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A word which flew out of the mouth like a sparrow
cannot be drawn back, even by four horses.
Proverbial (Czech)

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The ACC Executive Committee is delighted to announce the winner of the Annual Cumulative Slots 1-6 of 2018 with an outstanding score: **Andrew Miles**. Congratulations! The winner of the Quizzes Jan-Dec 2018 was: **Julie Leigh**. Congratulations!

Our masterly puzzleman **Ian Williams** has selected an outstanding range of puzzles and a quiz to keep you fully occupied during March. Ian has chosen a Half 'n Half by *Leprechaun* who we welcome warmly as our newest compiler. Brief biographical details about him are on p9 and more information is available if you click on the "Compilers" link on our home page. We appreciate challenging cryptics by *Pentangle* and *Katydid*, we are pleased to publish *KA* with the ever-popular *AJ* and in Slot 5, we publish a marvellous cryptic puzzle by *Anon*. In Slot 6, the popular *Nigrum Cattus* tests all solvers with a brilliant cryptic and in Slot 7 we publish another engrossing and stimulating cryptic by the late Gillian Champion. And there is a Quiz for your delectation by *KA*.

Michael Kennedy in his distinguished organisation of the Clue Writing Competition has provided detailed explanations about the clues provided by the ACC members for the word PATERNOSTER. Michael commented: With several divergent definitions, and plenty of wordplay options, *paternoster* proved to be a most popular word (Dare I say, I was *blest* to receive so many prayers). One of the curiosities for this word is that it can mean both a prayer and a lift. The latter derives from its continuous belt design or loop (I recommend looking online for paternoster videos – you won't be sorry), and therefore, its resemblance to a set of rosary beads. It doesn't have anything to do with praying to not get stuck in a lift! There wasn't a rosary bead between the top scoring clues but in the end **Bob Crossman**, with his cleverly disguised definition, had his prayer answered:

Repeat snort frantically to get a continuous lift (11)

Sincere thanks to you Michael and all of our acclaimed and illustrious compilers for their outstanding contributions to the ACC. It looks like another busy month for ACC solvers. Happy Crozworlding!
—Patrick

A good entry and high success rate overall for February's puzzles.

Slot 1: No real problems here. A small query on the unqualified definition of "took in" for DRUNK, but the wordplay, using "put under" to obtain "dunk", should have resolved any queries. The reference to Billie (Holiday) as Lady Day confused only two. Two solutions giving RENT for "toll" in the definition clue were not allowed as "toll" is a tax rather than a payment such as rent. A few typo(e)s from those not using the spell-check features available in ACCOLADE, running their eyes down the list of solutions provided in the spell-check module or glancing at the grids before sealing the envelope. But you've heard this perennial adjudicators' whinge before!

Slot 2: Apart from some typos, 3 members proposed ORYXES for the required element OXYGEN and the REASONABLY submitted by 2 individuals for 25-across would have required a definition of "Justly". Otherwise no problems and a high success rate for this straightforward puzzle from JAXA.

Slot 3: Less straightforward were the interesting words used by *Manveru*. EROTEMES, or rhetorical questions, was a word not recognised by several solvers: some ingenious alternatives were put forward for the anagram of "threesome" lacking the H. The cryptically witty description of the monkey in 7-down as being deprived of jungle juice (ie being TT) led elegantly to the solution TEE-TEE, but gave rise to no less than eight solutions different to the correct one. Most solvers plumped for TYROES in 28-across, but the alternative TIROES is acceptable, incorporating the alternative spelling of "tires".

Slot 4: The only multiple error in the challenging slot 4 came from the slightly indirect definition of REFFING as "Taking decision making role" but the R (E + FF) ING wordplay should have resolved any doubts. I admit to giggling at the thought of anyone being FEZONOUS (Tommy Cooper, perhaps? – the comedian rather than the cricketer) in place of the Spenserian FELONOUS. One brave soul submitted ZERODERMA for the X clue and lost their dot.

Slot 5: Much praise for *Crowsman's* clever Nina vehicle and few errors arose once solvers had used the Nina(s) to check the countries formed by the **all** of the unchecked letters. CASTE was offered in place of TASTE by a small number for the double definition but did violence to AUSTRIA. Two solutions of BEST RATE (interest) for BASE RATE overlooked the hint given by the busy cook using dripping to BASTE.

COTM

A very close-run thing right up to the wire. All slots attracted votes and they were pretty-well spread with only four clues, two each by the masters *Manveru* (ELEMENTS and WEATHER FORECAST – how appropriate! and *Crowsman* BIGOTRY and LETTUCE) obtaining three votes. For perhaps the first time we have pleasure in awarding Clue of the Month jointly to *Crowsman* and *Manveru* each with two winning clues.
—Kay Williams

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	89	103	79	86	85	442
Correct entries	72	86	59	70	72	359
Success rate (%)	80.9	83.5	74.7	81.4	84.7	81.2
Prizewinners	David Parsons	Judy Randall	Barbara Tofoni	Marian Procter	Peter McDonald	from 104 members

Prizewinner: February 2019 Slots 1-5: Susan Pinder, Congratulations!

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Feb 1-2019

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ACC MEMBERS RESULTS FOR February 2019 Slots 1-5 & January Slots 6 & 7

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Half 'n Half
by
Leprechaun



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- 1 Applauded (7)
- 5 Moroccan, maybe (7)
- 9 Numbers game (5)
- 10 Processing oxygen (9)
- 11 Communist (7)
- 12 Disturbance (7)
- 13 Shocked (6)
- 15 Loudmouth (8)
- 18 Access to a high place? (8)
- 19 Wild horse in Queensland, maybe (6)
- 22 Northern province (7)
- 24 Live entertainment (7)
- 26 Polish sausage (9)
- 27 Shelf (5)
- 28 Market early (7)
- 29 Petty (7)

Down

- 1 Chief destroyed album of Irish missionary (7)
- 2 Later, heads of associations for the event remained (5)
- 3 Greedy person with advantage, declared in this location in Bow, perhaps (9)
- 4 Girl at drug discussion (6)
- 5 Crack found in camera component (8)
- 6 Percentage rise in adroit arbitration (5)
- 7 Hospital surrounded by mutant bacilli with new skin sore (9)
- 8 Glen etc destroyed with abandon (7)
- 14 Modify fit to be adjustable (9)
- 16 IGA troubled about spicy biscuit (9)
- 17 Binge party launched initially on merry-go-round (8)
- 18 Winter hat found at top of 23 (7)
- 20 Matelot has no time for a cooked breakfast (7)
- 21 Handwriting firstly should convey readable information perfectly transcribed (6)
- 23 Cooker selection (5)
- 25 These bones may intersect a disc (5)

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Cryptic by Pentangle



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Across


- 1 Branch beginning to break ought to be lopped (5)
- 4 Mix paint and water to create underwear (9)
- 9 Angered, composed, then angered again (7)
- 10 Judgements and complaints about short story (7)
- 11 Cast off when upset dies down (8)
- 12 Empty talk stops Asian falling short of an Australian Open winner (6)
- 14 Hungary's borders are nearby (5)
- 15 Starting to talk about getting close to computer program being replaced by head of bank (9)
- 17 Dies after being treated by doctor taking big ship to land (9)
- 19 A long time travelling around entertainment venue (5)
- 21 Outline found in paper cup (6)
- 23 Some people keep score in their heads (8)
- 25 Prepared meatloaf without head of fennel for breakfast perhaps (7)
- 26 Objects to work claims (7)
- 27 Drunken dare concealed by members of the upper class leads to compromises (5-4)
- 28 Joanna's altered covering of the nose (5)

Down

- 1 Life based around dream initially leading to freedom from restraint (7)
- 2 Powerful country admits applying leverage to create revolutions (9)
- 3 This type of robbery could be costly to a great extent (7)
- 4 Built up supporters by initially paying extra money for the most part (6,4)
- 5 Roll back front of shirt to reveal small lumps (4)
- 6 I will shortly go back into Canada initially. That's craziness! (7)
- 7 Signs indicating a lack of public toilets? (8)
- 8 Resulting from unmarried men using reforms (7)
- 13 Jars containing lemon chopped up with other fruit (10)
- 16 Record of thoughts for impractical people? (9)
- 17 Unnecessarily prolong date with spicy dish (4,3)
- 18 Staff locking up the broken knife (7)
- 19 Follow up account number put up in retrospect (3,4)
- 20 Backward young woman following baby with shaved head? That's unfathomable (7)
- 22 Former lover returns paintings and more (8)
- 24 Musical character initially chosen then left short (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Many thanks Patrick for my new set of puzzles. It's always a joy to see your name pop up in my inbox. However I was devastated to see not one (I don't like that, but can cope with it) but two dots missing! And one of them, your puzzle! I never find your puzzles easy, but thought I had this one. I couldn't wait to get home to check my mistakes. I actually had it down correctly, but had made a typo with drone/drove! Slot 3 was a genuine mistake – I have now learned a new meaning for squab. I've only ever eaten them! Ah well, maybe this year will be the year I don't make any typos – it's such a waste. Sincere thanks too, for your continued input into the group. *Julie Crowe*
- Many thanks to you Patrick and the club for my slot 1 prize and certificate. An especial pleasure to solve one of your cryptics. *Brian Symons*
- Sitting in the cool doing a crossword is a great way to beat the heat! Lovely surprise to win a prize last month! *Judy Ferguson*

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<h2>Cryptic</h2> by <h3>Katydid</h3>


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Seven entries have something in common and are otherwise undefined.

