle and the most difficult clue appears to have been ACRE, with lots of inventive (but wrong) suggestions; AGRA was submitted more than 10 times, AURA seven!

**Slot 4:** Not too many problems here – we all like a good AJ, and a narrow win to the “T” word as the COTM confirms that.

**Slot 5:** A good Slot 5, no outstanding errors. REPENT for REPINE tripped a few.

**COTM:** How solvers loved Slot 2 with three clues garnering more than 4 nominations each and one (EXTRACTOR) pulling in nine. But (there’s always a but) THE TROTS (the “T” word in Slot 4) just pipped it in with a whopping ten nominations. Congratulations *Valkyrie!*

I hope to see lots of you at the Crossmass Cruciverbal on 30 July 2017, so until then “Happy solving!”  
—David Grainger

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	89	83	80	83	77	412
Correct entries	72	70	48	74	65	329
Success rate (%)	80.9	84.3	60	89.2	84.4	79.9
Prizewinners	Cheryl Wilcox	Jean Evans	Paula Mercer	George Rolfe	Roy Taylor	from 95 members

**Prizewinner: May 2017 Slots 1-5: Jill Freeland. Congrats!**

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### May 1-2017

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### May 3-2017

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### May 5-2017

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### Apr 6-2017

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## MEMBERS RESULTS FOR Apr Slot 6 & May 2017 Slots 1-5

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
Abbott P.	•					
Allen W.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Anderson C.		•	•	•	•	•
Audrins K.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Axelsen U.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Barbour J.	•	•				
Batum C.	•			•		
Baylis J.	•	•		•	•	
Blake M.	•	•	•	•	•	
Bradbury W.				•		
Caine R.					•	
Carroll L.					•	
Coates D.	•	•		•	•	
Cockburn B.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Cole G.		•	•	•		
Colgan L.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Collins M.	•	•		•		
Coulton L.	•	•	•	•		
Cowan M.	•		•	•		
Cromer H.	•	•		•		
Crowe J.	•	•		•	•	•
Dearie P.	•	•				
Dennis M.			•	•	•	
Dobele T.	•	•	•	•	•	
Ducker R.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Evans J.	•	•		•	•	
Fowler J.		•	•	•	•	•
Freeland J.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Garner A.				•		
Garner P.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Glissan B.		•	•	•	•	•
Gooderick R.				•	•	
Grainger D.	•	•	•	•	•	•

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
Greenberger O.	•	•	•			
Hagan B.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Hagan R.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Hambling C.					•	•
Harper K.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Heyes N.	•	•	•	•	•	
Hocking A.	•	•		•		
Howard V.					•	
Howat S.	•	•		•	•	•
Jones D.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Kennedy L.	•	•		•	•	
Kennedy M.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Lankshear J.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Lee C.	•	•		•	•	•
Leigh J.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Lemon G.			•			
Lord P.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Low R.					•	
Mackay-Sim C.	•			•	•	•
Martin A.	•	•		•	•	
Martin F.	•	•		•	•	
Mason I.	•	•			•	•
Matthews S.	•					
McClelland C.	•	•	•	•	•	•
McKenzie I.	•	•	•	•	•	•
McKenzie R.	•	•	•	•	•	•
McPherson T.	•	•				
Meek D.	•		•	•	•	•
Mercer P.			•	•	•	
Miles A.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Millard A.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Moline R.	•	•	•	•	•	•
O'Brien E.		•	•	•	•	•

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Roulston S.		•	•	•	•	•
Siegman B.	•	•		•	•	
Simons A.	•	•		•	•	•
Skinner R.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Steinberger M.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Storey N.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Street P.	•					
Symons B.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Taylor R.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Thompson I.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Tickle B.		•	•	•		
Tofoni B.	•	•	•	•	•	
Walter A.						•
Wilcox C.	•	•	•			
Williams Kate.	•					•
Williams Kay.						•
Wimbush R.	•	•	•	•		
Wood J.	•	•		•	•	•
Young A.	•				•	
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**Half 'n Half**  
by  
**InGrid**



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**Across**

- 1 Artisan (6)
- 5 Foreshore (6)
- 10 Gas (7)
- 11 Musician (7)
- 12 Arcade (6)
- 15 Relax (6)
- 16 Copying (7)
- 17 Tug (4)
- 18 Strain (4)
- 19 Censured (7)
- 20 Spot (4)
- 22 Blonde (4)
- 25 Mug (7)
- 27 Play (6)
- 28 Computer device (6)
- 31 Ancestry (7)
- 32 Fool (7)
- 33 Consume (6)
- 34 Tedious (6)

**Down**

- 2 Shape can go to be reshaped (7)
- 3 Wretched Middle Eastern returned smoke (6)
- 4 Revolt loses black rock (4)
- 5 Tons of available space containing seat (4)
- 6 Travelling to political constituency (6)
- 7 Cancel fully in mix-up (7)
- 8 Sign of bad year follows small mass measurement (6)
- 9 Game couple (6)
- 13 Yearbook woman can turn around (7)
- 14 Dissimilar organisation with a prize (7)
- 15 Headhunter lost without the untried (7)
- 20 Shroud end around raising of novice (6)
- 21 Mythical beast reports pay cuts! (7)
- 23 Sharp granulation not into variety (7)
- 24 Jacket for cold carriage (6)
- 25 Rant aired madly – past time! (6)
- 26 Give college fellow a half term (6)
- 29 Battle due for partial backlash (4)
- 30 Biting a captain (4)

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## Cryptic by Nigrum Cattus



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### Across


- 8 Prima donna soprano retired. Ruthless and perverse (10)
- 9 The company doctor was a laid back singer (4)
- 10 In winter, it's no wonder (4)
- 11 Use short iron on the ball over tall tree (5)
- 12 Bird's foot for example, without unction is non-kosher (4)
- 13 Icarus beheaded old songster (6)
- 15 Reversed wrong use of bow by leader of strings in a drug induced state (8)
- 18 Ian distilled own Scotch (3)
- 19 Engaged in a fight (5)
- 22 Collection exhibited instrument repaired by bard (5)
- 23 Ironsides symbolically removed from force, revealed as an ogre (3)
- 26 Every unionist through the left regarded as being suspended, finally dropped from the mainstream (8)
- 27 A-roads around West Australia get accolades (6)
- 29 Initial management of bruising, applying leeches medically. is the stuff of relief (4)
- 31 Leading Salvationist took the stand (5)
- 32 String along with lie about name (4)
- 33 Pointless being early for a concert (4)
- 34 Be the least upset of the Fab Four (3,7)

### Down

- 1 Chaperone expected Ann to stand (6)
- 2 What dance is heat 10? (4)
- 3 Rob's no 1 hit is 'The Big O' (7)
- 4 My lady is crazy over North America ... (7)
- 5 ... and upset about day in Paris delay (7)
- 6 Acts indecently, ordered to leave (4)
- 7 Round about the first put in danger is the empress (8)
- 14 Cult gurus' hearts united on a sacred high rocky outcrop (5)
- 16 A song with atmosphere (3)
- 17 Operated. Cut spread to expose the works (5)
- 20 Chinaman, maybe a sec later, rendered some sentimental songs (8)
- 21 Gershwin is in the army (3)
- 23 Information on English city manufacturing lubricant-containing receptacle (3,4)
- 24 Broadcast only once without new pop singer (7)
- 25 Millions cheer Australian wildly my dear (7)
- 28 Revelations overturned after lair became revered entertainer (6)
- 30 Both Mascagni and Monteverdi lose their hearts to a noted heroine (4)
- 32 A stringed instrument is quieter than a flute! (4)

### GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thanks to Ian and Roy for all of their hard work on ACCOLADE. I just checked it out and it looks great. Totally seamless transition and I see the June grids are up already. Thank you. *Christina Lee*
- Thank you Patrick very much for the \$125 cheque and your certificate for winning the April 2016 Slots 1-5. It was such a happy thing to receive and VERY generous. *Doreen Jones*
- Very sad to hear of the death of Alan Walter; one of the stalwarts of the club. My condolences to Doreen and family. *David Procter*
- Really did find it difficult to choose COTM from this month's puzzle. *Eileen O'Brien*

