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In two words: im – possible.  
Samuel Goldwyn, attributed, 20C.  
in Alva Johnston, *The Great Goldwyn* (1937)

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We were saddened to hear of the untimely death of popular member and compiler **Kevin Layton**. Sylvia (Kev's devoted wife) said that Kev passed away on 6 March after a long hard battle with cancer. See p9 for further details of this sad event.

There have been quite a few comments made by members in relation to the proposal that we amalgamate the Slots 1-5 puzzles with the Slot 6 puzzle. Whilst there are undeniable benefits that might flow from an implementation of this proposal, there have been some contrary views expressed. We do not want to rush this matter. The current set-up has worked well for many years now and we would not like to change it unless we have a representative view from members. If you would like to express a view, kindly contact Ian Williams. We will publish the results and decision in the next edition of *Crozworld*.

Our masterly Puzzle set-up person, Ian Williams, has selected a brace of excellent and challenging puzzles and quizzes for you this month. Perennial favourites like *Virgo*, *Jesso* and *Difficult Women* are there for your ongoing enjoyment plus the skilful offerings from the talented 'twins' *Manveru* and *Zinzan*. We welcome back *Brother Naga* with another of his famous Hexapentagonals and the dynamic duo *Hot and Cold* have devised another thematic beauty which they have titled *In the Bush*. In addition we have two quizzes from Brian Symons and *Virgo* and Steve Trollope has challenged clue-writers to devise a clue for the word MORSE. Best of Luck with your solving this month.

The Victorian *Christmas in July* Get-Together will be held in the comfortable Heritage Room at the Bruce County Hotel, Mount Waverley on Sunday 27 July commencing at noon. We hope to welcome all crossworders especially those who might like to visit us from interstate. See p9 for further details. Make a note in your Social Diary now! It's an event not to be missed.

—Patrick

Thanks to all who took the time to write and to those who expressed appreciation for my doing the adjudication. Members found these puzzles somewhat harder than usual and unfortunately there were a number of errors.

**Slot 1:** A few of the mistakes made here and there included THEIVERY for THIEVERY to fit in with (William) TELL at 4dn. There were a few variations of the answer LENS MEN with several LENS MAN and a LINS MAN.

**Slot 2:** 21dn was interesting in that two answers fitted the clues, ie BANGER and DANGER – both were accepted. The misprint of the clue length at 8dn did not worry solvers. Many could not fathom the clues at 17ac SWAP and 25ac MERINGUE which were all together too cryptic. SWAP caused many to lose a dot with a variety of answers – SVAL (3 times), SHAM, SCAM and SWAY. EPHEDRINE was spelled EPIDRENE more than once.

**Slot 3:** *Southern Cross* is always a popular, fair setter and there were not many problems here. GAZPACHO at 17ac was incorrectly entered three times as GASPACHO which does not fit the cryptic indications “all letters” = A-Z. RIGHT OFF (24ac) tricked a few who put RIGHT NOW.

**Slot 4:** Some gave up without a fight but for those who persevered I'm sure they were justly rewarded. A few who were otherwise correct could not unravel the instruction. Such a shame. Other mistakes were just the usual blanks and misprints.

**Slot 5:** Most errors were in the bottom right hand corner when members could not solve 17dn. There were a lot of BEES, a PUNY, a BEVY, a POSY and even a BABY. 5ac caused a few downfalls with LIME, FIVE and ESSE.

**Clue of the Month:** There were many and varied votes for Clue of the Month. Slot 2's new compiler, *Robespierre*, scored the most votes by far with 7dn RUNAWAY and 18ac SECATEURS coming equal second and in first place was 17dn SEAWEED. Congratulations and well done!

—Doreen Jones

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	92	59	95	75	76	397
Correct entries	81	46	83	67	54	331
Success rate (%)	88.0	77.9	87.3	89.3	71.0	83.4
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Prizewinner: April 2008 Slots 1-5: Jenny Wenham

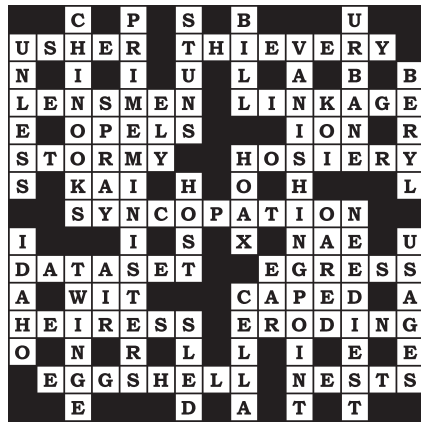
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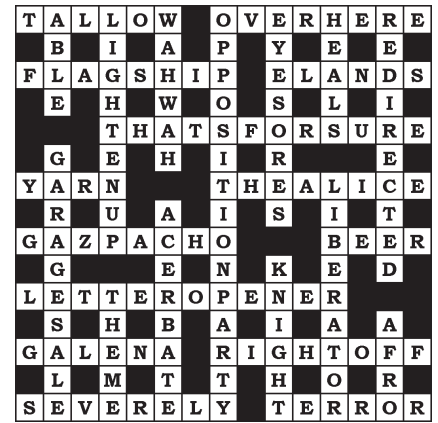
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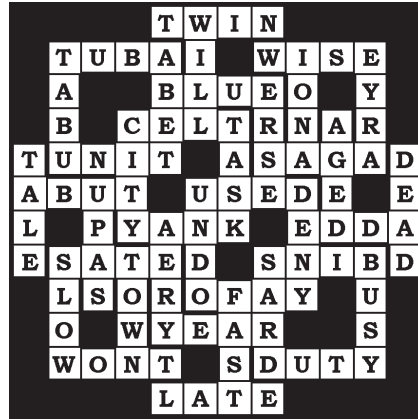
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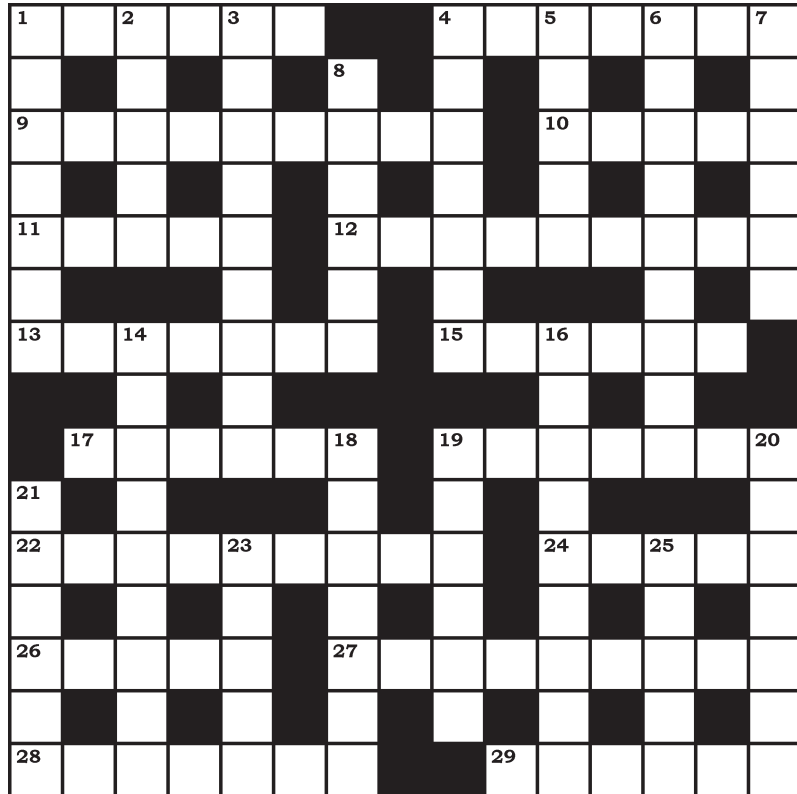
## MEMBERS RESULTS FOR MAR & APR 2008 & MAR Slot 7

