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[Quentin] The word 'now' is like a bomb through the window, and it ticks: Arthur Miller, 1964, *After the Fall, I*.

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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 *Crowsman*, *Zythum* and *KA*. We welcome the brilliant compiler *Valkyrie* in Slot 4 and in Slot 5, our new member *Aver* has provided us with an outstanding puzzle. *Betelgeuse* has compiled another challenging puzzle in Slot 6 and it will be received by Kay Williams. *Fortuna 48* has kindly provided us with an excellent Quiz called *Wash Your Hands* which will stimulate all solvers.

Well, crosswords are a great way to pass several hours at any time, but just now they are practically a lifesaver. A big thank you must go to Patrick, Ian, and all those who help to keep ACC coming to us each month.

Given that State, Territory and the Federal governments are maintaining the current restrictions on association and other measures to counter the Covid-19 pandemic, we shall not be accepting entries mailed to our adjudicators for the time being. As explained recently, for equity and protection reasons we shall again not be offering prizes. We hope that you are enjoying completing our puzzles for fun and that you are savouring the nostalgia of the bonus puzzles. We hope that you and your families stay safe. We shall return to normal operation as soon as restrictions are relaxed sufficiently by our governments.

Slot 1: Welcome to our newest compiler, *P-brane*, whose puzzle was very well received by the members. Most errors occurred in 16ac, with TAUT and RAPT for FAST. Members may have failed to realise this was a cryptic clue, AS in a short length, FT. Otherwise not too many, ABASEMENT, DEROGATRY, SANDPAPER, a few others.

1. I know a chap who compiles crosswords and just turned 100. He was sent an anagram by the Queen.
2. Woke up the other day with a puzzled look on my face. Had fallen asleep on my crossword.
3. A friend was in a theatre production about crossword puns. It was a play on words.
4. Suspect there will never be an edible version of a crossword, but if there is, I'll eat my words.
5. Don't interrupt someone working intently on a puzzle. Chances are, you'll hear some crosswords!

Slot 2: Again, very few errors, MANTLEPIECE, which is OK, but won't fit with 3dn. REVS UP a few times, a bit scary for the passenger and does not fit with the remainder of the clue. Four members failed to notice that 29ac calls for a plural.

Slot 3: Quite a few errors and in several clues. INCLEMENT 5 times for INCREMENT in what was a very clever clue. Some misspellings of RIAL. NECTRINE, HELP. Several members commented favourably on BUTTERED (my favourite), but apparently failed to nominate it as their COTM.

Slot 4: Many favourable comments for the ever popular AJ. Only a few errors overall, a couple obviously typos, TIMIDPR, WEALTHYNESS; it pays to make use of the spell checker when submitting with ACCOLADE.

Slot 5: This puzzle produced copious comments and lots of errors. Not an easy puzzle to be sure, but once one planet was discovered, the penny dropped for a few. Almost half the clues produced some sort of error, but the greatest offender was 22dn, with 16 members settling for NUTATES, probably on account of the planetary theme of the puzzle. But sadly, NOTATES was called for.

COTM: 31 Nominations were received for 18 clues from Slots 1-4 (surprisingly none for Slot 5). ANAGRAMS appeared in slots 3 and 4, and each one received a nomination. Slot 3 was the most popular overall, with 15 nominations for 6 clues, but the runaway winner was 21ac, BEACON, with 9 votes. Congratulations go to *Pentangle*.

Best of Luck with your solving this month! —Patrick

—Betty Siegman

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	93	94	74	83	59	403
Correct entries	73	76	56	78	35	318
Success rate (%)	78.5	80.9	75.7	94	59.3	78.9

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May 1-2020

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May 2-2020

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May 4-2020

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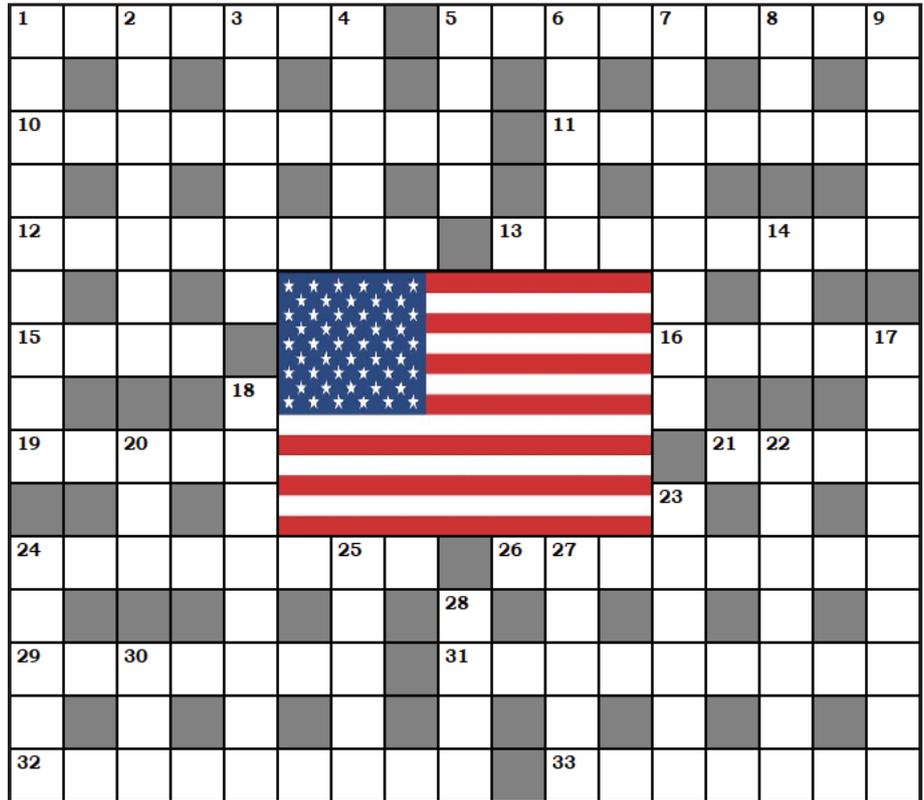
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ACC MEMBERS RESULTS FOR May 2020 Slots 1-5 & April Slot 6