Across

- 1 Funny (6,2,7)
- 9 No single crocus variety can crop up (5)
- 10 Nutty (9)
- 11 This novel meanders nowhere (7)
- 12 For Spooner, unusual effect of sun is capital (6)
- 14 Cut castoff from gonad removal (6)
- 15 Listen twice for the sound of approval (4,4)
- 18 Cool (8)
- 20 Bright (3,3)
- 23 Tall poppies in final phase (6)
- 25 Give again in connection with Hugh (7)
- 27 Snug (3,2,1,3)
- 28 Pale (5)
- 29 Warrior loses Eastern thrust with family, becomes poet (8,7)

Down

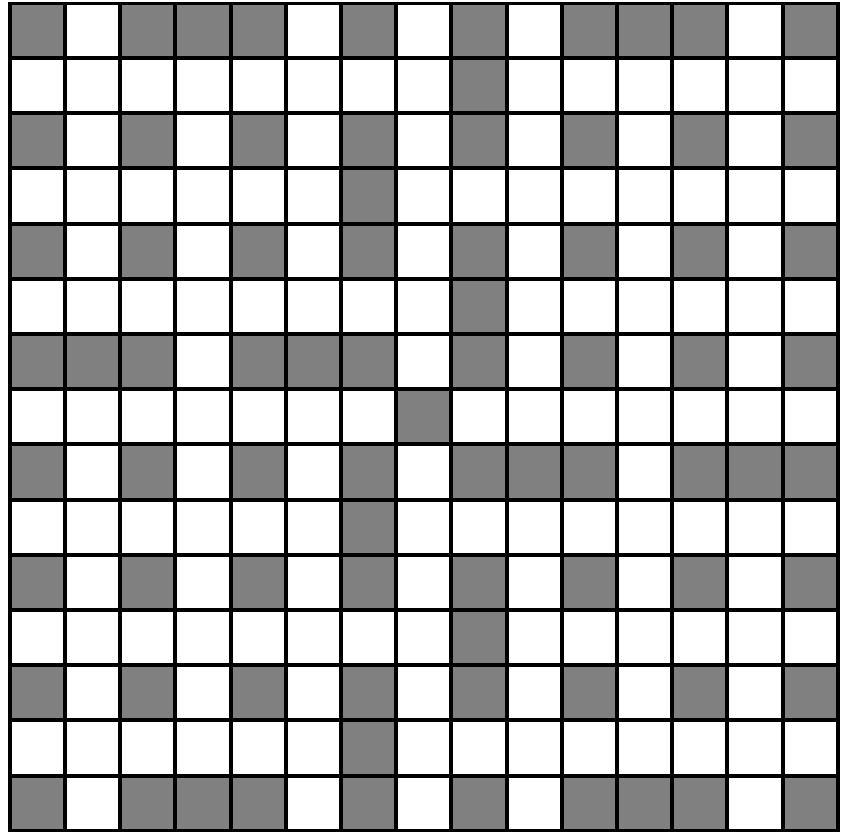
- 1 BRICS pass around one cryptic tome on personal identification methods (10)
- 2 Most well-to-do train regularly on strongbox (7)
- 3 Soil turner met harrow, overturned (9)
- 4 To hurt, kill twice (6)
- 5 "They always get their man" (8)
- 6 Grade score (5)
- 7 Some of the manatees emerge (7)
- 8 Lose leads of smelly, hairy, excitable dogs (4)
- 13 Not granted development for Wyoming park (5,5)
- 16 Sage green brew energises again (2-7)
- 17 Cold painful in end cut (8)
- 19 City company record former name (7)
- 21 Proud (7)
- 22 Doctor has a climbing sort of dog to raise (4,2)
- 24 Russet mate of 21 not available (5)
- 26 Scandi band returns the same (4)

Members Comments cont'd from p4:

- Many thanks for the January Slot 4 prize; it was a very pleasant surprise.
- I'll be glad to see the explanations because there were several answers that were difficult to match to the clues.
- As usual, a great selection of puzzles.

Jeremy Barnes
Lynn Jarman
Robyn Caine

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AJ by KA


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 Excuses boxer – twice (6) B Vocal sponsor of famous poet has degree (13) C Antiseptic for Indian ingesting ground soot (8) D Document covering island is bad (7) E Mysterious man hides broken toes (8) F Come to understand timber measurement (6) G Greek singer returns pregnant (6) H Mental state of strange, phony, relative (8) I In class, boy is relaxed (8) J Hadjis disrupted holy wars (6) K There are spirits in the Fakir's chest (8) L Indifference of people to embrace the unknown (6) M Perhaps our Drew, with time, will be the most humble (7) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N See, a tuna pie will make you sick (8) O Shortage of gymnastic equipment in this town? (3-5) P Adjourn, after changing direction in introduction (8) Q Search with men for old official (7) R Ridicule good French decoration (6) S A scarf is wrapped around ransomed, confused, animal (4-5,4) T Soldier is inside returning wagon - very sad (6) U A female trapped by a French attack is brave (8) V I leave bags at dances (6) W Nonsense, ignore temperature and walk (6) X Cardinal in Scotland complains to inquisitor (7) Y Acknowledge Arab in the park (8) Z Chipmunks sleep with golfer (6) |
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Corrigendum March Issue February Slot 6

The slot 6 puzzle in February by *Flowerman* contains a minor error in the description of the way in which the theme of the puzzle may be identified. The error does not seem to have affected the ability of members to achieve correct solutions and, rather than amend any clues, it was decided to ensure that a modified rubric reflected the clues. The version published via ACCOLADE has been updated and the revised rubric is shown below. We apologise for the error.

“In nine across clues there is a single-letter misprint in the definition, with correct letters in clue order identifying the first word of a two-word phrase describing a theme. In eight down clues the wordplay yields a superfluous letter, with the first six of these letters and the eighth in clue order identifying the second word of the phrase (8,7). The three unclued entries (all comprising two words) are examples of the theme. Two are aquatic and one is terrestrial. Their positions in the grid reflect their natural distribution.”

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Cryptic by Anon


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All answers contain a reference to a particular subject known to ACC members. One answer is not in *Chambers* or *Macquarie*.

Across

- 7 Bard's jealous lover is Serbian cast member (6)
- 8 Alternatives for topless 5 filling wine containers (8)
- 10 English subject swallows New Zealand schnapps (6)
- 11 Arranged reversal of air around an example of double-stamen plants (8)
- 12 Church member avoiding cold early Northumbrian (7)
- 13 Goddess turns back an assistance package (5)
- 16 Male subject's blue-coloured flower (7)
- 18 20 play heartily mechanical musical instrument (7)
- 20 Softly, subject enters Italian river (5)
- 21 Slingshot finally involved in laying out, Goliath-like (7)
- 25 Son in ska ensemble from Cretan city (8)
- 26 Lit up, ignoring temperature - nearly 57.3 degrees! (6)
- 27 Fleetwood Mac megahit makes money, bringing in an end of tradition (8)
- 28 Slow mover takes a reversal into vines (6)

Down

- 1 Merry one involved in shouting (5)
- 2 Humanitarian relief held up by local countryman (6)
- 3 Lancer tossed subject for gem-stone (9)
- 4 Poetic film lost me and 13 briefly (7)
- 5 One involved in grain by-product, he had his life filmed (5)
- 6 Statesmanlike, handing out captured article (8)
- 9 Eternal one perhaps? Right one in confusion (8)
- 14 Subject in Perth joined flower parts (8)
- 15 18's activation medium makes 20 rock (5,4)
- 17 National oddball turning up is the subject (8)
- 19 Once upright 20 carried inside (7)
- 22 American pastoral poem written up with an Anatolian language (6)
- 23 Leader captures a Tibetan wild ass (5)
- 24 Sea accommodates a spider crab (5)

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Cryptic by Nigrum Cattus



Thirteen solutions are consistent with a theme and are not defined.