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**Cryptic  
by  
Virgo**

**Prizes: \$50**



**Across**

- 1 The ghost without the artist (6)
- 4 Perhaps your genetically modified Indian elephants should have their origins in African natives? (7)
- 9 A bird, bulb or insect (9)
- 10 Puree soft, pale fruit (5)
- 11 Weariness from beheading chicken – and it's almost night in Paris (5)
- 12 He cuddles rattler, and this is recorded (9)
- 13 The Bay of Figs (7)
- 15 The endless lifting of Sugar Plum (6)
- 17 A wicked light (6)
- 19 A crim and a revolutionary. My word! That's magic! (7)
- 22 A helper (me) not exactly transient (9)
- 24 The President entered (5)
- 26 The Dancing Years Rock currently named (5)
- 27 A manual roll stopper (4-5)
- 28 The most enthusiastic shot (see Kent) (7)
- 29 Beats the Maori politician with a bone (6)

**Down**

- 1 Which particular tree sounds just like another? (4-3)
- 2 Associated Press starboard on Pinafore (5)
- 3 The boxing style of a swift-toed round (3-6)
- 4 A baseball player out of the jug (7)
- 5 The lookout in a drug bust (5)
- 6 Rash devil at University lives wildly (9)
- 7 Fast rundown holds the front page (6)
- 8 Holy man first prays then fires up with Criminal Intent (6)
- 14 Path with a dwelling leads to an American inn (9)
- 16 Can't leap cabin? Too bad! (9)
- 18 Lugs burning in range (7)
- 19 Santa given a hand to exercise and becomes skewiff (6)
- 20 Seek – nay, find – the baseball team (7)
- 21 Chief turns to run away and explode (6)
- 23 Rex left code for the upstart. Mickey, perhaps? (5)
- 25 Walk first to road then orientate map (5)

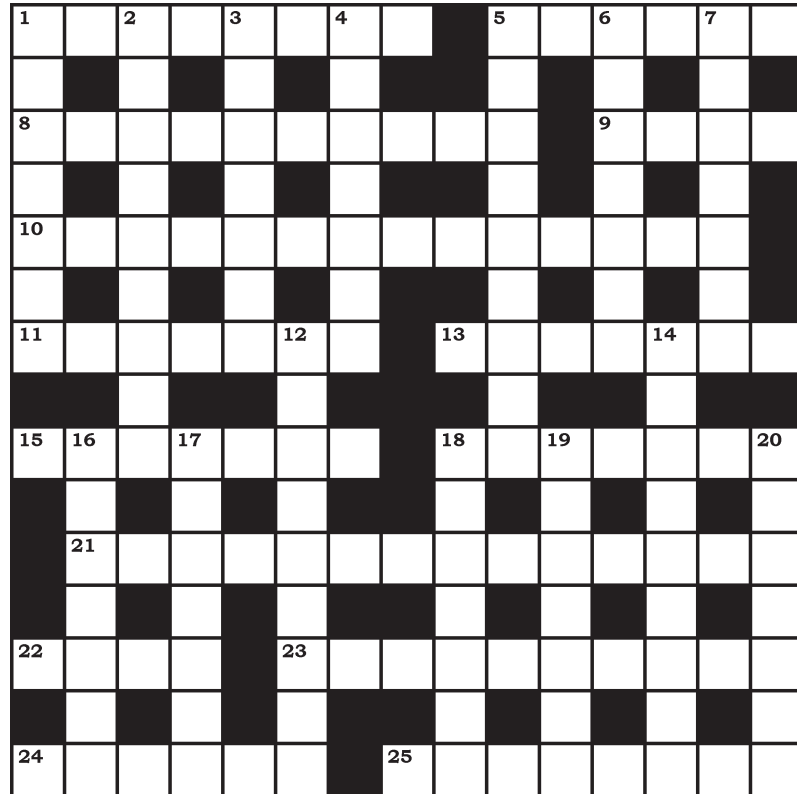
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**Cryptic**  
by  
**Jesso**



**Across**


- 1 Heavier dogs tire badly (8)
- 5 Noise-maker at a feast? (6)
- 8 Indiscretion of cheekiness about one hand (10)
- 9 I'm gone in province? (4)
- 10 Portfolio's strange matters (7,7)
- 11 Children, the centre of interest, born later (7)
- 13 Secret police in Sydney and Melbourne have no time for timid fellows (7)
- 15 Went crazy ... let go around Alaska (7)
- 18 Circulation editor becoming late (7)
- 21 Prefer to straighten the thing kicked in jollification (5,5,4)
- 22 Joust with the Italian between times (4)
- 23 Separation of a union list in tatters (10)
- 24 Moon-goddess places initial weed last (6)
- 25 Fort Keen's new security device (4-4)