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Abbott P.		.		.		.	Grainger D.			Moline R.
Allen W.	Hagan B.	.			.	.		O'Brien E.
Anderson C.	.		.	.			Hambing C.				.	.		Parsons D.
Audrins K.	Harper K.					.		Patterson A.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Axelsen U.	Hearn R.	.	.		.	.		Pinder S.			.	.		
Barnes J.	Heves N.		.					Pinto J.						.
Batum C.	.			.			Hocking A.	.	.		.			Potts M.		.		.	.	.
Bennett D.	.	.	.				Horadam K.	.	.	.	.			Procter D.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Blake M.			Howat S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Procter M.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Carroll L.		Ibbott B.	.						Roddick M.		.	.	.	.	.
Cockburn B.	Jarman L.	.	.					Rosendorff D.			.	.		.
Cole G.	Jarman R.				.			Roulston S.		.	.	.	.	.
Colgan L.	Jones D.	Ryan W.
Collins M.	.	.		.			Kennedy L.			Seigman B.
Coote P.		.		.			Kennedy M.	Shield A.	.	.		.		
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Cowan M.		.					Lee C.	Smith J.	
Cromer H.	Leigh J.	Storey N.
Crowe J.	Lloyd G.	.						Symons B.		
Davis K.			Mackay-Sim C.	.	.		.			Taylor M.	
Dennis M.		.					Madden J.	.	.		.			Taylor R.	.	.	.	.		.
Dobe T.	Martin A.	.	.	.	.	.		Taylor S.		.	.	.	.	.
Douglas R.	.	.	.				Martin F.	.	.	.	.	.		Thompson I.		.	.	.	.	.
Dowse B.	.		.			.	Mason I.				.			Tickle B.	.	.	.	.		.
Ducker R.	Mathews S.					.		Veress M.	.	.	.	.		.
Ferguson J.	.	.				.	McKenzie I.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Wenham R.		.				
Freeland J.	.					.	McKenzie R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Wilcox C.			.			
Fuller G.				.			McPherson T.	.						Williams Kate		.	.	.	.	.
Garner P.	Meek D.		.	.	.	.		Williams Keith	.	.	.	.	.	.
Glissan B.	Miles A.		.	.	.	.	.	Wimbush R.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Goode P.	.						Millard A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Young A.	.	.	.	.
Gooderick R.			Milton R.	.	.											

|J|U|N|E| |2|0|2|0| |S|L|O|T| |1|
Semi-Cryptic by Crowsman

The Across answers are unclued but themed.



Down

- 1 Seductive female pupil's location has male bloodsucking (9)
- 2 Work late – is becoming exhausted (4,3)
- 3 Elaborate lyrics carry over concert halls (6)
- 4 Engineers toil around hot tombs (5)
- 5 Abuse raised for false witness (4)
- 6 Objectively, we get old habit (5)
- 7 Borders hold endless red water parsnips (8)
- 8 A shot in the past (3)
- 9 Top fruit? Pineapple! (5)
- 14 Lord's Cricket Club removes mean male, for example (3)
- 17 Today, fellow parting is going up a part of Wales (9)
- 18 Go down while breaking law (8)
- 20 Crook has unlimited tablets (3)
- 22 Spooner's reported he comes from a directly impeding ocean flow (4,3)
- 23 Heavyweight boxes surprisingly coy baron (6)
- 24 Talk about new song (5)
- 25 Sweeps elevated green turf (5)
- 27 A multitude uprising in NE India (5)
- 28 Affected for short time – minute? (4)
- 30 Beard seen in Darwin periodically (3)

Although prizes will not be issued during the present emergency, solutions will be adjudicated and dots awarded as usual.

Slots 1-5: David Grainger, by email only please.

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Closing mail date: Friday 26 June 2020.

Slot 6: Kay Williams, email answers or ACCOLADE only please.

Closing mail date: Friday 10 July 2020.

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Cryptic by Zythum

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Across

- 1 Six deliveries with control of direction reduce to helplessness (9)
- 6 Lash to middle of anchor to get out (5)
- 9 Unhappy deity returned around beginning of year - unhealthy time (3,4)
- 10 English quality uranium is limited by fossil fuel having equivalent power (7)
- 11 Source of forecasting for Liberal in middle of contest (6)
- 12 Ponder deception before vermouth consumed (8)
- 14 Encountered Eastern limit (4)
- 15 Lie in dungy mess: that's hard! (10)
- 18 Close to heart of Britain, unload nocturnal comfort (5-5)
- 20 Stand against back stop (4)
- 23 Old whore permanently positioned around President (8)
- 24 Joined fifties fashion follower shortly after tertiary education (6)
- 26 Rational philosopher Ben leaves revolutionary East Berlin (7)
- 27 Centre of radicalisation in undefiled university district (7)
- 28 Married midnight ecstasy! Piece of cake! (5)
- 29 Halloween as one might say on 1st November (9)

Down

- 1 Patient character, unusual chap all round, he takes on all kinds of work (3-3,3)
- 2 Join in half-seen corruption (7)
- 3 Periodical reported lacking strength of constitution (6)
- 4 Gaelic verses unconstrained (4)
- 5 Formic liquid with ice surrounding hard storage medium (10)
- 6 Raised up, the Spanish offer unbounded mercy: possibly true (8)
- 7 Maritime disaster not on in wild mountains (7)
- 8 Give birth to about 50 split down the middle (5)
- 13 Trendy addict stripped down gradually like a needy person (10)
- 16 A lot of money on top of makeshift U.S. institution (5,4)
- 17 Tom in agony with eastern food poisoning (8)
- 19 Wreath of fish on terra firma (7)
- 21 Inexperienced turned loose around rebel leader (7)
- 22 False end of current regret after Hun beheaded (6)
- 23 Excrescences rising up stalks (5)
- 25 Backstop usually limits creative output (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- I have been enjoying all the bonus puzzles you have provided to help us through these times of isolation. It was especially pleasing to see some offerings from Carole Noble. She was so friendly and helpful to me when I first joined the club in late 1990. I had never even heard of an AJ but with Carole's help I soon got the idea and now the AJ is usually the first puzzle I tackle when each new issue of CrOZworld arrives. Brian Tickle
- I think this month has provided the relief from boredom we all needed. Especially Slot 5! Max Roddick
- Thanks for the excerpts from Noel's book. Lynn Jarman

J U N E 2 0 2 0 S L O T 3
Nina by KA

Find Nina's truism.