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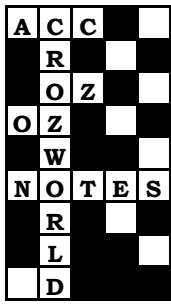
- 1 When starting, many yodel out of tune (6)
- 4 Tea rose strain (8)
- 9 Retired copper in dance to an old instrument (7)
- 10 Italian involved in gross iniquity (7)
- 12 Dutch granddad had hot fish (4)
- 13 I'll sound the key (4)
- 14 Spirit for only two old European coins (4)
- 17 Zone captured by the one in Paris being welcomed by Governor (8)
- 18 Start off talking about... (6)
- 21 ... Incredible Hulk taking gold (6)
- 23 State race before name (8)
- 26 Dance on the carpet – fellow leading (4)
- 28 He performed in the altogether (4)
- 29 Got letters from Greece – will meet on return (4)
- 32 Conductor left me engrossed by Italian opera (7)
- 33 Luke Lee suffered, being highly strung (7)
- 34 That woman is hosting one royal representative (8)
- 35 Leaks examples about IS in France (6)

Down

- 1 Master at university to raise high amount of money earned before tax return entered (10)
- 2 English essayist an advocate of dance (7)
- 3 Murder overturned without hesitation. Beat that! (4)
- 5 Dwell tediously, not working with Queen (6)
- 6 Small vessel with 1000 aboard cruises along coast (5)
- 7 One who gives false impression, climbing bar (4)
- 8 A rising novice received a special soprano instrument (7)
- 11 Entomb in vessel (5)
- 15 In Oahu ladies perform traditional dance ... (4)
- 16 ... dissipating a nastiness (5-5)
- 19 Very noisy playing ludo (4)
- 20 Curdle, cause to be sour (7)
- 22 Noah's son housed Arabian group of wives (5)
- 24 Are poles apart entertaining those people with national songs (7)
- 25 Pavlova starts with an old dance (6)
- 27 Rigger showed less resistance to change (5)
- 30 He took taxi back to hospital (4)
- 31 In the main, very cool (4)

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Solutions to Quiz 1/2019. Back to Front by KA (Karl Audrins)

Entries received: 47. Winner: Jan Pearce: Congratulations!

Answers: 1 Abut 2 Agas 3 Animal 4 Avid 5 Bard 6 Bats 7 Buns 8 Cram 9 Denim 10 Desserts 11 Drawer 12 Dray 13 Edile 14 Flog 15 Flow 16 Gateman 17 Guns 18 Keels 19 Leper 20 Moor 21 Nuts 22 Pacer 23 Pals 24 Pans 25 Parts 26 Paws 27 Rebus 28 Rennet 29 Sloops 30 Snaps.

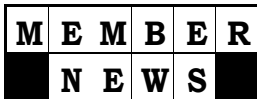
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Adjudicator's Comments:

Thank you for the entries and thoughts of all who participated. The Quiz was generally well received, with No 16 being the most popular, and the rest not too difficult. An easy start to 2019. I'm working to remedy that.

Solvers' Comments:

- Thanks for a novel and entertaining quiz. *Jeremy Barnes*
- Thank you for an enjoyable quiz to start the year. Loved NAMETAG. *Bev Cockburn*
- This quiz was fun, particularly as it didn't involve computer searching. *Hilary Cromer*
- This was both challenging and good fun. *Peter Dearie*
- Thank you for a challenging quiz. Particularly GATEMAN. *Ray Gooderick*
- A nice change for the brain to go backwards and forwards. *Kath Harper*
- This was an enjoyable and innovative quiz. Thanks. *Barb Ibbott*
- I had never heard of semordnilaps before this quiz. *Julie Leigh*
- Thanks for an interesting quiz.SUBER was new to me. *Betty Siegman*
- I enjoyed this clever puzzle. I don't think there will be many alternative answers. GATEMAN took ages. *Roy Taylor*
- Had 29 answers reasonably quickly, but 16 had me tossed. Very clever. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Thank you for the challenge. I enjoyed it and look forward to more brain teasers. *Felicity Piper*
- I had trouble with 'exclude old magistrate' for a while as 'edile' was unable to be found in most thesauruses I consulted. Finally I did what I should have done in the beginning and looked it up in Chambers. *Maureen Blake*



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2019:

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ACC PRIZE WINNERS for 2018:

Slots 1-6/2018: **Andrew Miles** with an Excellent Score. **Congratulations!** ACC 2018 Quizzes winner: **Julie Leigh. Congratulations!** Our sincere thanks to **Bev Cockburn** and **Brian Symons** for their valued assistance with the management of these awards.

Identification

On 11 February 2019 an item in the ACC Bank account said: "Transfer from M JONES.35DC". Unfortunately there were no other details as to who this person was. Any ideas?

LEPRECHAUN (LARRY KENNEDY)

My interest and involvement in crosswords began in recent years after retiring from a career in IT which began in the UK and ended in Australia. I was introduced to the Crossword Club by a family member well known to club members as the esteemed compiler, *Manveru*. I am very grateful for that introduction.

Since retiring, I have settled, with my wife, Kath, on the beautiful NW coast of Tasmania. Here we take part in voluntary work with various community groups and enjoy the relaxed, friendly environment and relatively cooler climate of this state. Apart from the mind-bending challenges of crosswords, I also enjoy reading, listening to music and (to a limited extent) gardening. We also spend considerable time visiting and being visited by our children and grandchildren.

I have chosen the name: **LEPRECHAUN** because I can imagine mischievous little men setting fiendishly difficult puzzles! It is also an acknowledgement of my Irish ancestry. I hope you enjoy my first puzzle and that it will not be my last!

Explanations for February slots 1-5

Slot 1 InGrid. Cryptic clues. Down: 1 homoph "new" + (iamno)*, **2** a + c(curs)e + d, **3** pre+cede, **4** pro+for+ma, **5** scree+n, **6** d(tr)unk, **9** tend(er), **14** anag, **16** im(a)m+o+late, **18** anag, **19** (Billie Holiday) = lady+day, **21** herb+al, **23** homoph "law", **24** anag.

Slot 2 JAXA. Across: 8 oBAMA + BOO, **9** TAR<, **10** L + AIR, **11** homoph "plague round", **12** Rolling Stones gather no..., **13** SA + LINE, **16** DR + OWNING, **17** M + N in COMET, **18** Hidden, **21** GENE in DIOS, **23** OX (GaY) EN, **24** V (IS) A, **25** RE + A + SON + ABLE, **28** dd, **29** homoph "I", **30** homoph "gem in eye". **Down: 1** Double definition, **2** O+BEY, **3** (TUREEN OF)*, **4** dd, **5** (STUD)* + IO, **6** Homoph, **7** D(IS SON)ANCE, **14** I in (ALOCALPIT)*, **15** (MIMI)* + GRANTS, **19** HO (Chi Minh) in TROUGH, **20** (DAME HAS)*, **22** RUN< + SES, **26** anag, **27** L+ONE.

Slot 3 Manveru. Across: 8 rev hidden, **9** (ThREESOME)*, **10** (GENESIS+COR)*, **11** hidden, **12** BAR(RE)N, **14** (E,W,COLD,M around E)*, **15** SELI + FISH, **16** (A,TEASER,FOR,H,C,WET)* & lit, **23** t(ERRORS), **24** rev heads D.I.E.T, **25** dd, **27** cd, **28** TYR(O)ES. **Down: 1** HO(M)E+PAGE, **2** HER(O for A), **3** (NEARING)* + S, **4** cd, **5** rubiCON SULIa, **6** (CHEER + PILOT)*, **7** dd, **13** cd, **17** Am & I are elements, **18** hidden, **19** (REGImENTS)*, **21** (ORdINaTE)*, **22** dd, **26** Wallaroo/Currency.

