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Words are imitations, and we are equipped with a voice that is the most imitative of all our parts.
Aristotle, 4C BC, *The Art of Rhetoric* (trans. HC Lawson-Tancred), Ch 3, s 1.

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The ACC Executive Committee is more than delighted to announce that the ACC membership for 2011 has exceeded 200. The renewal rate and the level of donations to the 2011 ACC Prize Pool have been very pleasing and encouraging and we feel that this year will be another successful one for the ACC. We hope that the members and solvers will thoroughly enjoy the puzzles and quizzes kindly set for them by keen and dedicated compilers. And thanks to the generosity of members, we have some excellent prizes to be given away.

Given the impressive renewal rate of subscriptions, it is worth mentioning the huge workload of our indefatigable Secretary/Treasurer **Bev Cockburn** who has had to carry out the many tasks of banking etc but also the paperwork necessary to keep the membership records up-to-date. And the work done by our Puzzleman **Ian Williams** in the process of checking and selecting the puzzles and quizzes each month deserves to be quietly applauded. There is a lot of work done by the members of the Executive Committee behind the scenes to keep our successful Club thriving. And where would we be without the loyal assistance of our brilliant Adjudicators?

Our expert puzzler Ian Williams has selected a first-class range of puzzles and quizzes to keep you fully occupied during March. For a start, Ian has selected another fine puzzle by *Jesso* and challenging cryptics by *Penobsco* and *Pindar*. We are pleased to publish *Fortuna 48* with the ever-popular *AJ* and in Slot 5, we welcome back one of our favourites - *Praxis* - with a puzzle titled *Namesakes*. In Slot 6, *Crowsman* challenges all solvers with another of his admirable cryptics and in Slot 7, we have the inexhaustible *Virgo* with an engrossing cryptic puzzle called *Around the World in 29 Cities*. In addition, we have not one but two Quizzes for your delectation and Michael Kennedy is again organising the Clue Writing Competition which is featured on p16. It looks like another busy month for ACC solvers. Happy Crozworlding!
—Patrick

Thank you to all the members for their kind comments and support. I hope everyone is recovering from the weather extremes.

Slot 1: We had a good response to this Half 'n Half, with only a few problems. The biggest concern was the spelling of *lorelei*, with a few variations such as *lorolei* and *lorelli*. Other than that the problems seemed mainly typos. There was some question over *pikestaff 15dn* missing a definition but the clue made the answer obvious and only a couple of entries were incorrect.

Slot 2: Just a few issues for this puzzle. We had *cheery* and *sherry* for *cheers*, *pill*, *bill* and *will* for *kill* and *role* for *roll*. There were very few problems generally with this puzzle and lots of entries.

Slot 3: Nearly all the errors in this puzzle seem to be typos, with the exception of *tartness* for *eeriness* and *hari kari* for *badinage*. The only repeat mistake was to adhere for *cohere* (4 entries).

Slot 4: Quite a few entries had diverging for *divergent* and a few different variations for *zorils*. Other than those two, the other errors were spelling/transcription mistakes.

Slot 5: Oh dear! *Zinzan* gave us a great puzzle that received the most COTM votes over quite a few different clues, but what a clever misdirection to have *Superman* in the puzzle, when the correct answer to the superhero question was *Batman*, as found in the RH final column. The majority of entries either didn't highlight either or only highlighted/mentioned *Superman*. This affected the success rate, as it was a requirement that *Batman* be named to earn a dot. Other errors were *brew* for *beer* and *serif* for *semis*. For *beer*, perform the role (BE) of *Elizabeth* (ER) *Carlton* (beer) maybe.

COTM: Congratulations to all the compilers, with multiple votes to all five puzzles. Although Slot 5 had the most votes, the clear winner was the very clever *18ac* in Slot 3 - *avalanches*. Well done *Southern Cross* (Shirl O'Brien).
—Jean Barbour

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| Correct entries | 108 | 94 | 108 | 94 | 33 | 437 |
| Success rate (%) | 90 | 79.7 | 93.1 | 83.9 | 35.5 | 78.2 |
| Prizewinners | H Freeman L Howard | J Mitchell J Martin | A Meek B Ibbott | Eileen O'Brien | A Walter R Gardiner | from 121 members |

Prizewinner: February 2011 Slots 1-5: Peter Dearie

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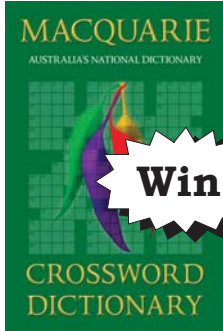
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Half 'n Half
by
Jesso

Prizes: \$50



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- 1 Athletes (7)
- 5 Australian lizard (6)
- 9 Secret plot (5)
- 11 Splash (8)
- 13 Whirled (6)
- 14 Wartime actions (3)
- 15 Muslim prince (5)
- 16 Golf stroke (4)
- 17 Egg-shaped (5)
- 18 Unseemliness (9)
- 22 Formerly (4)
- 23 Hebrew prophet (6)
- 26 Expect (5)
- 27 Nosh-ups! (6)
- 30 Insatiate gulfs (4)
- 32 Pragmatic (9)
- 34 Settled opinion (5)
- 35 Weedy creature (4)
- 36 Source of chocolate (5)
- 39 Pistol (sl.) (3)
- 40 Central American Indian (6)
- 41 Impudent (8)
- 42 Verse (5)
- 43 Abuse (6)
- 44 Retarded (7)

Down

- 1 Railway union starting to save time with demonstration to apply a protective process (4-5)
- 2 It's nothing to rise in charge of the river (7)
- 3 Left, left, left – starts to search for creatures (4)
- 4 Nice special constable contrived to be theatrical (6)
- 5 General assembly at dead heart of the planet (4)
- 6 Bloody nonsense by society's former pupils (3,4)
- 7 New aura given by witchcraft in the city (7)
- 8 A key disc a media boss annexed (5)
- 10 Stars in character part (3)
- 12 Fitness of adult exercise by head (7)
- 19 Runs into still to get rid of (5)
- 20 Measure and attack modern means of communication (5)
- 21 Metropolises abandoning the writer's quotes (5)
- 24 Sailor laid arm open (7)
- 25 Passionate about rest held back (9)
- 28 Gloria's cultivated a part of Greece (7)
- 29 Bullets back to get speedcars (7)
- 31 Amateur snubbed the Spanish youth leader sharply (7)
- 33 Rode in wildly, but smoothed things over (6)
- 34 Some booed at umpire — it's a fact (5)
- 37 Reached colourless condition of discomfort (4)
- 38 Direct one in the morning (3)
- 39 Target to leave alone at first (4)

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Cryptic by Penobscot



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- 1 See 15dn
- 5 Reluctant to return a spin serve (6)
- 9 A parrot over there? The Devil it is! (8)
- 10 Game pieces – men oddly enough (6)
- 12 Annul in rundown condition (4)
- 13 Second class situations spoken of. Happy sayings according to Matthew (10)
- 15 Rigged? Mr Greeny dared to differ (13)
- 19 No restrictions on the enemy. Take as long as you like (9,4)
- 23 Employees taking to the old ways are plain things (10)
- 25 Cheese for earth mother (4)
- 28 Confine one after another, say (6)
- 29 and 26 Corrupt cops took drunk. Who? Mickey Finn? (8,5)
- 30 Odds, oddly enough covering trotter's start at races (6)
- 31 Professional drillers make notches first inside (8)

Down


- 1 Source of dubious applause could be equal after controversial start (6)
- 2 A space to dodge (5)
- 3 and 6 Does perch (on rod) leap for one of 30? (4,5)
- 4 Cheating is for the birds? (7)
- 6 See 3
- 7 OK again. Variation in order seen (9)
- 8 Oriental team is teased about area of New York (4,4)
- 11 Colonnade where animal lost its tail (4)
- 14 Upmarket vehicle (4)
- 15 and 1ac Disturbed kelp poachers leg it. Right speedily, too! (2,4,3,8)
- 16 Pout not socially acceptable in Victorian town (3)
- 17 Small coin. Don't argue, just...! (2,2)
- 18 Oversupply, say, for a garment (8)
- 20 Component taken up for vehicle (4)
- 21 Protection of French criminal (7)
- 22 Bashes arachnid on board (6)
- 24 One's stuff can follow when showing off support. (5)
- 26 See 29ac
- 27 Caledonian tax (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Congratulations Audrey on being voted "Compiler of the Year". I'm sure there are many members who feel it's not before time. Well done and keep up the good work. Roy Wilson
- I would like to thank the Club so much for voting me Compiler of the Year 2010. I received a beautifully penned certificate, an engraved Parker pen, and the *Bradford's Crossword Dictionary*, which I recommend to anyone who doesn't already have it, for definitions, synonyms and lists. All the Capitals in a recent quiz were listed alphanumerically and I was able to find those I didn't know without going to the computer. Cheers! Audrey Austin
- Opening the new-to-me Chambers' *Dictionary of Science and Technology* publication, I find it a mine of good things to set any Crossworder's imagination going, such as: Farmer's reducer; the Faraday dark space; Schwarz's Inequality; the Reiman zeta function, and this little beauty: HETEROKARYON = good wholesome fun?. The book was my prize for the November Bonus Quiz. Thank You! to all concerned. Max Roddick
- It was so exciting to win a prize for puzzle No 5 in the January edition of *Crozworld*. The book arrived safely on Friday and has already been put to use to solve one clue in the *Weekend Australian* cryptic puzzle. We have a very small group doing cryptic crosswords in Beaconsfield (Tas) every Friday morning, so no doubt the book will be used very often! Many thanks. Brenda Webber
- I would like to thank everyone for the lovely tributes to Dad (Noel Jessop) in the last few issues. The club held a very special place in Dad's heart and it is wonderful to know how highly regarded he was. He valued the friendships he formed through the club and I like to think that his impact will continue. I'm pleased that there are still some of his puzzles to be published. Remember if you are unsure of a clue, he may not have "always meant what he said, but he always said what he meant". Claire Batum