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


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**Across**

- 1 Quiet intimate spots everywhere (6)
- 4 District Line round London? About a pound (8)
- 10 In a row concerning the rejection of legal wrong (2,3,4)
- 11 Large beast in river (5)
- 12 Deer hides feature in home by South-East Asian (4-7)
- 14 I trip on drug (3)
- 15 Embrace on-line partner? (7)
- 17 Margin bet carries small return (6)
- 19 Articles initially mock patriotic song (6)
- 21 Belgian abusing himself? (7)
- 23 Deed of agreement lacks power (3)
- 24 To irk gutless employers union leader not working (3,2,6)
- 26 Invert a block of wood (5)
- 27 Trainee dines sparingly, partly from poverty (9)
- 29 Threaten man delivering toilet? (4,4)
- 30 Matching this month's record (2,4)

**Down**

- 1 If within Poland's borders, travel freely without papers (8)
- 2 Judge rises with time inside handed out (5)
- 3 Be prone to fib (3)
- 5 Porridge? Everybody skips breakfast! (7)
- 6 Exploit a church that is dogmatic? Not he (11)
- 7 Concert promoters rage over Indian garb worn by politician (9)
- 8 I say, solvers who call for attention (3-3)
- 9 Sailors told of ocean voyage (6)
- 13 Tax department supports grass (marijuana) for lazy slob (5,6)
- 16 It's unpolitic to mix up point of etiquette (9)
- 18 Hooray! Drink brings happiness (6,2)
- 20 Show in English friend outside (7)
- 21 Flue, new name at sea (6)
- 22 Doctor imprisoned for playful frolic? (6)
- 25 Elected easily, at the start President extremely incompetent (5)
- 28 One finishes off gin & lemon here? (3)

**Accolade transfer – transitional arrangements by Roy Low and Ian Williams**

Since its inception on Roy Low has kindly made his website available to our members to submit puzzle solutions using ACCOLADE. With the introduction of a new ACC website from the beginning of June, ACCOLADE will be hosted on the club's server, which will mean that for one month we will need to adopt slightly different methods for submitting or checking submitted puzzles. Roy will keep his website running as before, so that puzzles for May 2017 in slots 1-5 inc will remain available for checking once the competition has closed. Similarly, the May slot 6 puzzle will remain available for submission up to the closing date of 9 June and for a short time after that for checking solutions. To access these puzzles members will need to use the address [www.low.net.au/accolade](http://www.low.net.au/accolade) . We suggest that you do not use your existing Bookmark or Favorite, but type the address directly into the browser window (and create a new Bookmark or Favorite if you wish).

There will be a short interruption to service as the puzzles for June are loaded onto the new version of ACCOLADE. Hopefully this will not be more than a day or two and we'll advise regular users by e-mail when the new arrangements are up and running. ACCOLADE will then be accessed only via [www.crosswordclub.org](http://www.crosswordclub.org) by clicking on the ACCOLADE button on the front page of the ACC website and then on the button "Click to solve this month's puzzles" or by typing in directly the address <http://crosswordclub.org/accolade/> and bookmarking, or saving the location as a Favorite. From then on you will be able to submit your crosswords as normal.

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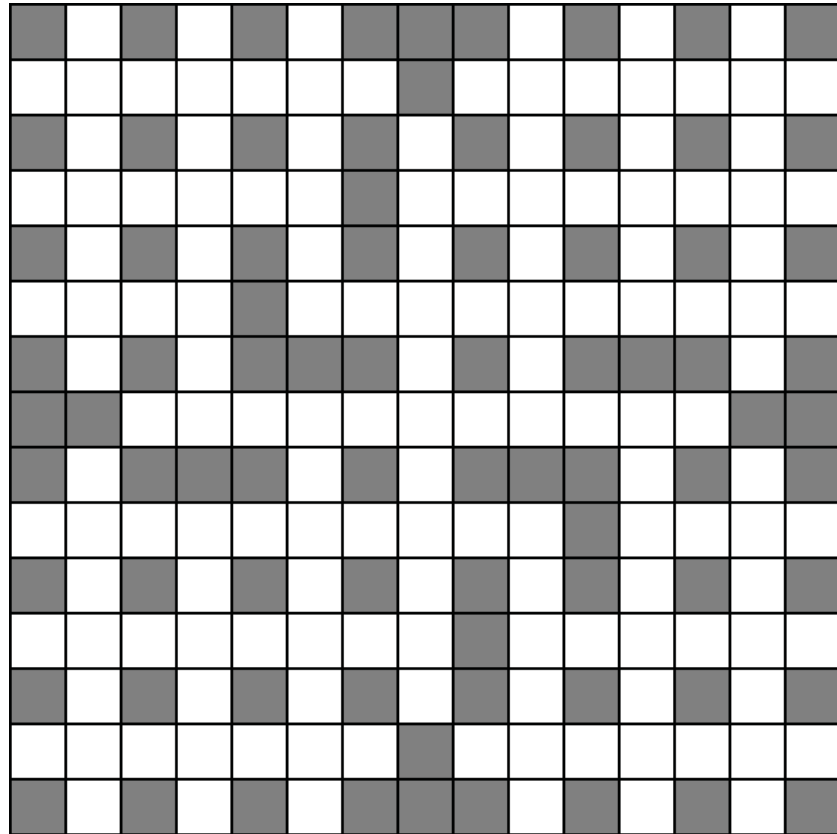
**AJ**

by

**KA**

**Prize  
\$75**

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



- A** A song about German on the beach (7)
- B** This 17th Century style ship is carrying nothing (7)
- C** Romantic old blood Edward VIII sheltered was heartless (4-7)
- D** Scruffy Afghan shepherd dreaded losing leader (3-5)
- E** Eastern pottery, perhaps, has layer made of clay (7)
- F** Support on way for pedestrian access (8)
- G** Bird from country sounds awful (6,4)
- H** Former English politician suppressed exploding ire, and ran (7)
- I** Mythical Greek maiden with thanks for very little (4)
- J** Girl had bread returned to caretaker (7)
- K** Awkward jump adopted by Scottish cows? (6)
- L** Drink made from nearly 67% candy (6)
- M** Two Greek characters take turns to produce dress (3-3)
- N** No-one has no torso (6)
- O** Passed across to endorse (8)
- P** Likely for expert girl to accept learner (8)
- Q** Announce measurements of mineral (6)
- R** Without difficulty, peruse lazily, ignoring daughter (7)
- S** Bilby has adjusted poorly (8)
- T** This settlement included illumination for seed transportation system (11)
- U** Fundamental for subordinate to have money (10)
- V** Two boys are prey (6)
- W** Polisher kept baby-food in waterproof wrapping (3,5)
- X** Celebration for unknown French house? (4)
- Y** Depend on going back over poem for singer (7)
- Z** Scientific study of menagerie having record year (7)

**GENERAL COMMENTS (contd from p4):**

- Thank you so much for the April slot 5 prize.
- Liked this month's offerings. Took lots of thought and investigation to complete.
- Many thanks to you all for the best crossword club ever.
- Thank you for last month's prize. A lovely surprise!
- Thank you for my surprise prize for Slot 6 (March). Very welcome.
- [all puzzles] really tested the grey matter and proved very interesting. I extend my thanks to the committee for their consistency hard work.