Slot 4 Valkyrie. A pADDLED, **B** B+RIM+LESS, **C** dd, **D** D(RUM)ROLL, **E** EX+MOOR, **F** F + E + L + ON(O)US, **G** (RB REGGAE - G)*, **H** Spooner "LOAM HIKE", **I** ILL+I+NOISE, **J** JIGGER+Y+POKER+IE+S, **K** homoph "Neil", **L** LOLL+(DOPE)*, **M** MAIZE - I, **N** NOD+kALe, **O** O+GRIS+H, **P** P+REORDER, **Q** QUILLET - LE, **R** R(EFF)ING, **S** SCIENCE replace C by AP, **T** THA(LAMA)I, **U** UP+PSALm+A, **V** REV< + AND + A + HS, **W** (THINKS WE"LL GET IT)*, **X** X+ERODE+(ARM)*, **Y** Y+(LIED)*, **Z** Hidden.

Slot 5 Crowsman. Across: 1 hidden, **6** COsMetICS, **9** (HUT CAN)*, **10** WRITERS* around (a)l, **11** BIG O + TRY, **12** LET + CUT< + (vot)E, **14** F + LASH, **15** H(A BIT)ATS, **17** BAS(ERA)TE, **19** A + BACK, **23** ALL + EYED, **24** CAR + VERY, **26** RASH + PUTIN, **27** T(ALL)OW, **28** (DiSNEYFY)*, **29** SAP + HEADS. **Down: 2** (LAICAL + G)<, **3** (ROUTINEs)* (laughing gas is nitrous oxide), **4** arAB HORSe, **5** SET + A, **6** C + homoph "right" + AIR<, **7** reverse hidden, **8** ACCRA* + AS, **13** dd, **16** GENT in RULY*, **17** SLAB< + AMY, **18** (NO PEELS)<, **20** V in VIABLE*, **21** CARLO + mAde, **22** RAG + POT<, **25** rENDS.

February 1-2019: Half 'n Half by InGrid (Jean Barbour)

- Two issues with 1dn. The word 'but' is intrusive, inside the secondary indicator rather than as a linking word. Also, the particular anagram indicator 'doctor' should precede the fodder, not follow it. Otherwise, a good puzzle. *Len Colgan*
- 6dn Drank/drunken. Took in/taken in [but "dunk" – put under Adj]. *Karl Audrins*
- Well, I learned that Billy Holiday was nicknamed "Lady Day". *Roy Taylor*
- A good challenging slot 1. *Ulla Axelsen*
- I really liked PROFORMA and TEND. *Kathy Horadam*
- A bit harder than the usual Slot 1? *Ann Millard*
- What a lovely surprise to win the Prize for Slots 1-5 – gave me a lift in the flat post-Christmas period! *Nea Storey*
- Unsure of 19dn, so fingers crossed. *Anne Simons*
- Thank you Ingrid. I preferred DRANK but it didn't work. *Robyn Wimbush*
- I'm taking a chance on DRUNK for 6dn, though if it's correct I think the clue should say "taken in". *Kath Harper*
- I enjoyed your clues especially pneumonia and proforma. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Chambers indicates drunk as an archaic past participle of drink, so this should be indicated in the clue. *Drew Meek*
- A lot of ambiguities for a Slot 1. *Lynn Jarman*

February 2-2019: Cryptic by JAXA (Jack Alexander)

- Simple clue, but I liked 3dn, FOURTEEN. *Rob Moline*
- Several nicely-worded clues at just the right level for a Slot 2 puzzle. *Brian Tickle*
- Quite straightforward but very nicely clued. I liked MOSS especially. *Ian Thompson*
- Very fair good slot 2. *Roy Taylor*
- Is it my imagination or was it a bit easier than the usual? *Judy Ferguson*
- Some clever clues. Very enjoyable. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Only hope I'm correct as too exhausted to delve further. Belated thank you for the useful pen. *Glenda Lloyd*
- Very enjoyable, thanks JAXA, especially for ARMS and APOLITICAL. *Kathy Horadam*
- Enjoyable. Thanks JAXA. *Ann Millard*
- Several very good clues. *Anne Simons*
- Pretty good word plays I thought. *Richard Skinner*
- I enjoyed the clues especially elementary. *Robyn McKenzie*
- 25ac: power = ability (n), power ≠ able (adj). 3dn: "of meals" does not contribute to the clue. *Drew Meek*
- It pleased me greatly when I was able to figure out the answers to several clues without needing to resort to various aids. Then the crunch came and I was scrambling for help! *Lynn Jarman*

February 3-2019: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

- Love the bouncing euro. *Rob Moline*
- I found this tough in places but entertaining as always from Manveru. *Brian Tickle*
- HELICOPTER my favourite amongst many good clues. *Len Colgan*
- Definitely one of the cleverest puzzles I have completed in CrOZworld. *Ian Thompson*
- HELICOPTER nearly my COTM. *Roy Taylor*
- Not sure about my responses to a couple of the questions! Will wait and see. *Judy Ferguson*
- Pretty darn good. *Andrew Patterson*
- Some very tricky anagrams. Great fun. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Same great clues & there are a few that I am not happy with. 7dn has me tricked and I have had a guess! *Ann Millard*
- A couple of lucky guesses helped. 17dn is a shot in the dark. *Anne Simons*
- A couple of unusual spellings (Erotem(a)es and Tyro(e)s. *Richard Skinner*
- A very apt definition in WEATHER FORECAST. *Kath Harper*
- What a strange clue for 5dn. Even though pears are a favourite fruit; I have never heard of 25ac as a type [It's listed in Chambers – Adj]. *Lynn Jarman*

February 4-2019: AJ by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen)

- Nice grid. DRUM ROLL has a great clue. *Len Colgan*
- An enjoyable but tough puzzle made even tougher by my confident but incorrect placing of ILLINOIS in the south-east

- quadrant. I took ages to figure out JIGGERY-POKERIES even when I had filled in most of the unchecked squares. *Brian Tickle*
- I only spotted "Jigsaw" as I entered the solution! *Julie Leigh*
- Jigger can be an old golf club, or, as we now hear, make a horse run faster. *Roy Taylor*
- JIGSAW is a neat NINA for an AJ. *Michael Kennedy*
- I found this quite tricky....with words previously unknown to me ('jiggery pokery' and thalami) and an unusual grid. *Maureen Blake*
- And a JIGSAW Nina! One could think that two 15 letter words might make it easy. Not so. Thank you, Valkyrie. *Ann Millard*
- A tough one. REFFING was last, UPPSALA & VERANDAHS were difficult. *Anne Simons*
- Struggled with this. Found it a bit of a challenge and not too excited about some of my answers. Some great clues and some I prefer not to dwell on!!! *Eileen O'Brien*
- I saw Jigsaw in Jigsaw. Great puzzle. *Jim Fowler*
- A bit tougher than the usual AJ. Really good fun. *Richard Skinner*
- An impressive puzzle which took me quite a while to finish. *Ian Thompson*
- Some real puzzlers here! I liked DRUMROLL and HOMELIKE. FELONOUS was new to me. *Kathy Horadam*
- Tricky to get started in this type of grid. The bunyip reference was unknown but delightful to find. *Kath Harper*
- Just noticed the first line spells JIGSAW!! *Marian Procter*
- B: membrane as indicator of rim? *Drew Meek*
- This grid made it very time consuming to work out the first letters. *Lynn Jarman*

February 5-2019: Seven by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

The Ninas in each of the horizontal rows of unchecked squares spell out LIBERIA, CROATIA, AUSTRIA, USA, ALGERIA, SENEGAL and MOLDOVA. Space does not allow us to identify those who identified them correctly, but "Congratulation" to those members – Ed

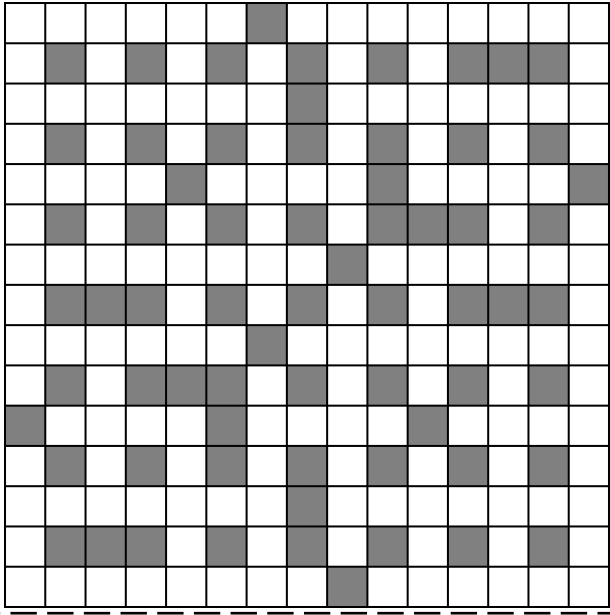
Crowsman is as clever as ever. I really enjoyed the cleverly-written clues for BIGOTRY, LETTUCE, RASPUTIN and TALLOW.