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Across

- 8 Consumes mixed saute with priest (4,2)
- 9 Use eastern drug on hand (8)
- 10 Infection of skin on relative (8)
- 11 Pull back Army Corps with electrical equipment (6)
- 12 Stifle reformed bit of grammar (6)
- 13 Weapon for a spirited girl without final degree (4-4)
- 14 25 broken leg caught in trap (7)
- 16 The German in a French party will not cook long enough (7)
- 20 Tie can be represented graphically (8)
- 23 Perhaps Uncle will stop animal (6)
- 25 Disregard damaged region (6)
- 26 Flat surface for computer operator (8)
- 27 Story teller from westerly island with hill (8)
- 28 Mineral for two girls (6)

Down

- 1 Model partner hugs mum losing independence (8)
- 2 Aperture of new Coleus (6)
- 3 Medium of mixed spice with female in charge (8)
- 4 Money covers recent restoration (7)
- 5 We Scots swallow wine in Spanish town (6)
- 6 Powerful moral weakness encompasses church (8)
- 7 Nutrient substance for spiritualist (6)
- 15 Policemen woo in trying place (3,5)
- 17 Food containers for mixture of beans and GOS (8)
- 18 Coerces cavalymen (8)
- 19 The tube is part of proven Turing machine (7)
- 21 Newspaper name for rabble (6)
- 22 Inspiration for religious education in English town (6)
- 24 Food for couples leading mutually established lives (6)

GENERAL COMMENTS (contd):

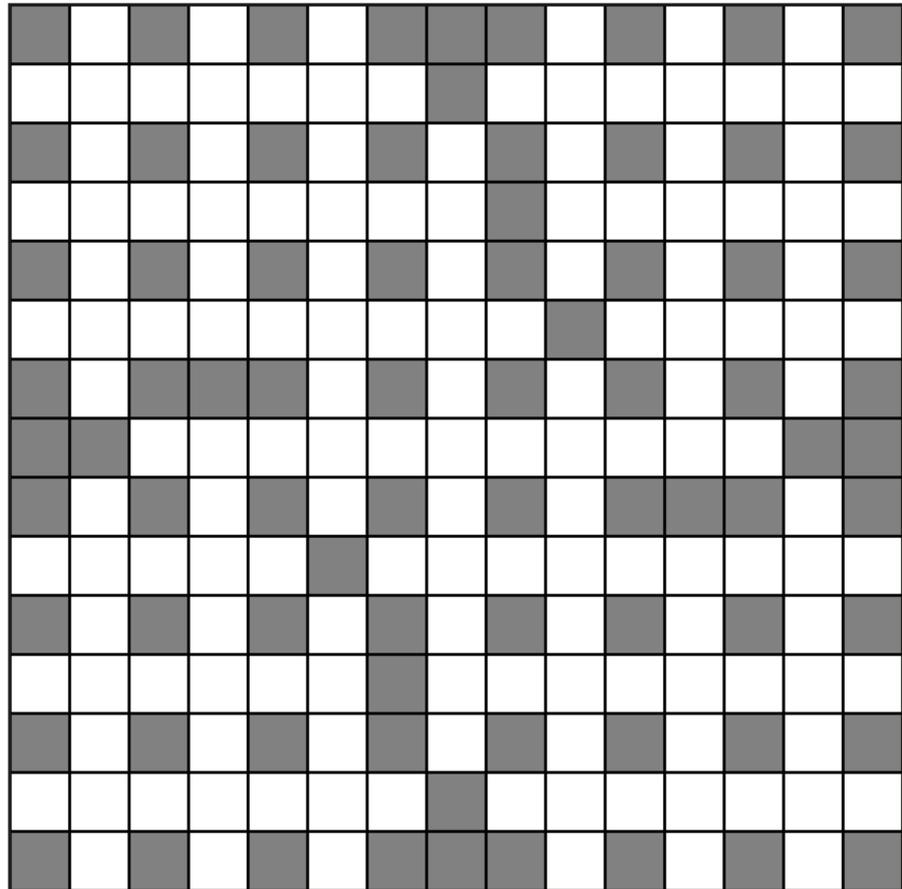
- Thanks for your hard work compilers, adjudicators and editors.
- So glad it's a CrOZworld friendly virus. Thanks to everyone and stay safe.
- My teenage grandsons are so "bored" they're asking to help me with the clues. There's hope for the planet yet.
- I haven't chosen a clue of the month, but, while I didn't manage to solve Raoul's puzzle I enjoyed some of his innovative clues.
- Being shut in I thought I would do well this month, but alas it was the opposite. Thanks for giving me lots of think time anyway.

Gabriel Fuller
 Robyn Wimbush
 Gabriel Fuller
 Judy Randall
 Norma Heyes

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AJ
by
Valkyrie

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



- A** North Bulgaria, not Italy and Belgium, strangely stiff in manner (7)
- B** In addition we hear less important songs (7)
- C** As characteristic of film industry, reviewer loses readers initially after including eccentric name (9)
- D** Separate record about half of team (8)
- E** Dimensions of old camping rig (6)
- F** Lent and Ramadan limit start of early Easter and Eid al-Fitr (5,4)
- G** Indian state acquires small stream for animal (7)
- H** Famous man's corruption all around international clubs (8)
- I** Medici clergy hide chilling consequence of slow dripping of water (6)
- J** Festival month loses last of reputation for ill-humour (7)
- K** Incite the French after race day (6)
- L** PNG city keeps a Revised Version for booklovers perhaps (6)
- M** A thousand and one women's disorders! (8)
- N** Of late, tailless amphibian starts to lose young (5)
- O** Cannabis exchange for three central bits of all-encompassing knowledge results in unlimited power (11)
- P** A spy, strangely, possesses press clothes (7)
- Q** Brief rest broken by short, distasteful, swift drink (7)
- R** Increase speed before holding direction for backwards motion (7)
- S** Fine start to staging *Shylock* (7)
- T** Proven editor worried after nothing was deleted (5)
- U**and German Queen deleted notch (8)
- V** Awestruck admirer of very top producer (9)
- W** Sound of game fish? (9)
- X** Monastery hospice cooked up ox, hound and mice (11)
- Y** Bees, possibly, head for yellow point (5)
- Z** Being divided, intoxicated lose last of drink (5)

Reports from Derek Harrison on crosswordcentre@yahoogroups.com

1. The June Prize Puzzle will be *That's Life* by *Flowerman*.
2. Congratulations to *Azed* who has published his 2,500th *Observer Crossword*. This is a remarkable achievement. Jonathan Crowther took over the post after the death of *Ximenes* in 1972 and has continued to produce weekly puzzles of the highest standard. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the celebratory lunch in Oxford has had to be cancelled but, provisionally, will now take place on 26 September. You can read a nice interview with *Azed* from the *Oxford Mail* at <https://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/18455041-observer-crossword-compiler-azed-reveals-identity/>
3. Martin Woods, who compiles crosswords for the *Big Issue*, has produced a guide to solving cryptic crosswords. The guide includes mini-grids to help learners in the solving process. I am sure that it will be helpful to the growing number of new solvers. <https://www.indigoextra.com/how-to-solve-cryptic-crosswords>
4. The long-running crossword in the *New York Times* may be due to some changes after a mini-revolt from solvers and setters. Hundreds of crossword constructors and enthusiasts co-signed a letter to the man in charge of the *New York Times* puzzles, voicing concerns about implicit bias in a system that they believe favours old, straight, white men and erases the voices of minority crossword constructors and solvers. https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/qjd7kx/new-york-times-crossword-constructors-are-fighting-against-its-systemic-bias