*Helen Perrow*  
*Ulla Axelsen*  
*Robyn Wimbush*  
*Sonia Roulston*  
*Pat Lord*  
*Jean Evans*

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<b><i>Time for a Break by Crowsman</i></b>


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**Across**

- 8 Triumphant call getting flag from 3 (6)
- 9 Veteran is beginning, taking in a boy (8)
- 10 This tower is an attractive sight, they say (6)
- 11 Brewed simarouba, but not socially acceptable nectar! (8)
- 12 Starving houses are not causing alarm (8)
- 13 When to buy small US flags for charity? Follow diary, oddly enough! (3,3)
- 14 Character fired up in dock (7)
- 17 Story about an amply-eared dog (7)
- 20 Animals from Eastern regions (6)
- 22 English crowd has very much support for coffee (8)
- 25 Dope has docked sheep in mess (8)
- 26 Oppressive open country hideout (6)
- 27 Shrimp's tail consumed by land turtle (8)
- 28 Hang back and criticize blabbermouth (6)

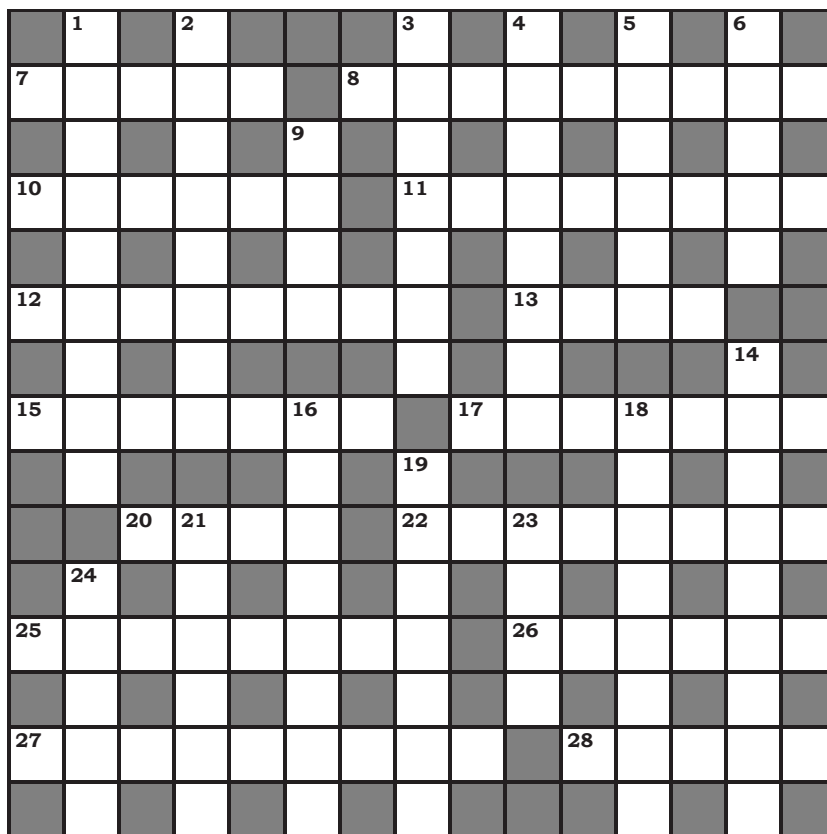
**Down**

- 1 I roll up with an Egypto-Sudanese (6)
- 2 Small imp that is one's own picture (6)
- 3 Shot a turncoat in Victorian town (8)
- 4 Cook, for example, is on estate (7)
- 5 Inferior sportsman has rung up small amount (6)
- 6 Sledge John, succeeding to upset fault-finder (8)
- 7 Ancestry shows male escaping from retreat (8)
- 15 Gasoline is dumped, but emptied initially for nothing! (8)
- 16 Hunger alarm for breed of cattle (8)
- 18 Studentship is eye-opening time (8)
- 19 The disturbance in sports area leads to change of mind (7)
- 21 Plain tread is reported (6)
- 23 Pass drinks between English pair (6)
- 24 Now and then notice waver (6)

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## Cryptic by Zplig

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### Across

- 7 Either way it comes out true (5)
- 8 and 11 Acclaimed writer recited humorously an apt description of Venus? (9,8)
- 10 Southern region against early Athens (6)
- 11 see 8
- 12 Royalist oddly alive in Ford, say (8)
- 13 Specific kind of sugar initially stopped America's growing obesity (4)
- 15 It may be the hospital put in phoney papers (7)
- 17 Adult and son anaesthetized separately (7)
- 20 Revolutionary talked of days in Cuba (4)
- 22 Heard of tree leaves that are infused to make paper? (8)
- 25 On act IV - "A wild trip!" (8)
- 26 Be rich to a point (6)
- 27 Elated to have put out a fire? (9)
- 28 Serve grub without any means of support (5)

- 2 Disgrace agent that was briefed on kind of bug (8)
- 3 Newton wrote about King's system (7)
- 4 Rings up star during scene change (8)
- 5 Seeking silver-plated casing (6)
- 6 Iron Lady in France! (5)
- 9 Christmas characters are all in the imagination (4)
- 14 Germs seen running amok in carrier of genetic material (9)
- 16 Former revolutionary crossed international conglomeration (8)
- 18 Abstract words of denial on a legislative introduction (8)
- 19 Bridge player ready to play without partner - I'm amazed! (7)
- 21 Right-leaning facility endlessly radicalised (6)
- 23 Quiz master and feller come up (4)
- 24 Youngster left this irreligious place (5)

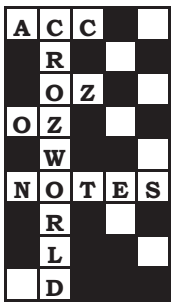
### Down

- 1 Communist plot with expert case for our neighbour? (3,6)

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**Results of Quiz No 4/2017:**

**Begin with the End in Mind! by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen)**  
**No of entries: 42. Winner: Warren Allen. Congrats!**

**Results: 26:** Abbott P, Allen W, Audrins K, Caine R, Cockburn B, Colgan L, Crowe J, Fowler J, Garner P, Glissan B, Gooderick R, Hagan B, Harper K, IbbottB, Jones D, Leigh J, Lemon G, Lord P, Mackay-Sim C, Martin A, Miles A, Millard A, O'Brien E, Procter M, Simons A, Storey N, Symons B, Taylor R, Walker A, Wenham J, Wilcox C and Wimbush R. **25:** Cromer B, Grainger D, McClelland C, McPherson T, and Pearce J. **24:** Ducker B, McKenzie R and Pinder S. **22:** Heath P. **16:** Williams K.

**Answers:** 1. Agenda 2. Breadcrumb 3. Cathartic 4. Downward 5. Dumbfound 6. Elaborate 7. Foolproof 8. Googling 9. Hotchpotch 10. Hyacinth 11. Incubi 12. Knapsack 13. Literal/logical 14. Maelstrom 15. Momentum 16. Norsemen

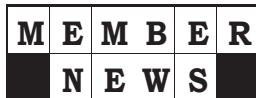
17. Oratorio 18. Partnership 19. Racketeer 20. Rejoinder 21. Santa Claus 22. Spontaneous 23. Tempest/torment 24. Tournament 25. Withdraw 26. Yellowbelly.

**Setter's comments:** Thank you for all your kind words and positive comments. I have listed two answers for #13 and #23, both occurred frequently. There were one-off answers for some others which I have given as correct after carefully checking all sources. I loved the answer 'guessing' for #8 but couldn't give it a tick even though using the internet for research does give you that feeling sometimes.