- The incorporation of the Ninas is very clever. *Brian Tickle*
- Very nice puzzle. I was stuck, with eight clues left, until I thought of looking for a NINA. The extra letters helped me solve the remainder. You seem to like names of countries, Crowsman. *Ian Thompson*
- Well how long did it take you to create this one? Amazing. *Julie Leigh*
- I gave SLEEP ON my COTM. I hope the 7 entities are things I've never heard of, or I'll be very sad. *Roy Taylor*
- Some great clues, loved LETTUCE. I wonder if Bill Shorten realizes how useful his name is in cryptic crosswords. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Sapheads had me beaten for quite a while! Very sneaky! *Judy Ferguson*
- The Beautiful Mr COTY (who remembers that brand of make-up?) up to his tricks again. So. Bivalve Caracas Lettuce Militia Rasputin Sydney Ugandans. *Eileen O'Brien*
- Another gem, Len. I have been to AUSTRIA & the USA but a bit more effort is required to get to the others. *Ann Millard*
- I've located Carl/Carlo, A, Val, Sam, Amy, Sydney and Rasputin – but am not convinced they are the wanted characters! I enjoyed the clue for TALLOW. *Nea Storey*
- I THINK the 7 entities are names as follows: DAN, AL, ASH, VAL, CARL, SAM, LEE. *Anne Simons*
- A nice touch to an excellent puzzle. *Jim Fowler*
- Thank you Len. I am convinced Moldova is straight out of Tin Tin. But it does exist. Great fun. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Entities: Lettuce, Rasputin, tallow, Sydney, Caraca, ragtop, bivalve. *Catherine Hambling*
- Ah Len, you never disappoint. Great wordplay and tough but very passable clues. *Richard Skinner*
- Trust Crowsman to give us a Grand tour AND a way of ensuring unchecked letters are correct. *Kath Harper*
- Thanks for the extra bit of fun! *Robyn McKenzie*
- RASPUTIN very cleverly constructed. *Mike Potts*
- UGANDANS, COMICS, TWIRLERS, MILITIA, SAPHEADS, SYDNEY, CARLOAD – they have something in common: they all involve numbers of people. Otherwise, I'm stumped. *Ian Mason*
- Entities – are they: 1. Ugandans 6. Comics 10. Twirlers 15. Habitats 29. Sapheads 7. Militia 25. Ends? *Sonia Roulston*
- Len's Nina countries puzzle was outstanding. *Robyn Caine*

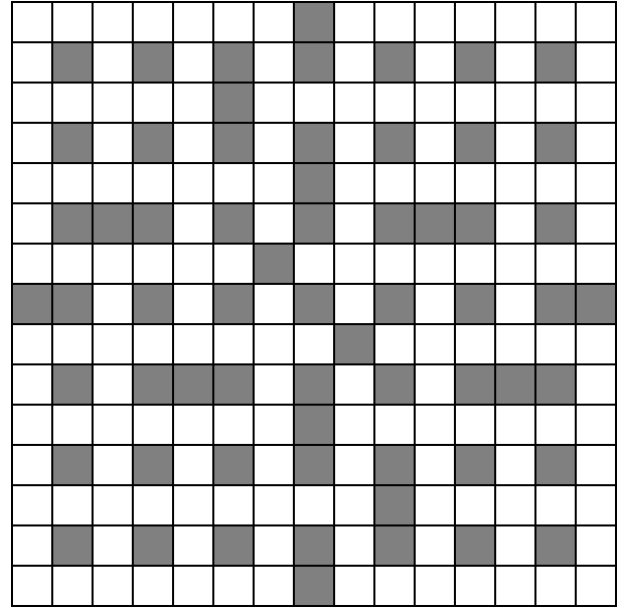
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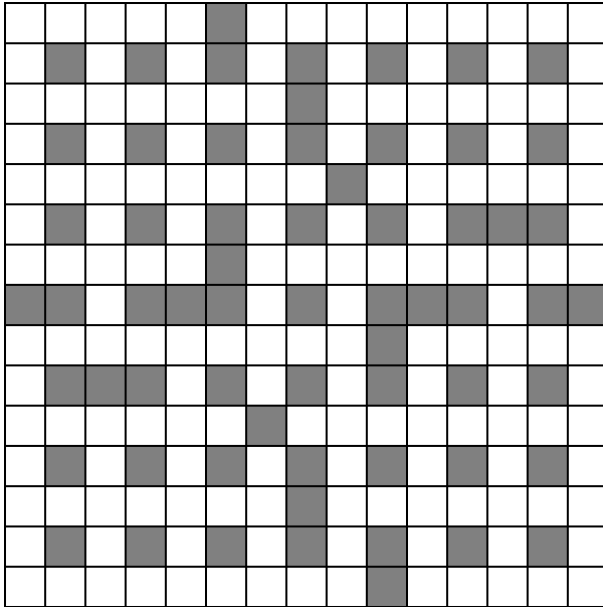
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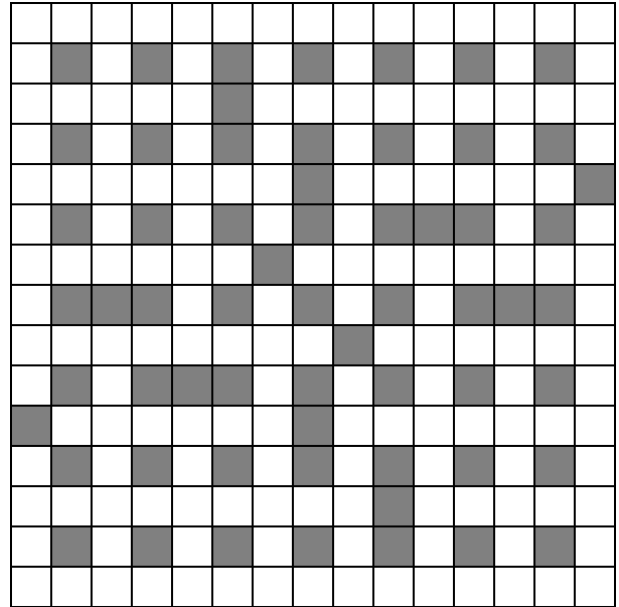
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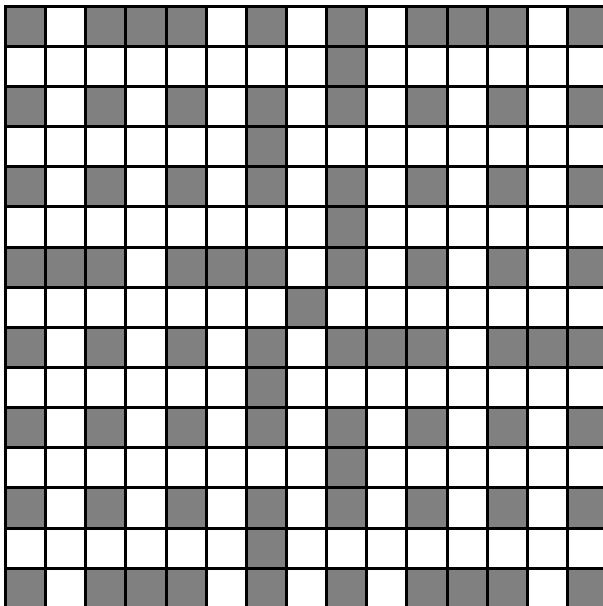
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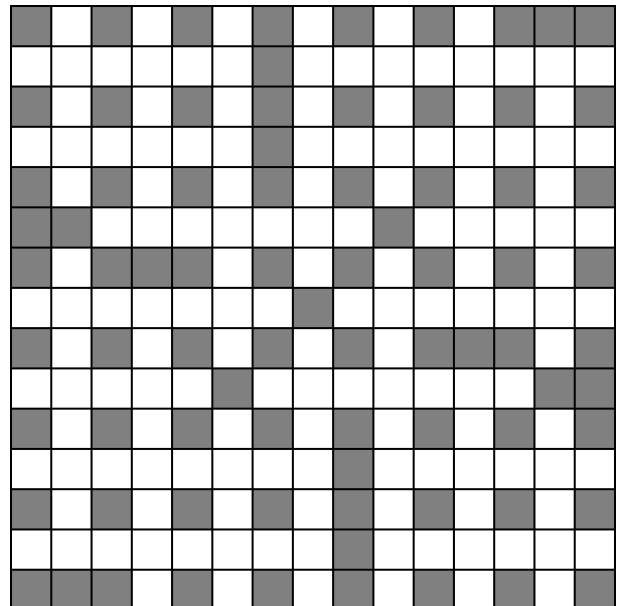
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Clue of the Month

