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[on appealing to wise men for explanations] Yet this solution but once more affords / New change of terms, and scaffolding of words. Matthew Prior, 1718, 'Knowledge', in *Salomon on the Vanity of the World*, I, p478.

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The ACC Executive Committee is delighted to announce that in April 2015 we will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary. The ACC began on 8 April 1990 and issued its first magazine in May 1990. The Committee comprised Carole Noble, Secretary, Alan Walter, Treasurer and publisher and Noel Jessop, Puzzle set-up. The magazine stated that the Club's aims were to "entertain, instruct and challenge members via medium of crosswords." Our Anniversary will be a Special Event and we are sure that our members will thoroughly enjoy the puzzles and quizzes kindly set for them by keen and dedicated compilers not to mention the excellent prizes.

Given the impressive renewal rate of subscriptions, it is worth mentioning the huge workload of our tireless Secretary/Treasurer **Bev Cockburn** who has had to carry out the many admin tasks of banking etc but also the paperwork necessary to keep the membership records up-to-date. Not to mention her inspiring puzzles and quizzes! And the work done by our Puzzle Editor **Ian Williams** in the process of checking and selecting the puzzles and quizzes each month deserves to be quietly applauded and his skilful e-lodgment adjudication every month. 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? They are simply THE BEST!!!

Our brilliant puzzlemaster **Ian Williams** has selected an outstanding range of puzzles and a quiz to keep you fully occupied during March. Ian has selected a Half 'n Half by *Timid Terrier* and challenging cryptics by *InGrid* and *The Lady and the Scamp*. We are pleased to publish *Penobscot* with the ever-popular AJ and in Slot 5, we welcome back one of our favourites – *St Jude* – with another one of his fine puzzles. In Slot 6, *Blue King* tests all solvers with another of his admirable cryptics and in Slot 7, we have *Betelgeuse* with an engrossing cryptic titled *Misprints*. We have a Quiz for your delectation by *Crowsman* 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

Many thanks to all who sent greetings and good wishes. Unfortunately once again not even one decent bribe on offer... A number of members also commented on the increasing difficulty of some puzzles. Such is life!

**Slot 1:** This puzzle was quite well received, with quite a few entries with errors for PIA and FOI for FBI; ARMIDILLO for ARMADILLO, and several blank lights surprisingly mainly in the 3 letter answers. It pays to triple check each entry to avoid this.

**Slot 2:** A good success rate here. POST was allowed for PAST in 32dn. And a few blank lights. My apologies for errors in number indicators, but that didn't seem to faze any members.

**Slot 3:** Not too many mistakes evidenced here: TWINGING for TWIGGING was disallowed the definition being 'getting' = 'twiggling'.

**Slot 4:** This puzzle was the cause of the most angst among members with SCINTILLAS for SCINTILLAE also SONNY for SUNNY taking the most casualties. RELIES and JELLIES were interchangeable in the grid.

**Slot 5:** The downfall of more members, the main culprits being PEROGS and PEROGI for PIROGI, IDYL and IDLE for IDOL, LILE in place of LOLL and COLANDERS instead of CALENDERS.

**COTM:** Quite a battle here with 7 clues being nominated in slot 3 and no less than 9 in slot 5 with a tie between 23dn in slot 3 and 6dn in slot 5 each with 4 votes. The final numbers have Slot 5, 6dn 'CINCH' as the winner. Congratulations *Crowsman*.  
—Col Archibald

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	89	102	81	81	80	433
Correct entries	76	95	79	60	58	366
Success rate (%)	85.3	93.1	97.5	74	72.5	84.52
Prizewinners	Charlie Quinn	Jan Pearce	Chris Bilkey	Robyn Wimbush	Warren Allen	from 103 members

Prizewinner: February 2015 Slots 1-5: Julie Crowe, Congratulations!

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ALLEN W	.	.	.	.	.	.
ARCHIBALD C	.	.	.	.	.	.
AUDRINS K	.	.	.	.	.	.
AXELSEN U	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARNES J	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARRETT A	.	.	.	.	.	.
BAYLIS J	.	.	.	.	.	.
BILKEY C	.	.	.	.	.	.
BLAKE M	.	.	.	.	.	.
CAINE R	.	.	.	.	.	.
CALLAN A&D	.	.	.	.	.	.
CARPENTER R	.	.	.	.	.	.
CARROLL L	.	.	.	.	.	.
CHAMPION G	.	.	.	.	.	.
COATES D	.	.	.	.	.	.
COCKBURN B	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLE G	.	.	.	.	.	.
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COWAN M	.	.	.	.	.	.
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DYER A	.	.	.	.	.	.
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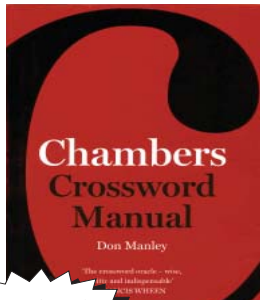
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HAGAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.
HAMBLING C	.	.	.	.	.	.
HARPER K	.	.	.	.	.	.
HEMSLEY D	.	.	.	.	.	.
HEYES N	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOWARD V	.	.	.	.	.	.
HOWELLS S	.	.	.	.	.	.
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JONES D	.	.	.	.	.	.
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KENNEDY M	.	.	.	.	.	.
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LEE C	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEEDS G	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEIGH J	.	.	.	.	.	.
LEMON G	.	.	.	.	.	.
LLOYD G	.	.	.	.	.	.
LORD P	.	.	.	.	.	.
McCLELLAND C	.	.	.	.	.	.
McGRATH J	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKENZIE I	.	.	.	.	.	.
McKENZIE R&P	.	.	.	.	.	.
McMANUS D	.	.	.	.	.	.
McPHERSON T	.	.	.	.	.	.
MACKAY-SIM C	.	.	.	.	.	.
MARTIN A	.	.	.	.	.	.
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MASON I	.	.	.	.	.	.
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MERCER P	.	.	.	.	.	.
MILES A	.	.	.	.	.	.
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MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
NOBLE C	.	.	.	.	.	.
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O'HARA H	.	.	.	.	.	.
PARSONS D	.	.	.	.	.	.
PATTERSON A	.	.	.	.	.	.
PEARCE J	.	.	.	.	.	.
PINDER S	.	.	.	.	.	.
POTTS M	.	.	.	.	.	.
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PYC M	.	.	.	.	.	.
QUINN C	.	.	.	.	.	.
RENDELL A	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROBERTSON S	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROLFE G	.	.	.	.	.	.
ROULSTON S	.	.	.	.	.	.
RYAN W	.	.	.	.	.	.
SCHULTZ J	.	.	.	.	.	.
SIEGMAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.
SIMONS A	.	.	.	.	.	.
SKINNER R	.	.	.	.	.	.
SMITH J	.	.	.	.	.	.
STEINBERGER M	.	.	.	.	.	.
STOREY N	.	.	.	.	.	.
SYMONS B	.	.	.	.	.	.
TAYLOR R	.	.	.	.	.	.
TAYLOR S	.	.	.	.	.	.
THOMPSON I	.	.	.	.	.	.
TICKLE B	.	.	.	.	.	.
WALKER D&M	.	.	.	.	.	.
WALTER A	.	.	.	.	.	.
WILCOX C	.	.	.	.	.	.
WIMBUSH R	.	.	.	.	.	.
WOODFORD J	.	.	.	.	.	.
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**Half 'n Half**  
by  
*Timid Terrier*

Prize:



**Win!**

Prize kindly donated  
by Ross Fraser of  
Hodder & Stoughton

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**Across**

- 1 An edible shellfish (7)
- 5 Fruitlessly, without success (2,4)
- 9 Stop, halt (5)
- 11 Stumbling-block (8)
- 13 The sweet bay tree (6)
- 14 Male child (3)
- 15 Modify, change (5)
- 16 Follow, pursue (4)
- 17 Nobles (5)
- 18 River (9)
- 22 Church recess (4)
- 23 Slowly boiled (6)
- 26 Bake (5)
- 27 To surpass (6)
- 30 Graceful bird (4)
- 32 Blacken a reputation (9)
- 34 Hindu holy man (5)
- 35 Female horse (4)
- 36 Artificial waterways (5)
- 39 Saloon (3)
- 40 Fish roe (6)
- 41 To make effeminate (8)
- 42 Large cat (5)
- 43 Attended (6)
- 44 Slips away (7)

**Down**

- 1 Change of opinion concerning facade (5,4)
- 2 Academy issues changed for natives from down under (7)
- 3 French novel not right for this country (4)
- 4 Claire cooked cake (6)
- 5 Man perhaps some mislead! (4)
- 6 Closest Nebraska adult haven (7)
- 7 Personnel expose company (7)
- 8 Undo small kinks (5)
- 10 Fish shelter overturned (3)
- 12 Starts off treatment on lupus using effective new enterprising chemical compound (7)
- 19 Hidden stock reported by wandering tribe (5)
- 20 Mites infest a car interior (5)
- 21 Compound damaged trees (5)
- 24 U.S. inventor's festival without the queen's crew (7)
- 25 Stupidity of lairs at Eastern headland (9)
- 28 Rotter to maintain body (7)
- 29 Coach organised ace duet (7)
- 31 We ram tires! (7)
- 33 Lots of blood around Capone (6)
- 34 Plunders bags (5)
- 37 Parched Arab's identification (4)
- 38 Fear a Welsh Earl (3)
- 39 Ali's cake (4)

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**Cryptic**  
by  
**InGrid**



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**Across**

- 8 Curl lips back around radium (6)
- 9 Secret friend holds queen's child (8)
- 10 Recess for phone programs it sounds like (4)
- 11 Cold romance lost in big apple enchantment (10)
- 12 Laugh and look at ring (4)
- 13 Action coup brings about conquest (10)
- 17 Coloured and faded talk (4)
- 18 Lace for riskier holding (5)
- 19 Common weapon not large (4)
- 21 Small copse lost to viewer (10)
- 23 Average man, perhaps? (4)
- 24 Mishaps set adrift on vessels (10)
- 28 Each card has one initial copy (4)
- 29 Watch holds king before unknown deception (8)
- 30 We Scots thirst for tea (6)

**Down**

- 1 Record any hip unorthodox church festival (8)
- 2 Bum unrestrained by stacker (10)
- 3 Ringing family. Ours go crazy! (10)
- 4 Electronic image impressive (4)
- 5 So mother goes inside (4)
- 6 Business degree causes stupor (4)
- 7 Cowboy inept after drug becomes old (6)
- 14 Sedan travel with baggage (5)
- 15 Gang has second section, one on title (10)
- 16 All aren't at wild dance (10)
- 20 Instrument follows removed coin (8)
- 22 Confine fashionable bird (6)
- 25 Mischievous bow (4)
- 26 Observe dead root (4)
- 27 Short American poem, idly reformed (4)

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

- A big thank you for the January slot 5 prize of *Chambers* edition 13. I was just about to buy myself a new *Chambers* as my edition 9 was obviously missing a few entries so it is great to have an up-dated version. It's such fun to try to do the puzzles each month and to win a prize for this is an added bonus. Thanks to all involved.
- Thanks to all for another challenging month.
- A challenging batch of puzzles this month, especially the longer homophones in Slot 5!
- Thank you Gillian for your December Slot 6 puzzle and thank you for pulling my name out of the hat as the prizewinner.
- Many (belated) thanks for Christmas gifts – certificate and very attractive pen.
- Thanks for the pen: most useful.