J U N E 2 0 2 0 S L O T 5
<i>Cryptic by Aver</i>

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Across

- 1 Trying to secrete money inside book (11)
- 7 Crone found in Old 24 (3)
- 9 Deleted email hiding complaint (5)
- 10 Yank's distinctive quality is badly septic, y'all; draw a line (9)
- 11 Come ashore on small peninsula wider than it is deep (9)
- 12 Ridge-back, et cetera, but not its short form (5)
- 13 Charnel's overseas, with small overlap in January and February (7)
- 14 Strange, taste-less time to get one's fill (4)
- 17 Creep's bizarre, debased niche! (4)
- 19 Medic hesitated and rapped (7)
- 22 A fiasco (not the first, or last) startled an Old 24 patriarch (5)
- 23 Nil girls for Valentines (9)
- 24 Will's misguided statement (9)
- 25 A small island passage (5)
- 26 Trot from labour union (3)
- 27 Clues like these are bound to mislead (3,8)

Down

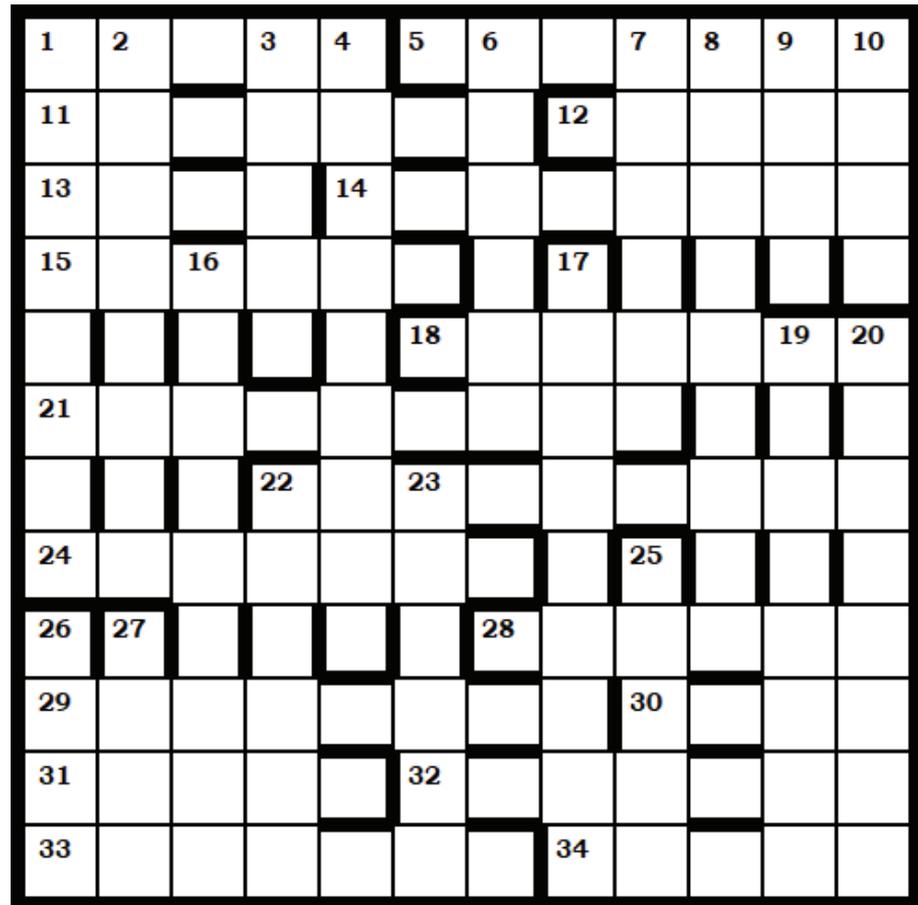
- 1 Old 24 legend fooled around after Thursday (3,5)
- 2 Candour and tolerance (8)
- 3 Usually suspended aloft, after ship was at sea, 17 took a second bearing (10,5)
- 4 Conservative holy man in carefree state of bliss (7)
- 5 Unanimity found amongst the remnants of 2 when the penny dropped (7)
- 6 Fine King Tony was a man of letters (4,6,5)
- 7 Look! The legendary Greek trickster admitted it in hindsight, without hesitation: he was a dick (6)
- 8 Old man spouted something, letting off steam (6)
- 15 Intern is promising but afflicted with gout! (8)
- 16 Sailor took days, half-heartedly returning to court another legendary Greek trickster (8)
- 18 Henry, born English king, died yielding a weapon (7)
- 19 Nut sucker (7)
- 20 After the Fall, the victor took Troy but lost an unspecified number (6)
- 21 Reportedly, what's on for 7's biographer (6)

Aver (James Leaver) I've been solving cryptics (rarely unaided) since I was introduced to them by my high school geography teacher. The school offered a SMH subscription for \$1 a week and it was more entertaining than study. It's something I've stuck to over the years, unlike my arts degree and various other hobbies that have come and gone. I'm a born and raised Sydneysider and wouldn't want to live anywhere else. Sometimes a sailor, usually a reader, always distracted. I'm pleased to make my first contribution as a compiler. My pseudonym is part of my last name but also refers to my profession.

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Displaced Definitions by Betelgeuse

The wordplay in each clue is in the correct indicated place, but the definition will be found at another clue for a word having the same length. Answers are to be entered at the clue containing the relevant wordplay. (Hint: solve a clue and then search for and confirm the definition in another clue with the same number of letters – and so on).