January 6-2019: Cryptic by *Pentangle* (Brian Tickle)

Entries 74. Correct 41. Success rate 55.4%.

Prizewinner: Maureen Blake. Congratulations!

Explanations:

Across: 8 cH(APT)IC, 9 (HARdWOODS)*, 10 T + A + I + oVERs, 11 LADY(F)ISH, 12 REthINKING, 13 Initial letters, 14 mOSt + PREYS, 17 hE(GOT)IST, 20 F + LOCKS, 22 RUNg + AWAYS - L, 25 DISS + LOVE*, 26 (A + O + ZIP + E)<, 27 (ART DEALER)* - A, 28 ASH +NOT<. **Down:** 1 mEAT + AGE, 2 EVENTS* + W + RIGHT, 3 A C(sERB)ITY, 4 YOURLOG*, 5 RAND + cRY, 6 (2x homoph "you" + CRUFTS)*, 7 SOU(SLp)KS, 15 (SALMON IE)*, 16 RICK + S(H)AW, 18 GUNNED + A + H, 19 TRIES + TE, 21 SiOLVER, 24 Homoph "you" + HOOT.

Compiler's Comments

Please accept my apologies for my embarrassing geographical blunder which was gleefully pointed out by several solvers (below). Because it was thought that many solvers might not be familiar with the author of the quotation – American comedian, actor, writer and film producer **Steven Wright** – an article containing many of his paraprodsokians appeared on p. 12 of the November 2018 issue of *CrOZworld*. Several members must have missed it as there were some queries about who he is. Although I have long believed that the *Easybeats* were one of Australia's greatest rock bands, the connection to their lead singer, Little Stevie (Wright) completely escaped me – not so some of our die-hard rock fans. Eighteen solvers entered SILVER in **21dn** but the wordplay 'I exchanged for love' indicates a letter swap (swap i for o) giving SOLVER (definition "you").

Solver's Comments

[We regret that we have had to omit, for reasons of space, many solvers' comments correctly identifying the perimeter Nina of Steven Wright: *What's another word for thesaurus?*]

- And there I was with the "Evie" earworm, wondering when little Stevie Wright ever sang about thesaurii. *Rob Moline*
- 19dn Trieste is in Italy, not France. *Ian McKenzie*
- Good ol' Sal at 15dn. I bet NO ONE knew of him before this puzzle. [Not so, Andrew. See next two comments. – Adj] *Andrew Patterson*
- I see the Nina but do not know the answer. I must be one of the few who remembers Sal Mineo. *Doreen Jones*
- Thank you for an enjoyable puzzle. Mention of Sal Mineo really made me feel my age! *Robyn Caine*
- Very clever theme and the associated 2, 23dn clue. A pity there were so many uncommon answers. *Len Colgan*
- Lot of good tricky clues. But I hope PAY DAY is correct. I'll be disappointed if it is MAYDAY which is one word. Happy New Year. *Roy Taylor* [Your luck RAN DRY this time, Roy – Adj.]
- Nina = What's another word for thesaurus? Not sure if you would like an answer, but "word-finder" seems to sum it up. *Julie Leigh*
- I may not have had Friday on My Mind but I certainly had Stevie Wright and Evie on the brain, which made solving this more difficult than it needed to be! It eventually dawned – thanks to the Nina – that we were talking about a different Steven Wright altogether! Surely, apropos 19dn, Trieste remains in Italy? *Andrew Miles*
- Some wonderful clues and some new words. TAIVER for 10ac, as an example. GUNNEDAH had me stumped for a while. Couldn't see the wood for the trees! *Ann Millard*
- Several new words there for me – taiver, souslik, yautia..... And Trieste's change of country had me a little confused! Great puzzle, many thanks. *Julie Crowe*
- 2dn 23dn was not really familiar to me, and in fact, I found the Nina first, and used that to solve the clue. *Julie Crowe*
- Ou est Trieste? *Nea Storey*
- A couple of very difficult clues! *Judy Ferguson*

- What's another word for thesaurus? (A dinosaur's) dictionary? *Roger Hearn*
- Well, a couple of tough clues here, especially 19dn. The wordplay parses as TRIESTE and the checked squares "confirm" it but that sure ain't in France! Well, not today, anyway. No idea what else it might be though so waiting with bated breath to see the answer. Also, another name for SAURUS is I presume, LIZARD. Sneaky. *Richard Skinner*
- 8 seldom used words, 2 towns and 1 person (I think) made this quite a challenge. Very enjoyable. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Liked this puzzle. Learned a few more words too. Bit worried by Trieste though. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Oh, Nina! What a merry chase you and Steven led me on, very ably abetted by *Pentangle* of course. A circumnavigation perhaps – it was certainly a voyage into unknown territory. *Kath Harper*
- Very tricky puzzle with good clues. Thank you Brian. *Joan Smith*
- HAPTIC was a new word to me. *Max Roddick*
- Thanks for the reference to Steven Wright – some interesting and amusing quips. *Jim Fowler*
- Found this quite difficult, learned a few new words! *Cheryl Wilcox*
- I searched for another word for thesaurus before the penny dropped! *Jan Wood*
- If my answer is sound, I need an explanation on who Steven Wright is. The closest I got was Stephen/Stevie Wright covering Nina Simone's See-Line Woman with the *Easybeats*. *Matthew Gambin*
- Some rather unusual (to me, anyway) words: HAPIC, TAIVER, REINKING, YAUTIA, EATAGE USUFRACT, SOUSLIKS/ I like 9ac ROADSHOW and 14ac OSPREYS. *Graeme Cole*
- The NINA certainly helped me in finishing the puzzle (haptic for example). 19dn has me a little confused – French? All in all a challenging puzzle. *Peter Dearie*

Palindromes:

A palindrome is a word like *deed* or *level* or *repaper* or *noon* or *redder* or *civic* or *tenet* or *kayak* or *nun* that reads the same backwards as forwards.

If they spoke English in the Garden of Eden, then 'Madam, I'm Adam' was the first palindrome.

One at the beginning of the 17th century was:
Lewd did I live & evil I did dwell.

Some recent palindromes involve people's names:
Was it Eliot's toilet I saw?
No mists reign at Tangier, St Simon!
Sums are not set as a test on Erasmias.

The famous composer Henry Purcell remarked:
Egad, a base tone denotes a bad age!

And Emperor Napoleon complained:
Able was I ere I saw Elba

A modern palindrome was:
A man, a plan, a canal – Panama

Here are some other palindromes:
Was it a car or a cat I saw?
Pull up if I pull up
Ten animals I slam in a net
In a regal age ran I
Yawn a more Roman way
Some men interpret nine memos
Never odd or even.

WORD PLAY by Gyles Brandreth, 2016

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Across clues are normal, apart from having one misprint in the definition. Down clues lead to two words, the first clued by the subsidiary parts but with a definition belonging to a second word which differs by one letter and is entered in the grid. All letter changes occur in a checked letter. Eg a down clue may read "Transported Dutchwoman at noon", the wordplay giving FROW + N but the word entered, FLOWN, is consistent with the definition, and L would be checked.