**Solvers' Comments:**

- A Stupendous ExtensivE & DistinguisheD quiz worthy of SalutationS! Thanks for your enjoyable mindbender. *Alan Walter*
- Good fun, with an interesting set of answers that would be intriguing to clue as cryptic crossword answers. *Len Colgan*
- It was fun once I knew the common denominator. *Patricia Abbott*
- It never ceases to amaze me at how you think up so many variations to the quizzes. Very enjoyable. *Julie Leigh*
- Thanks for another great quiz. *Brian Symons*
- The quiz is special every month, and this was no exception. *Ann Millard*
- #21 had me stumped for ages, but, of course, it's so obvious (once you know)! *Julie Crowe*
- Great quiz – thanks so much. *Trish McPherson*
- Thanks for the quiz. I enjoyed the challenge. *Jenny Wenham*
- Thanks once again for one of your excellent quizzes. I am a bit doubtful about a couple of my answers so am keeping my fingers crossed. *Doreen Jones*

- Keep them coming. *Barbara Glissan*
- Thank you for a most entertaining quiz for over Easter time. *Barb Ibbott*
- I really enjoyed your quiz and hope I've made the right choices with my answers. *Bev Cockburn*
- Thank you for another entertaining quiz. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Thank you for this quiz. It took me a while to work out the significance of the title, but thoroughly enjoyed the challenge, although not sure if everything is right. *Ro Ducker*
- I don't often do the quiz but have enjoyed this one. *Hilary Cromer*
- Thanks again for an excellent quiz. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Thank you, Ulla, for a good time. Think it easy until you come a cropper. "Declining" and "Growing Naturally..." took me ages – hope I am right! I keep saying – you clever compilers look at a word and see such potential. I look at a word – nothing!!! Cheers. *Eileen O'Brien*
- Really enjoyed this, I originally had 'tornado' for 'tempest' then realised it didn't end with the same letter. *Marian Procter*
- Thanks for your quiz which I enjoyed. For some reason, I found the second half much easier than the first and so I did, indeed, begin with the end! *Andrew Miles*
- Thanks for the brain-taxing quiz. *Pat Lord*
- A really enjoyable quiz. Despite the title it took me a while to cotton on to the theme! *Roy Taylor*
- Thanks for this bit of fun. *Pat Garner*
- Thank you for a fun quiz. I hope my answers are correct but I enjoyed trying anyway. *Robyn Caine*
- A great puzzle. You tricked me on three at least. Thanks for the 'brain-work'. *Phyl Heath*
- Again another enjoyable quiz, please keep them coming, I like the challenge. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Many thanks for your simple but tricky quiz. By simple I don't mean easy but straightforward to apply the rules. The title was a bit of a give-away confirmed by the Agenda. Surprising that the easiest clues took the longest eg downward and (having lived in outback Qld) Yellowbelly. Keep 'em coming! *Jim Fowler*
- This one was a bumpy ride. I sailed along for a while, hit a snag, got going again, got stuck again ... and possibly arrived at the right result. Thanks for the fun. *Kath Harper*
- Great quiz, and what a workout for the brain! For a long time I tried to convince myself that a long distance hiker might carry a knifeblock, but fortunately sense prevailed! *Alison Martin*



**Errata and Corrigenda for June Edition**

Dots for April have been awarded as follows:

Merv Collins slots 2, 3, 4 and 5;

Frank Martin slots 1, 2, 3 and 5;

Rob Moline slot 2;

Mike Potts slots 2, 3, 4 and 5; and

Betty Siegman slots 2, 3 and 4.

Zinzan's e-mail address for May Slot 7 entries, specified on page 13 of the May edition of *CrOZworld*, should read *mcandap@bigpond.net.au*

The rubric for May Slot 6 should read "Seven perimeter terms. of lengths (3), (6), (7), (8), (9), (9) and (3,11) (not in that order), run from the top left hand corner of the grid clockwise. Each one has a closely associated word concealed in the grid. The associated words have secondary indications but no definitions. Please note that the perimeter words will not be shown correctly in the acknowledgement e-mail.

**CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2017**

Our Annual Victorian Get-together this year will be **Christmas in July** and will be held on Sunday 30 July at the Royal Oak Hotel, 442 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy between 11:30am and 3pm. We already have a few attending; but we need many more. Help! Please.

We have organised an excellent lunch: a tasty first course, a choice of two delectable main courses and a selection of two desserts followed by coffee/tea. Some wine – Red and White – will be provided by the ACC. And you can purchase all sorts of drinks from the bar at very reasonable prices.

If any members prefer a vegetarian meal kindly let Patrick know in advance. Pay on the day. Bookings and enquiries to Patrick Street, ph (03) 9347 1216 or email: *pstreet@bigpond.net.au* by 20 July please. There will be a crossword to solve and a wonderful selection of prizes! Not to mention a lovely warming atmosphere. Come along and join in the merriment! We look forward to renewing acquaintances!

**Quiz No 6/2017: A Confining Quiz by Both Sides.**

Answers are in alphabetical order. Send your solutions to Nea Storey, 10 Whiteman Street, Wanniasa, ACT 2903. Fax: 02 6231 0820. Email: *neachy2@netspeed.com.au*. Closing date 14 July 2017. \$75 prize.

**Clue**

- 1 In confines of alphabet, find student, Tom and artist (8)
- 2 Gold school with intelligence of final letter (9)
- 3 Graduates precede two students in dead heat (8)
- 4 British Nine scores a century (7)
- 5 Almost alter one (6)
- 6 Move rapidly to tie up boat (8)
- 7 Satan's isolated bit of land (5'1,6)
- 8 Rear end of brown horse (5,3)
- 9 Initially Great Uncle Larry attacks Grandad before Chief Peli skips a turn (5,11)
- 10 Almost has #1 sword handle on (Slang 5,6)
- 11 Empty indeed! (8)
- 12 Broken oak, chopped up in Indonesia (9)
- 13 Extended hound's hunting cry (4,3)
- 14 Aggregate + unknown extra (9)
- 15 Labyrinth (4)
- 16 Not available! No starters on Uluru (5)
- 17 Novel entry (7)
- 18 No Banner – LXIV (5,2)
- 19 Sloping covering on top of roof (9)
- 20 TV series for breakfast? (8)
- 21 Roy & Hur on 8 part 2 (6,6)
- 22 Choirmaster's exhortation to choir! (4,4)
- 23 Unfamiliar paths (11)
- 24 Fool rodent now, stupid (5,2,6)
- 25 Bitter plant scours (8,6)

**May 1-2017: Patpourri of the Street by Stroz (Patrick Street)**

- A real potpourri! Loved RANSOM. Took a while to get OVERMAN; not helped by having OUTWIT. *Rob Moline*
- I never seem to be on the same wave-length as Patrick! Putting OUTWIT for OUTFOX didn't help. *Nea Storey*
- 1dn: either 'nice' or 'fine' fits this clue..... either should be acceptable. *Maureen Blake*
- Hand of the master! *Eileen O'Brien*
- Lots of lovely cleverly quirky clues here. *Julie Crowe*
- Difficult! I entered OUTWIT for 6dn which held things up for a time. Loved the clue for SCARECROW. *Anne Simons*
- A tough slot 1 but enjoyable all the same. *Ulla Axelsen*
- RANSOM and FLOWER made me smile. *Rob Moline*
- A very Patricky start to the month! *Kath Harper*
- A few nice tricky clues such as RANSOM. *Roy Taylor*
- A plethora of '!' symbols. I would be hard pushed justifying any of them. 16: Chant appears to be doing double duty as definition for both 'song' and 'evensong'. 2: Very neat clue. *George Rolfe*
- Loved STEEPLECHASER! *Cheryl Wilcox*
- I did enjoy 2dn – RANSOM! *Robyn McKenzie*
- Enjoyable puzzle with cute clues. *Beverley Cockburn*
- Absolutely loved this. Thank you Patrick. *Trish McPherson*

**May 2-2017: Cryptic by Pentangle (Brian Tickle)**

- Some gems in here – loved EXTRACTOR and WINDING UP. *Tony Dobe*
- Lots of great clues here – so hard to choose COTM. *Eileen O'Brien*
- Some great clues – RHEUMATIC, DIPSTICK & my COTM – BLOWIE. *Catherine Hambling*
- Some beaut clues and I especially liked EXTRACTOR and DIPSTICK. *Ann Millard*
- 24ac and 28ac both excellent clues. Finally settled on 'dipstick' for COTM. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Very humorous; but also clever – EXTRACTOR a neat idea; EPIC and ENRAGE & littish. Liked TROPPO, DIPSTICK and last one in BLOWIE; the words as well as the clues. *Rob Moline*
- Some entertaining clues – though enjoyment of 27ac depends on how creaky you feel. *Kath Harper*
- The best of a great set of clues were 24ac, 28ac, 5dn and 8dn. *Len Colgan*
- BLOWIE slowed me down. I gave COTM to DIPSTICK. *Roy Taylor*
- Loved EXTRACTOR (COTM) and DIPSTICK. *Mike Potts*
- With 13ac this surely cannot be right but what the hell!!!! *Valerie Howard*
- I am glad I had an Australian dictionary to confirm the word blowie! Not used in NZ. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Great clues. 13ac WINDING UP was my COTM. *Beverley Cockburn*