*Hilary Cromer*

*Caroline Mackay-Sim*

*Nea Storey*

*David Procter*

*Anne Rendell*

*Sally Knight*

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic</h2> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 0;">by</p> <p style="margin: 0 0 0 0;"><i>The Lady &amp; the Scamp</i></p>


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Several answers do not possess a clue but are totally defined by a Nina.

**Across**

- 1 See rubric (5)
- 4 Worn-down fastener in shoe for a horse, but put back in one that moves slowly (4-4)
- 10 See rubric (4)
- 11 Instigating mastermind has lookalike boxing heavyweight? (10)
- 12 Under-performing in fight, exhausted (6,3)
- 13 29 read aloud, unfortunately (4)
- 14 See rubric (5)
- 16 Leave without Head of Government for Arab state (7)
- 19 Zone limits antelope to a part of the Netherlands (7)
- 20 See rubric (5)
- 23 See rubric (4)
- 24 Unfeminine burial place, somewhat modest but not cold (9)
- 26 State heard ISIS leader raving on air (10)
- 27 Back-track for story-teller (4)
- 28 Writer, for example, enters edited sites (8)
- 29 A maiden is off course (5)

**Down**

- 2 Crowsman has Zurich's top food served up in historic Swiss castle (8)
- 3 One who strives primarily to reinstate yearly exercise regime (5)
- 5 Catch up with master during remarks – they indirectly prohibit the diagonal (3,12)
- 6 Braces for start of storm interrupting those taking flight (8)
- 7 Altar base constructed from calcite (9)
- 8 Spooner suggests you and I set space for manoeuvring (6)
- 9 See rubric (5)
- 15 The animated racist provides overacting (9)
- 17 See rubric (8)
- 18 Noah said redevelopment comes from statesmen (8)
- 21 Returned thanks indicated in therapy provided by clergyman (6)
- 22 Pub is healthy for dieters? (5)
- 25 I denounce religion! (5)

**Explanations to February grids 1 to 5**

**Slot 1 KA:** Down: 1 dd, 2 E + LEG + CIA\*, 3 blue>>low>>moo, 4 BE + FOG, 5 dd, 6 anag, 7 OVER + RUN, 8 RUDD + Y, 12 ind anag (OK + SKI), 14 Z (PIP\*) Y, 18 PET> + ID, 19 C + REEL, 20 ARM + A DILL + O, 22 Regina et Imperatrix = RI in IMAGO>, 24 hidden, 25 dd, 26 BON + GO, 27 lengthEN + UNI\*, 30 hidden, 32 rev.

**Slot 2 Colinebrii:** **Across:** 1 dd + anag, 11 BREAD + TH, 12 UMBREllA, 14 anag, 15 ANT + LE + R, 16 STAB>, 17 dd, 19 CHI + CHI, 21 dd, 24 anag, 26 dd, 27 GALAh, 29 dd, 31 anag, 33 MA + HA + RAN + I, 34 hidden, 35 TON + SURE, 36 dd. **Down:** 2 hidden, 3 hidden, 4 anag, 5 ADD + END, 6 CHANCE + R + Y, 7 dd, 8 anag, 9 anag, 10 PASS + ION + ATE, 13 MAN> + BY + PAM + BY, 18 E + homoph nerve + ATE, 20 dd, 22 homoph rue + BARB, 23 humorous definition, 25 anag, 28 LIT + RE, 30 P + REP, 32 dd.

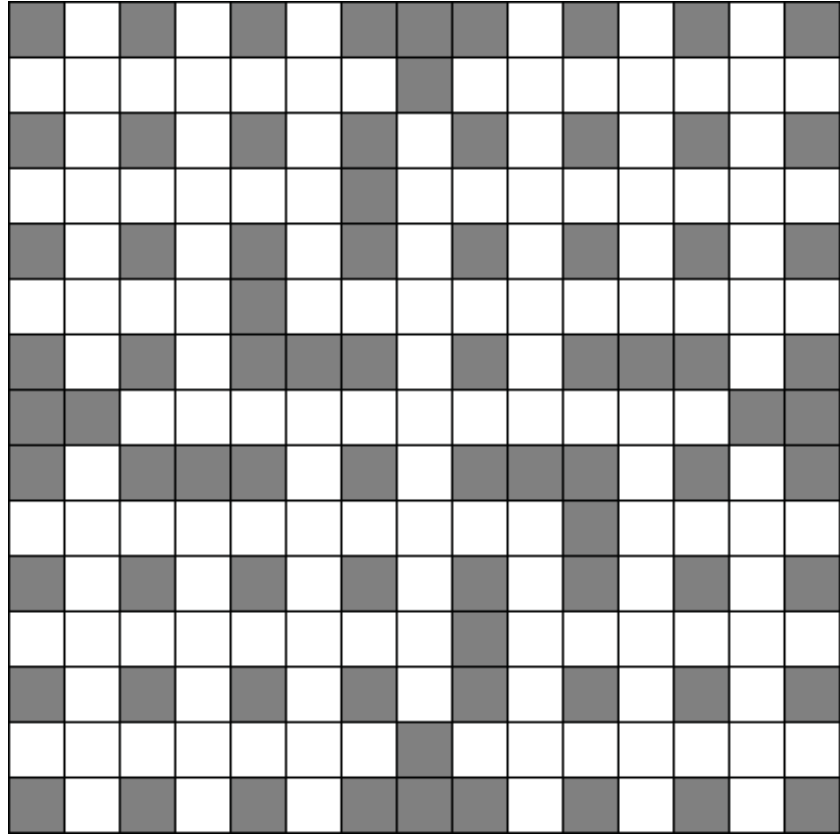
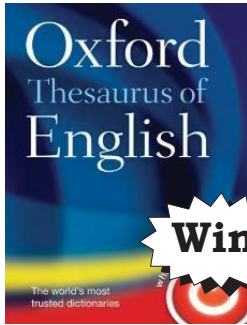
**Slot 3 Robespierre:** **Across:** 9 (TRANSLUNAR - RST)\*, 10 dd, 11 T in NEURON, 12 BOER, UND inserted, 13 (REFORMULATING - FUN, T)\*, 15 Hidden word, 16 Jumper =definition. Not cricket =unfair., 19 KIND, LES, 20 (N(IT)RATE)\*, 21 dd, 25 PUNTING, O replaces U, 26 Hidden, 28 TAN LEARN then switch leading letters, 29 LAN, TAA, insert N. **Down:** 1 WARNE, R, 2 dd, 3 dd, 4 dd, 5 (BRAKE)\* OFF as anagrind, 6 dd, 8 (STR(E)AKERS)\*, 14 BI enclosed by ANKLET, ER, 16 Put HAPP(Y) in CELL, 17 (NOT(H)INGIN)\*, 18 TWIG, G(O)ING, 22 SIDLE, insert D, 23 (WAS)\*, 24 BO, M then insert HAT\*, 27 (G)OWNS.

[Explanations continued on p6]

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**AJ**  
by  
**Penobscot**

**Book Prize:**



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

- A** As is my beating heart, inside towelling garment! (6)
- B** Detain for talking to. About a clothing need? (10)
- C** Protected existence led by occupant of an Indian basket? (7,4)
- D** Name change requirement for document head (4,4)
- E** Merit, but long without a start (4)
- F** Gender popular at heart of iron mine (8)
- G** Not an unusual military rank (7)
- H** Very timely. Like pennies in song? (6-4)
- I** This month saint ain't misbehavin' about the start of Novena (7)
- J** Equitable outcome for mere wastes (4,7)
- K** Decisive blow for obsolete computer device (3,5)
- L** Lower petals, often in front of serenaded senorita! (7)
- M** Decency shows the way to the pen (7)
- N** Relating to name of bird eaten by Cromwell (7)
- O** Tendered, freed of confusion (7)
- P** Resounding scheme by man (8)
- Q** One of five components in English medicament (7)
- R** Extracted, like accounts can be (8)
- S** For soundness of mind stay in for a change (6)
- T** Its use can be as a wiper (6)
- U** Not ambitious but incredibly overindulgent. Let go! Let go! (8)
- V** Buyer found in French department (6)
- W** Rich but somewhat distant (4-3)
- X** Furs suggested for artful miss (4)
- Y** Nervous golfer. Perhaps one having a short cry? (6)
- Z** The highest point of "High Noon"? (6)

**Explanations continued from p5**

**Slot 4 Flowerman:** **A** + rev. (V + IA) + homoph., **B** Double def., **CRUCIA**(l) + **TE**(n), **DELI** + **QU**(ESC)**E** + **D**..., **E** + **XI** + ... **FE** (LIN>) **ES**), **G** Anag. incl. L..., **H** Anag. incl. O..., **I** (a)IDE(A), **J** Double def., **K** ARK> + **K** + **A** + **TAU**, **L** Partial &lit. - **LIBRA** + **RY**, **M** Double def., **NEON** + **A** + rev. **TES**, **ORANG**(e) + **S**, **P** POLARIS(e), **Q** Anag. - o.. - t., **R** RE(L)LIES, **S** Anag. , **T** CAT> + **KLE**), **U**(anag. NCTUO)U + **SLY**, **V** (reSCUed + hAVING)\*, **W**(E...)AKEN, **X** Rev. IX[(y)MENE]S, **Y** BAY> + **B** + **ER**), **Z** + **EST**.