Across

- 1 Constructive thoughts not hot property (5)
- 5 Bowl to youth initially, adjusting joint protector (3,4)
- 11 Leaving port, found original earth tremor terrifying (7)
- 12 Small bird heard to make sudden movement (5)
- 13 By itself, a feature of claim laws (1,1,1,1)
- 14 On setter returning, dog moves slowly (8)
- 15 Able to get behind when turning in a circle (6)
- 18 Evolutionally, Naked Ape is even further removed (7)
- 21 Soapy romantically announcing you are replacing five! (9)
- 22 Silly coat irritates and galls (9)
- 24 Musical passage originally sung but not well (7)
- 28 A cat with no love for a bird (6)
- 29 Injury in New York resulting from distance record (8)
- 30 Fail, having changed direction, to bury in the Highlands (4)
- 31 Little agricultural enclosure for animals (5)
- 32 Again rearranges and treats model appallingly (7)
- 33 Robbery by footpad causes excitement around river retreat (2-5)
- 34 Consent to painful gratification following bath (5)
- 4 Uncomplainingly, cast-away hides drug around trees (9)
- 6 Sex romp not complete without wine and one to provide diversion (6)
- 7 Anonymous screw found overhead (6)
- 8 Those who gladly receive article surrounded by fair fruit (3,6)
- 9 Box found in a pile of collectible waste (4)
- 10 Squirrel's home up a long way? (4)
- 16 Forgive marmelized footballers entering with threatening expressions (9)
- 17 Almost healthy, they arrive after one on a restricted diet (9)
- 19 Is mental aberration a castle-in-the-air? (8)
- 20 He who sets out may dread accident (8)
- 22 One is cold in winter transport without large robe (6)
- 23 Working business finds way to be covered (6)
- 25 Gangsters have record after judge assigned half a month (5)
- 26 Wasted a return of service (4)
- 27 International Maritime Lawyers Association record European (4)

Down

- 1 Added comment is found funny when first of reviews is taken in (8)
- 2 Man takes old lady most of fruit for complaints (8)
- 3 Discovered that a stingo at sunset is a refreshing drink (5)

Slot 6: Kay Williams, email answers or ACCOLADE only please.
Closing mail date: Friday 10 July 2020.
For Online entry, submission and adjudication of all puzzles via ACCOLADE click on www.crosswordclub.org/accolade/

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Results of Quiz 4/2020. Body Language by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen)

Entries received: 3.

Answers: 1. Assistance 2. Bribe 3. Completely 4. Confess 5. Disagreement 6. Dominate 7. Encourage 8. Engrossed 9. Failed 10. Fiercely 11. Following 12. Glum 13. Harangue 14. Ignore 15. Insensitive 16. Jealousy 17. Lament 18. Mistake 19. Notwithstanding 20. Overcome 21. Panic 22. Quarrel 23. Reprimand 24. Survive 25. Trouble 26. Unsavoury 27. Veteran 28. Warmly 29. X-rated 30. Yellow.

I am doing a more informal report this month as there were only 3 entries. This may be due to problems with the internet at this time of unprecedented use, or it may be that the entry date was mistakenly interpreted as the 18th April instead of the 5th May. Whatever it was, I and the editors apologise if there was anyone who inadvertently missed out.

Of the 3 entrants, Julie Crowe scored full marks, with Drew Meek and David Procter close behind. The only real problem was with 'on the nose' which I had down as the Australian slang for 'smelly' or in this case 'unsavoury'. It apparently has a couple of other meanings which could give rise to different answers.

Corrigenda for Crozworld June edition

Bev Cockburn recorded a perfect score for Quiz 3/2020.

Compilers were not credited with a dot for slots 2 to 5 in April. Hence dots to Jack Alexander, Roger Douglas, Jean Barbour and Len Colgan respectively.

In May slot 6 by *Raoul*, the indicator for 21-across should read (4,6).

We regret that solvers of Quiz 5-2020 will find that #24 and #25 are in the incorrect order, so that alphabetical order runs ...**23, 25, 24, 26**,... . Our apologies for the oversight and any torn hair that may have eventuated.

Crossword Jokes:

Person one: I can't find the answer to "Armageddon (3,3,2,3,5)"
 Person two: Ah well, it's not the end of the world.

If you see someone doing a crossword puzzle, whisper in their ear, "7 up is lemonade!".

Person one: What seven-letter word has three u's in it?
 Person two: I don't know, but it must be unusual.

The first rule of The Australian Crossword Club is (3,5,4,2,3,10,9,4).

M	E	M	B	E	R
	N	E	W	S	

ACC Members; Michael Cromer from Kingston, Tasmania, John Brotherton from Cannonvale Qld and Carmel McCormack from North

Perth, WA. Welcome to the ACC.

Crossword Jokes – courtesy of *The Telegraph* readers and the internet. Interested members may subscribe to the *Telegraph Crossword Newsletter* at telegraph.co.uk/puzzlesnewsletter

10 across: Pavarotti gets angry! (5,5) or (3,6): Answer: Tenor cross or ten across!

Person one: I've been solving the crossword for 70 years.
 Person two: It must be quite a hard one, then!

Person one: I'm stuck on this crossword clue. 'Overloaded postman'.
 Person two: How many letters?
 Person three: Thousands of them.

I asked a friend if crossword compilers made up words. He said "No, just down and across words".

I like all sorts of puzzles, like jigsaws and crosswords, but dot-to-dots are where I draw the line.

I didn't realise that I was addicted to crosswords, but when I look back, all the clues were there.

Patient: My crossword is making me depressed.
 Doctor: Try not to get two down.

Two blondes were doing a crossword. One asked, "How do you spell paint"? The other one replied, "What colour"??

Person one: What's a 7-letter word for 'easily perceived or understood' that starts with 'O'?
 Person two: Isn't it obvious?
 Person one: It should be, but I can't figure it out. That's why I'm asking.

"I need help with this crossword," yelled my girlfriend, almost in tears. "9 letters, another word for 'concentration'." – I think she's seeking attention.

Quiz 6/2020 "Wash Your Hands!" by Fortuna 48 (Nea Storey)

All solutions have something in common. Answers are in alphabetical order. Send your solutions to Nea Storey, 10 Whiteman Street, Wanniasa, ACT 2903. By email only please to: chnestorey@netspeed.com.au. Closing date 10 July 2020.

- 1 Helps (4)
- 2 Cilla decomposes in public transport (8)
- 3 First class return by taxi – reverse direction (8)
- 4 Defect in computer program (3)
- 5 Broken-down car. Interior sounds intact (7)
- 6 Crown for early model Toyota (6)
- 7 Semi-secret identity number (5-2)
- 8 Paint (9)
- 9 Dyslexic syde-entry? (9)
- 10 Long poem includes half (8)
- 11 Father embraces First Lady (5)
- 12 What a bird did on radio? (3)
- 13 One from Munich, with no article (4)
- 14 Hindu God leaving South Australia (3)
- 15 First Eastern monetary unit. Tails becomes heads (8)
- 16 Citrus fruit, you say? (4)
- 17 French sickness by air (7)
- 18 Ex-student participates in rash crime (7)
- 19 Dead sibling! (8)
- 20 Capital of Czech Republic changes hands (6)
- 21 Sport engages one! (5)
- 22 Quiet bovine (3)
- 23 Forge one sabre (6)
- 24 Massage for a girl (7)
- 25 It fell off the stairs (4)
- 27 Start of Hamlet's soliloquy (1,1)
- 26 Record wriggler (8)
- 28 An offensive part of alimentary canal (7)
- 29 Semi-virile American (5)
- 30 Oddly wrong (3)
- 31 Deviates from course (4)
- 32 Two co-ordinate for me (4)