**May 3-2017: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)**

- Great clues – especially ROAD MAP, ACRE, STALEMATE and COLLAGE. *Brian Tickle*
- Never played Cluedo so 19dn was a guess. *Nea Storey*
- Again hard to choose COTM. One answer bit shaky. *Eileen O'Brien*
- It was nice to see the characters appear when not specifically clued. Lots of good clues. *Ian Thompson*
- Some great clues but some didn't make sense until I investigated Google to see what Cluedo was about. Other clues were delightfully misleading in their descriptions. Thank you. *Ann Millard*
- Enjoyed Cluedo theme. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Consistently clever clueing; though I felt "holding up" in 29ac would have been more appropriate for a down clue. *Kath Harper*
- Enjoyable puzzle. Took a while to see ACRE is besieged in sacred. *Roy Taylor*
- Not sure about Agra for 12ac but can't find anything else. *Marian Procter*
- 12: 'In' appears redundant. Agra was a besieged city during the Indian Mutiny. *George Rolfe*
- One learns so much. *Robyn Wimbush*
- This puzzle had a Cluedo theme and listed all the usual suspects; as well as one new one. But it was the clue for 23dn which really caught my attention. The solution is E+L+ECT but I came perilously close to entering BLACK. Dr Black is the murder victim in most Cluedo games (ie; having been subject to "shocking treatment") and if you parse 23dn as "prefer" (BACK) over "locum's original" (L); BLACK is the result. Which is exactly what I would have opted for

- but for the fact the word "drug" was serving no apparent purpose in the clue...Not sure whether this was Manveru's intention or not but it very nearly caught out this solver! *Andrew Miles*
- All the time spent playing Cluedo with children and grandchildren has paid off!!! *Cheryl Wilcox*
- A very clever puzzle. Cluedo was one of my favourite games. It was fun revisiting it. *Beverley Cockburn*
- A very enjoyable puzzle; thank you Manveru! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- Great theme – whodunit indeed! *Stephen Young*
- 12ac had me totally confused. My answer is still a guess, based on 'besieged' being an adjective. But 'aura' contains 'ur' or is the definition an ancient city (Agra); or just a city???? I look forward to seeing the answer! *Julie Crowe*
- Enjoyed this one even if I haven't got it correct. A long time since we have played Cluedo. *Judy Schulz*
- Slot 3 was "interesting" given that I've never played Cluedo. Luckily a Wikipedia author was very familiar with the game. *Denis Coates*

**May 4-2017: AJ by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen)**

- Tricky grid. Tricky clues. Lots of fun – especially the clues for EQUALS, ISSUE, KINDLING and RETRIEVAL. *Brian Tickle*
- Always enjoy the AJ. Thanks Valkyrie. *Wayne Bradbury*
- THE TROTS was my second choice for COTM. *Nea Storey*
- Bit 'leery' about my answer for Z! *Eileen O'Brien*
- Most enjoyable as usual. C&T were last. *Anne Simons*
- The T solution reminded me of the puzzlement of an Englishwoman I knew, newly arrived in a country town, when people invited her to go to the trots! *Kath Harper*
- Always an enjoyable puzzle. *Ann Millard*
- Grid design made this a bit tougher but once we got started all was OK. Got quite upset with the T clue. *Richard Skinner*
- THETROTS was my runner up for COTM. *Mike Potts*
- Enjoyable puzzle. Z: 'My' appears redundant. *George Rolfe*
- Not so easy this month but enjoyable as usual. Thank you. *Robyn Wimbush*
- An enjoyable puzzle. *Ian Thompson*
- That was fun! *Alan Garner*
- Some great and testing clues. Loved "the trots"; almost my COTM. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Succinct, honest clueing; thank you Ulla. *Beverley Cockburn*
- The Trots made me smile – well clued. *Trish McPherson*
- As always this was a very enjoyable alphabetical. I particularly liked the F clue. So clever! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*

**May 5-2017: Cryptic by Blue King (Roy Low)**

- The long, two-word anagrams and the 3-letter words made this really challenging. *Nea Storey*
- Really enjoyed the brain work-out in this one even though couple of my answers questionable. *Eileen O'Brien*
- All those long words! Some of the short ones were just as hard. Here's hoping. *Anne Simons*
- Had 'scam' but took a while to find that 'sc' means 'that is to say'. Wish I knew more Latin! *Ulla Axelsen*
- Those pesky 3-letter words caused me the most trouble. If 'bra' is right it is a brilliant clue! *Maureen Blake*
- Challenging; lot of good clues. I thought clue for SHE a bit hard. (centre of fisheye) *Roy Taylor*
- The long words fell in nicely but there were some nasty 3-letter words. Am still not confident that I have this correct. *Ann Millard*
- LARCENIES and MOONSHINE strong contenders for COTM here. *Mike Potts*
- So many 15-letter words. I love them. *Robyn Wimbush*
- I currently have no idea what the answer to 13dn is. Hopefully I'll work it out before the deadline. A city of anagrams with suburbs of some tough, some not so, clues. Good one. *Richard Skinner*
- Loved "WEDDING MARCH". *Cheryl Wilcox*
- ISSUE again! Lovely clue. Unusual grid with tricky 3-letter words. *Beverley Cockburn*
- 11: Poor surface. 20: Wouldn't 'organized' (v) be better? 6: If you happen to get the chamber containing the bullet it is not a 'lucky shot'. *George Rolfe*
- 16dn: DNA – family tattoo or INK – sink with the top off; but what then of family. I have opted for DNA. *Trish McPherson*
- I just can't get 23ac and 2dn which are driving me around the bend. I can't justify any more time on them as I am going around in circles ... looking forward to your explanations in the next Crozworld. *Graeme Cole*