**Slot 5 Crowsman:** The Across explanations are for the answers shown here from the clues, not the entered homophones, which will be found in the grid on p2. **Across:** 1 pac(k)ed; 3 anag; 6 dd; 10 rev(i)s(e) + w; 11 c(a + lend)ars; 12 ill inside anag of 'argues'; 13 W + holly; 15 cor(respond)e + n + CE; 19 anag + scents; 21 t(r)acked; 23 O + verse + as; 26 princ(IPL) e; 27 co(a)x; 28 So(n)ny; 29 LOOT - tool(rev); 30 par(rev). **Down:** 1 pi + Igor(rev); 2 c(overt)ope + ration; 4 (a + c + cad) rev; 5 lol(l)y; 6 c + inch; 7 spelling + chequer (homophone); 8 jamES SAY IS Taking; 9 well + bread(homophone); 14 dd; 16 dd; 17 diet + rich; 18 anag; 20 use + sup; 22 tack + y; 24 vale + t; 25 O + pal.

M A R C H   2 0 1 5   S L O T   5
<b>Cryptic</b> by <b>St Jude</b>


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**Across**

- 1 Crazy ceremony manifests a spirit guide (10)
- 7 Hill about to become twisted metal ornament (4)
- 9 Criticises setbacks and strikes (6)
- 10 Three fathers make bread (8)
- 12 Harbours' first part of fairground slide put on board (8)
- 13 Bone requires condition amid sandy surroundings to fossilise (6)
- 14 Those in favour of the regular return of Skylab (3)
- 15 Attitudes beginning to strengthen after fate overturned (5)
- 16 Brief study of insects that kill with lure (6)
- 17 Mother the French men (5)
- 18 American energy displayed at ring in girly game (6)
- 20 Fool loses time by adding meta expression (5)
- 22 Bone cup (3)
- 24 Two relatives land on international island (6)
- 25 Very angry and desperate, like Kojak (8)
- 26 Excessive New York maiden describes flower for Rose and Lily, among others (8)
- 27 Middle sized cats pounce silently indoors (6)
- 28 Times removed departing editor (4)
- 29 Disrespect spreads about law forces who rob (10)

**Down**

- 2 Coincidence that error reported to be recurring mostly on Sydney's 26-across (13)
- 3 Laughed and rustled loudly, without reason initially (7)
- 4 Secretive person has a source of advantage (6)
- 5 Bob's United Service Organizations pamphlet set out basis for tool use (9,6)
- 6 Babes' breasts pierced with rings of selenium (8)
- 7 Route across Italy (7)
- 8 Glen removes duck material from cow's milk (3)
- 11 Diplomatic informality not working: coins issue disrupted (13)
- 17 Demonstratively indicated movement ended vacantly (8)
- 19 Roland's comrade hammers biscuits (7)
- 21 Act on script holes (7)
- 23 At the outset, old lady's obsessive after engagement of paid dance partner (6)
- 26 Shade of Grant, perhaps, cried out (3)

**What Confucius did not say...**

- Man who wants pretty nurse, must be patient.
- Lady who goes camping must beware of evil intent.
- Man who leaps off cliff jumps to conclusion.
- Man who runs in front of car gets tired.
- Man who runs behind car gets exhausted.
- Man who eats many prunes get good run for money.
- War does not determine who is right, it determines who is left.
- Man who fight with wife all day get no piece at night.

- It takes many nails to build a crib but only one screw to fill it.
  - Man who drives like hell is bound to get there.
  - Man who stands on toilet is high on pot.
  - Man who live in glass house should change clothes in basement.
  - Man who fish in other man's well often catch crabs.
  - Man with hole in pocket, feel cocky all day.
- Finally CONFUCIUS DID SAY...  
 "A lion will not cheat on his wife, but a Tiger Wood!"

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## Cryptic by *Blue King*



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### Across

- 1 Affected and initially miserably embarrassed round dead queen (8)
- 5 Skipper or holder (6)
- 8 Drop State Government leader (3)
- 9 Humbly in charge in drink factory (10)
- 10 For one, one is not differentiated! (8)
- 11 Pot is a peculiar form of argot (6)
- 12 Born and died in poverty (4)
- 14 Get tar with surprising resistance to flood (10)
- 17 More annoyed with judge in advert (5-5)
- 20 Bitterness when cries of pain are stifled at execution site (4)
- 23 Shock of mischief-maker's stage performance (6)
- 24 A bit after street decoration (8)
- 25 Have dessert before refreshing liquor! (10)
- 26 Ingredient of banana bread (3)
- 27 Back space after people cluster (6)
- 28 I consumed one egg before kick-off (8)

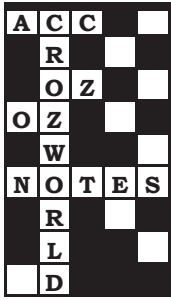
### Down

- 1 Rubbish Scot in charge of Jewish delivery man! (9)
- 2 Bed cover close to sleeper (7)
- 3 Some characters in Dickens ignored a junior officer (6)
- 4 Please wander around and randomly walk (9)
- 5 Ship's barber perhaps (7)
- 6 Terrible night after dramatic experience of simple amusement (9)
- 7 East of Berlin by loaded African runner (7)
- 13 Break down tin medals (9)
- 15 Looks over school and gets blurred vision perhaps (9)
- 16 Latin approval voiced in hypnotic state of play (9)
- 18 Sweet spirit with degrees of art (3,4)
- 19 Gold watched old worker on weary escape at last (7)
- 21 Gas is the core of colonialist war supplies at the front (7)
- 22 Failing, fed up, ruined etc. (6)

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### New Crossword Club

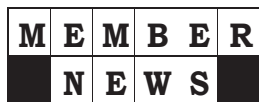
**Carole Noble**, who was our dedicated first Secretary of the ACC has moved into an Aged Care unit in Erina and is now running a weekly event called *Carole's Crossword Club* every Tuesday. Carole started off with four people at first but recently they had to find another table to accommodate a ninth person! Carole said that she is "trying to get their minds working by compiling easy crosswords". Everyone is given a copy and they all work on the clues together, doing all the across ones first then the down. They get through two grids per session. And between clues they have "quite lively discussions about all sorts of things". The Aged Care place has just brought out their own newspaper of six pages and Carole was given the honour of naming it *The Aurrum Forum*. Carole said that it should have been called *The Carole Noble Times* because she has contributed to four of the pages plus they publish her crossword on the back page together with her photo. We congratulate Carole for her studied brilliance and commitment in offering her valued services to the Aged Care place. And we send her our sincere Best Wishes and award-winning solving in the future.

### Corrigenda and errata for March edition

The clues in *Blue King's* January slot 3 last month attracted a number of comments. On checking (after the event, of course) it was found that a number of revised clues were omitted from *CrOZworld* due to technical problems with the computer program used by Roy and that we use for setting up grids in the magazine. Additional checks should ensure that such an unfortunate error doesn't happen again but the editorial team apologises to members for the unsatisfactory clues and to Roy for any unjustified criticism that may have related to the preliminary clues that were published in error.

### Members affected by the recent Cyclones

We're sure that we speak for all members when we send our best wishes to those unfortunate members and their families and friends in Central Queensland who may have been affected by Cyclones *Marcia* and *Lam*. We understand that a significant number of people may be without power well into the next week, which could affect their competition submission plans. Unfortunately, given our tight publishing schedules, we're not able to defer the adjudication of the February competitions, but Ian will be happy to assess late solutions for February slots 1 to 5 inclusive from people affected and award "late" dots, up until Friday 20 March. If you have "lost" your blank grids, or the electronic February *CrOZworld*, Ian will send duplicate copies on request. We hope you are all well and that life will soon return to normal for you. —*The Editorial Team*



**New Members: Claire Clark** from Strathpine Qld and **Ralph Penglis** from Randwick NSW. Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworliding!* A welcome subscription renewal for 2015

from **Stephen Young**.

**Dots Adjustment:** Karl Audrins and Doreen Jones gained dots for December 2014 Slot 6.

### TROPHY WINNERS for 2014:

Slots 1-6/2014: **Alan Walter. Congratulations!**

2014 Quizzes: **Julie Leigh. Congratulations!**

Our sincere thanks to **Bev Cockburn** for her valued assistance with the management of the Trophy awards.

### Macquarie Dictionary's Word of the Year for 2014

The Macquarie Dictionary's Word of the Year committee chose **mansplain**, while the People's Choice award was **share plate**.

Macquarie defines "mansplain" as follows:

"verb (t) Colloquial (humorous) (of a man) to explain (something) to a woman, in a way that is patronising because it assumes that a woman will be ignorant of the subject matter. [MAN + (EX)PLAIN with s inserted to create a pronunciation link with explain."

In choosing mansplain as the word of the year for 2014, the Committee felt that it was a much needed word and it was a clever coinage which captured neatly the concept of the patronising explanation offered only too frequently by some men to women.

The Committee gave honourable mentions to: **lifehacking**, *n*, the application of strategies or shortcuts used to simplify or improve any aspect of one's life. [LIFE + HACKING2] –lifehacker, noun.

**binge watching**, *n*, the practice of viewing a favourite television series, seeing many episodes in one extended sitting. Also, binge viewing.

**bamboo ceiling**, *n*, a barrier created by prejudice which hampers the progress of Asian Australians to positions of leadership in government and business institutions. [modelled on GLASS CEILING]

Once again **The Washington Post** has published the winning submissions to its yearly neologism contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternative meanings for common words.

[Kindly supplied to the ACC by Warren Allen.]