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- 1 Feature of a spectacle (6)
- 5 Annoying blackbirds out west warble (8)
- 9 Ability to start a mile out and overwhelm favourite (10)
- 10 So they say the eye is about right? (4)
- 11 Sit, and gorse becomes bristly (8)
- 12 Girl on old instrument may concentrate less (6)
- 13 Hollow warning (4)
- 15 Might this source of nutrition be a lemon squash? (8)
- 18 Campaigner about union less happy when daughter drops out (8)
- 19 Actively incite to make a pledge (4)
- 21 Drunken Tassie's time-out (6)
- 23 Otologist in top shape (8)
- 25 One rude comment heard (4)
- 26 To give an example, I shall speed around American town first (10)
- 27 Do they vote to take in children? (8)
- 28 Party taking place, but not out front (4,2)

Down

- 2 Fired over nothing? Tell me! (5)
- 3 Lack nothing in the loch reportedly (9)
- 4 Military show is rubbish, furthermore (6)
- 5 Buy and retranslate one hundred random old stories? (10,5)
- 6 No more deliveries? That's rather extreme (8)
- 7 Excellent waves (5)
- 8 Horse for 18, according to rumour, is a disaster (9)
- 14 A king ruled, they say, and was called to account (9)
- 16 Me and the Queen, followed by a journalist, changed direction several times (9)
- 17 Perfect feature, you say? Certainly if you think like this (8)
- 20 Services for a great number of fools? (6)
- 22 Exercise? 'Tis! (3-2)
- 24 Best part about dogmatism (5)

Quiz No. 1/2011 results: Only One by Brian Symons

Entries 53. Solutions: 1. adieu 2. ciao 3. roue 4. ogee 5. ouija 6. ooze 7. aria 8. urea 9. iota 10. cooe 11. etui 12. gaia/gaea 13. pua 14. aqua 15. euro/unau/anoa 16. luau 17. ilia 18. ouzo 19. eerie 20. ague 21. uvea 22. asia 23. epee 24. beau 25. ease 26. oboe 27. aeon 28. aloe/ixia 29. queue 30. moue.

Results: 30: W Allen, C Anderson, H Annand, A Austin, B Cockburn, L Colgan, G Cole, M Cowan, P Dearie, A DeGrys, B Foott, J Fowler, R Gardiner, P Heath, S Howells, A Jermy, D Jones, G Leeds, C McClelland, P Mercer, A Miles, C Noble, M Potts, D Procter, M Procter, B Siegman, A Simons, L Spicer, M Steinberger, N Storey, A Walter, C Wilcox, N Wilson and R Wimbush. **29:** R Caine, V Dinham, R Dorrell, P Garner, B Glissan, D Hemsley, L Howard, B Ibbott, J Martin, J McGrath, T McPherson, J Mitchell, J Smith, J Stocks and R Taylor. **28:** V Howard, C Jones and J Pearce. **26:** L Waites. **23:** H Freeman.

Prizewinners: Audrey Austin & Nea Storey. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments: This quiz seemed popular judging by the number of entries and kind comments. UVEA – the pigmented inner layer of the eye – caused some problems. My expectation for

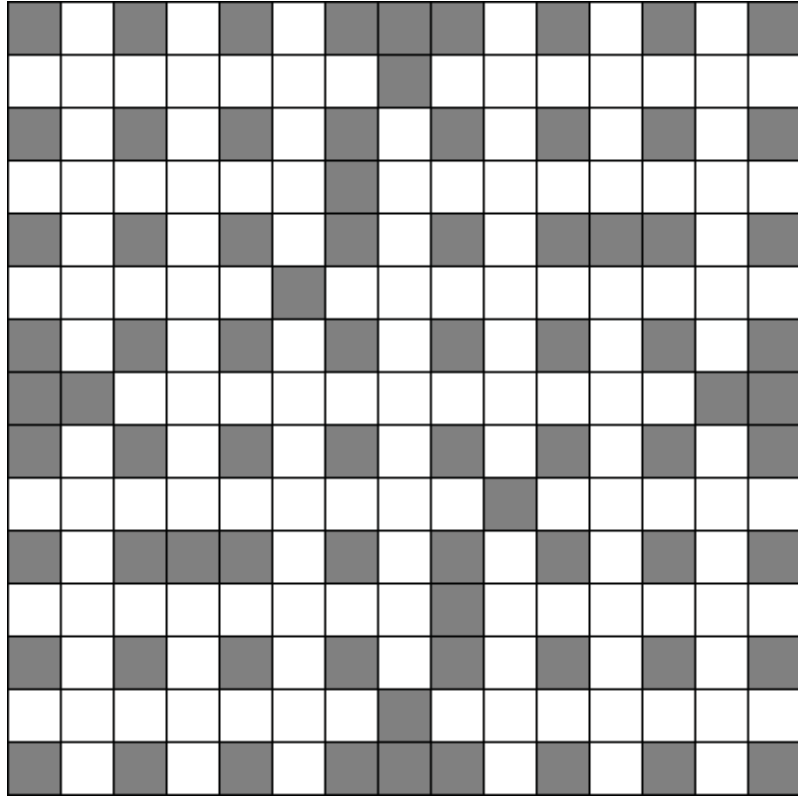
the animal was EURO but acceptable alternatives were discovered by members. The most common mistake was ILEA, the plural of ILEUM, part of the small intestine. ILIA is the plural of ILIUM a pelvic bone.

—**Brian Symons**

Solvers' Comments:

- Wonderful Brian. A great start to the January *Crozworld*.
Trish McPherson
- Most enjoyable and great exercise for the grey matter over the holiday break.
Pat Garner
- What an entertaining quiz.
Barb Ibbott
- Thanks for a clever quiz. I felt I was becoming inconsonant at times.
Jack Stocks
- An unusual quiz and enjoyable.
Catherine Jones
- Another great quiz. I hope you have as much fun creating them as we do solving them.
Betty Siegman
- A fun puzzle requiring a minimum of computer research.
Lynne Spicer
- I enjoyed this quiz. How do you setters come up with such a variety?
Joan McGrath

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A A code of conduct? No, quite the opposite (6) B Posture improver left out of classroom fixture (9) C Inside connection pays social benefits (10) D Little Desmond retains confidence of old Spanish composer (2,7) E Bale out of Mediterranean Island (4) F Dictator makes crew run out behind ploughed field (5,6) G Note unit key (1-4) H For Example: poison pen letters in the post (4,4) I Misconceived Red Bill is badly brought up (3-4) J Bear-sized sugar fix? (3,2,5) K Critical journo typed (5) L Toilet grows old from much washing (7) M Scotsman observed the well-to-do (7) N Lack of ultraviolet water is new (7) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> O Alfresco? Why we hear a liking for it (9) P Favourite gobbled – grossly-like – a crumpet (7) Q Leave off? Quite! Not quite (4) R Rodent can be assessed (7) S Rock around druid's haunt (5,6) T Neat! City's prize-winning title (4,4) U Standard reply to knave's proposal: "Marriage, Jill?" (5,4) V Servant farewells the Bar (5) W In Queensland he is known as Struggle Town guy (7) X Twenty is a misrepresentation of horizontal line (1-4) Y Text message: why screen the Maori girl? (6) Z Fishing vessel takes fight to African conflict (4,3) |
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Explanations for January Slot 7 and February 2011 Grids as provided by the setters. Thanks to Michael, Ian, Catherine, Joan and Andrew.


January Slot 7 Manuveru: **Across:** 1 HEADER + S, 5 CHIN(W)A(G), 9 timepiECE INstalled, 10 Anagram of OCEANSILT, 11 B + GUILDS + IN (anagram), 12 Anagram of TASER, 13 SL(A)OG returned, 15 A+WAR+anagram of SENSE, 18 DE(S+TROY)ED, 19 Double definition, 21 disROBING, 23 C + anagram of TREASURE, 25 Anagram of TRIVIA around E + ES, 26 Cryptic definition, 27 DESK + POT (sent back), 28 SA(wRONG)S. **Down:** 1 BAND HAG, 2 REAGANOMICS - GO, 3 E+MEN+D, 4 SECOND + A + RY (Surge = Rush), 5 C+H+A+OS, 6 Anagram of REF I ENTER, 7 WHIST - WRIST, 8 G + anagram of SEUSS takes E(note), 14 Anagram of GROSS and NET around T, 16 A+DD+RE+S+S+E+S, 17 Double definition, 18 DE(p)RIVED, 20 ROBIN and TIGER are answers in the crossword, 22 Sounds like, 23 C(R)+IS+P, 24 TI(GER).

Slot 1 midships: **Down:** 2 HI + BERN (AT) E, 3 RE (B) EL, 4 anag, 5 DO + DOS = <sod, 6 CAB + IN + BOYS, 7 (r)EGRET, 8 anag resuscitation - erotic, 9 rising HW, 15 PI (KEST) AF + F, 17 anag, 18 IMP + (m) ARTIAL, 19 CAM (<Mac) + B + RIC(h), 21 AV + ERSE, 23 anag, 24 PR + IMO, 26 Phonetic SIG + MA.