Across

- 8 One raptured, one is in stunned surprise, but no use (8)
- 9 Something with which to scrub lacks convenience, note (6)
- 10 Godless heathen, educated privately (6)
- 11 Covered in more black, ladies, perhaps, are no more (8)
- 12 Skipper making seasonal entertainment following retirement of fairy (9)
- 13 Big hugs with German kisses (5)
- 15 Get saucy about spoken promise (7)
- 17 Willing to take the chance, say, after British heat cut (7)
- 20 Pen with silver inset seems to be art (5)
- 22 Defective silica involves five of heard brands (9)
- 25 Mess around, with detective Charlie about, can be a pain (8)
- 26 Way to wind winder (6)
- 27 Keep in hounds – it is done one by one, we hear (6)
- 28 The middle of the dry season followed, nobody going short (8)

Down

- 1 Fellow initially rapping on stage, no saint, represents a kind of artwork (8)
- 2 Current money on the way up (6)
- 3 A new set to cover cake description (9)
- 4 French, lovable but not before noon, provided trifle once (7)
- 5 Star discovery in binomial galaxies (5)
- 6 Pronounces unfit for consumption – mixed consignment lacking gin (8)
- 7 River protection is obvious (6)
- 14 Power, cutting back once with foresight (9)
- 16 Bought shares and was taken in! (8)
- 18 European to run away to Germany to climb (8)
- 19 Copying clasp around bone (7)
- 21 Hat raised by short, informal Italian for seed paste (6)
- 23 For reality, put foreign money up in vanity case (6)
- 24 Chemical found from morning frost (5)

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Quiz No 3/2019



by **KA**

Quiz 3/2019. I've Been Everywhere! by **KA**.

Answers are of a kind, and are in alphabetical order.

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| 1 Children at the valley (10) | 9 Block support (7) | 20 Tiny coin? (9) |
| 2 Northern European embraces girl (8) | 10 English County drink (9) | 21 Doctor fled expressing disgust (8) |
| 3 Hat disintegrates in explosion (8) | 11 Old German's century (9) | 22 Horse and dog (5,6) |
| 4 Broken barge is behind embankment (9) | 12 Medal incorporates fish (7) | 23 Bird circles old city (5) |
| 5 Kiss famous entertainer (9) | 13 Demon drops hot light (8) | 24 Modern fortress (9) |
| 6 Heaps of stones (6) | 14 A rustic with painting (6) | 25 Colour (6) |
| 7 Hires buildings (8,6) | 15 Popular German actor (6) | 26 Left Australia, perhaps (8) |
| 8 Australian golfer gains weight (5) | 16 Flatten projection (4,4) | 27 Lady is with quiet female singer (10) |
| | 17 Girl swallows drug (5) | 28 Garment is worn (9) |
| | 18 Cattle go around broken earth (9) | 29 Reach one hundred (6) |
| | 19 Knowledge includes belief (7) | 30 Offspring (5) |

Did you hear?

- I lost 20 pounds but I'm sure I'll find them at McDonald's.
- He has a face like a Saint – A Saint Bernard.
- He was a modest man, with much to be modest about.
- 45.65% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- I have an inferiority complex, but it's not a very good one.
- I'm not bossy I just know what you should be doing.
- Aerodynamically the bumblebee shouldn't be able to fly, but it doesn't know it so it just keeps on flying anyway.
- Everyone is entitled to be stupid, but some abuse the privilege.
- I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
- 'Expert' – from the adjective *pert*, meaning 'lively' or 'effective', and the prefix *ex-*, meaning 'not'.
- Every rule has an exception. Especially this one.
- An optimist is a person who falls off the Empire State Building and after 50th floor says so far so good!
- A compromise is an agreement whereby both parties get what neither of them wanted.
- Common sense is not so common.
- I found Jesus on the golf course. Well at least I heard his name several times.
- For a moment, nothing happened. Then, after a second or so, nothing continued to happen.
- I really need to stop procrastinating, I'll start next week.
- Always and never are two words you should always remember never to use.
- A beautiful night is when you hug your teddy and go to sleep, but a horror night is when your teddy hugs you back!
- A child of five could understand this. Send someone to fetch a child of five.
- A lot of people get a monkey off their back in order to make room for an elephant.
- I'm not opinionated. I'm just always right.
- I once prayed to God for a car, but quickly found out he didn't work that way...so I stole a car and prayed for his forgiveness.
- I don't repeat gossip so listen very carefully.
- I can resist everything except temptation.
- An important rule of procrastination: do it today but remember that today will be today again tomorrow.
- I hold several records on the golf course, but they all relate to beer.
- Don't be so humble – you are not that great.
- A rolling stone gathers no moss... But if I stop the stone then it still takes a long time for the moss to grow.
- I'm not superstitious, just stitious.
- I used to be apathetic. Now, I just don't care anymore.
- I used to get lost in the shuffle, but now I just shuffle along with the lost.
- I refuse to have a battle of wits against an unarmed opponent.
- I can't walk a mile in your shoes. They're too small.
- Everywhere is within walking distance if you have the time.
- If I've told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!
- I used to be indecisive but now I'm not too sure.

January Slot 7-2019: AJ by KA (Karl Audrins)

Entries 66: Correct 60: Success Rate 90.9%.

Prizewinner: Doreen Jones. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's comments:

Thank you to all the members who sailed with me into uncharted waters. I had toyed with the idea for quite a while, and finally had a go at a barred AJ. Judging by the results and the favourable comments, it appears to have been a success. It was not easy to incorporate all of the alphabet, while trying to minimise repetition and common letters. However, as it has proved to be possible, the best is probably yet to come. Ciao.

Explanations:

A hidden, A an(do+rr)a, A dd/cd, B anag, C hidden, D de(ic)ed, E ed+mon+ton (Chamb), E hidden, E ERECT + S, F fi(ti)in, G g+cilla<, H h(e+nco)op, I i(c)onic, I in+s+tate, J jen+sen, J dd, K kelp(i)e+r, K anag, L lo(i)re, M hidden, N nic(h)es, O ode+on+s, O or+ach(e), P dd, Q qua(gg)y, Q quo(te)d, R R + ASHES S dd, S s+pawns, S (mi)stress, T toil+e, T hid, U UN+done, U un + man, V rev hid, W wa+(tie)* X (Nilot)* in hex<, Y yar(ne)d, Z zama(n) with B1, Z zoo(id)s.

Solvers' Comments

- Really liked assess. *Rob Moline*
- Enjoyable puzzle. The relatively small number of grid bars is a credit to KA. *Len Colgan*
- The puzzle was easier than it looked. KA did a great job getting an AJ into a *Ximenean* grid without much obscurity. Clear clues made for an enjoyable solve. *Andrew Patterson*
- I loved it. Thank you. *Julie Leigh*
- Nice puzzle. *Ian Thompson*
- This was rather frightening to start with, but I got there in the end. *Julie Crowe*
- Not as terrifying as it first appeared! What a challenge for the Compiler. Well done! *Nea Storey*
- Really enjoyable. Thank you, Karl. *Ann Millard*
- Thought this was going to be really difficult but being able to work out nearly all the answers before placement helped enormously. Great fun. *Ulla Axelsen*
- This format is becoming popular. I like it. *Robyn Wimbush*
- This was an innovative AJ and fun to solve but I note the following: E2: I don't think "Buddhist" is a fair clue for MON. There are many peoples who are Buddhist. Would "Christian" be accepted to indicate TIV or "Muslim" for EBU? (tribal groups of Nigeria)? I think these would be equally unacceptable. Z2: I found zamia as a tree containing B (vitamin) but don't see how "without name" contributes to the clue. *Drew Meek*
- Took quite a lot of AJ (Almighty Juggling) to wrangle this one into submission. I was intrigued to see that each quadrant of the puzzle had a "difficult" letter (Q, K, Z, J) as a cornerstone. *Kath Harper*
- Found this very challenging but once I had the eight letter words it was a big help. Found the clues very helpful too. *Joan Smith*
- The Falklands in the wrong hemisphere raised an eyebrow, but Judge Jenny = ASSESS raised a big laugh! *Max Roddick*
- What on earth possessed you to believe this puzzle would be solvable and what on earth possessed me to believe you? Turns out we were both right. Thanks for a great challenge. Your clues for GALLIC, SPAWNS and especially ASSESS were really clever. *Brian Tickle*