The winners are:

1. Coffee (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. Willy-nilly (adj.), impotent.
6. Negligent (adj.), describes a condition in which you absent-mindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.
8. Gargoyle (n), olive-flavored mouthwash.
9. Flatulence (n.), emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
10. Balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
11. Testicle (n.), a humorous question on an exam.
12. Rectitude (n.), the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
13. Pokemon (n), a Rastafarian proctologist.
14. Oyster (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.
15. Frisbeetarianism (n.), (back by popular demand): The belief that, when you die, your soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.
16. Circumvent (n.), an opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by circumcised men.

**February 1-2015: Half 'n Half by KA (Karl Audrins)**

• I hadn't come across this meaning of Bream in 1ac before – something to do with Tony Abbott and barnacles?  
*Jim Fowler*

• I enjoyed this puzzle. Much of the Western half was quite tricky.  
*Ian Thompson*

• Pretty straightforward but we still don't understand "Origami". That's assuming it's correct of course.  
*Richard Skinner*

• 22dn: does RI stand for former royalty? [See explanations on p5 – Adj]  
*Tony de Gry*

• Mostly straightforward but a sting in the tail. Needed Google for the long-retired tennis player called John (PATTY), and the Abbott-friendly barnacle-cleaning methods (BREAM), the latter crossing the dodgy MOO – I can see how that's meant to work, but it doesn't work for me. Still, can't complain at a grid including HOICK and GIZMO!  
*Rob Moline*

• 1ac: Tried BRUSH then BROOM before settling on BREAM. 26ac: BUDGE Patty was a tennis player born in 1924. 2dn: Presumably a cow's blue is a MOO (or low). 12dn: Agreement with runner =OK=SKI giving KIOSK anagram. 25dn: Had to decide between FIFTH, SIXTH, NINTH & TENTH: settled on FIFTH.  
*Alan Walter*

• This one went a lot better when I spelled 'elegiac' correctly.  
*Brian Tickle*

• Who knew BREAM meant clean? I'd never heard of BUDGE PATTY either: education never stops. Thank you KA.  
*Carole Noble*

• BUDGE PATTY was a top tennis player! I thought KIOSK clue was an unfortunate indirect anagram; otherwise an enjoyable puzzle.  
*Roy Taylor*

• I was smug until 1ac put me off for days! Finally a friend found BREAM in its newest form for me.  
*Dale McManus*

• The across clues were almost more difficult than the down ones. I've never heard of Budge Patty: always something new to learn.  
*Ulla Axelsen*

• 12 indirect anagrams are a definite no-no. Should have been rejected at setting stage.  
*George Rolfe*

• I have an issue with a few of the clues, e.g. Patty's first name took me ages. I have never heard of person called PATTY BUDGE. An unfair clue I think. Also how does cow's blue = moo? (Play on words Barb. blue=low=mool C).  
*Barb Ibbott*

**February 2-2015: Cryptic by Colinebrii (Col Archibald)**

• I would normally associate the amber fluid in 2dn with beer, but I have heard some brews described as gnat's piss.  
*Jim Fowler*

• An unusual style for slot 2? Always a little harder to "bludge" on already: solved clues these.  
*Richard Skinner*

• 9dn: what is the meaning of opening for two? [the clue is referring to an opening relating to clue 2 – Adj]  
*Tony de Gry*

• Brilliant grid, no obscure words – doable without aids.  
*Rob Moline*

• An enjoyable Ximenean Cryptic. Thanks Col. (My pleasure: C)  
*Alan Walter*

• Great job with the barred grid.  
*Brian Tickle*

• Best puzzle this month; set for enjoyment. This was a pleasure not torture to solve. Please compile some more, Col we need you, Thanks. (Thanks: Carole, I'll do my best! C)  
*Carole Noble*

• I gave URETHRA COTM although it is a tube not an opening. (Poetic licence: Roy! C).  
*Roy Taylor*

• URINE, URETHRA, DIABETES: you trying to tell us something Col? *Raoul*

• Too rash putting SPRITE instead of ESPRIT baulked me for quite a while; loved the rest.  
*Dale McManus*

• A very good bunch this month. I enjoyed your slot 2, a favourite format of Roy Wilson's, and very well done.  
*Betty Siegman*

• Liked 'amber fluid' for definition ODF. 2dn – an amusing distraction.  
*Ulla Axelsen*

• Poor definition. The urethra is a tube: what is the purpose of the phrase "for two"? (It refers to 2dn: C)  
*George Rolfe*

• I'd better be kind here. I enjoy this style of grid with no black squares to cause transcription errors. I hope your health is OK in view of the words: diabetes, urine and urethra! I loved your 34ac clue. (Fit as a fiddle thanks Barb: C)  
*Barb Ibbott*

**February 3-2015: Cryptic by Robespierre (Ian McKenzie)**

• A delight to solve. The clues contained a bit of everything, including the mini-theme. Of course, JIGSAW brought a smile.  
*Len Colgan*

• I liked the fact that to be likely to solve several clues one had to "sense" from other answers that there was a cricket theme. My favourite clues were two of the cricketer ones, CHAPPELL and WARNER.  
*Ian Thompson*

• Good cryptic. Enjoyed the cricket references and thought "Warner" was a great clue.  
*Richard Skinner*

• Some of the clues required too much detailed knowledge of cricket for my liking, but I was very taken with DRONGO when I finally cracked it. It was going to get my vote for COTM until I came across an absolute winner for me, also in slot 3, clue 10ac: with FANBELT.  
*Caroline Mackay-Sim*

• 29ac: Instead of an expected insect pest, Lantana finally presented itself [Perhaps what we should expect from Flowerman? – Adj] but 22dn does "quick" mean fast bowler? [Yes – Adj]  
*Tony de Gry*

• Struggled with all the names, but at least they were of a theme, else never would have got Chappell – it's only Kiwis who remember how controversial a skipper Chappello was. Had to confirm ANTRE post-solve.  
*Rob Moline*

• My vote for COTM goes to Robespierre for his very timely cricket-themed puzzle, and particularly 1dn "Spinster (redhead) is dynamic hitter" = Warner: To describe Shane Warne as a "spinster" is delightful.  
*Ron Carpenter*

• 19ac: Took quite a while to discover KINDLE books were a library of E

books. NICE=K very well done. ND+ = The in France+LES ic in NICE. 14dn: BI = British Inspectorology Leader (Should be leaders, plural). Presumably ring=ANKLET+ER (hesitation) giving nipper = ANKLE-BITER. 16dn: C+CHAPP+ELL ie CELL imprisons HAPP(Y) stunted dwarf. 17dn: Anagram of nothing in -h gives INTONING. 1dn: SPINSTER here equates to Spinner WARNE+RED (head)= WARNER. 29ac: LAN+TAN+A LAN=NETWORK TAN=BEAT open-air = air opening =A Garden pest (plant) = LANTANA. 25ac: PONTING from PUNTING where U (upstart!) replaces O (nothing). Thanks Robespierre for an entertaining cricket theme puzzle.  
*Alan Walter*

• A few cricketing references. I chased up Google but not sure about a couple. I'll be interested to see the result for 1dn – not sure about my answer Garner.  
*Betty Siegman*

• Some great cricket related clue, especially 1dn and 16dn.  
*Brian Tickle*

• Not cricket, Robespierre! At least you could have had a cryptic title to give us a hint that it was about cricket. Themed puzzles usually do. Having said that, I gave you my clue of the month for 6dn. And I also liked 'inside job'. Play the game and be fair. Thanks for your effort anyway.  
*Carole Noble*

• OH! So there's a theme.  
*Raoul*

• Not being a cricket tragic was a handicap but when a knowledgeable friend provided that prompt, I hope Siddie is right. (AOK Dale: C). COTM 3dn.  
*Dale McManus*

• Summer of cricket wouldn't be complete without a puzzle about it. Despite getting all the other cricket references was stuck on 25ac, 16dn and 22dn. Until the penny suddenly dropped.  
*Ulla Axelsen*

• Some angst caused here until I woke up to the cricket references. Almost gave COTM to several clues.  
*Anne Simons*

• 9 and 13: Forced surface readings. 2, 25: 'Prolific scorer' not precise enough as a definition. 22: Is 'quick' supposed to be a synonym for fast bowler? Better would have been 'Quickie'. 5: Insertion of maybe or perhaps after brake would have improved the wordplay.  
*George Rolfe*

**February 4-2015: AJ by Flowerman (Ian Thompson)**

• R and J are interchangeable but, I guess, you know that. A nice recreation.  
*Jim Fowler*

• The AJ this month provided a real challenge.  
*Frank Martin*

• A superior Slot 4, with a few new words, but lots of enjoyment. The clue for TACKLE really appealed. Elsewhere, it took me a while to realise "key = ESC", and "describing" is meant to represent a containment indicator.  
*Len Colgan*

• Hmm!  
*Len Colgan*

• Always enjoy these. Was this one a little tougher than normal? It's always so personal isn't it?  
*Richard Skinner*

• I marvelled at the cleverness of the CRUCIATE clue! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*

• Wasted a lot of time trying to fit in felines in the correct spot but also on finding the solutions as well as positions for the many other 7-letter words especially Ximenes and Jellies even when the answers are found. K: I knew the alternative spelling Krakatau; my references only show Krakatoa. [Good point, but Google gives 748,000 hits for the "Krakatoa" spelling and 1.1 million for "Krakatau" – Adj]  
*Tony de Gry*

• Loved C; F, G, L, N, R, S, T very good too, V not so much – different count in the centres. J a wild guess confirmed in Chambers (not Macquarie or Oxford); K from the cryptic – never seen that spelling; Quincunx is a word I saw many years ago and it stuck, luckily. Took forever to lift and separate "set up" to solve X, while Z remains a mystery – can't parse it.  
*Rob Moline*

• L Clue answer LIBRARY. Should it more correctly be 'House tracts' here? (not tracks!) or 'house tracks' here reportably? [see Explanations on p6 – Adj]  
*Alan Walter*

• A very challenging AJ, thanks Flowerman.  
*Alan Walter*

• Had to work hard on this one but I really liked the construction of the 'X' clue – my COTM in an issue which had a lot of strong contenders.  
*Brian Tickle*