Slot 2 Cha-Cha: **Across:** 1 dbl defn, 4 S(crew)TOP, 9 dbl defn, 10 anag IN RENTAL, 12 PRAYERS-PER, 13 S(election)S, 15 anag CASTIRONOVEN, 18 anag TIMISISRAELI, 21 anag TIEGORDIAN, 22 TA X I, 24 some GOODSON(SPEC IF I C)OULD, 25 V IS I ON, 26 T RAINING, 27 CL OS ED(vitamins). **Down:** 1 CON TRACT, 2 dbl defn, 3 CHOLESTE(ROL L)EVEL, 5 CON CENT RATED, 6 ELECT RON IC, 7 NET(rev) DON, 8 Anag PHIL SO, 11 PERSON-son SP(sine prole - without issue) I RATION, 14 anag NOTIFIED IN, 16 anag SAVINGTIME-eg, 17 anag DESIGNSAS, 19 COS(SE)T, 20 anag CAMEIN, 23 SIC(KILL)=put it down.

Slot 4 Timid Terrier: **Across:** ACCURSED - R, BLAST + O + M + ERE, C(Z) ARS, DI+VERGE+N(O)T, EX + ASP + RATE, FORM +SEATS, G + RATING, H + UNG (GNU)<, I hidden, JAN+ I+TORS, K anagram, LONG + HORNS, MEET + IN + G, N anagram NUCLE+ US, OE+SO+P(HAG) EAL, PUT + E + L + IS, QU + ID +S, ROLL + IN + G, SC(R)UM + MAGE anagram, T S+ED after TEA, UP+TON, VIS + AGES, WEB + SITE, XY + LO + PHONI+ ST, YOUNG+EST, Z +SOIL + R (sounds like) (anagram).

Slot 5 Zinzan: **Across:** 7 j,o,k,er, 8 (birds,weep)*, 10 initials, 11 Hm(cry,tearier), 12 (no,bunker)*, 13 be ER, 15 -e vile ye-, 17 b(risk)et, 20 inits, 22 e,(camp(is)s)*, 25 cddef, 26 a tarts<, 27 (complained)*-l, 28 have.n. **Down:** 1 po,(vision)*.y, 2 H(pecked),oral, 3 e,pi,H(seen), 4 a.d.l.(bribe)*, 5 ddef, 6 se-,mis-, 9 m,eek, 14 be(d,is<)tter, 16 (edgil(in)y)*, 18 s-u-p,(extra)*, 19 (plunge.in)*-l, 21 p(rep,ply), 23 co's,t, 24 end,ow. [The villains are Freeze, Joker, Penguin and Poison Ivy and the "lurking superhero who has dealt with them all" is BATMAN, who forms the unches on the right-hand side of the grid.]

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| <p>Namesakes by Praxis</p> |
| <p>Prizes: \$50</p>  <p>Win!</p> <p>[2006 edn]</p> |

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- 6 Scholar returned providing carbon's with minerals present in igneous rock (5)
- 11 Some oil in ochre's used to cover floor (4)
- 12 Eddie gives Eric gum to be chewed (7)
- 13 Provides weapons to English and Australian sailors coming over with paperwork (6)
- 15 Join medical TV series following a specific speciality (5)
- 16 European's first to look over the top; he does a runner (7)
- 18 Regret over split agnail developed; it causes pain (9)
- 20 See 1ac
- 23 Anger's withdrawn with Reg back working in the plant (8)
- 24 Gossip follows Emperor's sad withdrawal with Spanish pastries (9)
- 27 Wood turned brown; I soaked in beer (7)
- 29 Fool shows rejection to one girl (5)
- 30 Whispers, for example overwhelmed team (6)
- 31 French writer, director has business with court; one in the European Union (7)
- 32 Old copper chest's not light (4)
- 33 Smooth barges capsized (5)
- 34 Denies any Yass corruption (7; hyphenated)

Down

- 1 Naval force for rapid deployment? (5)
- 2 Wash and wax new interior (5)
- 3 She's no artist (4)
- 4 Fight over territory that's suitable (9)
- 5 Les C Reid's crazy; in a thick-walled cell (8)
- 7 She's relatively like mum's sister? (6)
- 8 Following 1ac, 20ac: Suits said German lad turned author (10)
- 9 Pacific rage; pulled in over by the cape (6)
- 10 Resolved to spend time in the shower after church (7)
- 14 A c-commander has police denied nothing to get henchman (10)
- 17 The bird, a cock flew up near 1ac, 20ac, 8dn's character (9; two words)
- 19 Britain and Northern Ireland managed Scot's language (8)
- 20 Potential crises interrupted by loud radio interference in US (7)
- 21 Developer's an American hero (6)
- 22 Truman's mantle? (6)
- 25 Small fish that's contained within is highly spiced (5)
- 26 Paper's boss picked up skis I left with several departments (5)
- 28 Helpers said to be flexible (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

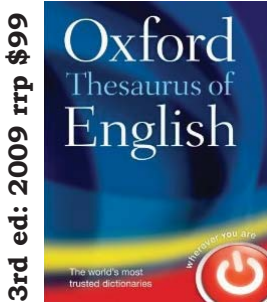
- Thanks to the ACC for my January prize for slot 1: lovely surprise to get in the mail. Barbara Morris
- Have been bedridden after surgery since before Christmas but *Crozworl*d has pulled me through. Bill Bennett
- Please give my heartfelt thanks to our Crozzie Club for my prize last month. I am thrilled to bits by it. I am going to share it with the Flood Relief Fund – hoping to pass my good luck to them. Del Kennedy
- To manage five correct slots last month and get \$125 for that was fantastic – thank you so much. Anne Rendell
- Thank you to Audrey and to whoever drew my name out of the hat. The quiz was great fun and my prize a beauty! A fine start to 2011 – let's hope it's a happy and healthy year for us all. Robyn Wimbush

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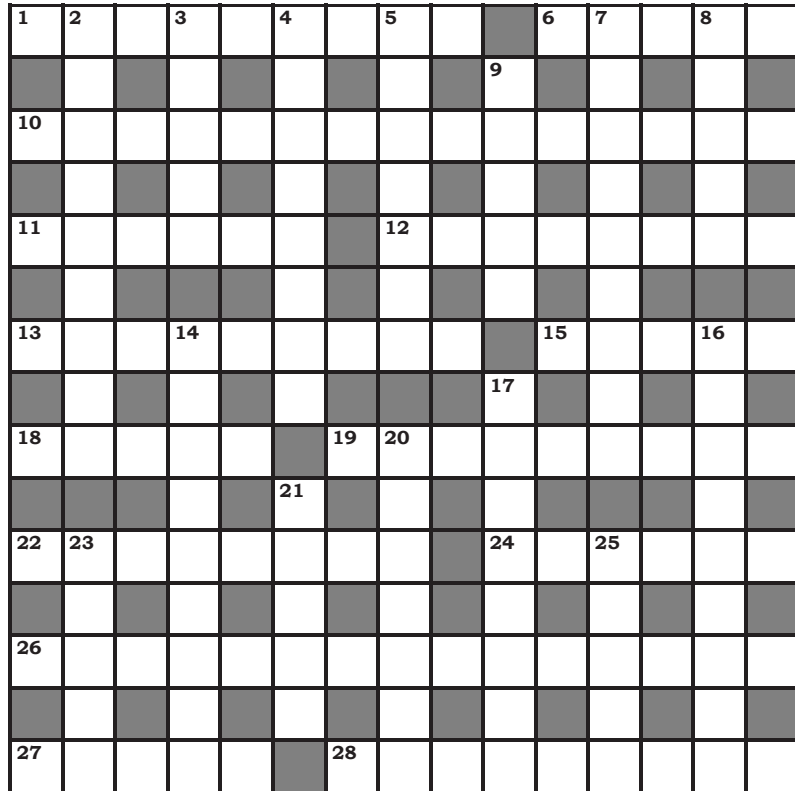
Zabernism (n.) The misuse of military authority; bullying or aggression. According to the OED, this eternally germane word comes from an unfortunate episode that occurred in 1912. In the village of Zabern, in Alsace, during which a German officer purportedly shot a cobbler who smiled at him. Which pretty much brings us to the world today. —Taken from *Reading the OED, One Man, One Year, 21,730 pages* by Ammon Shea, Viking an imprint of Penguin Books, 2008, p214.

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Cryptic by Crowsman



A few answers are not precisely as in *Chambers* but are in other major references. To be eligible for the prize, the entry must earn a dot for being correct **and** must identify four seven-letter words hidden in the grid which are of the same kind as one of the puzzle's answers.



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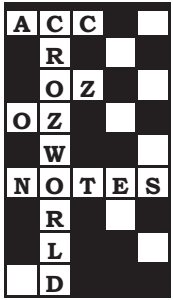
- 1 Fellow engaged in way to boost octane is dimwit (5-4)
- 6 Decline a club licence ultimately (5)
- 10 Building labourer wearing socks and suit gets backlash (7,8)
- 11 Banish bear (6)
- 12 Swelters excessively, avoids hot gorges (8)
- 13 A disabled Yank backtracked around a republic (9)
- 15 Balkan capital removes small low hill (5)
- 18 Thinking about excluding male taking drugs (5)
- 19 Wasted permits for severe ordeals involving running (9)
- 22 Tumours – nothing has mates so distressed (8)
- 24 “Fire and Ice” experiences fade-out in Pacific (6)
- 26 Soldier on in implementation of the division into local governments (15)
- 27 Not altogether organised, but a star spice-maker (5)
- 28 Proposition is made finally – break down collagens! (9)

Down

- 2 Two people study doctored sum – they are associated with guts! (9)
- 3 Fortune to make from bingo? (5)
- 4 Rugby player has issue overturned in break of play (4-4)
- 5 Device aiding flight creates utter defeat (7)
- 7 Brew contains, say, dairy product (6,3)
- 8 Hawk captures river fish (5)
- 9 One receiving money regularly from apiary here (5)
- 14 Hears princess entering – hide plants! (9)
- 16 Is taken in by card-playing counter before South discards (9)
- 17 Naughty Duke sins, but is never smacked? (8)
- 20 Sailor has workout excuse? (7)
- 21 Correct Eastern cure (5)
- 23 Mediate without power? Mug! (5)
- 25 Fire bypassing hot diner (5)