- A very interesting and fun alphabetical. *Hilary Cromer*
- Such a nice way to spend a hot summer afternoon. *Jenny Madden*
- The crossword was a beauty. Once I worked out which words had to fill the top left-hand corner, the rest seemed to fall into place. *Robyn Caine*
- Thank you for compiling another challenging crossword – a *Ximenean* grid! Quite an exercise to fit all the answers into the grid. I was fortunate to make a start in the NW corner – somehow! What I liked about the answers was that there were not too many unusual words, apart from KELPER, ORACH, and TOTTIE. *Graeme Cole*
- AJs are my favourite type of puzzle. This is the first one I've completed with this type of grid – must be tough to devise. [*Yep. KA*] *Peter Dearie*
- A very challenging Slot 7. Slow to start but once I had some 8 letter ones in place it was not too bad. *Bob Hagan*
- Congratulations! A brilliant crossword! *Richard Williams*

Solution to January 2019 Slot 7

Q	U	A	G	G	Y	K	E	L	P	E	R
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T	O	I	L	E	N	A	O	R	A	C	H
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D	E	I	C	E	D	S	T	R	E	S	S
Z	O	O	I	D	S	J	O	I	N	T	S
A	D	N	W	I	H	E	N	C	O	O	P
M	E	T	A	L	E	N	V	O	L	T	A
B	O	D	I	L	E	S	S	N	I	T	W
I	N	S	T	A	T	E	F	I	T	I	N
A	S	S	E	S	S	N	I	C	H	E	S

Y not read these?

If you have occasion and reason to use these words, so much the better. But even if you do not, there should be no reason why you cannot carry them with you and enjoy them nonetheless.

Yepsen (n.) *The amount that can be held in two hands cupped together; also, the two cupped hands themselves.*
A measurement that has never really caught on like the teaspoon, the *yepsen* also falls firmly within the category of things for which you never thought there was a word—at least, not until some interfering busybody came along and told you what it was.

Yesterneve (n.) *Yesterday evening.*
There are a number of words for describing time, well beyond simply saying today, tomorrow, or yesterday.

Yuky (adj.) *Itchy; also, itching with curiosity.*
A Scottish and northern English dialectical word with a world of applications.
—*Reading the OED*, Ammon Shea, Penguin Books, 2008

Results of the Clue Writing Competition: No 1/2019.

Write a clue for PATERNOSTER (11)

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.

Definition from *Chambers* (12th edition):

n (with *cap*) the Lord's Prayer; a muttered formula or spell; a harangue; a large bead in a rosary; anything strung like a rosary, esp a fishing-line with hooks at intervals; an ornament shaped like beads, used in astragals, etc (*archit*); a lift for goods or passengers, consisting of a series of cars moving on a continuous belt, the floors remaining horizontal at the top and of travel. [L. *Pater noster* 'Our father', the first words of the Lord's Prayer]

With several divergent definitions, and plenty of wordplay options, *paternoster* proved to be a most popular word (Dare I say, I was *blest* to receive so many prayers). One of the curiosities for this word is that it can mean both a prayer and a lift. The latter derives from its continuous belt design or loop (I recommend looking online for paternoster videos – you won't be sorry), and therefore, its resemblance to a set of rosary beads. It doesn't have anything to do with praying to not get stuck in a lift! There wasn't a rosary bead between the top scoring clues but in the end **Bob Crossman**, with his cleverly disguised definition, had his prayer answered.

Repeat snort frantically to get a continuous lift (11)

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

A prayer for life's ups and downs? ***

We start with a double definition of sorts that alludes to the 'lift' definition. While the prayer part is clear, the lift part is less so. While I really like the potential of disguising the 'ups and downs', the word 'life' does seem superfluous.

A prayer recited by people in elevator, perhaps *½**

This double definition joins together two definitions into a coherent and believable situation. I think the clue would have worked perfectly fine without the *by people*, as it borders on superfluous, but otherwise the clue works well.

Father has no disturbed rest following the Lord's Prayer *½**

This is a neat charade that joins *pater* to *no* and an anagram of *rest*. It conjures up the image of a priest finding peace after saying a prayer.

In prone state, King personifies prayer ***

This anagram of prone, state and R is indicated by personifies. Given IN is part of the direction to the solver, the anagram indicator needs to follow suit and make grammatical sense. In this case 'is personifying' or something similar would help. I like the misdirection in the definition as it reads as a *pray-er*.

Lift to ease reported transport disruption ***

This is an anagram of *transported* and two E's as indicated by the word *disruption*. The homophonic indicator for the cheeky *two Es* is the word *reported*. The surface reading is succinct and clever as it disguises the definition perfectly. Normally an anagram indicator should convey the movement of letters, so nouns tend to be avoided. While *disruption* is a noun, it is commonly linked to transport (i.e. a disruption to transport), so it works well. I don't think the two E's join the anagram as smoothly, but that's a minor quibble.

Once in Rome, our father collected an old people mover ***

This double definition tripped me up at first. The second definition is relatively straightforward, albeit not easy to derive by itself. However, it is aided by the first definition which is a reference to the Latin (*in Rome*) – *Paternoster*. *Collected* is being used to indicate *pater* and *noster* are joined but obviously this wouldn't be needed if it wasn't also crucial to the flow of the clue.

Penetrators disrupted elevator ***

The most economical of clues with just three words. It's an anagram of *penetrators* as indicated by disrupted. This is a lift that's definitely 'out of order'.

Portents are rewritten as a prayer ***

An excellent anagram that creates an interesting story that is a cross between something biblical and philosophical.

Prayer, a timeless guide, encourage without force ***

I don't think I've come across a double subtraction clue before. To arrive at prayer, the solver is required to subtract T from *pattern* (guide) and then F from *foster* (encourage). While perfectly valid, both synonyms are not the easiest to arrive at, so this clue would suit a more challenging puzzle. I also would suggest a slight tweak to segue from *guide* to *encourage*. Perhaps, *Prayer guide has no time to encourage without force*.

Prayer for a bird caught in bill *½**

Kudos for noticing that the word has a bird (tern) inside a bill (poster). Obviously, the reading of the clue suggests a bird's bill. Both synonyms are the common words, so the solver has more than a fighting chance of solving it. A really neat charade clue.

Prayer from protestor with a new look **

This anagram of *protester*, A and N had plenty of potential. Unfortunately, *new* is doing double duty here as it's working as part of the anagram indicator (i.e. new look).

Ranter poets surprisingly produce solemn prayer ***

A simple anagram of *ranter poets*. I'm not sure if there are a group of poets described as such. In any case, the clue is constructed fairly and there are no superfluous words.

Repeat snort frantically to get a continuous lift *½**

A more descriptive definition of the paternoster lift, although extremely well disguised. It's derived by the anagram fodder – *repeat snort*. The clue works and there are no superfluous words. I'm guessing the theme of the clue is related to some serious drug use.

Rose pattern worked on prayer bead *½**

This is a lovely anagram as it paints a perfectly plausible picture of a decorative prayer bead. It would have read even better had 'into' replaced 'on', as it works literally and adds to the etching idea.

St Peter or an apostolic leader is lost and without a prayer ***

This is an anagram of STPETERORAN and the letter A which is then immediately taken away to leave you with prayer. I love the religious theme even if the *apostolic leader* bit feels a touch forced. I think the *and* could have been dispensed with too. Still, a fine attempt at working with the theme.

The present Rota recomposed The Lord's Prayer ***

Another great effort at infusing a religious theme into the clue. It's an anagram of *present* and *rota*. For those of you not of the RC persuasion, a *Rota* is the RC Catholic Supreme ecclesiastical tribunal (*Chambers*). It's a pity the superfluous word 'the' starts the clue, but I know it was needed for the surface sense.

The upper house starts its day with this disorderly, pointless senate report *½**

On first reading you could be forgiven for not picking up the prayer definition, but it's a reference to the fact that the Upper House starts with the Lord's Prayer before every sitting. I did not know that. In keeping with the political theme, there is an anagram of *senate report* minus E (point). It's a fantastic anagram when you consider the theme. I get 'pointless' but worth noting that it could indicate the letter, E, S, or N in this case. Minor typo with *it's*.

Upset, tense? Parrot a prayer! ***

We finish with an anagram of *tense* and *parrot* as indicated by *upset*. While it's a relatively simple clue, it is both fair and believable.

For the next competition, please write a clue for the word **CRAYON (6)** 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
Closing mail date: Friday 12 April 2019. Prize \$50.