**Down**

- 1 Cook small fish behind prison (4-3)
- 2 Suitable pair open out unexpectedly (9)
- 3 Estimating half a month in leaving without opposition leader (7)
- 4 English ale brewed, and not for a girl (7)
- 5 The sea was hot. Cooked! (4-5)
- 6 Sisters accepting a hundred and ten messengers (7)
- 7 Not all men shot all together (2,5)
- 12 Time to let go hostile shots (5,4)
- 14 Taking off one German with fixed allowance not started (9)
- 16 Dashing service grenadier (7)
- 17 A woman at the races with English girl (7)
- 18 Perform with nice English flower around (7)
- 19 Woman, man. Woman's work (7)
- 20 Front and head showing growth of an oak (7)

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

- Dear Patrick and all the hard workers at *Crozworld*. Thank you so much for the Prize for the March edition. I had not read the *Crozworld* and therefore was much surprised (and chuffed) to receive the Dictionary in the post. Once again thank you. *Ken Pullen*
- Dear Patrick and *Crozworld*, I was so very thrilled to be a winner this month. My grateful thanks to all and for the never-ending pleasure of the arrival of the magazine each month. *Nancy Hazell*
- I want to thank the club for my prize (March Slot 1). I was reconsidering whether to continue as a member, as I often got only a word or letter wrong and never seemed to solve a puzzle completely. But I wonder no longer; better times seem to be here, or at least are looking up. *Hazel Freeman*
- A very challenging and interesting lot this month. Slots 1, 3, 5 were all okay but 2,4,6 were really difficult and I have guessed a couple of answers. *Jean Barbour*
- I am surprised that DIZZY GILLESPIE won COTM last month. A clever clue indeed but spoiled for me by being clued as a 14-letter word. I wonder if there is a club policy on this? I tend to assume that if the answer is more than one word, some indication is given. In the same puzzle, the answer TRINIDAD referred to as a capital was so inaccurate that I would not penalise any solver who got it wrong. I was also disappointed to find that I had wasted time looking for an imaginary place associated with Thomas More, when it was actually Thomas Malory. *Peter Dearie*
- I have been struggling this month. This is the first time I have submitted an entry without completing the five slots – not always correct of course! *Verna Dinham*

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**Across**

- 1 **and** 10 This browser jumps between operating systems, perhaps (6-7)
- 4 16ac messily devours hot carbohydrates (8)
- 10 See 1
- 11 Select the French Original Draught to get drunk (7)
- 12 Poachers carry a degree of anguish (4)
- 13 Dubious map centres on cliff-face (10)
- 15 **and** 27 Die of puzzlement? (6,4)
- 16 Temple, for one, pretends to provide sanctuary for reserve (7)
- 20 Deny reward claim (7)
- 21 More novel? Perfect! (6)
- 24 Authorise company undertaking to stockpile millions (10)
- 26 See 25dn
- 28 Stud, for one, has tinnitus, perhaps (7)
- 29 A belt that gives no latitude – unreal! (7)
- 30 Greenies unwisely act with force (8)
- 31 Late-running transport? (6)

**Down**

- 1 A know-all wife is bearing an odd curse (8)
- 2 A dread of novelty – a modern fear? (9)
- 3 Spy shakes off tail and gets up expressing surprise after a near miss (4)
- 5 Touch-up holy book on church step (3-5)
- 6 Religious Education pastor takes on exercise to restore health (10)
- 7 Own around 50? Need to reduce to 25! (5)
- 8 Feasted, took top off, and went wild to become sober (6)
- 9 Raise trophy with voice (5)
- 14 Snow recreation takes on new division – water recreation (4-6)
- 17 University Press initially implicated in false reports with sponsor (9)
- 18 Release date set on "The Origin of Satanic Verses" (8)
- 19 Vehicle, with energy at no cost! No worries (8)
- 22 Plan to come ashore without old oar goes awry (6)
- 23 What a card! (5)
- 25 **and** 26 This method of communication is an unrefined process according to Spooner (5,4)
- 27 See 15ac

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

- An interesting set of puzzles – enjoyable to solve.
- My very best thank you to TARO for my prize in No. 6, the "Valentine Diamond Ring" puzzle. Getting it all out was worth more than diamonds, but to share the prize was a "double reward". Thank you, thank you, thank you!
- The hierarchy must have thought last month was too easy. They've stopped me in my tracks well and truly this month.
- The puzzles are not getting any easier; this month I found them quite testing.
- I wish to express my thanks for the *Oxford Crossword Dictionary* which I received as a prize last month. It has already helped me in the (attempted) solving of this month's puzzles. Many thanks.
- This *Crozworld* has proved to be absolutely joyous mainly because of Slot 3 (particularly) and Slots 1 and 4. There should be more puzzles like Slot 3 for those of us who are not up to the challenge of Slots 2 and 6. Surely enjoyment of being a Club member is as important if not more important than the challenge. Great Quiz.