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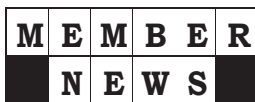
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THE MACQUARIE DICTIONARY'S WORD OF THE YEAR 2010:

'Googleganger' is word of the year. HAVE you ever Googled your name and come up with a Canadian porn star, a Chilean accountant and a Scottish chicken farmer? And none of them was you? These people are your googlegangers, a term named recently the *Macquarie Dictionary* word of the year. It's a noun, meaning "a person with the same name as oneself, whose online references are mixed with one's own among search results for one's name". Dictionary editor Susan Butler said it was a neat and witty blend of the words Google and doppelganger. "People find it really tempting to put their names in and see what pops up," she said. "Part of the fascination of the game is to find people who are so different to yourself that it's quite startling to imagine yourself as them." Ms Butler's googleganger is a Florida author who wrote *East to the Dawn*, a 1997 biography of pioneer aviator Amelia Earhart. Cathy Freeman is a property consultant in the Perth suburb of Hamilton Hill as well as the name of an Australian Olympic gold medallist. Channel Seven newsreader Jennifer Keyte's googleganger is an animal research academic at the Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada. The honourable mention was given to **vuvuzela**, the horn popularised at the World Cup in South Africa last year. Category winners included tart noir (arts), black swan event (business), gym bunny (colloquial), fauxmance (communications), toad golf (environment) and brand slut (fashion).

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

You don't have to go to England to punt down the Avon River, see the colourful cottage gardens, bowling lawns or tour past stately Gothic cathedrals on a red double-decker bus. It's all right there in Christchurch on the beautiful South Island. Affectionately known as New Zealand's most English city, Christchurch is set facing inland to the Canterbury Plains and the snowy Southern Alps. The Avon River, shaded by gracefully arching trees brought from England, meanders through lush gardens; holidaymakers share the banks with the duck population and boats drift lazily by. This was how it was in Christchurch before the recent destructive earthquake inflicted such devastation on this charming city. We send our deep-felt condolences to all those who have been affected by this ruinous event and extend to all New Zealanders our sincere best wishes for the future.



New Members: Catherine Spence from Palm Beach NSW, Deborah Tester from Balhannah, SA (a Gift Membership from Norma Lee) and Jill McCulloch from Minyama Waters, Qld (a Membership Gift from Iain McCulloch). Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworlding!*

TROPHY WINNERS: Slots 1-6/2010: **Bev Cockburn** and **Brian Symons**. 2010 Quizzes: **Carole Noble**. Compiler of the Year: **Audrey Austin**. Congratulations! Our sincere thanks to **Brian Symons** for his skilful management of the Trophy awards.

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

mugwump *n.* US **1** a great man; a boss. **2** a person who holds aloof, especially from party politics. [ORIGIN: Algonquian *mugquomp* 'great chief'.]

The Australian Oxford Dictionary, Second Edition, 2004. Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$115.00 ISBN 9780195517965

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Bonus Quiz March 2011

Talk Back by Both Sides

As all answers are associated with the theme indicated by the title, no further definitions are provided. The title also suggests the non-conventional alpha order required. (One answer does not appear in *Chambers* or *Macquarie*.) Send your solutions to Nea Storey, 10 Whiteman Street, Wanniasa, ACT 2903. Fax: 02 6231 0820. Email: neachy2@netspeed.com.au Closing date 8 April 2011. Book prize.

- 1 A horologer out of synch (10)
- 2 Second little dog (4)
- 3 Pound Sister Clara first (8)
- 4 Former legal tender (7)
- 5 Trick endlessly (4)
- 6 Fifty in the nude (5)
- 7 Busy watching; time ran out (7)
- 8 Key to salesman's patter (5)
- 9 Wig on crooked (5)
- 10 Record spinner (1,1)
- 11 Magistrate possessing extra-sensory perception (7)
- 12 Uncooked inside, dreadful outside (5)
- 13 Medical problem (7)
- 14 Two inches around (4-4)
- 15 Alternately, jog once around (3)
- 16 Doctor inserted large silicon implants initially (6)
- 17 Intrinsic to cello, Quentin? (3)
- 18 I fell out of the pine tree (6)
- 19 Late newspapers (7)
- 20 Teapot pourer (5)
- 21 Way lies within socially acceptable boundaries (4)
- 22 A short man of the cloth (3)
- 23 Reflected in window ajar (3)
- 24 Play sax and bop, love (7)
- 25 Good Barry Gay? Very odd! (4,5)
- 26 What's this? (4)

February 1-2011: Half and Half by *midships* (Ian Williams)

[Apologies for the lack of definition in 15dn, remarked upon by many solvers. I'd like to be able to say that the answer was as plain as – but in fact it was due to sloppy checking of the implications of a last-minute change to the clue. *midships*]

• Probably the cleverest Slot 1 puzzle I have seen, notwithstanding the confusion in 15dn. Thanks, Ian. *Len Colgan*

• Nice start to the puzzles. Favourite clues were 6, 18 and 26dn. 15dn: Good clue but where was the definition? *Joan Smith*

• I thought 21dn was very clever, with AV (Authorised Version) representing Bible. There doesn't appear to be a definition for 15dn pikestaff, as chanteuse=Piaf, f=loudly, and old cast=kest. *Nea Storey*

• This was a good workout in preparation for the rest of the slots. Not sure if PIKESTAFF is right. *Michael Kennedy*

• Slot 1 was totally brilliant and worth 2 points at least. *Jim Fowler*

• I hope 'pikestaff' is correct, as no part of the clue seemed to indicate this. *Robyn Caine*

• 15dn 'pikestaff'? What or where is the definition? I assume Pia is a nightclub singer. *Graeme Cole*

• 18dn must be 'impartial'. Imp – spirit but I can't work back 'artial'. In 24dn, does 'principal part' have the double function of initials indicator and definition? (Yes – adj) *Tony De Gryz*

• Fairly straightforward. I had 'chief inspector' (29ac) for a while which held me back. *Barb Ibbott*

• Got 'pikestaff' last, but having got it, I can't see a definition. *Max Roddick*

• Found this one quite hard this month, especially after entering 'chief inspector' for 29ac! *Anne Simons*

February 2-2011: Cryptic by *Cha-Cha* (Catherine Hambling)

• Again, I assume 'assigned' is an anagram of 'designs as' except there is an extra 's'. *Robyn Caine*

• 17dn assigned is an anagram? *Graeme Cole*

• 11dn: no off-spring and (without issue) mean the same but are two separate parts of the clue where no off-spring means 'no son' and SP means the same, the irony being that 'son' is deleted and SP is added! *Tony De Gryz*

• Struggled a bit with 23dn for which I had 'pill for ages until I saw 'kill' was in the clue. *Barb Ibbott*

• 'Cultivated' doesn't suit 'polish': 'Cultivate' would do – or even 'take a shine to!' *Max Roddick*

• What is the word 'using' doing in 18ac clue? *Roy Taylor*

• 11dn – if 'person with no off' = pers, how does 'puration equate to the wordplay? (person – son [no off-spring] without issue [SP] I [I] take portion [ration] – adj). In 14dn, 'surprising' does not seem a fair anagram indicator. If the answer intended for 23dn is 'kill', the intention of this clue appears 'sick!' *Alan Walter*

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

• Shirl's lofty standard is maintained. Several excellent clues, with STACCATO and BADINAGE worthy of mention. *Len Colgan*

• This crossword was a joy to decipher, with half a dozen clues (10ac, 11ac, 25ac, 27ac, 2dn, 16dn and 19dn) vying for my vote for COTM. *Nea Storey*

• Great surface readings. SNOWDROPS is cute. *Michael Kennedy*

• My COTM goes to *Southern Cross*' 6dn 'nickname'. The play on words 'pen' and 'nick' for 'prison' is superb. *Bev Cockburn*

• *Southern Cross* is a delight as always. I've given her my COTM for 'dearth' – loved her use of 'curtains'! *Margaret Davis*

• Is clue for 1ac back to front? In 5ac, secure for engagement is cleverly concealed definition. 17ac: regulating as anagind for a straightforward anagram following a clever definition. *Tony De Gryz*

• A good puzzle from *Southern Cross* – no problems. *Barb Ibbott*

• Didn't understand 'dearth' clue at first, but then the *curtains* opened! *Max Roddick*

• Really enjoyed this one, especially 2dn, 16dn and 25ac. *Anne Simons*

• 15dn 'badinage'. Now that's what I call really clever word-play and a shoo-in for my COTM. *Brian Tickle*

• 18ac: 'snowdrops' = 'avalanches', a clever 'and lit.' clue. *Alan Walter*

February 4-2011: AJ by *Difficult Women* (Carole Noble and Joan Smith)

• My apologies for the wrong number indicator for the 'F' word. *Joan Smith*

• In K, isn't KILO the code word? In S, I'm not sure exactly how

the whole clue works. In F, I'm taking on trust but I couldn't see any confirmation. *Andrew Patterson*

• Praiseworthy surface readings, innovative clues with no surplus words. Only query is the F clue. *Len Colgan*

• A good selection of relatively 'normal' words. Is KILOS a code word though? I'm now an expert on African skunks. *Michael Kennedy*

• I'm worried about the "F" word. The answer I have provided seems to satisfy the construction OK but I have no idea how it meets the total definition. So I simply have my fingers crossed, as no source provides the answer I have provided, nor could I come up with any other sensible answer! *Frank Martin*