• So many unusual words C,E,N,Q,S,U. I just hope I can work them into conversation and impress my friends.  
*Betty Siegman*

• Animals as definitions and J O and V are too imprecise. Q: no direction to discard N T and O from quaint council [N doesn't need to be removed and "Not Telling Our leaders removes the T and O – Adj]. S: Dodgy anagram by way of a synonym i.e. one =i U the i of the answer appears to be unmentioned in the wordplay.  
*George Rolfe*

• Far too many obscure words to make this enjoyable. The way to go is to have clever clues for ordinary words. A couple of difficult words are OK. I hope to learn SOMETHING from each puzzle, not everything in one go thanks!  
*Carole Noble*

• Easy at first, then came the obstacles. WEAKEN was hard until the penny dropped. KRAKATAU not easy, I submit with trepidation & eagerly await explanation for the I and J if my desperate guesses are right. Loved WEAKEN when I realised WAKEN was rouse.  
*Dale McManus*

• With the J clue the only words I could find to fit were JELLIES and JELLIED. The only probable connection that I could see was with calf's foot jelly, but it didn't seem to answer the clue.  
*David Procter*

• Some quite challenging clues. Provided I have J correct, I have never heard of jellyfish referred to as jellies: perhaps it's a regional thing. [see Chambers – Adj]  
*Ulla Axelsen*

• Another challenging AJ. 11 letter words came early but had trouble with C, J, K, L and R and W is another guess.  
*Anne Simons*

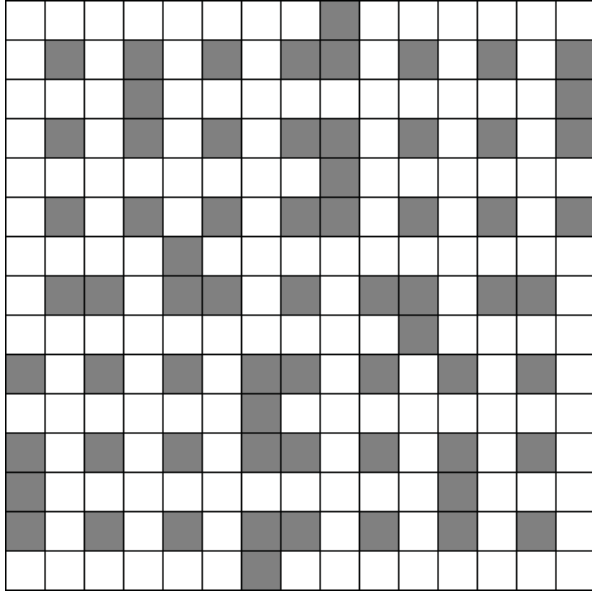
• Some of this was quite difficult. I always struggle with the 7-letter clues, I wasn't happy with the J and R words which seem slang to me. Chose QUINCUNCIAL as my pick word as it is a great word and new to me.  
*Barb Ibbott*

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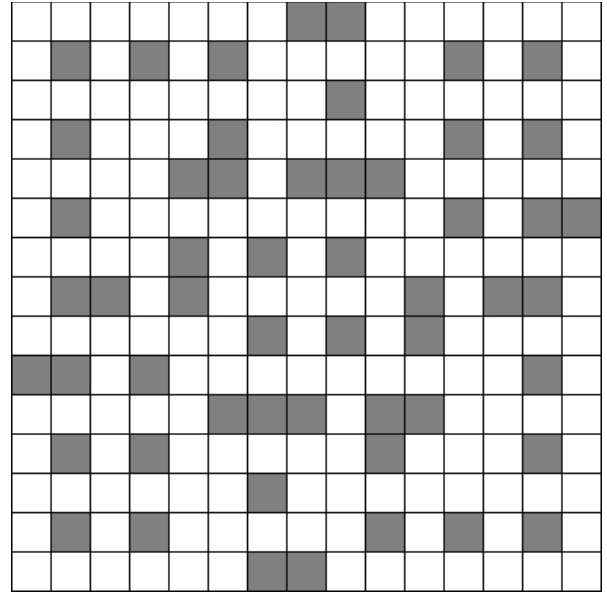
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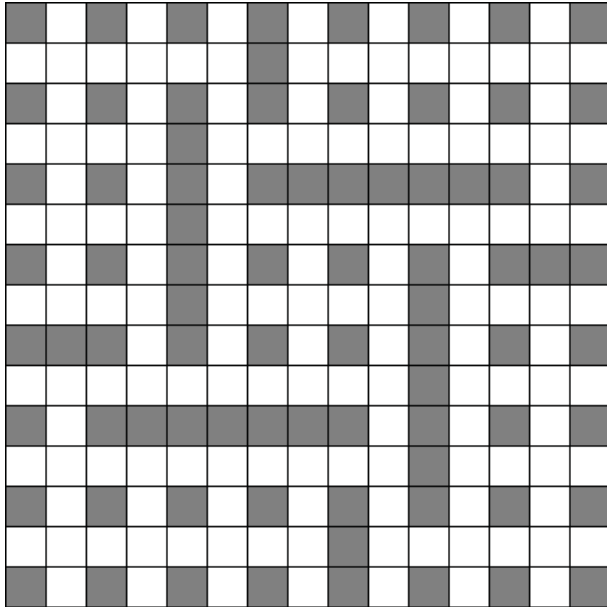
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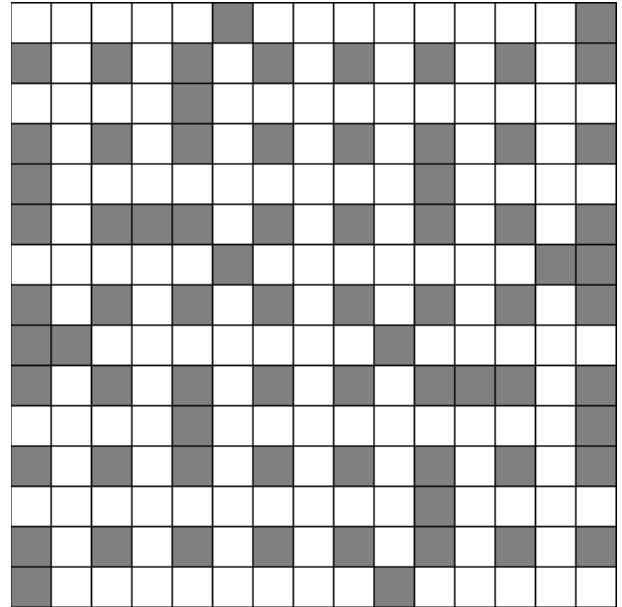
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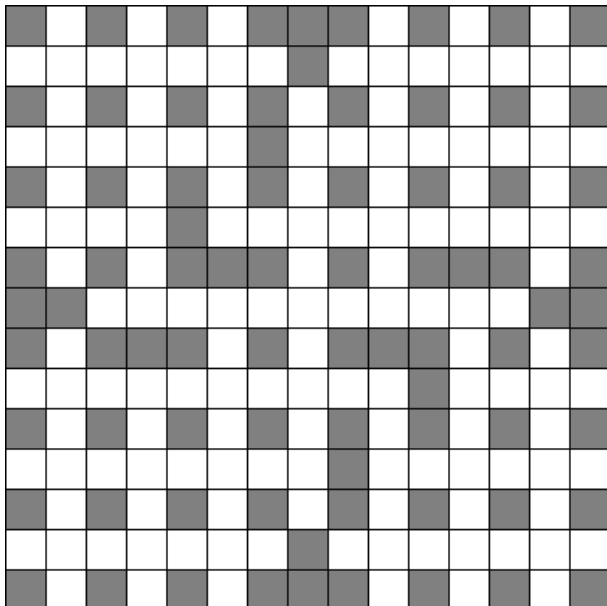
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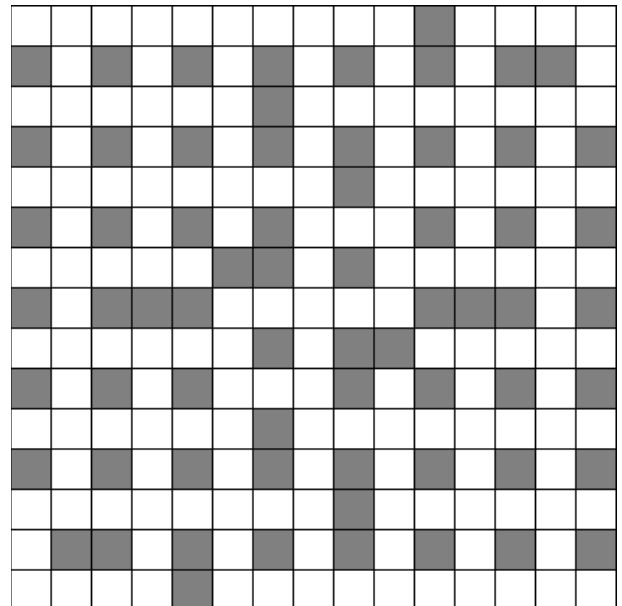
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Clue of the Month .....