*Bob Hagan*

*Del Kennedy*

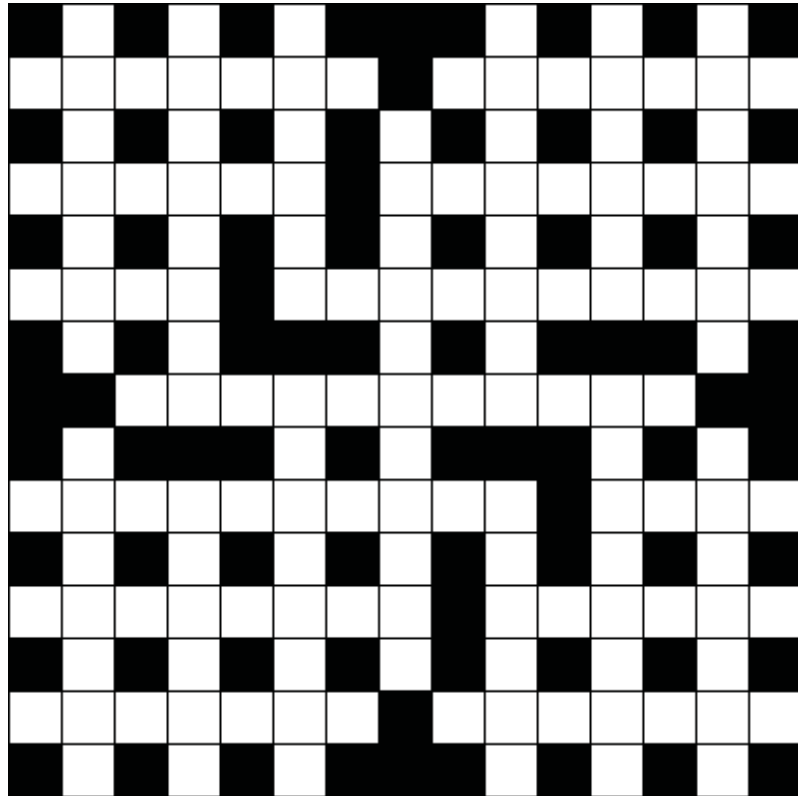
*Glenda Lloyd*

*Ron O'Rourke*

*Judy Randall*

*Margaret Watzinger*

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<p><b>AJ</b> by <b>Difficult</b> <b>Women</b></p>
<p><b>Prize:</b> <b>Chambers</b> <b>Dictionary of</b> <b>World History</b> <b>3rd edn.</b> [rrp \$79.95]</p>



Solve the clues and insert the answers, jig-saw wise, where they fit.

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| <p><b>A</b> Norse God cites recklessly without Catholic strict hermits (8)<br/> <b>B</b> Whisper about careless Sally losing licence after police administer test (11)<br/> <b>C</b> Plant and frond form road arrangement (10)<br/> <b>D</b> Shamefully man, a Private Investigator, gets taxi for heartless lady (10)<br/> <b>E</b> Evaluate shoddy site for colleague (8)<br/> <b>F</b> Flowerless plant at English Railway Conservatory (7)<br/> <b>G</b> Score in Las Vegas home (4)<br/> <b>H</b> Supreme Commander (4)<br/> <b>I</b> Disinfectant initially implemented over dirt on pitch has odd results (8)<br/> <b>J</b> Two sweethearts with degrees on plants (7)<br/> <b>K</b> Give some cake to sister with diabetes (7)<br/> <b>L</b> Lymphatic vessel on the French Cape duck (7)<br/> <b>M</b> Seaport at Montana actually existing (8)<br/> <b>N</b> Accustomed rule of Capone (6)</p> | <p><b>O</b> Townsman opposed to one man (7)<br/> <b>P</b> Some turn up early rich in pearls (6)<br/> <b>Q</b> Starting to question one medal for meditational exercise (6)<br/> <b>R</b> Sentimental gypsy man an old clown (8)<br/> <b>S</b> Cunning plan not finished in Gateshead? (8)<br/> <b>T</b> Dreadful painting returned to soldier at College (6)<br/> <b>U</b> United Press rumbles about rackets (7)<br/> <b>V</b> Country residence and church in small city in Central Austria (7)<br/> <b>W</b> Town animal (6)<br/> <b>X</b> Outrageous bishop associated with ex-con racists (11)<br/> <b>Y</b> Gaped at Kelly after highway return (6)<br/> <b>Z</b> Shepherd's coat woman is about to spoil (7)</p> |
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### Submission of puzzles to adjudicators by e-mail

We have set up a robust and effective system for members to lodge solutions by e-mail using AxWord. This system is operated by Ian Williams. If you wish to participate and are not on his list for the monthly mailing of blank grids (in AxWord form), let him know and he'll be happy to add your name. The monthly e-mail contains full instructions and guidance for preparing and processing grids.

For members' convenience, postal adjudicators have kindly agreed to have their e-mail addresses shown and to receive solutions by e-mail. Problems have recently arisen where solutions are e-mailed in a form that the adjudicators are unable to access or read, as they may not have the program that created the material. This has involved the adjudicators in correspondence, or may lead to missed dots. We advise that the best form in which to send solutions to the adjudicator by e-mail is as a graphic of the completed grid(s). If you have a scanner, scan the (completed) Good Grids page, save the results as a .jpg file and attach it to your e-mail. If you do not have a scanner, a list of the Across solutions followed by the Down solutions is acceptable. If you wish to send your completed grids in any other computer form, copy the active window showing the grid or results using **Alt +Print Scr** (pressed simultaneously). Then paste it into the e-mail, using **Ctrl+V** or **File - Paste**. Your e-mail must be in HTML format for this to work: graphics will be lost if you send the e-mail as Plain Text . Sticking to these guidelines will ease the load on our wonderful adjudicators, without whom the Club could not function in its present form.

Thank you. Please address any questions on formatting or methods to Ian.

—The Executive Committee

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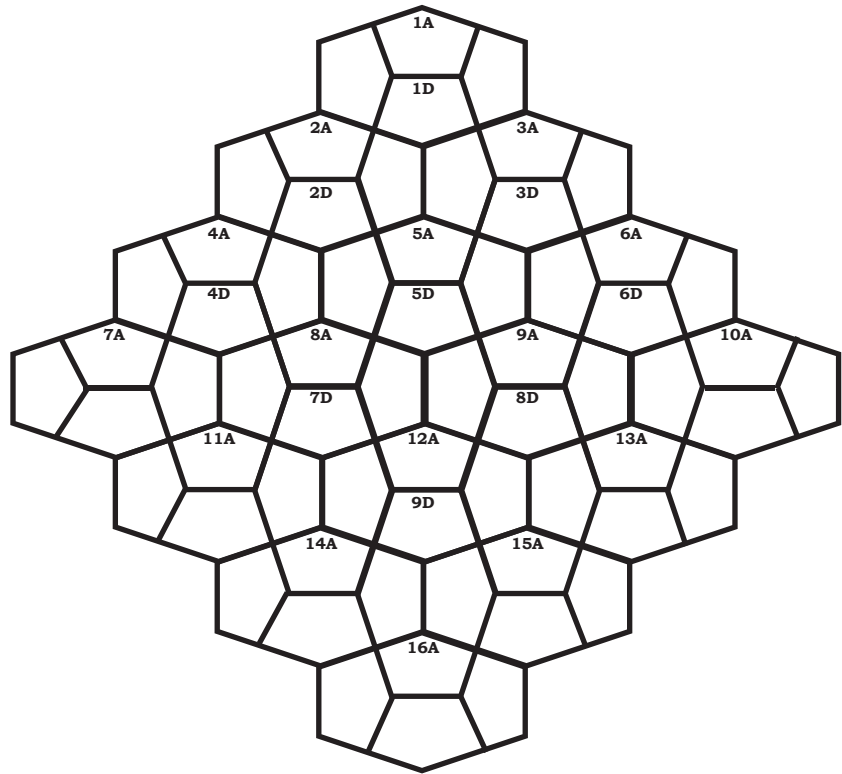
**Hexapentagonal**  
by  
**Brother Naga**