• Assuming that the "F" word is, in this case, Formseats. I've never heard of such a beast *Jim Fowler*

• I'm totally at a loss to find anything else for the "F" word in slot 4 except "formseats" and I can't verify it anywhere! *Alison Shield*

• 'F' clue should be (4,5) not (9) as given. I assume Jan is not a very happy girl. Why? (refers to an ad campaign that featured the line 'Not happy, Jan', which seems to have entered popular vernacular – adj). *Graeme Cole*

• Our *Difficult Women* were not too difficult this time, I thought. I am not certain about 'formseats' but can't think what else it could be. *Margaret Davis*

• I'm not happy with the F clue but can't think what to put other than 'formseats' even though it is a non-existent word. *Barb Ibbott*

• I am pleased that I could finish all five puzzles! 'Putelis' and 'zorils' had me guessing. *Yvonne McKindlay*

• Luckily found the 11-letter words early but not too sure of 'formseats' or 'upton'. *Anne Simons*

• I can't find my desperate attempt at the F clue in any dictionary but those few empty squares looked so lonely I had to put something in. *Brian Tickle*

• O: 'Oesophageal' is an adjective; clue seems to indicate a noun! X is a clever clue for 'instrumentalist'. An enjoyable AJ. *Alan Walter*

February 5-2011: Break-out by *zinzan* (Andrew Patterson)

• I found this extremely hard (the grid was not helpful at all). Lots of tricky clues that eluded me for days. 12ac 'BEER' was the last one to solve when I thought of Eliza Doolittle. Who was Elizabeth? Loved 22ac: brought back memories of one of my favourite films. *Joan Smith*

• Took quite a while to nut this one out – definitely challenging! *Nea Storey*

• The master of the disguised definition in what seemed to be a relatively easier ZZ puzzle. BEER was excellent, especially as Elizabeth Carlton is a real actress (I had to look her up though). *Michael Kennedy*

• The lurking superhero, vertically lurking on the LHS of the puzzle, is Batman. What a cleverly challenging puzzle this was – the temptation was to think the superhero was Superman, and try to find another villain, and overlook the fact that the listed villains were not in the Superman series at all, but the Batman series! However, it turned out for the best in the end, as movies nearly always do. *Frank Martin*

• That elusive caped crusader BATMAN was found hiding in the 15th column of the grid but I also espied SUPERMAN, who also happened to be Batman's enemy in *The Dark Knight Returns*. *John Gillis*

• The four villains I found are all enemies of Batman, so I hope Superman fought them too, or perhaps Batman is a Superman anyway. *Robyn Caine*

• A nice one from *Zinzan*. *Margaret Davis*

• The bottom right hand corner was tricky until I found 'escapism'. *Barb Ibbott*

• 22ac and 25ac are great clues. *Doreen Jones*

• I don't know any of the villains, but I'd root for tse-tse over penguin! *Dale McManus*

• Hard: some really good clues. Took ages to get 'escapism'. *Anne Simons*

• For COTM I like 'beer' (I do) but went for 'underdog' – a very clever clue. It was very tricky having an obvious 'superman' and a hidden 'batman' when the four villains are indeed Batman's enemies. *Roy Taylor*

• What a stretch! Subwoofer → 'underdog' but oh so clever! *Brian Tickle*

• 11ac: Shouldn't this be 'seem to sob more' not 'seen'? 25ac needs an ! to indicate clever trickery. *Alan Walter*

• I am still far from sure that I have the superhero and four villains correct. *Tony De Gryz*

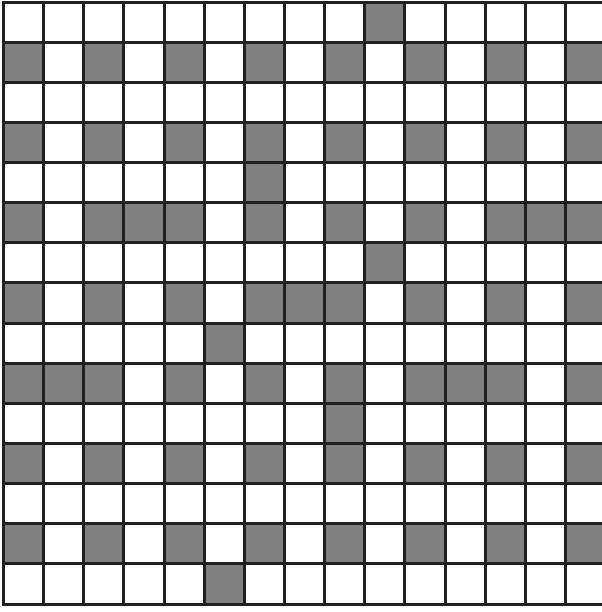
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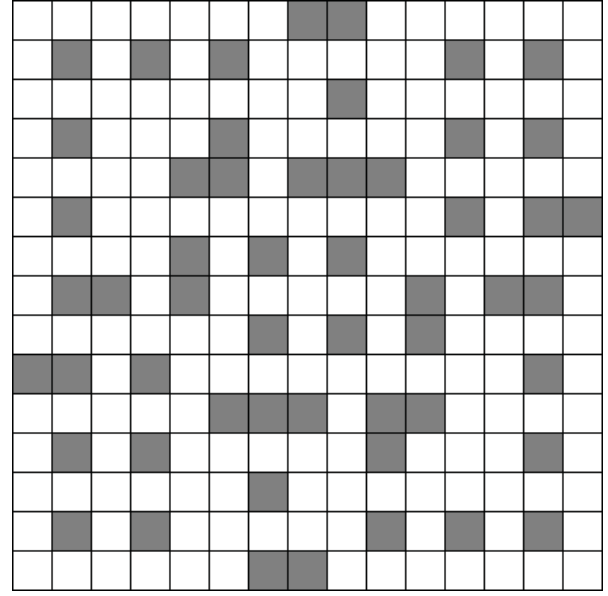
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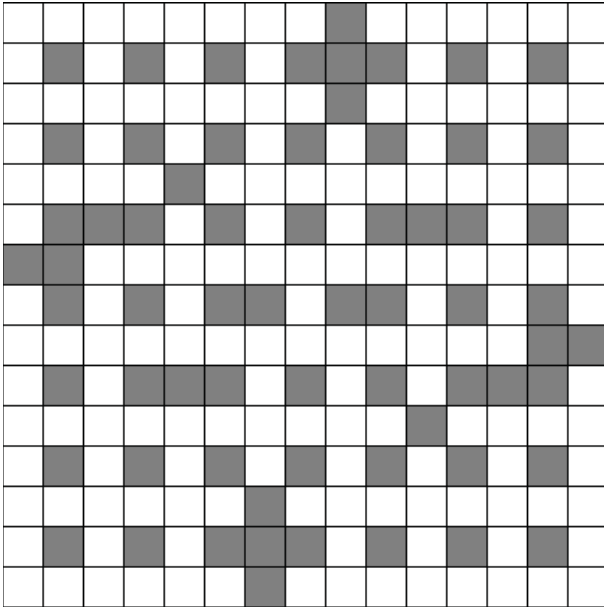


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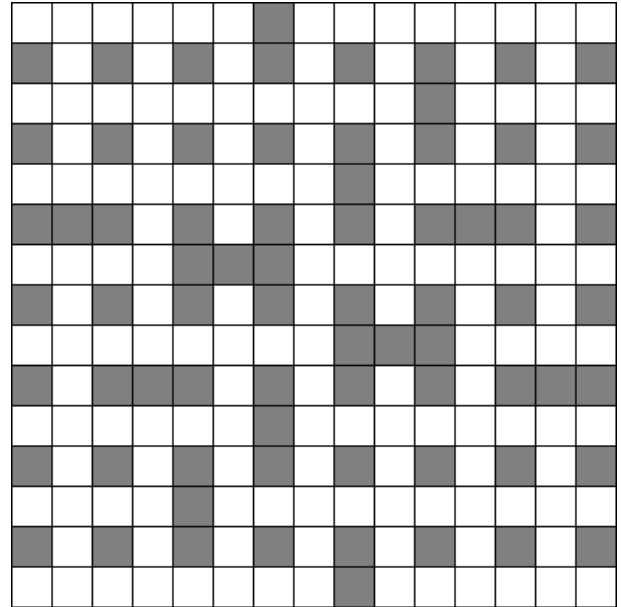


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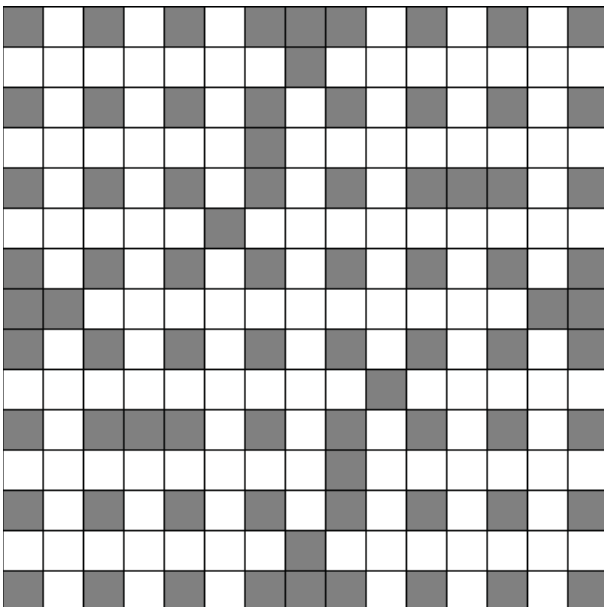
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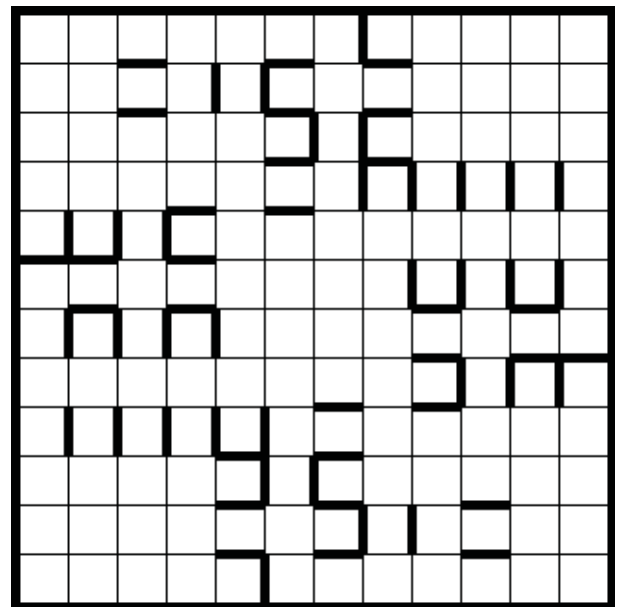
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January 6-2011: Clueless by InGrid (Jean Barbour)