May 1-2020: Half 'n Half by P-brane (Roger Hearn)

- A welcome debut. Favourite clues were those for SKATEBOARD and SPECIFICATIONS. *Brian Tickle*
- A nice opener with a good array of answers. One should not use a related synonym of 'specific' in a clue for 'specifications'. *Len Colgan*
- Liked EYEBRIGHT and SCAREMONGERING. *Max Roddick*
- Nice start to the puzzles: liked clues POLICED and BUTCH. *Joan Smith*
- Great to get started on another month of puzzles. Thank you. *Ann Millard*
- Welcome to the club. A quite challenging beginning. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Well-produced puzzle. *Ian Thompson*
- Some clever cryptic clues! *Robyn McKenzie*
- Excellent debut, Roger! Particularly liked SCAREMONGER clue. *Bev Cockburn*
- Welcome to a new compiler. *Nea Storey*
- Made some guesses, so here's hoping. *Anne Simons*

May 2-2020: Cryptic by Penobscot (Maurice Cowan)

- Nice mental workout. Favourite clues were those for EIGHT and SITCOM. *Brian Tickle*
- I liked the linkage: MANTLE/MENTAL, MANTELPiece, SHELF and the breakdown. Clever! *Max Roddick*
- Liked TEES UP and RUSSIAN. *Roy Taylor*
- Some nice clues: favourite was AGNOMEN. *Joan Smith*
- Nice mini theme of anagrams of. *Tony Dobe*
- Very enjoyable even though you had me going mental as well!! *Glenda Lloyd*
- On finally finishing I couldn't believe how much trouble it had given me. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Fun to solve. However, I think a SEA PALM is a kind of brown seaweed rather than a crinoid. [Apologies to solvers and compiler. The editor relied on what appears to be a rare lapse on the part of his edition of the SOED - Ed] *Ian Thompson*
- Nice theme. I enjoyed the clues for EIGHT and ILL. *Brian Tickle*
- Enjoyable puzzle. Favourite clue was for TEES UP. *Bev Cockburn*
- Most enjoyable thanks Penobscot. *Gabriel Fuller*
- I laughed when I finally got TEES UP! *Robyn McKenzie*
- Enjoyed the MENTAL game! *Nea Storey*
- 25a: I could only find reference to an alga called SEA PALM. Crinoids are sea lilies. *Drew Meek*
- Enjoyed this puzzle with all the interacting clues. Several I looked at for my COTM. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Mental challenge here; thanks Penobscot; what fun! *Kathy Horadam*

May 3-2020: Cryptic by Pentangle (Brian Tickle)

- Particularly liked the wordplay for BEACON & the even subtler BUTTERED. *Ian McKenzie*
- SPURTS for SPATES held me up awhile. Liked ABSORPTION. *Max Roddick*
- Thank you for clueing INDUS without using 'industry' (or vice versa) – the most overused construction in cryptics. *Andrew Patterson*
- Enjoyable puzzle with all clever and fair clues. *Roy Taylor*
- Nice puzzle, with BEACON and BUTTERED my favourite clues. *Len Colgan*
- Some wonderful clues. I especially liked BUTTERED – Spread pillow talk! Clever. *Ann Millard*
- Challenging puzzle with so many great clues. Favourites were BEACON, ANAGRAMS, SCREW and HEMP. *Joan Smith*
- Good fun. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Several answers worthy of COM in this slot. Thanks Pentangle. *Lynn Jarman*
- Enjoyable. THICKO was cleverly done. *Ian Thompson*
- Some really interesting words! SMOODGE, THICKO and I loved the clue for BUTTERED. *Bev Cockburn*
- What an amazing set of clues and my very favourite was buttered. I use it to explain to my friends who don't do cryptics how funny they are! *Robyn McKenzie*
- Not too confident about 15ac! *Anne Simons*
- BEACON gave me a much needed laugh! *Barbara Gliss*
- I haven't met SMOODGE before. 18D and 22D I'm still not sure of. Some excellent clues: REGALIA; BERG. *Kathy Horadam*

May 4-2020: AJ by St Jude (Drew Meek)

- Nice puzzle with solutions over several different lengths. Favourite clues were those for ODDER and UNALTERED. *Brian Tickle*
- Take a clue of 5 words, where the 1st, affected by the 2nd, becomes the last three of the 2nd. Now there's complexity for U! *Max Roddick*
- Some inactive intrusive little words in a few clues. For example,

"on" in A. Also, "the", "is" and "of" in C are all intrusive. Better than "from the grave is nothing of weight" would be "from grave with zero weight", where "with" is active. In V, "the" must be removed as it interrupts the wording. *Len Colgan*

- Always a favourite. *Ann Millard*
- Love the AJ, one of my favourite puzzles. Liked the clues for ANAGRAM, CRYPTOGRAM, INELEGANT and MUREXES. *Joan Smith*

- There is nothing dishonest about gazumping. *David Bennett*
- At school I would never have gotten away with using 'timider' for 'more timid'. *Ulla Axelsen*
- I enjoyed working on this puzzle which means I was able to solve a few by reading the clues carefully and slowly. *Lynn Jarman*
- Very enjoyable puzzle. Favourite clues were those for ODDER and UNALTERED. *Brian Tickle*
- ANAGRAMS two puzzles in a row. Enjoyable as usual. *Anne Simons*
- Lots of fun to do, as always. *Robyn McKenzie*
- I give St Jude points for being naughty with the H clue – we need a jolt/shake and that's what we're getting! *Gabriel Fuller*
- A good puzzle for placing the solutions, but a few of them I couldn't parse (F and L) and Z was just a guess. Look forward to the explanations; St Jude! *Kathy Horadam*

May 5-2020: Sweet Listening by Eclogue (Eddie Looby & Keith Williams)