**February 5-2015: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)**

• Len seems to be getting better and better. A pity he didn't retire sooner. A masterpiece. *Jim Fowler*

• I really enjoyed slot 5 with its extra twist and I congratulate *Crowsman* on sourcing so many homophones and then fitting them all into the grid. *Catherine Hambling*

• The added dimension of entering homophones certainly made this puzzle more interesting. Lots of good clues, with my favourites DOES, WELL-BRED, PACT and CORRESPONDENCE. *Ian Thompson*

• This was tricky, trying not to forget to enter the homophones. *Julie Crowe*

• Quirky! Novel concept that was fun to solve. The usual *Crowsman* mixture of tough and straightforward with generally excellent surface readings. *Richard Skinner*

• Is this type of puzzle invented by *Crowsman*? Very tricky!! One needs to be aware all the time that the across answers to the clues are NOT the ones to be entered and that this does not apply to the down answers. Easy to make a mistake where homonyms and answers to the clues have the same word lengths. Trying to fit 16 homonyms horizontally or vertically into any grid must be a setter's nightmare! *Tony de Gry*

• My COTM is *Crowsman's* CINCH. This led me astray totally and I spent some considerable time contemplating the lower extremities of my legs! *Susan Howells*

• Needed dictionary for CALENDER. Liked GUERILLAS (double-R is first in the dictionary; single-R looks correct to me), WHOLLY, TRACKED, COAX, COVERT OPERATION, DIETRICH (though a fast is not a diet – the opposite?) and the rest of the downs. Very nice. *Rob Moline*

• 15ac: WHOLLY and HOLLY are not good homophones. 27ac: CAJOLE=COAX, homophone = COKES however a parting helmsman seems to indicate (incorrectly?) take A from COAX to give COX helmsman (homophone COCKS!!). 7dn: Much liked this clue, where 'resting draughtsmen' equates to SPELLING CHECKER, a clever clue. Many thanks *Crowsman* for your mind bending homophones. *Alan Walter*

• Very clever as usual. Favourite was 7dn SPELLING CHECKER. Thank you Len. *Carole Noble*

• Clever and fun to solve. *Roy Taylor*

• Swans to beat the Crows in the GF in September – just desserts for this toughie. *Raoul*

• Who else but *Crowsman* could find TWO fourteen letter homophones? You'll be the death of me, Len and after being misled by 'Lie' ABOUT eventually last solved with help decided my usual *bete noir*. (4-letter word had to be COTM). *Dale McManus*

• Loved this! First solve the clue, then find the homophone – double barrelled fun. *Betty Siegman*

• Good fun. Thought part of foot = inch clever, had me thinking for a while. *Ulla Axelsen*

• Enjoyed this format: for once *Crowsman* didn't present any major problems. *Anne Simons*

• 6ac: My COTM Concise with a neat double definition. *George Rolfe*

**January 6-2015: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)**

**Entries 54. Correct 40. Success rate 74%.**

**Prizewinner: Christina Lee. Congratulations!**

**Explanations:** Note that the solutions given here are those that result from the wordplay and must be anagrammatised to form the words found in the grid on p2. **Across:** **1** ASSERTION - A+S+S+anagram of ORIENT, **6** DURER - RED returning over UR, **9** CRIPPLE - RIPPLE after C, **10** RATABLE - Anagram of ART + f(ABLE), **11** BIGOTED - BIG+anagram of TOE+D, **12** PARENTS - E+N(TRAP)S, **13** EARTHIEST - EARTH + anagram of SITE, **15** STAIR - ST+AIR, **16** GLEAN - GLE(A)N, **19** TRIMESTER - TRIM+ESTER, **22** ENSILED - ENS+anagram of LIED, **23** TASKING - TAS + KING, **25** ROMAINE - Anagram of ROE around MAIN, **26** LOATHER - LA(O) THER, **27** SOILS - SOIL+S, **28** SCORELESS - CORE+LESS after S. **Down:** **1** CANID - Anagram of ACID around N, **2** WESTING - WE+STING, **3** PERTAIN - PERT+r(AIN), **4** URGES - chaffeUR GESTiculating, **5** UNDER ARMS - UNDER + ARMS, **6** BERATES - BE+RATES, **7** MORDANT - M+OR+D+ANT, **8** ASSERTERS, **13** LAMPSHADE - Anagram of PHASED after LAM(e), **14** RESIDENTS

- RESIDE(N+T)S, **17** ENLARGE - E+anagram of ANRL+EG (say) going up, **18** ELEGISE - E+LEG+I(s)S(u)E(s), **20** ROTATES - TO+R (standing)+AT+E(a)S(e), **21** STEROID - Anagram of STORE on ID, **23** LOSER - c(LOSE-R)ange, **24** GORSE - outgoin(GORSE)clusive.

**Compiler's Comments:** Thank you to all those who had a crack at solving this challenging, some might say mind-numbing, anagram crossword. Like everything else, some people enjoyed it, others not so much. Apologies for the mix-up in the clue for *entraps*, but no one got this clue wrong. The most common mistake was entering *hesitator* instead of the required answer – *hesitater*. Many simply assumed this was a spelling mistake, but both spelling alternatives are valid with only the latter serving as the required anagram. A few also missed *surge* (urges) and *scleroses* (scoreless). Well done to those who spotted the NINA (Anagrams).

—**Manveru (Michael Kennedy)**

**Solvers' Comments:**

• This was a very ingenious puzzle, and although I have left no gaps, my fingers are crossed for at least one answer. *John Baylis*

• Thanks for an entertaining anagram puzzle. A fine way to start the year. *Robyn Caine*

• Great puzzle! SURGE was the last answer I got. So clever of you to get a NINA in line 4! Can't quite see the connection with DOG BITE and the clue, although the anagram confirms the answer. *Beverley Cockburn*

• I have managed to complete it I think, though the SW corner took me a while. Actually, it must have taken you a long time to compile such a complex puzzle. I can verify all my answers except 5 (see explanations above). *Graeme Cole*

• I enjoyed doing it, even though my head was going around in circles at times. *Julie Crowe*

• Instruction to find an intermediate word is not very clear, e.g. in 1ac (a,s,s, notrie) is not a word, just a collection of letters. Also, the first sentence of the instruction "each clue has two parts" etc. seems to have omitted the second part and the verb form "provide" confirms this duality. Looking forward to explanation of the clue for 23dn (emailed explanation). *Tony DeGry*

• As usual from *Manveru* a great challenge and very enjoyable. *Tony Dobe*

• Congratulations on an ingenious and challenging puzzle. *Roger Douglas*

• Two of the clues gave me trouble and I just had a stab at the answers. The puzzle is an interesting concept. *Jean Evans*

• What a clever, convoluted mind you have! At times I felt I was working on two different crosswords, depending on whether I focused on the definition or the secondary indicator. Thank goodness Nina was there to remind me of what I was supposed to be doing. *Kath Harper*

• Your Slot 6 takes the prize for the hardest this month! I nearly got caught out on the spelling of HESITATOR as well! Also initially we had discussions about ENTRAPS v TREPANS. There are probably many other mistakes that I have missed. I have spotted the word ANAGRAMS. Thank you for the challenge. *Julie Leigh*

• What a very challenging puzzle! I was very impressed with the clever insertion of the NINA 'Anagrams' across its upper width. Very apt! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*

• This was different. I hope I'm picking up your wavelength (you must have!) *Carole Noble*

• It was a slow start until I got my thinking straight. From there it was an enjoyable solve with no issues at all. Nice job. *Andrew Patterson*

• A very interesting approach Michael and not too easy to put together I wager. Some challenging definitions as well which added to the complexity. Anyway, find attached our best shot to a pretty good slot 6. *Richard Skinner*

• Brilliant! Perfectly clued. *Brian Symons*

• Enjoyable puzzle, cleverly constructed. This is a mixture of clue-types really – anagrams of anagrams, anagrams of indirect anagrams and anagrams of inclusions. An interesting challenge. *Roy Taylor*

• Your Slot 6 cryptic had a long and arduous set of clues to rationalize. This type of puzzle should have been a Slot 7. The current Slot 7 could well be the Slot 6. One could take most of this month to correctly solve and check all the clues in this puzzle. Managed to logically solve your clues except DORMANT (M+OR+D+ANT – anagram). *Alan Walter*

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<b>Misprints by Betelgeuse</b>
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Across clues have a misprint of one letter in their definition but are otherwise standard cryptic clues. Down solutions have to be changed by one letter to make a new word and each down clue comprises a definition of the original word, plus subsidiary clues to the new word to be entered. The changed letter always occurs on a checked square.

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**Closing date:**  
 10 April 2015.

**Across**

- 8 Heard to be more emotional after support for hugs (8)
- 9 Item of clothing worn back to front characterises tense organ (6)
- 10 Wine runs into vat (6)
- 11 Tropical fruit goes off, not quite fit for eating or jam (8)
- 12 One is after the exercise books found in torn ruins (9)
- 13 Female deer is back by lake (5)
- 15 Bird without full flavour and with airy treatment is a poor keeper (7)
- 17 Tickle with no degree of difficulty (7)
- 20 More bone after fish processed (5)
- 22 Suffering from wine, go south into city on day return (9)
- 25 May find answer to drug (8)
- 26 Acknowledgement of hot tea missing one - hides cry of distress (6)
- 27 Extraordinarily nice feel, but not in wood (6)
- 28 Claude intended to renegotiate about corkscrew perhaps? (8)

**Down**

- 1 Demonstrates dextrous movement starting down behind the head (8)
- 2 Point breaks - wind up with trouble? (6)
- 3 Serving as an introduction, the original paraglider was revolutionary with a blue underside (9)
- 4 Eliminating Cuba from winning hearing (7)
- 5 Show off snaps back (5)
- 6 Unfortunate one is brought up on something that's not what it seems (8)
- 7 A quarrel with pub lines (6)
- 14 Handy form of stone ring lost on courtyard with name on bottom (9)
- 16 Inspired - find out about therapy direction (8)
- 18 Wretch with small aid to combustion (8)
- 19 Symmetry broken without mark shows sign of great control (7)
- 21 Luther converted crowd (6)
- 23 Press uniform inside featherbed (6)
- 24 River rider climbs mount (5)

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## Quiz No 3/2015



by **Crowsman**

### Quiz No 3/2015 Triple extremes by Crowsman.

The first three and last three letters of each answer are identical, such as entanglement, tsetse, restores and schwärmerisch. The answers are in alphabetical order.

Send your solutions to Len Colgan, 1 Ailsa Avenue, Warradale, SA 5046 or by email to [len.colgan@unisa.edu.au](mailto:len.colgan@unisa.edu.au). Closing mail date: 10 April 2015. \$75 prize.

Please note that Len will acknowledge all e-mailed entries. If you don't receive an acknowledgement within a few days, please let Len know with a second e-mail without any attachment.