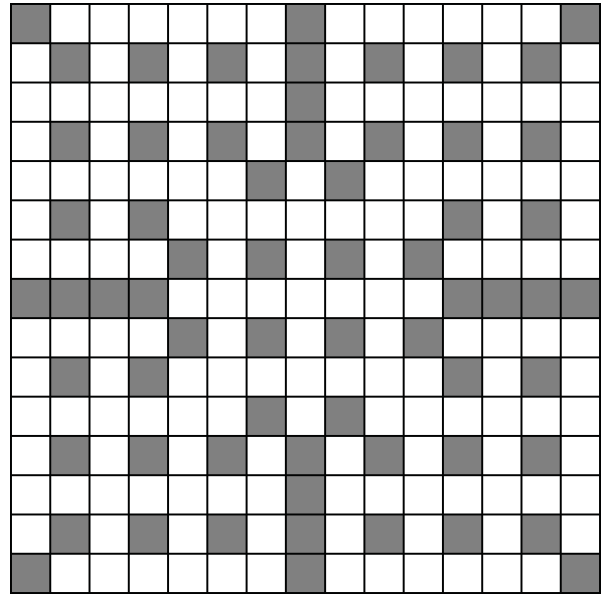
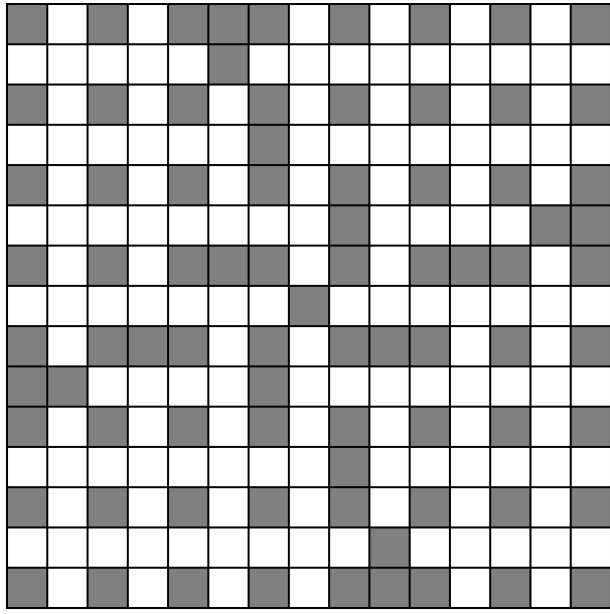
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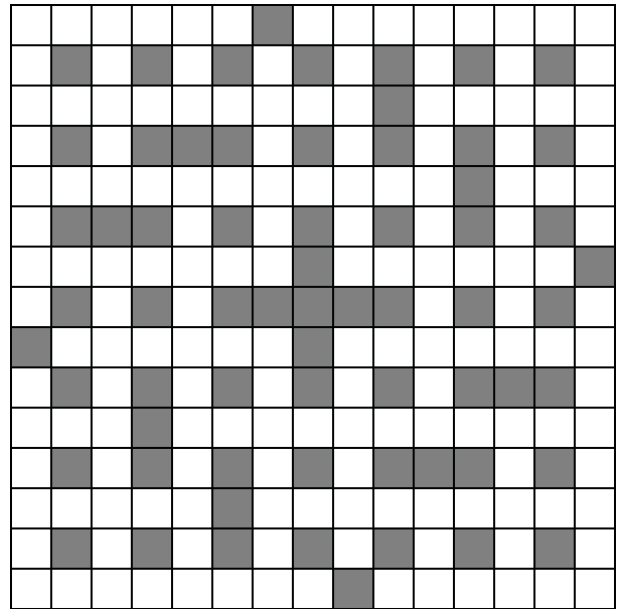
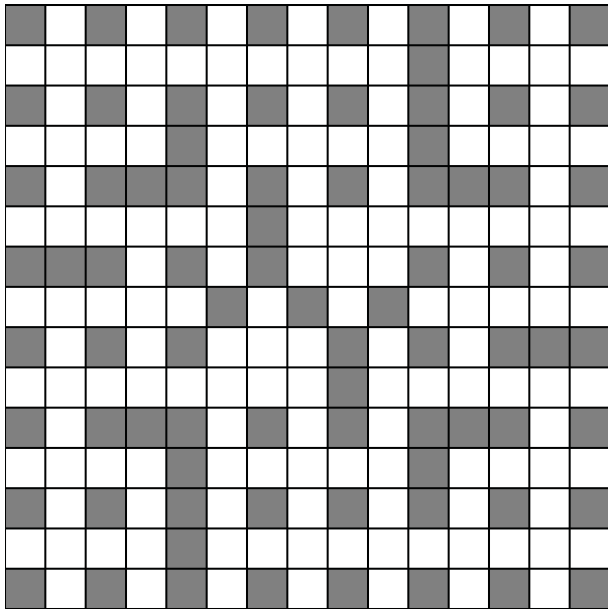
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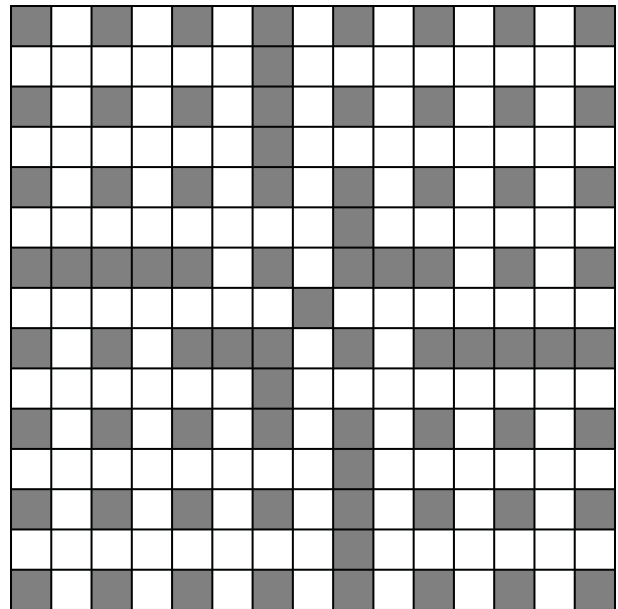
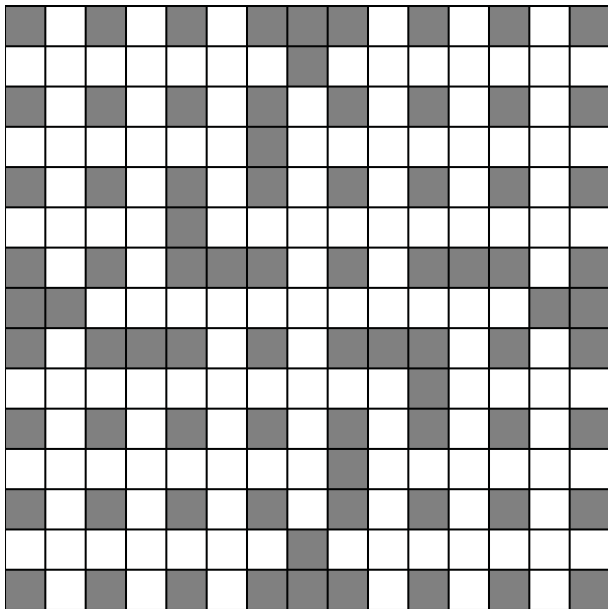
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Clue of the Month .....

**April 6-2017: Start 'em up by St Jude (Drew Meek).**

**51 entries. 47 correct. Success rate: 92%.**

**Prizewinner: Ian Mason. Congratulations!**

**Adjudicator comments:**

Unfortunately ACCOLADE couldn't cope with this puzzle, so thanks to Kay for adjudication of the snail mail entries overcoming the cost and time variability of post to Switzerland.

The EMPLACE was in the lead position of the words in this puzzle. An extra clue was from the adjudicator's comments on page 1 for March slot 2 mentioning the other theme indicator Emma=M. Mews and Mess were interchangeable as were meme/mime and memo. Several solvers commented on the editorial glitch which saw mass rape indicated as (8) and not (4,4). Original submission had the correct indication but (8) crept in unnoticed by Ian or me at some point. There was another booboo in hotchpotch clue which changed during editing from English to England but 'E' remained, so Spain should have become the departure point for the poet!

MYELINE is an alternative spelling given in Macquarie and Collins but not in Chambers for myelin. These issues didn't seem to faze the solvers, giving a high success rate. A couple of misspellings, GAI-TAI (in a text entry rather than grid entry!); maetads for MAENADS. Double entry of MIME and a missing MEMO. A MIMI for the heroine giving MY PLACE for emplace.

**Explanations** (in order of clues). dam>,dd, MI+ME, hidden, dd, M+ESS, em>MEx2, dd, dd, MAG+MA, dd, aMoEbA+T-Y, MAR + IN + E, dd, M+(h)EAD+OW, homoph my Thai, (EneMYLINE)\*, MA+JEST+Y, dd, MEL+LOWS, (SAD + MEAN)\*, MOO+RAGE, MAY+POLE, EMP+LACE (theme indicator), (MENUS + AN)\*, (A + TAME + EX)\*, M (E) AD, (SHAMeS + HIM)\*, (MALIMSICK)\*, MUM+SIESTa, M+(L)OBSTERS, MASS+RAPE, M(ASTER)ED.