Prizes: \$50



[2006 edn]

The outside letters read clockwise reveal a phrase relevant to our magazine. There are 16 horizontal and 9 vertical four letter words. These words are located as shown. The answer letters may fit either clockwise or anti-clockwise in the grid.

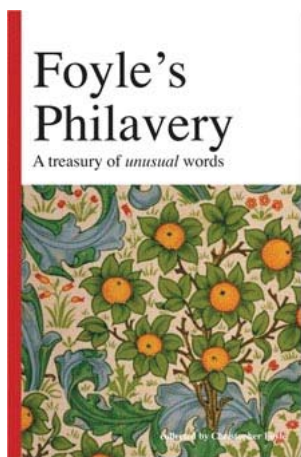


**Across/Horizontal:**

- 1 Principal wife left war chief
- 2 It's time you started to listen 'ere!
- 3 Odd bits of ear roll replaced on the side of a creature's head
- 4 Some watch until you drive off
- 5 I'll say try white!?
- 6 A talented bloke put together half what I put last
- 7 Look a bit sick! Need a joint
- 8 Left off work-out and begin to puff
- 9 Booze-up at Buddhist shrine!
- 10 Record turn-over!
- 11 Plaster or cement around evenly
- 12 This number with square is genuine!
- 13 Favourite left after joint response?
- 14 A green section planted each year in kikuyu
- 15 It is in retrospect to take effect
- 16 Some turn up naked primarily to shock

**Down/Vertical:**

- 1 Half have the continental – it's healthy
- 2 Are you told directions in secret?
- 3 Clay is mixed with 50% loam
- 4 Major service element!
- 5 S.A. people put up with me as a subject
- 6 His better half looked back first – how awful!
- 7 Prod every other and make the last couple push
- 8 Before elections started I took both sides to get a few backs up!
- 9 Hit the waves – sure I missed the last but got the first few after



**Foyle's Philavery** by Christopher Foyle, HB, 160pp. online price: £7.49.

visit: <http://www.chambersharrap.co.uk/chambers/index.shtml>

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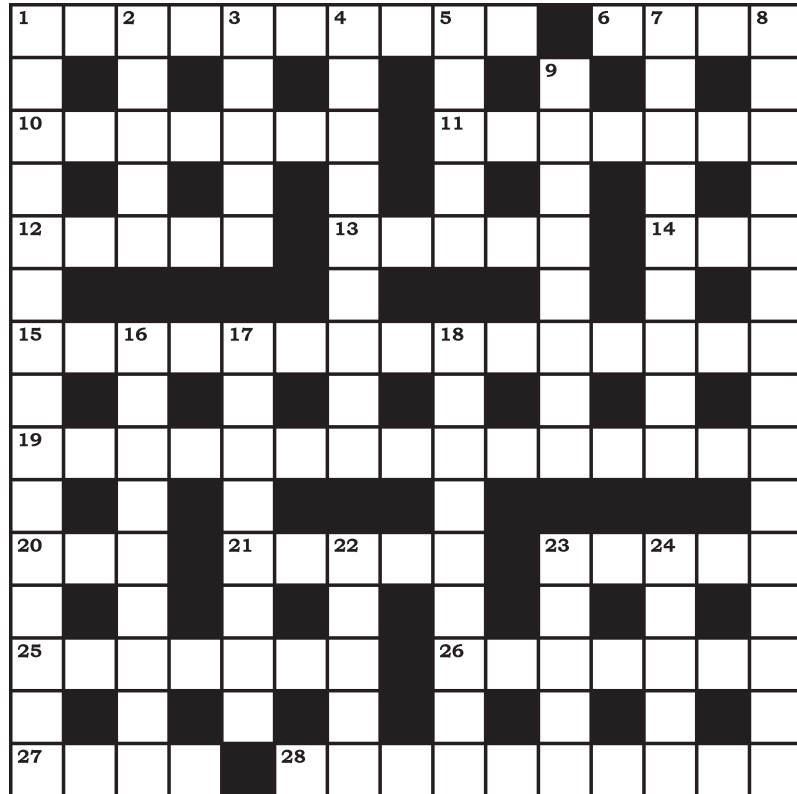
The word 'philavery' was invented to describe this book – a collection of words chosen simply on the grounds of their aesthetic appeal. Some of these words appeal because of their aptness, some for their obscurity, some for their euphony, and some for their quirkiness. As a collection, they represent the fruits of a lifetime of reading and will delight all word lovers.

**The Chambers Dictionary** has been honoured at an international design awards ceremony, picking up the prestigious Red Dot Award for outstanding design. The annual event, held 6 December at the Zollverein Casino in Essen, Germany, celebrates innovation and excellence in design from around the world. Chambers was one of 337 winners in the category of Communication Design, its famous *Chambers Dictionary* handpicked by a panel of international design experts from among 3880 entries.