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| <b>1</b> Drug that hinders clotting of blood (13)       | <b>14</b> Enjoyable performance (13)                      | <b>27</b> Worked someone or something too hard (9) |
| <b>2</b> Drug used as an energizer (14)                 | <b>15</b> Lure (10)                                       | <b>28</b> Fruit (6)                                |
| <b>3</b> Smeared (8)                                    | <b>16</b> One's due (11)                                  | <b>29</b> Descriptive science of nature (12)       |
| <b>4</b> Turkish governor (9)                           | <b>17</b> Burial (10)                                     | <b>30</b> Descriptive botany (11)                  |
| <b>5</b> Muslim dweller of the Sahara (6)               | <b>18</b> Fried ball of ground chickpeas (7)              | <b>31</b> Fluffy ball on a hat (6)                 |
| <b>6</b> A sweet (6)                                    | <b>19</b> Showy and successful bigwig (7)                 | <b>32</b> Found out again (12)                     |
| <b>7</b> Nightingale (6)                                | <b>20</b> Swallowing (9)                                  | <b>33</b> Breathes (8)                             |
| <b>8</b> Pertaining to fancy handwriting (14)           | <b>21</b> Persuasively intended to gain favour (12)       | <b>34</b> Organises in a different way (12)        |
| <b>9</b> Parisian dance (6)                             | <b>22</b> Treatments for diabetes (8)                     | <b>35</b> Preacher (10)                            |
| <b>10</b> Malaysian phalanger, or a grain used by 5 (6) | <b>23</b> Process by which an atom acquires a charge (10) | <b>36</b> Calculus (6)                             |
| <b>11</b> One who mocks (7)                             | <b>24</b> Women (8)                                       | <b>37</b> Fits together like a mosaic (11)         |
| <b>12</b> Soft-nosed bullet (6)                         | <b>25</b> Relating to slight earth-movement (12)          | <b>38</b> One causing distress (9)                 |
| <b>13</b> Famous physicist (8)                          | <b>26</b> Hum (6)   | <b>39</b> Russian empress (8)                      |
|   |   | <b>40</b> Subterranean (11)                        |

### Quiz 1/2015: Hit the Road! by Fortuna 48 (Nea Storey).

**Prizewinner: William Ryan. Congrats!**

**Entries:** 44. **Success Rate:** 73%.

**Results:** **27:** W Allen, K Audrins, U Axelsen, M Blake, R Caine, B Cockburn, L Coulton, P Dearie, J Fowler, P Garner, B Glissan, D Grainger, K Harper, S Howells, B Ibbott, D Jones, J Leigh, P Lord, C McClelland, A Miles, R Moline, C Noble, J Pearce, M Procter, W Ryan, B Siegman, A Simons, M Steinberger, B Symons, I Thompson, A Walter and R Wimbush. **26:** P Abbott, G Cole, J Crowe, G Leeds, I Mason, R McKenzie, T McPherson, D Meek, S Pinder, R Skinner and R Taylor. **25:** J Evans.

**Answers:** 1. Austin 2. Bentley 3. Cadillac 4. Commodore 5. De Lorean 6. Estate Car 7. Falcon 8. Ford 9. Genevieve 10. Holden 11. Isuzu 12. Jaguar 13. Kia 14. Lexus 15. Morris 16. Nissan 17. Oldsmobile 18. Pontiac 19. Renault 20. Skoda 21. Statesman 22. Trabant 23. Utility 24. Volvo 25. Wolseley 26. Yugo 27. Zephyr.

**Adjudicator's Comments:** This quiz struck a chord with many. YUGO and TRABANT were Iron Curtain period cars, and I think were listed among the 50 worst cars ever made. YARO (for YUGO) and TURBINE (for UTILITY) were not accepted. I was surprised two members missed AUSTIN for No. 1 as it was clued particularly for club members. Sadly, there is not the space to print everyone's comments!

—Fortuna 48 (Nea Storey)

#### Solvers' Comments:

- This quiz was a transport of delight. *Alan Walter*
- Thanks for your fun quiz. I've owned a few of these along the way. *Margaret Steinberger*
- No. 9 hard to track down, and nothing to indicate she's sweet (without seeing the film). Guessed Wolseley immediately, but needed help spelling both the car and the cardinal. Yugo was tricky to find. *Rob Moline*
- So many makes and models of cars. Some very obscure ones amongst them. *Betty Siegman*

• I did enjoy your quiz – a very clever concept! 9 and 23 stumped me for quite a while. *Bev Cockburn*

• I've finally found the upside of living with an old car fanatic for 25 years! *Kath Harper*

• For 21, *Chambers*: statesman: a person who takes an important part in governing the state esp. with **wisdom and broadmindedness**: (does this really describe our senators??) *Drew Meek*

• A lovely quiz Nea. It did bring back many memories, but I'd never heard of a TRABANT or a YUGO. *Carole Noble*

• Enjoyable quiz. Although I am a bit of a car nut I had not heard of a Yugo. *Warren Allen*

• My husband has recently done up a 1964 Anglia so was disappointed that it wasn't on your list. *Ulla Axelsen*

• A fun quiz. Some I have never heard of, but found them in one of my reference books. *Claire McClelland*

• The last half a dozen or so took a fair bit of research. Last one in was Genevieve. *Ian Thompson*

• As a petrol head from w-a-a-a-y back I thoroughly enjoyed your quiz – including the names I'd forgotten (Trabant, Yugo). Mind you some of those cars deserved to be forgotten. *David Grainger*

• I set out thinking all the answers were makes or models of cars, then hit a bit of a stumbling block. *Susan Howells*

• What deceptive fun! Watching the cricket, I thought I could nail these without exerting too many brain cells. Famous last words. *William Ryan*

• A great puzzle, the beauty of which was the fact that the most simple often caused the most trouble. *Ian Mason*

• There were a number of quite old names on the list and I recall driving most of them! *Richard Skinner*

• I thought I'd really struggle with this quiz as I'm not a 'petrol head', but hopefully I've solved it. *Barbara Ibbott*

• Thanks for the great quiz which sent me down Memory Lane. *Lynne Coulton*

• Some I'd not heard of at all and my husband proved useful! *Julie Crowe*

• An interesting mix of types and models, plus No 9. UTILITY was the last solved – and I own a "ute". *Peter Dearie*

• Interesting and well contrived. It is surprising how many of these vehicles I have owned/driven. *Jim Fowler*

**January 7-2015: Cryptic by *Bogeyman* (Ian Williams)**

**Entries: 75. Correct: 68. Success rate 91%.**

**Winner: Betty Siegman. Congratulations!**

**Setter's comments:** Thank you for your cards, comments and encouragement. Two boo-boos were identified by solvers and for which I apologise – I clued one of the intended theme words (GALLUP (NM)) with an unnecessary definition, which caused some little confusion. Also, to obtain some of the letters for the anagram making the SIXTY SIX, I clued "Roman eight" in the subtractive style, as IIX, failing to indicate a departure from the more conventional additive method giving VIII. As some sort of weak defence for the latter, clock dials have reasonably often been styled with characters using the subtractive system and, interestingly, 18 is conventionally represented as IIXX, not XVIII. 10-down NETSTORE is the word that is yet to be coined. I would have thought that with the rocketing internet trade it would have been on everyone's lips – or at least keyboards: this caught only one member. Very few systemic problems and a high success rate. The major reason for failure, apart from errors that must have been literals, was the inability to spell OKLAHOMA!

—*Bogeyman* (Ian Williams)

**Correct entries:** Allen W, Anderson C, Audrins K, Axelsen U, Barnes J, Baylis J, Blake M, Caine R, Carpenter R, Cockburn B, Cole G, Colgan L, Coulton L, Cowan M, Crowe J, Davis M, De Grys A, Dearie P, Dobebe T, Douglas R, Evans Jean, Fowler J, Freeland J, Garner P, Glissan B, Gooderick R, Ibbott B, Jones D, Kennedy M, Lee C, Leeds G, Lord P, Low R, Mackay-Sim C, Mason I, Mcadoo G, McClelland C, Mckenzie Dr I, McPherson T, Meek A, Mercer P, Miles A, Moline R, Noble C, O'Brien, Eileen, Parsons D, Patterson A, Perrow H, Pinder S, Potts M, Procter D, Procter M, Pyc M, Roddick M, Roulston S, Ryan W G, Siegman B, Simons A, Skinner R, Smith J, Steinberger M, Storey N, Symons B, Taylor R, Thompson I, Tickle B, Walter A and Wilcox C.

**Explanations:**

**Across:** 1 Hidden, 5 indigenous people of S America and W Indies (Macq) sARAWAK + A + N, 11 TO + READ + OR, 14 SIR> + E, 15 DD, 16 INN + IT, 17 MILad (L) Y, 18 DD, 19 AS + Y + LUMbar, 25 BRA + V + ADO, 26 hidden backwards, 30 haVE + NOSE, 33 ICE + homoph Flo, 35 CO (GNat) Ck, 37 LOG + IA, 39 LO + A + F, 40 anag, 41 and 36 OK + LAH + OM + A + CITY (Theme).  
**Down:** 1 hidden, 3 NEED + LING, 4 homoph (Intended Theme), 6, 42 and 38 ROU (T) ES I (STYX\*) IX (Theme), 7 Heads source Macq, 8 King + MAN (theme), 9 A (IS>) A, 10 NET + STORE, 12 RE al LY, 13 RE (E) AR + N and whimsical def, 19 AM + cARILLOn (theme), 20 anag, 21 AD + O, 22 hidden, 23 anag - ive, 24 RE + POSE, 27 fUnNeL + ASH, 28 A + anag, 29 DE + ISM, 31 ON + CE, 32 and 2 definition (theme), 34 DD.