**Entries Received: 110. Correct: 108. Success Rate: 98%.
Winners: Claire Batum & Betty Siegman. Congratulations!**

Adjudicator's Comments:

Thank you as always for your good wishes and kind comments. The only problems with this puzzle were transcription, apart from one 'taleva' for valeta. The only 'taleva' I could find was a proper name, but as I allowed 'Tasman' I have allowed this also. I am glad that the puzzle was appreciated and enjoyed by so many members, even though it wasn't a traditional puzzle. I would love to give an award for the best comment sent in by members. This month would be a toss up between Peter Dearie and Max Roddick. Thank you gentlemen and keep up the good work!

—*Jean Barbour*

Solvers' Comments

- Thank you for your unusual and challenging 'clueless' crossword. I enjoyed the double difficulty of deciding which of the results to use and where to put them. *Bev Cockburn*
- Thanks for a 'good fun' puzzle. I love anagrams.

Hilary Cromer

- This was an interesting one. I never fail to be astonished at the way some anagrams simply leap out at you and others – usually very easy ones – take an age to solve. I do enjoy the great variety of puzzles our clever compilers give us even though I cannot always complete them.

Margaret Davis

- It took a while to mistreat, smash, torment or enhance your clues. The recreation of this rotten puzzle began to nettle me – it could not be stranger! (Actually it was good fun).

Peter Dearie

- After untangling the anagrams, 'literature' only fits where it is. Following on from this, 'balladeer' and 'hailstorm' are 9-letter words with an 'L'. The rest falls into place with various degrees of difficulty, especially the shorter words.

Tony de Gryz

- Some anagrams were tricky. Had 'train sets' at first for ten sitars. Good fun.

Rosemary Dorrell

- 'Clueless' didn't even begin to cover what I felt when I first looked at this, but with perseverance it all came together – in the right way, I hope.

Kath Harper

- What fun your puzzle was! I enjoy solving anagrams plus I love jigsaws so you gave me a double present – thank you. (No wonder we enjoy adjudicating with such nice comments as this – Jean)

Barb Ibbott

- As I don't have access to the internet at home, it is a treat to have a quiz for which I don't need it. Thank you and all the puzzle setters for giving all members such enjoyment throughout the years. (Thank you Cathy – it is a great club to be associated with isn't it? –Jean)

Cathy Jones

- Thank you for such a novel puzzle; I had a marvellous time working out the words. Once I had the two 10-letter words, I could do some figuring about what some of the other words ought to look like. In a couple of instances, I resorted to Scrabble® tiles!

Judy Mitchell

- I loved this until I struck a few that had several answers. However, it was just a matter of filling in the definites then choosing the right one. Good stuff!

Carole Noble

- Filling the grid with words is like packing a suitcase. You know everything will fit, but where and how? And finally, will it pass Customs?

Max Roddick

- I really enjoyed this puzzle within a puzzle. An extra complication due to multiple anagrams i.e. notes onset, stone and tones from steno! And ascot, coats, and tacos from coast!

Lynne Spicer

- Did enjoy this Slot 6. The AJ is my favourite each month and found this variation challenging and fun. *Cheryl Wilcox*

Solutions to Bonus Puzzles January 2011, pp17-19.

January Bonus Puzzle No 1: Cryptic by Betelgeuse

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January Bonus Puzzle No 2: Cryptic by Crowsman

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January Bonus Puzzle No 4: AJ by Penobscot

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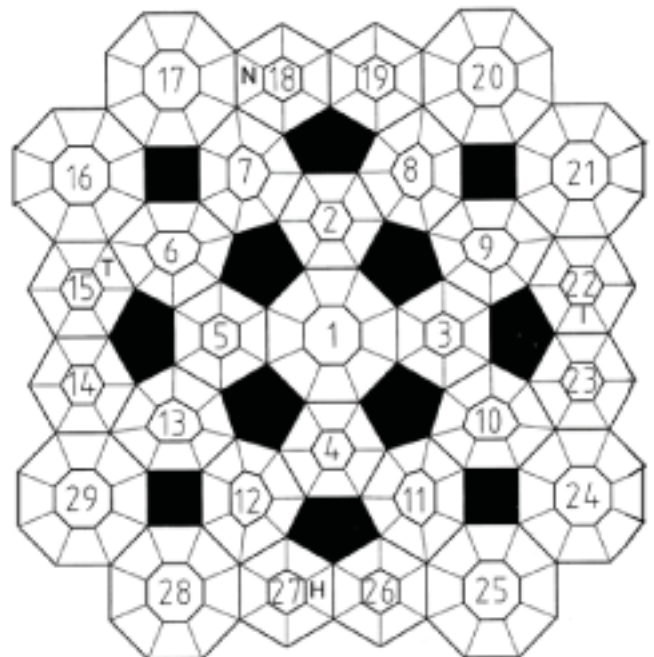
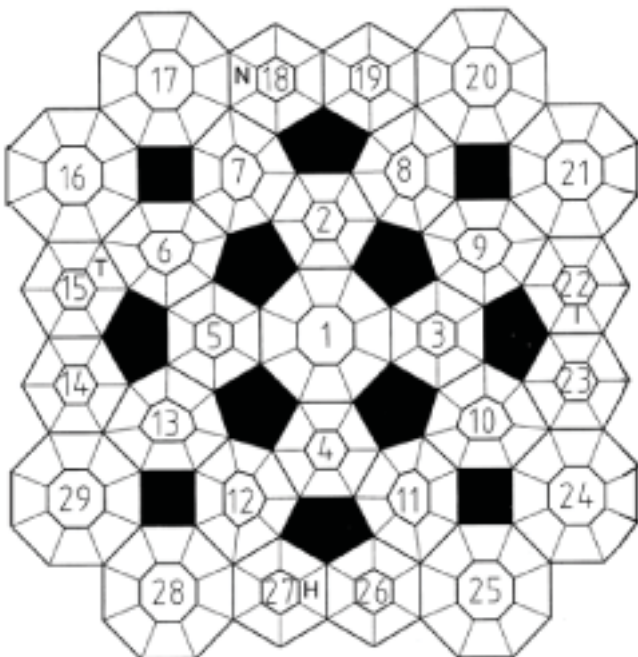
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| Around the World in 29 Cities by Virgo |
| Book Prize |

- 1 In ski helmet at the resort (8)
- 2 We were blind to what we'd been taught (6)
- 3 We climbed in boots the slippery slopes (6)
- 4 Till noonday sun dashed all our hopes (6)
- 5 "Keg pin needed," the barman said (6)
- 6 "Slide on the snow." We trod it instead (7)
- 7 This opened up a fissure and a grave (7)
- 8 My fellow gags, trying to be brave (7)
- 9 "Never shout on the slopes," we had been told (7)
- 10 But grub litter had emerged and I went cold (7)
- 11 My friend could not have looked more pale (7)
- 12 In Norway red sun laid (7)
- 13 We couldn't harm bugs - just left the scene (7)
- 14 An ark, a grave, got no spring clean (6)
- 15 Then, as a taxi arrives, we set off (6)
- 16 And hail a porter indicating our stuff (8)
- 17 The man's a giant so we tip him well (8)
- 18 "Bad run?" I, nodding, hail a taxi to the first hotel (6)
- 19 My companion says, as it draws away (6)
- 20 "That worm! He took my wallet - all my pay!" (8)
- 21 I now took cases from the ground (8)
- 22 And saw it lob inside the pocket. Found! (6)
- 23 We entered a mini rickshaw. Then came rain (6)
- 24 Showering us - torrents over Spain! (8)
- 25 And so the movies: Hero saves gal (3,5)
- 26 He then says, "Let's go for a whirl." (6)
- 27 And my hero lad says, "Dance hall next door." (6)
- 28 No fewer than seventy on the floor! (8)
- 29 We mark out his spot and dance till four (8)

Within each line find an anagram of a city to be entered in the polygon. Answers may start anywhere and be inserted clockwise or anti-clockwise. Adjoining letters of different cities are the same. Four letters are given so any adjoining letters can be inserted right away. One city is given its former name. Send your entry to **Audrey Austin, 35/55 Carter Road NAMBOUR Queensland 4560.** e-mail: audreyaustin@bigpond.com.au
Closing date 8 April 2011
Book Prize.

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Quiz No 3/2011



by *Virgo*

Quiz 3/2011

Linkwords by *Virgo*

Insert a word in each of the blank columns that makes a phrase with the word in the first column, a phrase with the last column and a new phrase in the central two columns shown by the word lengths. Answers are not in alphabetical order. Send your entry to Audrey Austin, 35/55 Carter Road NAMBOUR Queensland 4560 e-mail: audreyaustin@bigpond.com.au Closing mail date: 8 April 2011. Book prize.