**Solvers' Comments**

• Mmmm.... I like the way you have one word not starting with M, which tells you what to do, and one where you describe the theme. *Rob Moline*

• Thanks for your Slot 6 puzzle which was enjoyable! I will refrain from making any ambivalent noises based on the subject letter. *Andrew Miles*

• I'm not super confident in my solving abilities - not too bad, but not up there with the Masters/Masteresses. Enjoyed the puzzle, for the most part. A couple of my answers very suspect. Looking forward to the explanations. *Eileen O'Brien*

• I found this an interesting challenge, and made more difficult by the fact that I slotted some answers in a bit too confidently. *Ian Thompson*

• I found it pretty hard, and so there are a couple of guesses. *Ro Ducker*

• This was an interesting challenge. *Ann Millard*

• Thanks for an ingenious and challenging puzzle. I enjoyed the clues for MUMSIEST, MOBSTERS and the clever use of EMMA. *Brian Tickle*

• This was a tough puzzle insofar as it wasn't until we got the last two (eight letter) answers that we were able to finally slot everything in. All in all it took a while to sort it all out. Good fun and a decent challenge. What more could we ask for? *Richard Skinner*

• In MOORAGE, the RAGE should have been clued as "anger" not "angry". A little unfair to have the title of "Start 'em up" to indicate that answers began with E or M, as M is the start of "me" it is not the start of "em". The E answers EMPLACE and EMMA were unfairly difficult to deduce, the wording in the clue to EMPLACE stating "each other answer in this puzzle" implies that this is the only one beginning EM. There is no similar hint in the clue to EMMA. Otherwise this was a very challenging puzzle. *Alan Walter*

• After I realised that all the answers began with M it became easier - until the Jane Austen heroine. I could only think of EMMA, then the penny dropped. *Marian Procter*

• What an interesting concept and an amazing feat with every answer starting with M. Except two, which complicated the puzzle for me for quite a while. *Bev Cockburn*

• I enjoyed "Start 'em up" but got quite frustrated about EMMA until it eventually fell into place. *Jill Freeland*

• Good, tricky puzzle, worthy of slot 6. *Roy Taylor*

• A difficult and very challenging puzzle, which I enjoyed doing after lots of white-out and shelving it. Decided to have another go and finally got it out. *Claire McClelland*

• What a tough job it was to sort out where the answers went. I enjoyed the challenge and thanks to St Jude. *Robyn Caine*

• Terrific clues but Gee! I had trouble fitting all the answers into the grid. *Pat Lord*

• Very clever, just when I thought every word began with M I found one starting with E. Some juggling required to fit them into the grid. Good fun. *Anon [couldn't read the initials and it had been separated from the solutions: KW]*

• "Can't be done!" I said, then MUM and MAD proved it could be - a great puzzle. *Ian Mason*

**Explanations for clues in May 2017 grids**

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

**Slot 1: Stroz. Explanations to cryptic clues. Across: 6 dd, 7 Hum (vibrate) + drum (ear), 9 very = tres + s, 10 record = hit + or + long after (miss), 11 dd, 13 f + lower, 15 dd, 19 (house arrest - south)\*, 20 dd, 23 (sanction + r)\*, 24 Mu + (fit)\*, 26 Ch + Im + NEY, 27 Opt +I + mum. Down: 14 cd, 18 in + firm, 21 cd.**

**Slot 2 Pentangle. Across: 1 WR(E)ATH, 4 (HEAD)\*RENT, 10 R(ACID)\*ALLY, 11 (ROOTS)\*, 12 tAUNTS, 13 dd, 14 LE(REST)T\*, 16 Hidden, 19 tASKS, 21 ENG + RAVE, 24 EXTR(A)CTOR, 25 C + REST, 26 PIE + CakE, 27 "ROOM + ATTIC", 28 (I)DIPSTICK, 29 SEL(I)OUT\*. Down: 1 WAR + RANTS, 2 END + ANGER, 3 "TAX", 5 DO(YEN)NE, 6 ALIENTHING\*, 7 E + (ANGER)\*, 8 <(OPPORT)unity, 9 (BELOW I)\*, 15 STATEMENT\*, 17 (DEALT)\*<SET, 18 PEN + "TACKLE", 20 AC(IRI)TS\*, 21 IEARNER, 22 HEA(PE)D, 23 ST + <PEER, 25 CAME + O.**

**Slot 3 Manveru. Note † identifies Cluedo characters. Across: 1 CLUE+DO, 4 S(C)OT FREE, 10 C+O+D(F)ISH, 11 Cryptic, 12 SACREd, 13 STA(B)LEMATE, 15 LICIT after E, 16 MUST+(I)ARD)†, 20 PEA(CO+C)K†, 21 T(o)R(s)O + PIC, 24 (O + GLORY + IS + U + R)\*, 26 RAIL <, 28 HE+E(DIN)G, 29 Hidden - ilLEGAL LOCKdown, 30 (UNSEASONED without ON)\*, 31 anagrAMIDSTashed. Down: 1 (C+NAMELY+C)\*, 2 (RUDE+REF+IN)\*, 3 D(R)IP, 5 C+(BEER+RUM)\*, 6 T(ARC + JET)\*ORY, 7 RU+MBA, 8 detaineeS+PIE+Dish, 9 Initial letters†, 14 DIS+CURS+(I)IVE, 17 RE(PRI)MAND, 18 S(COUR(a)GE)S, 19 (C + STARLET)\*†, 22 ORC+HID†, 23 (L+E)< +ECT, 25 DD, 27 PLUM(e)†.**

**Slot 4 Valkyrie. A (ACCUSATION - A - N)\*, B BRAS(HE)S+T, C CURS + O(R)ILY, D DAM+ASK, E E + (QUALM)S, F cd - pun on "affluent" = flush, G FLOG< + SH(O)E, H HEN+CE+FOR+TH, I tISSUE, J J + INN + S, K KIND + LING, L REEL< + Y (homophone), M MAN+U+A+L, N (ONLY MEASLES - O), O (TELLER STOOD - SO)\*, P troPHY+ (SICILIAN- IL), Q Q+U+ELL, R TRIED inside LAVER<, S S(H)ELF, T Anag of T+T+T+ wHORES, U jUMPs + TEEN, V VI (CLONE)\* E, W WA (IT+E) R + S, X (SIX+AX)<, Y YEw+LPE+D, Z TH in SUEZ<.**

**Slot 5. Blue King. Across: 1 OBE inside RD, 4 L + A + RC + SEINE <, 9 POROUS around u(NDE)r, 10 ref: Johnny Cash hit-song "A boy named Sue", 11 (I MISS MUTANTS)\*, 14 dd + &Lit, 17 dd, 20 (CALGARY EVENT)\*, 23 CURIOUS with h(OUS)e rep by A, 24 (DOOR NOTCH)\*, 25 MOON + S(H)INE, 26 Substitute ST(reet) with C(old) in LYRIST with C for st. Down: 1 RE + fir(e) = PINE, 2 dd, 3 DRESS + RE-HEARS + ALS, 4 (I LOVED DRACONIAN)\*, 5 (OIL NUTS + TREASURE)\*, 6 E + PISTE + MO + LOGICAL, 7 (rev hidden in "whaTS Nice", 8 SEE + M(y), 12 BicaRbonAte (every 4<sup>th</sup> letter), 13 fi(SHE)ye, 15 dd (cricket reference and good-bye), 16 KIN moving K down, 18 IN + ROOD<, 19 homoph SIN DICK, 21 SC + AM, 22 (c)ARGO.**

## Vale Alan Walter

by Patrick Street

Alan died suddenly on Monday 24 April 2017. Alan was one of the three original members of the ACC when it began in May 1990. He was greatly assisted by Noel Jessop (Puzzle Set-up) and Carole Noble (Secretary). In his first publication, Alan wrote: "The club's main aims are to entertain, instruct and challenge members via the medium of crosswords. To this end every member is invited to participate not only in submitting crossword solutions each month, but also to submit puzzles for publication."

In the ACC's first publication, Alan published four crosswords and as *The Sphynx* was the author of the Orthodox puzzle and the Zyxotic Jigsaw (Reverse Alphabetical) puzzle.

He was the ACC Adjudicator for three years in addition to his Treasury duties and editor and publisher of the monthly *CrOZworld* for 10 years which meant he supervised 121 editions. Special votes of thanks were tendered to him for his tireless efforts in organising the ACC's magazine *CrOZworld*, its format and the Club's finances.

As Alan did not have a computer, many of his publications contained his handwritten comments and the font types varied from one to the other. As a result, his publications had that homey, friendly, cut-and-paste look which was quite popular with many of the members.

After 10 years of publishing *CrOZworld*, Alan said in 2000 that he did not wish to continue with his duties and in June 2000, the monthly publication was taken over by Patrick Street and has continued to this day.