- Particularly liked SASSENACH & the use of "setter" to clue PECTIN in SUSPECTING. Suggest you might try to reduce the use of obscure words eg SEW (drain), MAG (chatter), WAR (worse), THUS (censor). *Ian McKenzie*
- Too hard for me. It's filled in, helped by knowing of Holst's work and having a Chambers dictionary, but no idea what is going on in about ten clues. *Rob Moline*
- Very enjoyable puzzle and interesting theme. Had no idea of the theme until I saw that JUPITER had to be an entry. *Ian Thompson*
- It is "suite" listening, indeed, Gustav Holst's Planets Suite. My favourites are Jupiter and Mars. An extract from Jupiter (called "Thaxted") formed the basis for the patriotic hymn I Vow to Thee My Country and was also, if I recall correctly, the theme music for the 1990 Rugby World Cup, World in Union. I enjoyed the clueing of EMPIRIC, STRONGMEN and RAPTURE. I don't think the integrity of the puzzle would have suffered had 10 & 18ac been indicated as theme clues from the outset. I could not follow the parsing of 23dn's signpost answer MESSENGER – is it ("food") MESS+GREEN*? How does "cloud" fit into the definition? In 28ac, does "communicating" = IN TRUTH? In 25ac, is the superior time a GOLD AGE? I had these few residual queries but, on the whole, thank you for an enjoyable challenge referencing some favourite music. *Andrew Miles*
- Hope I got all the "entires" right. *Roy Taylor*
- Very clever concept, which appeared early when I had to delete JOLLITY to enter JUPITER. Not keen on uncommon abbreviations even if they are in Chambers. *Len Colgan*
- I learnt a lot about the planets from this! *Tony Dobe*
- For a long time this crossword made no sense. It was not until I worked out 'Holst' and then looked him up on the internet that it all clicked into place. This was a worthy Slot 7. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Liked EUROS, RAPTURE, SASSENACH. *Max Roddick*
- I found this very difficult and still don't understand parts of it. Fingers crossed! *Ann Millard*
- I was feeling very frustrated with this puzzle, until a good friend pointed me in the right direction. It all made sense then, thank you. *Joan Smith*
- A very clever puzzle. I wasn't familiar with Holst's Planets Suite, so it took a while to twig to the theme. I had trouble parsing a couple of the clues, so am not totally optimistic. Thoroughly enjoyed the process though. *Julie Crowe*
- Great theme, great clues I really enjoyed solving this crossword puzzle! *Bev Cockburn*
- When I couldn't solve 10across, and the only word that would fit was JUPITER, I decided to write the name of a planet for every clue that didn't make sense to me. It seemed to work, and led me to Holst So at least I know those answers are right. But, looking back, I don't see the point of writing a clue only to ignore it!?? *Nea Storey*
- Most of the clues made no sense to me. When in doubt I entered a planet, as JUPITER was the only answer I could see for 10ac!! *Anne Simons*

- I found this one very hard and send it in with fingers crossed! *Robyn McKenzie*
- Great puzzle, and a great orchestral work! *James Leaver*
- Excellent first class puzzle. *Doreen Jones*
- Thank you for a Magical Mystery tour of the PLANETS. *Ron Jarman*

Extracts from *A Ton of Cryptics* by Noel Jessop

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Given that the COVID 19 emergency will continue for some time we will not need the Good Grids that were provided for solvers to submit their puzzles to the adjudicator. The work of one of the founders of the ACC on the cryptic crossword puzzle will be of interest to many of our members and may help a number of the less-experienced with their solving. A glance through the material will also provide a good reminder to the more experienced and to compilers of some of the principles that we should adhere to but sometimes forget. The book itself is out of print so we thought that members may appreciate the chance to revisit some of Noel's wise words while we have the space to bring them to you.

4.2 Thanks for each light (5)

Ta = Thanks
per = for each
light = Taper

Since no connector is needed in this clue to give a feel of grammatical sense, there is perfect balance.

The charade can also be in the reverse form $A = B + C$.

4.3 Dexter is correct worker (5-4) (note the hyphen in the word length indicator)

Dexter = Right-hand
Correct = Right
Worker = Hand

5 Containers and contents

Part of the clue is the container, the other part is the contents. Clues of this kind must contain some signal to advise the solver on the placement of the various parts, once he or she has deciphered what they stand for, in order to arrive at the answer. Figure the elements out, put one inside the other, and you have your answer.

Signals for this kind of clue are many and varied, and include "Around", "Without", "Holding", "About", "Outside", "Engulfed by" or simply "In".

5.1 Grumbles if humanity's without love (5)

humanity's = mans
without = container indicator
Love = o, for zero, or nil in tennis (contents)
Moans = Grumbles (definition)

Here the container-contents indicator is the word "Without", meaning outside. One of the more infuriating facts of cryptic life is that "Without" might also be a sign that something is to be dropped. Cryptic life was definitely not meant to be easy!

6 Puns

Puns are usually signalled by the inclusion in the clue of such homophone hints as "We hear", "By the sound of it", "Pronounced", "As they say", "Say", etc. Sometimes puns are indicated only by a question-mark at the end of the clue. There is argument as to whether this practice is fair or legal. It is certainly highly suspect.

6.1 Assent to study flows, we hear (11)

Is solved as: Assent (definition of Concurrence) = study (con) + currents (homophone of flows)

6.2 Bar staffed, say, to cancel order (11)

Is solved as: Bar (counter) + staffed (homophone of manned) = Countermand (definition of cancel order)

6.3 Hire Wages are higher, say (4)

Is solved as a simple homophone of higher.

Occasionally an opportunity presents itself for a double pun to be perpetrated on the solver. Then, no self-respecting composer of cryptics could resist the terrible temptation of:

6.4 Nonagon Any are gone, say? All are still here, say! (7)

(Enneagon – a synonym for the answer, Nonagon) (None are gone – a grievous pun on the answer itself)

7 Hidden Words

A "Hidden" clue should be the easiest type to come to grips with, and it is, if you are aware that the clue which has you mesmerised is in fact a hidden. The answer you are seeking is actually spelled out for you somewhere in the clue. The keys to look for in deciding if you are dealing with a hidden, include "Occurring in", "Contains", "Some of", "Helps make", "Some", "Hiding", "Contributes to", "Part of", or just "In".

Incidentally, it could be argued that the term "Hidden" is not an appropriate name for clues of this type, as the answer is not hidden at all, but in plain view.

[To be continued]

April 6-2019 Cryptic by *The Mythtics* (Ulla Axelsen & Ian Williams)

Entries received: 57. Correct 46; Success rate 81%.

Compilers' comments

Thank you for the complimentary remarks. We're glad that solvers enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed compiling it. Only typos and three repeated errors contributed to most missing dots. Some misspelled LARRIKINs (don't forget the built-in spell checker) and a few "Stella"s were substituted for the intended Aussie SHEILA in 8-down. As indicated in the comments below, CRANKY gave some problems. We debated as to whether it was a fair clue until we found both definitions in the Big Mac, the problematic one being "liable to lurch or capsize, as a boat". *Bogeyman*, as a former naval architect, knew it as an archaic term for an unstable ship and, although we were a little surprised to find it in an up-to-date reference, we used it anyway.