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| 1 | Mini | | horse | (4,4) |
| 2 | Fireworks | | sink | (7,7) |
| 3 | Good | | monster | (7,6) |
| 4 | Sunday | | pie | (5,4) |
| 5 | Lucky | | haste | (4,4) |
| 6 | Model | | thumb | (7,5) |
| 7 | Open | | pod | (6,4) |
| 8 | Water | | canal | (4,5) |
| 9 | Drum | | meeting | (5,7) |
| 10 | Press | | face | (4,5) |
| 11 | Idaho | | dressing | (6,5) |
| 12 | Drinking | | top | (5,6) |
| 13 | Commercial | | Queen | (5,7) |
| 14 | Black | | snap | (6,6) |
| 15 | Walking | | spray | (5,6) |
| 16 | Wide | | map | (4,4) |
| 17 | Bitter | | trifle | (5,6) |
| 18 | Lone | | shell | (7,6) |
| 19 | Top | | powder | (6,7) |
| 20 | Marzipan | | cube | (5,5) |
| 21 | Cattle | | path | (6,6) |
| 22 | Sky | | perch | (4,4) |

Bonus Quiz Results January 2011

Who are these people? by *The Busybodies* (Bev Cockburn and Carole Noble) Entries: 45: Success rate: 80%.

Winners: Brian Eggleton and Cheryl Gleeson. Congratulations to all those with 100% correct entries.

Answers: 1. Flannel flower, 2. Namoi, 3. Golden wattle, 4. Lachlan, 5. Callistemon, 6. Tamar, 7. Kangaroo paw, 8. Goulburn, 9. Sturt's desert pea, 10. Diamantina, 11. Waratah, 12. Molonglo, 13. Banksia, 14. Ashburton, 15. Bottle brush, Murchison, 17. Grevillea, 18. Flinders, 19. Boronia, 20. Castlereagh.

Additional point answer: AUSTRALIAN FLOWERS.

Scores: 21: W. Allen, A. Austin, G. Cole, L. Colgan, M. Cowan, P. Dearie, M. Dennis, B. Eggleton, H. Freeman, R. Gardiner, P. Garner, C. Gleeson, B. Hagan, P. Heath, L. Howard, V. Howard, S. Howells, B. Hull, A. Jermy, G. Leeds, J. Martin, C. McClelland, T. McPherson, P. Mercer, A. Miles, J. Mitchell, H. Perrow, M. Potts, D. Procter, M. Procter, A. Simons, J. Stocks, L. Waites, A. Walter, N. Wilson and R. Wimbush. 20.5: D. Jones, B. Siegman, J. Smith and N. Storey. 20: Robyn Caine, J. Fowler, B. Ibbott and C. Jones. 19: R. Dorrell.

Adjudicators' Comments: Half points were lost when solvers mentioned the 'play on words' of "flower" and "flower" but failed to actually include the title – AUSTRALIAN FLOWERS. The additional point was lost when no mention of the heteronym was made. Thank you for all the New Year wishes received and the positive comments listed below. We both wish you all a happy and successful 2011.

—Bev Cockburn & Carole Noble

Solvers' Comments:

• Castlereagh (This river brings back fond memories as I was born and bred in Coonamble and it was right in the middle of town.)

Doreen Jones

• Do I get an extra point for mentioning that poor old South Australia is the only state not to have a river included? (Sorry, no. **B**) However, all is forgiven because our state floral emblem got a listing (phew! **B**).

Len Colgan

• Well that was an amazing quiz. Had me looking for flora in vain and as I had a couple of ring-ins – Goulburn and Flinders – the penny at last dropped.

Trish McPherson

• Thank you and Carole for a challenging quiz. It took a while to work out the category. No. 14 gave me the most trouble for some reason. Overall very enjoyable, thank you.

Peter Dearie

• What a great idea for a quiz. That old bugbear we encounter so often, the distinction between things that flower and those that simply flow. No 3, Gwen T. Telalot – I think I know her, not sure about the others.

Betty Siegman

• I enjoyed this list of "Australian Flowers". The task became much easier after it dawned upon me we were looking for cruciverbalist flowers as well as botanical flowers.

Andrew Miles

• Thoroughly enjoyed this – a bigger tussle than usual as the 'normal' anagram solvers were rarely of any help. Had to revert to my brain, together with lists of rivers & native flora. A happy New Year to you & more of your wonderful quizzes.

Pat Garner

• Happy New Year to you both. I'm certainly looking forward to many more quizzes and puzzles from *The Busybodies*. I found your quiz quite challenging particularly trying to find the final 2 rivers – Molonglo and Ashburton.

Graeme Cole

• That stirred the old brain up! (Mine not yours!)

Brian Eggleton

• I spent a lot of time looking for native flora to fit the even-numbered clues, until I woke up to your clever use of the homophone.

Nea Storey

• What an interesting concept. Although I saw straight away that every second item was an Australian plant, it took me some time to realize that the alternate items were rivers and even longer to register that these were flowers and "flowers".

Susan Howells

• I enjoyed the Aussie flavour of your quiz – very appropriate with Australia Day on the way.

Barb Ibbott

• A cryptic comment from Maurice – "You know how to" (4,1,5) Kath Rouble "hurt a bloke" (Sorry, **B**)

Maurice Cowan

• There were a few difficult ones in here, Bev & Carole. Ron Bathus & Clint Osmale did not want to reveal themselves to me. A most unusual quiz.

Gabrielle Leeds

• A good one for Australia Day. Many thanks.

Valerie Howard

• This was a lovely (but very annoying) quiz. I spent a great deal of time on it. Having recognised about 10 plant names I thought they were all Australian Natives until 'Diamantina' sent me in the right direction. Now I can put the Scrabble® letters away and get on with the dusting.

Judith Mitchell

• Another interesting and frustrating puzzle, but I do enjoy them. With a botanist in the family I thought I would race through them but of course came to a standstill with No 2. In fact I've only just realized they're all Australian 'flowers'!

Robyn Wimbush

• Even after I worked out the "Australian flowers" theme, it took me a while for the double meaning to dawn on me. Must be the hot weather.

Mike Potts

• It took a while to work out the category of things.

Marian Procter

• Good fun – educational too!

Audrey Austin

• Sneaky set of anagrams. Thanks for the entertainment.

Jack Stocks

• Thank you Bev and Carole for another challenging quiz.

David Procter

• Happy New Year and thanks for the anagrammatic start.

Catherine Jones

• Thanks for introducing us to these unique Australians, sweet-scented and rollicking!

Phyl Heath

• This was a very enjoyable quiz with the lovely twist involving Australian flowers as well as rivers. Well done and much appreciated.

Alan Walter

January 7-2011: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)
Entries: 64. Correct: 45. Success rate: 70%.
Winners: Alison Shield and Ro Ducker. Congratulations!
Adjudicator's Comments:

Thank you to all for having a crack at what I acknowledge was a challenging crossword. I also appreciate all the letters, cards, kind words and plenty of questions about how several of the clues worked. It was Noel Jessop who once told me that if an answer didn't feel right, then chances are it isn't. I feel sure that this was the case when instead of BIROS, I received some hopeful BYRES, BARNs and BARDS. However, it was 'whist' (correct answer - WRIST) that was responsible for the majority of the incorrect solutions. With eleven 'whist' answers I looked long and hard as to whether it could be justified but the clue clearly states that 'king' (R) *trumps* 'hearts' (H), and not the other way round. Also, the definition JOINT is at the beginning of the clue, whereas 'CARD GAME' is in the middle. However, I did accept a couple of WAIST responses in which 'A1' (king) replaced 'H'. Also, while no-one messed up SECONDARY, there were plenty of people unsure as to how it worked. **Lower back needs vertebra (the most caudal segment) surgery - no rush!** Lower (Definition) back (**SECOND**) + **A** (the tail of vertebra) + **RY** (surgery minus surge (i.e. rush)). HEADERS also tested some: **Shots at the title require skill from the outset** (SHOTS = definition, as in soccer; the title (HEADER) plus S (Skill from the outset). Feel free to contact me if you have any other specific enquiries. —*Michael Kennedy*

Solvers' Comments:

- It's always good to discover a new meaning for a word. I had no idea HANDBAG means to attack. Thanks to *Chambers*, I see it is attributed to the Thatcher era. Thank you for an enjoyable puzzle. *Robyn Caine*
- I gazed and gazed at BIROS for some time - it seemed the only possible solution. But why? Eventually I listened to BIROS and the penny dropped. An object lesson: use your ears on a homophonic clue, not your eyes! *Denis Coates*
- Thank you for your challenging cryptic crossword which had me scratching my head for quite a while on unusual clues. My favourite was BIRDS - very clever, and the hardest was GOALS but equally clever when solved. *Beverley Cockburn*
- Some excellent clues as usual, particularly HANDBAG, GRAVE, SARONGS and INTERFERE. However, I cannot follow or justify HEADERS and SECONDARY (see above). *Graeme Cole*
- No doubt some members will not like 4dn due to a judgment it is over-verbose, but I really appreciate your achievement of ingenious surface-reading. Consequently, I give 4dn (SECONDARY) and 20dn (ANSWERS) my equal favourite clues verdict. *Len Colgan*
- Thank you for your puzzle. To be honest I found it quite difficult and got really stuck on the top left-hand corner. I have filled in all the squares but am not sure about SECONDARY except that it is all I could find that would fit! I'd be grateful if you could explain it (see above). *Margaret Davis*
- The clue for 5dn CHAOS was a clever one, combing a cryptic message within a statement that literally describes the theory. I also liked 23ac CREATURES - being of Scottish descent I am familiar with "creature" being used to describe things made or created, in particular scotch whiskey, known as "the cratur" in the vernacular. I believe that it was so named to justify its consumption by strict Presbyterians - it was part of God's creation and therefore not taboo. *Peter Dearie*
- Some of the answers are obvious but the clues incomprehensible or doubtful, e.g. 9ac must be NIECE but 'relative' is the only word in the clue that I can connect with it. (Relative timepi**ECE** Installed with inner rewind). DERIVED - brilliant clue - deprived with a penny (nor d but p) equals gained! Brilliant clues are no exception in this puzzle. Too clever for me when it comes to working back some of the answers. *Tony de Gry*
- Thanks for a nicely hard but eminently fair and cleverly constructed puzzle. Not often, if ever, that I don't enjoy your contributions. *Jim Fowler*