Alan had been solving crosswords since Primary School when he solved the orthodox crossword in the school magazine. In 1984 Alan commenced compiling cryptics every Saturday for the *Manly Daily*, the *Advocate* and the *Mosman Daily*. By 1992 he had compiled about 500 cryptics and 500 orthodox puzzles. In 1996 Alan set the *Australiana* crossword in the *Reader's Digest*.

On the academic front, Alan had a B.Sc (Syd) and a Dip Ed (Syd Teachers' College) and was the Senior Head Teacher in Mathematics at the North Sydney College of TAFE at Gore Hill (NSW). Alan retired after his long career in teaching in August 1999.

On the personal side, Alan and his wife Doreen had two sons, two daughters and since 1990, had been blessed with six grandchildren.

Alan was made a Life Member of the ACC in December 2000. He presented the ACC with 62 puzzles and 13 quizzes over the years.

His compiler's name was different on 34 occasions. Here are some examples of his cruciverbalnyms:

*A Jolly Swagman, Ann Atomic, Ann Onymous, A Pleasure, Blarney Stone, Catherine Wheel, D. Mentia, Goosey Gander, Jack Aranda, Mary Kissamiss, Perry Wigg, Q. T. Pye, Sammy Quaver, Terry Lean, The Sphynx, Widdershins, Witch Doctor? and Xing Logos.*

Alan won prizes on 25 occasions plus was the winner of the Cumulative Slot 6 puzzles on 36 occasions. He presented to the ACC 15 Annual reports in relation to his time as the ACC's Treasurer. In September 1990 Alan wrote "A potted history of our Crossword Club" and included:

"And even though the weeds may grow  
And the gardens unattended  
We'll have a go until we know  
The puzzles are all ended."

### Owed to Alan by Irene Watts (June 2000)

Our Treasurer good Alan Walter  
Has done such a wonderful job,  
Fixing *CrOZworlds* without any falter,  
To send to each Betty or Bob,  
But now he is taking some leisure,  
He's quitting the task from this year.

Let's thank him for giving us pleasure;  
Let's give him a very big cheer.

This was what Alan wrote in relation to the ACC's 25 Anniversary in 2015:

### "Notable achievements of the ACC in 25 Years.

In 1990 our first 8 issues contained 4 crosswords. In 1991 our next 12 issues contained 5 crosswords and a quiz every second month. In 1992 our next 12 issues contained 6 crosswords. In 2015 our issues of *CrOZworld* now contain 6 or 7 crosswords and 1 or 2 quizzes – quite sufficient a challenge.

Back in 1998 Betty Cumming introduced her super stunning grid containing 8 nonagons, 8 heptagons & 4 hexagons surrounding a central octagon, with blackouts of 4 pentagons & 4 diamonds

(sometimes with variations). These grids & clues greatly captured our imagination.

*Brother Naga*, aka Bob Hagan, first introduced mind-bending clues for his eye-catching hexa-pentagonal honeycomb grids which contained many stacked hexagons each holding 4 pentagons, overall creating a large diamond shape. His poetic puzzles also were memorable gems. *Praxis* (Roy Wilson) kept us supplied with his brilliant barred Ximenean cryptic whilst *Southern Cross* (Shirl O'Brien) tested us with her delightful crosswords from *The Courier Mail*.

*CrOZworld* also contained many very popular Alphabetic Jigsaws, Double Acrostics & some puzzling Snailshells containing topical diagonal wording to assist completing the spiral entries, many supplied by *Virgo* (Audrey Austin). *Raoul* (William Ryan) always entertained us with his humorous puzzles & quizzes.

Our President, *Stroz* (Patrick Street) supplied us with many tasty Christmas Pudding puzzles & other mind-bending original challenges. Many thanks must go to our set-up masters, Noel Jessop, David Stickleby and Ian Williams, to our secretaries Carole Noble & Bev Cockburn and to all those dedicated members who have constantly supplied puzzles & quizzes to our illustrious editions of *CrOZworld*.

Also many thanks to our printers & distributors David Procter (June 2000-Feb 2003) & President Patrick from Feb 2003-date.

Long may the success of the ACC continue."



**Vale Alan Walter**  
by **Bev Cockburn**

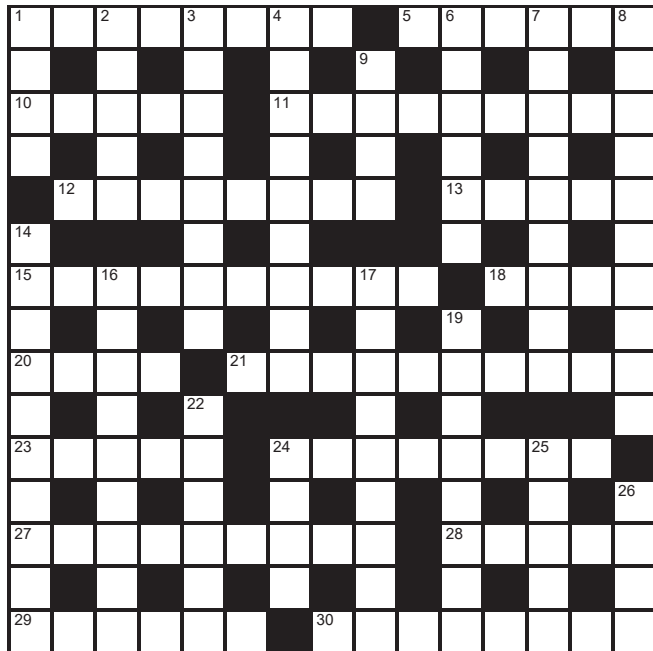
Alan Walter's passing was a great shock to those who had known him and admired him, particularly to the long-time members of the Australian Crossword Club.

Without his efforts, along with one or two others, the Club would not have come into being. He worked very hard, long before we had home commuters and sophisticated printers, to produce a monthly magazine which, at the time, seemed very professional and very much appreciated by the members.

Alan's comments and explanations, all intended to be helpful, especially to me, were a constant presence in each edition of *Crozworld*.

We are so grateful for his input into the Club and he will be long remembered.

My sincere condolences go to Doreen and her loving family at this very sad time.



**A Breeze of Trees by Jack Aranda (Alan Walter)**

**Across**

- 1 Australian tree with a tough outer covering (8)
- 5 Minimum number of members required for an official meeting (6)
- 10 Type of Nth. American buttonwood tree (5)
- 11 Large tropical trees with pods containing sweet reddish-black pulp (9)
- 12 Common name for the ornamental Australian Grevillea robusta tree (5,3)
- 13 A snow-leopard (5)
- 15 To deprive of fitness to compete (10)
- 18 The largest island in the Marianas group (4)
- 20 The lioness in *Born Free* (4)
- 21 A show, usually on a large scale, of the products of art and manufacturing (10)
- 23 The verb "broadcast" (2,3)
- 24 A small ornamental Mediterranean tree having slender pink feathery limbs when in flower (8)
- 27 In former times a professional or public writer, clerk or notary (9)
- 28 Cheeky assurance (5)



- 29 A jeweller does this to gemstones taken from old rings (6)
- 30 Australian species of Eucalyptus with a smooth white trunk (5,3)

**Down**

- 1 Devils; fireworks (4)
- 2 An African animal closely related to the giraffe (5)
- 3 An escape (5-3)
- 4 Bent backwards (9)
- 6 Completely dislodge (6)
- 7 Plants of the Buttercup genus (9)
- 8 A person of great mental ability (10)
- 9 In a frenzy (4)
- 14 Adelaide ..... newspaper (10)
- 16 In Nth. America a tree of the laurel family (9)
- 17 To unceremoniously eject a person from a location (9)
- 19 Pale yellow or lemon-coloured gemstones (8)
- 22 A European shrub with evergreen leaves often used in a hedge (6)
- 24 The prong of a fork (4)
- 25 A shoot or twig of a plant with its leaves and flowers (5)
- 26 The true skin (4)