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## Cryptic by Zinzan



### Across

- 1 Praise in Post Office is shared around (10)
- 6 Vomit loudly behind the pub (4)
- 10 Coaching after disgorging a dodgy Italian meal (7)
- 11 Lawman releases her if found locked up (7)
- 12 Gratitude when losing horse *deliberately* loses (5)
- 13 Much noise and energy follows alleged baby-snatcher (5)
- 14 We hear Cockney's above such annoyance (3)
- 15 Embodiment of complaint if one pet is kept inside (15)
- 19 Cost of fabricated framework? (7-2,6)
- 20 Toyland resident's essentially quite eccentric (3)
- 21 You said it's after Number 1s (5)
- 23 Bay horse stabled in large town initially (5)
- 25 Like leper's limitless lunch list (7)
- 26 To the extent of damaging rains outside (7)
- 27 Nothing new nowadays close to neophobia (4)
- 28 Took a risk coming back to you with some wine (10)

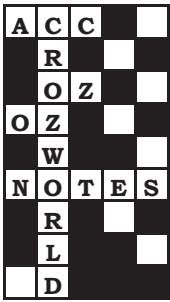
### Down

- 1 Correct over half of article's 8dn setting (9,6)
- 2 Fruit thrown finally after actor lacked soul (5)
- 3 Belts – impressively, they may be knocked off! (5)
- 4 Vale to doctor – died without being hung out to dry (4-5)
- 5 Extremely smitten about country girl (5)
- 7 A note a daughter provided that is recipe for tart-maker? (9)
- 8 1dn characteristic provided adolescent learner driver is restricted outside (7-8)
- 9 Memorial's not cheap to rebuild (8)
- 16 Envious German's "yes" to not being chopped up (9)
- 17 Limits start to upset the French drug suppliers (8)
- 18 A considerable injection of phosphorus reveals little (9)
- 22 A long time ago, lodged and secured piano removal (5)
- 23 Attacked the greatest holding in Spain (5)
- 24 Swinger's long lost slave (5)

Post  
Solution  
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**VALE KEV LAYTON**

**Kev Layton**, affectionately known to Crozworlders as *The Beast* sadly passed away on 6 March after a long battle with cancer. Kev was one of the Club's popular and witty compilers. His Connections for Example puzzles were a delight not to mention his amusing and entertaining Acrostic where he employed his own humorous verse. Kev lived in Aitkenvale, which is a suburb of Townsville. Sylvia (Kev's devoted wife) said that Kev's "involvement with the Club gave him many hours of enjoyment and excitement when compiling and solving the puzzles." Bev Cockburn said that Kev was "such a wonderful member with a great sense of humour. I will miss his contributions to the Club." Kev's final puzzle was published in March 2008 as a Slot 5 Acrostic. His own (and final verse) included the words: "Here lies motor mechanic Fred he had a battered old body and a badly cracked head; his water kept leaking he was terribly tired and when his valves stuffed up, his spark expired." Farewell Kev and thanks for the memories... We send our sincere condolences to Sylvia and family.



**CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2008**

Our Annual Victorian Get-together this year will be **Christmas in July** and will be held at noon on Sunday 27 July at the Heritage Room, Bruce County Hotel, 445 Blackburn Road, Mt Waverley, which is conveniently situated adjacent to the South Eastern Freeway. We have organised an excellent lunch: tasty savouries on arrival, a choice of three delectable main courses and a selection of three desserts followed by coffee/tea. Cost for this grand "Crossmassy" lunch is \$60 per head. Drinks can be purchased from the bar. Bookings and enquiries to Patrick Street, ph (03) 9347 1216 or email: [pstreet@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pstreet@bigpond.net.au) by 20th July please. Cheques payable to "Patrick Street". Come along and join in the merriment! We look forward to renewing acquaintances!

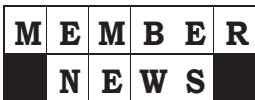
**GET-TOGETHER 2008**

At William Ryan's refurbished Cauliflower Hotel on Sunday 23 November 2008. Make a note in your Diary now!

**ANOTHER TREASURE FROM DOUG BUTLER!**

Doug has for the past 10 years been beavering away at a *Crossworder's Dictionary of Biography* and is now at the state AxWord was 15 years ago. Anyone who'd like a copy is welcome to one on CDROM, with the proviso that it not be passed to a third person. Members who provide him with useful criticisms (errata and additions) will get a free copy of the 'final' proof in a year's time. Include a note with your entry if you wish to participate. No charge, no obligation. E-mailers can drop him a line at the usual address.

**CANBERRA CONCOURSE?** Is there any interest on the part of members from Canberra and district in a get-together? Possible timing could be a lunchtime on a September Sunday, possible venue could be a room in a local club (if sufficient numbers) or a club or a restaurant for a meal and a chat if numbers are small. Please let Ian Williams have your ideas. Contact details on page 1.



**New member:** We extend a warm welcome to new member **Beverly Blanch** from Aldgate, South Australia (a Membership Gift from Norma Lee). Welcome to the wonderful world of Crozworlding,

Beverly.

**Membership Renewal: Mark McGree.**

**Puzzle Adjustments:** James Leaver gained a dot for March Slot 1. Robyn Caine gained a dot for Feb Slot 6. March Adjudicator Veniece Lobsey reports that entries arrived too late from Chris Heenan, Jack Thompson, Bertha Foott, Cally Martin, Heather O'Hara and Thora Abraham for inclusion in the March competition.

**Solution to Mini-Quiz 3** by Brian Symons:  
They grow up as they grow down (9) DUCKLINGS.

**Mini quiz 4 by Brian Symons**

Anagrams are one of the most common of clue types. Some are very clever but too many can ruin a crossword. They are often enhanced by well camouflaged anagram indicators. Some of these appear to refer to people eg criminal, pervert, eccentric and at least six are actual professions. Can you name these?

**The Australian Oxford Dictionary**

**WORD OF THE MONTH**

**absquatulate** *v.tr.joc.* chiefly US leave abruptly (*some overthrown dictator who had absquatulated to the USA*) [ORIGIN: blend (simulating a Latin form) of **ABSCOND**, squattle 'squat down' + **PERAMBULATE**.]

*The Australian Oxford Dictionary*, Second Edition, 2004 Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$110.00 ISBN 978019557965

**The Australian National Dictionary Centre** was established in 1988 with the twin purposes of conducting research into Australian English and providing Oxford University Press with editorial expertise for its range of Australian dictionaries. It is jointly funded by the Australian National University and Oxford University Press Australia. WS Ramson was director of the Centre from 1988 to 1994. Bruce Moore became director in 1994. The Centre takes its name from *The Australian National Dictionary: A Dictionary of Australianisms on Historical Principles*, ed. WS Ramson, which was published by Oxford University Press in 1988.