- Thanks Michael. A good challenge to keep my brain exercised over the Silly Season. *Pat Garner*
- This was tough! *David Grainger*
- I enjoyed this puzzle. Took a while to make sense of HEADERS and SECONDARY. *Andrew Miles*
- I loved the clues for 5ac CHINWAG and 28ac SARONGS. *Carole Noble*
- Such is your deviousness that it took me days to see that NIECE was correct. 1ac HEADERS and 1dn HANDBAG held me up until I found the bible (*Chambers*) listed 'attack' as one of the meanings for HANDBAG. Thanks for a good mental exercise! *Ted O'Brien*
- The cricket was not to be but I had a most enjoyable innings with your puzzle. I finally justified HEADERS and ANSWERS (d'oh!), but whether its BYRES or BARNs (neither as it turns out - there goes my free drink) eludes me. *William Ryan*
- I loved your clue about Tiger Woods! *Nea Storey*
- Thanks for this Christmas collection of convoluted clues. *Roy Taylor*
- Thanks for your brain bender puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- 13ac GOALS is sorely testing me. It has kept me busy all holidays! Thank you for another great Slot 7. *Robyn Wimbush*

Solution to January 2011 Slot 7
Results see p2 column 7

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Solution to January 2011 Bonus Puzzle No 3

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Results of the Clue Writing Competition: No 1/2011.

Write a clue for MEDIOCRE (8). Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.

Definition of **MEDIOCRE** from **Chambers** (11th Edition) (*adj* middling or average in quality, performance etc; rather inferior.) For such a fine-sounding French word, it doesn't seem right that it carries such a benign definition. As I hoped there was a variety of clueing methods used. It was also terrific to see some entries from first-timers – please keep them coming! All up there was a commendable response with a total of twenty 'mediocre' (not literally of course!) clues to adjudicate this month and there were several clues that I could have chosen as the winning entry. In a close call, I've gone with **Len Colgan's** fine attempt:

Health program rejects application initially – then covers old pedestrian ** (8)** (See below for the explanation)

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

Brew, more iced, proved second-rate ****

An anagram of MORE ICED, as indicated by 'brew'. This is a lovely clue and demonstrates how sometimes it's the more simple secondaries that work the best. The anagram indicator is also cleverly disguised as a noun.

Come ride around the pedestrian ***

A concise clue based on the simple anagram COME RIDE. This is tied in nicely with the 'pedestrian' definition. However, 'the' is a slight distraction as it serves no purpose other than padding the surface reading. Ideally, link words should work literally between the secondaries and the definition.

Cook dormice with the last of the lettuce—it's nothing special! ****

A simple anagram of DORMICE with (E). The clue's indicators are well set out and clear. 'E' comes from 'last of the lettuce'. This is how individual letters should be identified, with a specific instruction, rather than simply using the word 'last'. I have little doubt that cooked dormice with lettuce would be nothing special.

Dome built with rice mixture of poor quality ***

An anagram of DOME and RICE as indicated by the two anagrams which work quite well together. The surface reading is also fine, although one wonders what sort of a dome is being constructed from rice.

Fair to middling doctor keeps me in the club! ***

The idea here is to place 'I' (me) in DOC, which in turn is inserted into MERE. The surface is intended to suggest a perennially pregnant woman due to her mediocre medical adviser. As the clue's creator points out: *"the use of club to indicate MERE is at the obscure end of usage – but the Macquarie Thesaurus at HITTING 337(7) lists it."* Using obscure synonyms as secondary indicators is valid, but can present an uphill battle to the average solver. Clues such as this should be reserved for clues in a crossword, such as *The Listener*, which is meant to be more challenging and devious than normal.

Health program rejects application initially – then covers old pedestrian ****

Subtract A from MEDICARE and then insert an O. Obviously, the 'O' does not replace the 'A', but the clue is careful enough not to state this. This is a lovely gettable clue with excellent surface reading and a well-disguised definition. Every word serves a purpose. A worthy winner.

Indifferent surgeon to lap-band rich first and obese last ***

Surgeon (medic) to literally *lap* 'O' (band). 'R' comes from 'rich first' and 'E' from obese last. This clue polarized me. On the one hand, the use of 'lap-band' is inspired and I can't recall seeing it before. On the other, despite the excellent story the clue tells, I don't believe using 'first' and 'last' without any clear indication is adequate. I acknowledge that not everyone agrees with this view but I'm a disciple of *Afrit's* dictum: "You need not **mean** what you **say**, but you must **say** what you **mean**".

Inside Jupiter's largest moon, named Io, creatures are pretty ordinary **

While MEDIOCRE lends itself to some neat anagrams, it may surprise you to learn that it also has the potential to be a hidden as shown by this clue. Can you see it? However, every word in a cryptic clue needs to serve a purpose. While 'Jupiter's largest moon' certainly adds to the surface reading, they are otherwise superfluous.

More dice are thrown but result is just so-so ***

Another anagram of MORE DICE. I like the definition here and the surface reading works well.

"More iced confection?" – "O.K., My Sweet"***

An anagram of MORE ICED as indicated by the clever use of 'confection'. 'O.K.' (which is not normally punctuated) is the definition. As the compiler points out, 'My Sweet' could be omitted. The intention is to spice up the clue and pad the surface reading, as well as disguise the definition somewhat. However, to be fair to the solver it should be omitted as it would cause undue bafflement. Words should never be added to a clue *solely* for surface reading – they need to perform a function, whether it be as part of the definition, or secondary indicators.

Motoring enthusiast drives into orange cones! Rather entertaining initially, but not much good ****

Take the first letters of the first eight words and you have the answer as indicated by 'initially.' These clues give you the freedom to finesse the surface reading, and this clue doesn't fail in this regard. Quite an entertaining clue! Perhaps one observation about these types of clues is how difficult they can be to disguise.

Not very good to upend rubbish ***

ME(D)I(OC)RE – this is a challenging clue as you would need to know that COD, as a shortened version of codswallop, means rubbish. However, the mechanics of the clue are accurate and with a couple of checked letters, very solvable. The surface reading is also fair.

Ordinary doctor carries oxygen about ***

This is a simple charade (MEDIC+O+RE). The mechanics are sound and there are no superfluous words. One is left pondering why this doctor is ordinary, as well as the connection to carrying oxygen about.

Rather inferior company turned up after princess went into pool ****

ME(DI)OC)RE. This would obviously have to be a down clue to work. The compiler has melded the indicators together well. The surface reading is also effective, and paints a picture of a drunken pool party.

Rather inferior doctor transplanted bottom to front rear end ***

Doctor (MEDICO) with transplanted bottom (MEDIOC) and the 'front' letters of 'rear' and 'end'. While the clue's story sounds like an intriguing case of medical malpractice, there is one legitimate quibble. 'Front' by itself does not adequately indicate the first letters of 'rear' and 'end'. The solver could just as easily take the letters 'r' and 'e' as the 'end' letters. That is why one needs to be specific about what letters are being used.

Rolling more dice in the middle of the road ***

A simple anagram of MORE DICE, with a fitting indicator and a nice misleading but accurate definition.

"Run of the Mill" actress changed colour, we hear **

With this clue the solver is led to believe 'Run of the Mill' could be the name of a movie in which an actress had a role and changed colour! 'Actress changed' is MEDI (from Demi Moore). 'Colour, we hear' refers to OCRE (sounds like ochre). While the effort to hide the excellent definition is admirable, it would be preferable if there was in fact a movie with this title as it adds credence to the clue. The main problem, however, is with the indirect anagram (IA). This is a good example of why IAs are not generally allowed. To expect the solver to find the first name of an actress before using it as an anagram is a lot to ask. The homophone at the end of the clue works well.

Simple control of inner madness is commonplace ***

'Simple' is MERE, controlling iDIOCy (inner madness). 'Inner madness' for DIOC is clever, if a little vague, as it could also denote the letters 'IO'. The surface reading works well, although my inner madness is far from controlled.

The wine I entered received the comment, "No mark – not medal quality." ****

Wine is MEDOC with 'I' entering. It then literally receives 'comment' REMARK without the 'mark'. This was the last clue I received but it was worth the wait. The compiler has managed to weld exceptional surface reading with clear and correct indicators. Medoc is certainly not the first wine that comes to mind – usually its something like 'red' or 'asti', so the clue is not a doddle. Also, 'mark' usually refers just to the abbreviation 'M', but in this case it's the entire word that needs to be removed. The definition is designed with the surface reading in mind and fits seamlessly with the theme of a wine competition. Perhaps one could argue that 'not medal quality' is a tad vague and could suggest less than average, but this is a minor quibble.

Toss dice more to get the average ****

The third and best of the DICE MORE anagrams. I'm sure many of you remember this demonstration of probability at school. The clue is succinct with a smooth surface reading, and sound secondaries.

| | Poor | Satisfactory | Excellent |
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| Definition | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Secondaries | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Fairness | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Surface Reading | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| x-factor | 0 | 1 | 2 |

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

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