**Solvers' comments:** [Many solvers' questions are answered in the explanations of the clues, above – B]

- Great workout, *Bogeyman!* *William Ryan*
- What a gem cryptic from *Bogeyman* with a superb theme of ROUTE SIXTY SIX. It's certainly an excellent tribute to *Praxis* (Roy Wilson), who set many of these Ximenean puzzles. COGNAC took a while before I realised that it was made up from GNAt and COCK: a clever concoction. AM + ARILLO also appealed, the latter component taking the highest and lowest notes from "carillon". Many thanks for this superb puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- Nice theme coupled with a good array of clueing methods and few anagrams. Slot 6 made up for that! Favourite clues were AVENUES and AMARILLO. *Len Colgan*
- A clever theme. Oklahoma City, Saint Louis and Amarillo had me thinking of musicals, then I solved Route 66. Another well-known tune – and finally twigged the theme was cities on Route 66 – the other two being Gallup and Kingman. *Nea Storey*
- Thanks for your fascinating puzzle. Not too easy and not too hard. *Ian Thompson*
- The great thing about cryptic crosswords is that the wordplay component of the clues can lead you to words you would never

have dreamed of otherwise, e.g. "esculent". I was also pleasantly surprised to find both "innit" and "waiata" are referenced in *Wiktionary* – [also in *Chambers* and *Macquarie* respectively – B], so I wasn't making them up, after all. However, if I've understood clue 13 correctly, then "re-earn" seems a bit dodgy. It's a perfectly valid grammatical construction, but I think that "earned" is an absolute – you've either earned something or you haven't. Anyway, if the phrase "isn't it" can be contracted to "innit" and find its way into the dictionary, then I guess just about anything goes. Win or lose, thanks for a very challenging puzzle – and my favourite clue was COGNAC.

- Thanks for the puzzle, which was a pleasure to solve. *Ron Carpenter*
- Your puzzle had our 20-year-old road map of the United States off the bookshelf. It rekindled some very fond memories. *Andrew Patterson*
- Liked INNIT, BRAVADO, COGNAC, RELY, SVENGALI the best of a very good lot. Thank you *Bogeyman!* *Max Roddick*
- Thank you for your puzzle, which is worthy of its dedicatee – is that a real word? [Sure is – in *Chambers* – B] I must look it up! *Margaret Davis*
- 19ac: Variable half of the back? 41ac cannot find hom for chant [see explanations – B]. *Tony de Grys*
- Lots of very good clues with good surface reading and interesting theme. *Drew Meek*
- Not a pushover, by any means. *Peter Dearie*
- Thanks for this one – and for the earworm that went with it! *Mike Potts*
- I have to tell you that the *Stones* are a favourite of mine with Route Sixty Six one of my all-time favourite songs. Showing my age I guess. Pretty good puzzle too just quietly. *Richard Skinner*
- Plenty of kicks along Route 66 – once I worked out where you were taking us! Until now, I had no clear idea of where Route 66 went, so thank you for the guided tour. Now I'm daydreaming about finding the 1960 Chevy convertible we used to have and driving it for myself. *Kath Harper*
- Some interesting clues across a very broad spectrum that kept me absorbed over the long break. *John Baylis*
- Thanks to you and *Praxis* for this very good puzzle. *Doreen Jones*
- Thank you for your puzzle, dedicated to *Praxis*. He is the king where *Ximeneans* are concerned and I enjoyed yours with the nostalgic theme. *Bev Cockburn*
- Thanks for a great puzzle with a great theme. I loved the song when I was a kid – especially Chuck Berry's version and I enjoyed Billy Connolly's recent documentary on the Route. Favourite clue BRAVADO. *Brian Tickle*

**Solution to January 2015 Slot 7**

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L	O	G	I	A	S	I	X	L	A	C	I	I
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**Results of the Clue Writing Competition: No 1/2015.**

**Write a clue for SHANGRI-LA (7-2)**

**Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.**

Definition from *Chambers* (12<sup>th</sup> edition)

**n** an imaginary pass in the Himalayas, an earthly paradise, described in James Hilton's *Lost Horizon* (1933); hence, any remote or imaginary paradise.

I came across this delightful word in a recent *Times* Crossword (clue repeated below) and was instantly drawn by both its mellifluousness and clue-writing potential. This month, I was impressed by the variety of clueing methods used, as well as the imaginative, but fair definitions (I was surprised, however, that no one was tempted to use the enticingly misleading *imaginary pass* definition). There were no less than six clues vying for the top prize, and in the end I've gone with **Roy Taylor's** Toorakian lap dancing effort.

**Sharing unending lap dance is heaven (7-2)**

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

**Audibly cross entering quiet city, an earthly paradise**

As a comparison here is the clue taken from *The Times* (no. 25958). The parsing includes a homophone of *angry* (ANGRI) in between SH and LA. It's rare to see a partial homophone, but even more so to see one used well. It's a useful addition to the compiler's kitbag.

**Aussie girl distraughtly rang to replace drug for a distant, secluded hideaway \*\*\***

The Aussie girl is a *sheila*, and from there one *replaces* E drug with an anagram of rang. This is a clever idea and the compiler has managed to parse the clue in a fair and interesting way. The storyline is a little stretched, and just limiting the definition to *secluded hideaway*, would have helped.

**Bar girl has an exotic utopian dreamland \*\***

This is an anagram of girl/has/an as indicated by *exotic*. It's a lovely evocative surface reading, but the superfluous addition of bar at the front of the clue is a problem. It perhaps would have worked better to place the anagram indicator at the front of the clue. Either way, try and avoid superfluous words.

**Camp David is Franklin's place to get away from it all \*\*\***

This clue is a test of your American history knowledge (I had to look it up!). It turns out that Camp David was nicknamed *Shangri-la* by Roosevelt. The clue as it stands is accurate, and indeed it tends to stand alone as a fact, rather than a pure cryptic clue, although I would have thought 'was' rather than 'is'.

**Eden ordered: "All liars hang" \*\*\***

This short clue is an anagram of *liars hang* as indicated by *ordered all*. The use of *all* does add to the surface sense but seems to me to be mostly superfluous, unless you read it as literally *all* the letters to follow, but I think that's a stretch.

**Ghan rails diverted to Paradise \*\*\*\***

A simple, but lovely clue that uses an anagram of *ghan* and *rails* as indicated fittingly by *diverted*. An apostrophe in *rails* would have been nice. The compiler may not realise, but there's an actual town in South Australia called *Paradise*... unfortunately it lacks a railway station.

**Girl has an unusual dream of Paradise \*\*\*\***

This is an anagram of *girl has an*, as indicated by *unusual*. The definition is clever as it incorporates the imaginary aspect of *Shangri-la*. (It was pointed out to me by the compiler, that the same anagram appeared in *The Canberra Times*. This is not unusual for some words, as they lend themselves to an 'obvious' anagram.)

**Book heaven? \*\*½**

This is a cryptically defined clue that is alluding to *Shangri-la* in the book – *Lost Horizon*. It's a cute idea but unfortunately it's a little on the vague side and most solvers would need more information, or be relying on the checked letters, and perhaps its 7-2 configuration.

**Grail lost following quiet unmarried man in heaven \*\*½**

This is an accurate and fairly parsed clue that places an anagram of grail after SH and m(AN). Despite that, the surface reading needs a make-over as it doesn't make a whole lot of sense. Perhaps

incorporating an anagram of *A GIRL* would have worked well with the *unmarried man*.

**Here eternally young liars hang out? \*\*\*\***

This clue specifically references the word's origin from *The Lost Horizon* (i.e. the fictional Tibetan land of eternal youth) written by James Hilton back in the 30s. I love the clever definition, particularly the double interpretation of *young*. While it's close to an &lit I'd argue that it's not the sort of place where you would expect liars, although I haven't read the book, so who knows.

**Here is the perfect place to put up with half of Colombo's residents standing outside \*\*\*\***

This clue wins the prize for the most original construction. It works by placing SRI LA (half of Sri Lankans) around the word *hang* (*to put up*). While definitely tricky, it's still accurately parsed with a fair definition. I did try and envisage the particular scenario of half a city standing outside – perhaps it's a post-tsunami event, or maybe they've just won the cricket world cup.

**Himalayan pass has right signal failure. Start switch-off \*\*\***

Here we have an anagram of *has, R, and signal* without the letter S. It works well enough, although *start switch* does not precisely indicate the letter S. One would need to say *Start to...*, or *Start of...* Great surface sense and dare I say, you're on the right track.

**Initially, Socceros' half-back looked annoyed by the French fancy pass \*\***

I'm always excited to see a sport-themed clue, and as far as surface sense goes, this doesn't disappoint. However, there are a couple of issues with the parsing. The compiler indicated that the SH has to go backwards, but it doesn't. The idea of using ANGRI is a great one, but it needs a homophone indicator somewhere.

**Must be paradise to hang around in Sri Lanka with North Koreans or Australians not there initially \*\*½**

Sri Lanka gets another guernsey! This time, one is required to delete the letters n k and a from Sri Lanka to give the fodder SRILA. Throw the word hang into it and you're in heaven. Well almost. Literally, the compiler is saying '*to hang around*' in, which is not quite the same as saying put *hang* in. The surface reading is fine, although I'm glad the Australians and North Koreans can rock up later.

**Quiet! An altered grail reveals hidden paradise \*\*\***

The parsing works as follows: SH + AN + anagram of *grail*. No problem with that at all, and in fact the clue as a whole works very well. However, I think there must be a more fitting anagram indicator than *altered* out there, although I know it has to start with a vowel to follow the *an*.

**Second dynasty grail fabricated in hidden Tibetan retreat \*\*\*\***

This clue combines a charade (S and HAN) with a partial anagram – *grail*. The definition is tailored to create the mysterious and evocative surface reading. It's a really fine clue.

**Sharing unending lap dance is heaven \*\*\*\***

Anagram of *sharing* and *lap* minus the letter P. A perfectly parsed and paced clue, that also entertains (the clue that is). Not being an expert on the ins and outs of lap-dancing, I do wonder if people really share them – a discussion for another day, perhaps.

**The ideal place for a quiet, audibly passionate number \*\*½**

This follows a similar idea used in *The Times*, whereby a homophone of *angry* is used. In this instance the SH comes from *quiet* and the LA comes from *number* (read as numb-er). However, despite trawling through various dictionaries, on and offline, I couldn't find a specific reference for LA as *local anaesthetic*. I've little doubt that it exists in some reference, but it's a question of acceptable usage, and I don't believe this one is quite fair enough, particularly as the solver needs to decode the disguised *numb-er* first. It's a pity as the clue is otherwise superb.

**Clue Writing Competition No 2/2015**

For the next competition, please write a clue for the word **RIPOSTE (7)** complete with explanation. Note: only one clue per person. Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Michael Kennedy, 27 Hennessy Lane, Figtree NSW 2525 or by email to: [manveru@bigpond.com](mailto:manveru@bigpond.com)

Closing mail date: Friday 10 April 2015. Book prize.