**BONUS QUIZ**

**NOVEL LINKWORDS by Virgo**

Find a phrase that links the given words making three phrases in all. (The word "the" has been omitted in where it occurs.) Example: Navy Blue Angel Fish. Answers are in alphabetical order. Proper names may be included. Send your entry to Audrey Austin, 24 Hempstalk Cres, Kariiong. NSW 2250. fax: (02) 43402823. e-mail: [ccryptic@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cryptic@bigpond.net.au) Closing mail date: 13 June 2008. Book prize.

- 1 Saint \_\_\_\_\_ Matter (5,4)
- 2 Wild \_\_\_\_\_ Hand (6,4)
- 3 Draught \_\_\_\_\_ Moon (6,7)
- 4 Lamp \_\_\_\_\_ Salon (5,6)
- 5 First \_\_\_\_\_ Verse (4,4)
- 6 Common \_\_\_\_\_ Goat (4,8)
- 7 Family \_\_\_\_\_ Smoking (6,2)
- 8 Good \_\_\_\_\_ Room (7,5)
- 9 Drinking \_\_\_\_\_ Hole (5,3)
- 10 Concrete \_\_\_\_\_ Token (6,4)
- 11 Completely \_\_\_\_\_ Shaking (4,5)
- 12 True \_\_\_\_\_ Book (4,5)
- 13 Black \_\_\_\_\_ Cloth (5,7)
- 14 Trumpet \_\_\_\_\_ Eden (5,7)
- 15 Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Boots (8,6)
- 16 Grand \_\_\_\_\_ Curtains (8,6)
- 17 Silent \_\_\_\_\_ Spotter (5,5)
- 18 Jamie \_\_\_\_\_ Top (6,5)
- 19 Deathly \_\_\_\_\_ Bomb (4,4)
- 20 Blue \_\_\_\_\_ Hearted (5,6)
- 21 Canterbury \_\_\_\_\_ Association (8,8)
- 22 Seed \_\_\_\_\_ Floor (6,7)
- 23 Team \_\_\_\_\_ Crossing (6,5)
- 24 Kangaroo \_\_\_\_\_ Nest (5,5)
- 25 Mid \_\_\_\_\_ Landing (6,4)

**April 1-2008: Half 'n Half by midships (Ian Williams)**

- Good puzzle - not too easy but quite gettable. *Jean Barbour*
- A nice start - neat clues that caused no problems. *Catherine Hambling*

- My COTM goes to Slot 1, 26dn. I liked the misleading use of 'customs' in a sentence that had sense and surface. *Michael Kennedy*
- I learned OPELS and KAI from this. *Carole Noble*
- 8dn was my favourite clue here. *Ted O'Brien*
- I thought THEIVERY didn't look right but TELL fitted nicely for 4dn. Only at the last minute did I try again and realised THEIVERY and BILL were a tad more correct. *Andrew Patterson*
- 6dn: UNLESS is a beauty! *Max Roddick*
- Much liked 33ac. Expectant female? (7) = HEIRESS. Good blend of clues. Thanks, *midships*. *Alan Walter*
- Tricky clues but a good No. 1. Query 18ac: rather strange knitting pattern. Perhaps it was a hoax. *Irene Watts*
- More challenging than usual. Loved the clues for 33ac and 29dn. Look forward to explanation for 2dn. *Jan Wood*

**April 2-2008: Cryptic by Robespierre (Ian McKenzie)**

- Welcome, Ian, to the ranks and what a ripper to start with. I had major problems with the bottom right corner and have had to guess a couple. I liked 21dn and 14ac. Thanks. *Jean Barbour*
- I found Slot 2 particularly challenging. *Robyn Caine*
- There were many clues in this puzzle which were excellent, namely ROBUSTA and SECATEURS. Well done and welcome, Ian. *Bev Cockburn*
- I took a while to get going - hope I've managed to get it right. (Yes, you did). *Hilary Cromer*
- Welcome to another new compiler. Quite a challenging puzzle; a bit hard for this Slot. I don't understand the clue at 25ac. *Margaret Davis*
- This was tough. NINJAS at 5dn had me racking my brains for some time. I hope that I have not gone wrong with SWAP. The clue says change 9ac regularly, for a "change" and I can only imagine that SLAV has to be changed every second letter to produce a word meaning change. If I am wrong, an explanation of the clue would be appreciated. *Peter Dearie*

- I am not happy with MERINGUE but I suppose it is a cake! *Jill Freeland*
- This puzzle gave me a lot of grief - in fact some clues I could not solve at all and had to guess the solutions - no doubt some are wrong. Please explain the following: 17ac, 23ac, 25ac, 21dn and 23dn. My COTM 18ac also came from this puzzle so perhaps I could say it's like "the curate's egg" i.e. good in parts! *Catherine Hambling*
- Chapeaux bas! *Carole Noble*
- Some of Robespierre's clues were hard to solve. I'm still not sure of 25ac (although I can justify my answer). 23ac really needed maybe "sports code" otherwise it was very vague. 21dn is still in the "maybe" group. Otherwise a good try especially 23dn. *Ted O'Brien*
- New compilers bring new challenges. It takes a while to tune in to their wavelength. Robespierre had some good ideas but a couple were a bit loose I thought. 16ac: 'take a piecemeal approach' for a containment indicator; 10ac: surface?; 13ac: don't really understand; 17ac: not that precise; 15dn: there must have been another strategy other than "rear-end orgies". I liked 5dn and 8dn. *Andrew Patterson*
- Enjoyed this crossword very much - so many clever clues but my favourite was "seaweed". Not sure if 17ac is correct but WASP means "white anglo saxon person" which then alters to swap which means change. Also 18ac was clever "adult in sect". *Marian Procter*
- A lot of well thought out clues. Welcome Robespierre! *Max Roddick*
- Welcome Robespierre. A new compiler with a new way of thinking is always a challenge and this is no exception with some excellent clues. EXCHANGE RATES gets my COTM. *Brian Symons*
- Not the easiest Slot 2! *Roy Taylor*
- Incorrect indicator for 8dn. It should be (8,5) for EXCHANGE RATES. Some very testing clues. Thanks, Ian. *Alan Walter*
- Found it hard to get onto Robespierre's wavelength. Some very clever clues. *Jan Wood*