Explanations – Across: 1 BING(L)E, 4 K + NO + WALL + S, 10 Spooner "won 'ead", 11 anag, 12 G(R)OG, 13 ANT + I, 14 EXCEL (Lent), 16 anag (PARLIAMENT - map)*, 17 dd, 20 hidden<, 21 RAN + RATE, 24 R(ACE)R, 25 NOB(L)E<, 26 CRU + D, 28 MONO + T + REMEdies, 29 YAK + KA, 30 TICK + SO + FF, 31 dd. **Down:** 1 B + LODGERS with U for O, 2 homoph "knew" + WOR(L)D, 3 hidden, 5 (WENT TO NICE OHIO)*, 6 WEE + KEN + (REDS)*, 7 LATCH with UN for T, 8 anag ALIENS with H for N, 9 BIG NOTE + (SON + FEEL)*, 15 (MATTRESS + AgE)*, 18 LAR + RI + KIN, 19 DEAD + E + A + SaY, 22 PROM + PT, 23 IC + NO< + IC, 27 DaYwEaR.

Solvers' Comments

• As a Pom some of this Aussie slang was completely new to me! Thank you for extending my vocabulary!

Julie Leigh

• Not confident I've cracked this one but it was fun!

Patricia Abbott

• Great to see Oz terms included instead of archaic Scots words or English rivers. Top puzzle!

Tony Dobe

• Mostly straightforward. Is CRANKY just a cryptic definition or am I missing something?

Ian Thompson

• Very enjoyable. Think I have gone wrong somewhere (again). Not sure about 'cranky'.

Eileen O'Brien

• Just read on Google the explanation for "cranky"!

Eileen O'Brien

• Some interesting clues and lots of Aussie words. 31ac CRANKY took some finding – wasn't in my modern *Chambers* but it was in a 1939 version. Perhaps a very old word. Thank you.

Ann Millard

• I really enjoyed finding all the 'Aussie-isms'. Favourite clues were those for IN THE NUDE and DYER.

Brian Tickle

• Bonza puzzle guys. A little ripper!

Richard Skinner

• This was such fun!

Maureen Blake

• Cranky held me up(?) A new meaning for me.

Robyn Wimbush

• Some interesting clues and answers. I am not Australian and hesitated to call one of your PMs a larrikin; but I gather it was said with affection!

Robyn McKenzie

• This wasn't easy. Recruited a 'second head' for the EXCEL/SHEILA pair. Thanks Sue!

Max Roddick

• Excellent Aussie crossword.

Doreen Jones

• A most enjoyable puzzle. Loved the Australian colloquy.

Beverley Cockburn

• Thanks. I enjoyed this – all good fun.

Jill Freeland

Explanations for Clues in May 2020 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 P-brane. Across: 1 PO{LICE}D, 5 (DARK TAN)*, 9 dd, 10 SAND + PIPER, 11 SCARE + MONGERING, 13 (TOAD BREAKS)*, 16 F{AS}T, 18 hidden, 19 (NORDIC STAY)*, 21 SPECIFIC + A[c]TIONS, 25 EYE + BRIGHT, 26 BUTCH[er], 27 T + IT + RATE, 28 dd.

Slot 2 Penobscot. Across: 1 anag + PIECE, 9 AN round GNOME, 10 anag, 11 dd, 12 TEE round (TEAR)*, 13 cd...no pack drill!, 14 hidden, 15 dd, 17 dd, 18 cd, 20 homoph "ate", 22 cd (Illinois), 24 homoph "tech tight", 25 anag, 26 homoph "no", 27 anag, 28 cd, 29 NEEDLE + WOMEN. **Down:** 1 cd and anag, 2 anag, 4 cd, 5 E, N & E around TENT, 6 EX + COMMUNICATION, 7 anag, 8 homoph "teas up", 16 (MANTLE +EEL)*, 18 hidden, 19 FATE around RIG, 21 T + RANSOM, 23 anag, 25 cd.

Slot 3 Pentangle. Across: 1 FIN(cITy)E, 4 F + LAPPING, 10 MEDICAL*, 11 SMOOtheDGE, 12 tRIAL, 13 ADVERb + DIETS*, 15 T(HICK)O, 16 <(AI LAGER), 20 H(EIN)OUSE, 21 pun BE + A + CON, 24 ABS + O(R)PTION, 26 <GREBe, 28 <(REF + ARTS), 29 HERSEAT*, 30 D + OWNS + IDE, 31 S(PATE)S. **Down:** 1 FED(ER)ATE, 2 N(hECTARe)INE, 3 <MOT + E, 5 L(ESSEN)ED, 6 RATEDSPORT*, 7 IN + D + US, 8 GRE(ED)Y, 9 <E(LID)G, 14 S(KIN)G + RAFTS, 17 Swap L for R in INCLEMENT, 18 B(UTTER)ED, 19 A + NAG + RAMS, 22 PAR(S)ED, 23 BOO + The, 25 S + CREW, 27 HE + MP.

Slot 4 St Jude. A ANA + GRAMS, **B** BET+OK+EN, **C** CRYPT+O+GRAM, **D** anag, **E** anag, **F** FIRE+ARM, **G** GAZ+UMP, **H** cryp. def, **I** IN+ELEGy+ANT, **J** JO+LTS, **K** KNACK+ER, **L** dd, **M** MUR(EX)ES, **N** hidden, **O** FODDER, **P** anag, **Q** dd, **R** anag, **S** SEA+MI+ER, **T** TI(MID)ER, **U** anag, **V** hidden, **W** WEAL+THINE+SS, **X** XY+LOP+homoph "honest", **Y** cryp. def, **Z** ZA+CK.

Slot 5 Eclogue. Across: 1 (NEGATE REFS)*, 6 dd => MARS, 10 TILL< in JOY => JUPITER, 12 MAG + ICI + AN => URANUS, 13 AS + A + RULE, 15 (SUCK + MICRO)*, 18 E in PACE => VENUS, 21 TR in SONG [lied] + MEN, 24 PUT* in RARE, 25 (g)OLD + AGE => SATURN, 27 EX + UR + BIA(s), 28 IN + T + OUCH, 29 K in SEW, 30 (YEP SHE SEES)*. **Down:** 1 JIF(F)< + I, 2 PI in CRIME*, 3 (NOT MANY)*, 4 (SO + RUE)<, 5 D + CANE* in PART*, 7 AS + ((A+UX) < in EL), 8 (US + PECTIN) in SG, 9 K + AZ + A + HK<, 14 R in DIVER + LESS, 16 SAS + (CAN in HES)<, 19 hidden "mystic" => NEPTUNE, 20 QU in SIBS, 22 O for U in NUTATES, 23 MESS + GREEN* = MESSENGER => MERCURY, 26 2 defs.