**April 3-2008: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)**

- 5dn for COTM and liked 26ac. *Jean Barbour*
- Southern Cross never lets us down! *Margaret Davis*
- As usual, Shirl's puzzle was clever and precise - a joy to solve. *Catherine Hambling*
- Had a smile on my dial from whoa to go. Very entertaining, Shirl, as usual. *Carole Noble*
- Again a very satisfying puzzle from Shirl. *Ted O'Brien*
- 15dn: not sure about definitions/seconds that are cryptic in themselves i.e. 'plain-speaking'. 22dn: 'heaven' is unused. Overall, I like the whimsical humour that always runs through Southern Cross puzzles. *Andrew Patterson*
- Always enjoy Southern Cross. Shirl's answers always make sense. *Marian Procter*

- The lost letter-opener from Slot 2, 26ac turns up here as the answer to 20ac. Must be psycho-kinetics! *Max Roddick*
- I like the clues for LETTEROPENER and AFRO. *Bev Solomon*
- Very enjoyable as usual. A little uncertain re 15dn. *Brian Symons*
- Very enjoyable puzzle. Thanks, Shirl. 11ac was a gem "that's for sure". *Alan Walter*
- Another of Shirl's goodies - THAT'S FOR SURE. *Irene Watts*
- 2dn: Tried to find an Abel Adamson before the penny dropped - brilliant! I don't understand 15dn. *Jan Wood*

**April 4-2008: Acrostic Jigsaw by Praxis (Roy Wilson)**

- I enjoy this type of puzzle and Praxis does it so well, but I can imagine there will be a few complaints about the loss of the usual AJ. *Margaret Davis*
- A jigsaw puzzle which is not alphabetical is a really tough nut to crack. *Peter Dearie*
- Praxis gave the old brain quite a workout but also a great sense of satisfaction when everything was completed. *Catherine Hambling*
- While Slot 4 is a good puzzle I have no idea what the instruction is - perhaps I deserve half a dot! *Valerie Howard*
- I feel this should have been a Slot 6. *Barb Ibbott*
- Next to AJs, this is my favourite type of puzzle. Well done, Roy. *Carole Noble*
- Very demanding Roy, but very satisfying to my befuddled old brain when I think/hope I have it. Many thanks. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Roy loves leaving us up a gum tree, doesn't he? *Ted O'Brien*
- Wow, it took quite a while to get a toehold in this puzzle. However, it's always wise to persist with a Praxis and this was proven once again. Liked BARCAROLLE, PARABLES and SABOTAGE. Don't get the SHERRY surface and I'm not sure about SOUP. *Andrew Patterson*
- I always enjoy Praxis. Roy is one of my favourites and how he compiles these sorts of crosswords is beyond me. *Marian Procter*
- I love these puzzles from Praxis, I hope he has more up his sleeve. *Betty Siegman*
- I chose ETHER for my COTM. *Bev Solomon*
- I very seldom complete a Praxis crossword and this one was a real tussle! Very devious. *Nea Storey*
- Wonderful clueing as is to be expected but cannot quite get EXPOSITOR. (ex/posit/or) *Brian Symons*
- This is the most enjoyable acrostic jigsaw for a long time. It was great fun, Praxis. *Roy Taylor*
- Many thanks to the super setter of Acrostic Jigsaws, Praxis. This was another masterpiece, especially weaving the first letters of the clues to indicate 'SWAP FIRST LETTER FOR A VARIETY OF TREE' as well as including those six theme words disguised in the answer grid. Puzzle much appreciated, Roy. *Alan Walter*
- Usually my favourite Slot but not this time. Such variations should be at No. 6. *Irene Watts*
- An AJ with a difference - a triple treat! I was given the Dictionary of World History for Christmas, so if I get a dot and win the prize, you can redraw it. *Jan Wood*

**April 5-2008: Petit Fours by Aeolian (Max Roddick)**

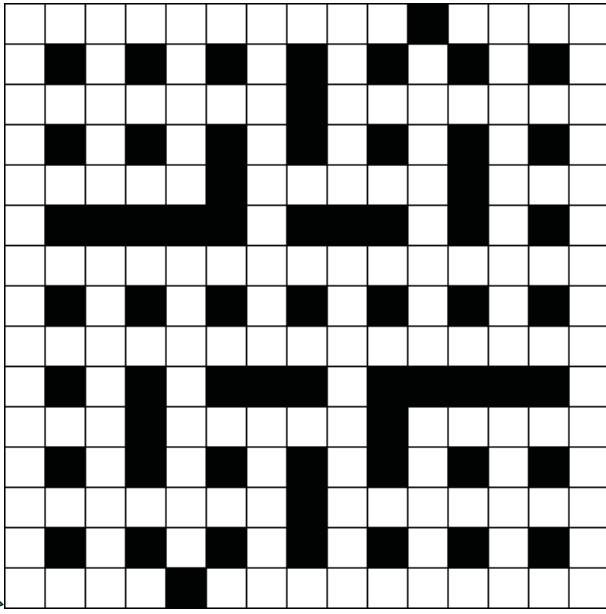
- One is tempted to remark "What larks!" Good fun but not a Slot 5. *Margaret Davis*
- An interesting and novel puzzle - who would have thought a 4-letter word puzzle would take so much effort to figure out. *Catherine Hambling*
- This was interesting but I think the four outer words were unfair with only one crossed letter. Perhaps if you used that grid again you could fill the border and just leave the one letter each side protruding. e.g. The W of WILL, A of EDDA, T of FAST and A of ABUT. *Carole Noble*
- Very clever and challenging and good to have something different! Thank you Max. *Shirl O'Brien*
- You'd think that this would be easy but there are more four letter words than the naughty ones. *Ted O'Brien*
- An interesting variation which had me wondering whether it was cryptic or not - 5, 26 and 32ac seemed to be. Having PUMA at 7dn was a large obstacle. *Andrew Patterson*
- Another unusual one and 5ac was very clever too. *Marian Procter*
- This was tougher than met the eye! *Raoul*
- I looked at this and thought it should be an absolute doddle. Not so! A very clever puzzle. *Betty Siegman*
- Different, enjoyable and challenging. BUSY and WILL the best I thought. *Brian Symons*
- I enjoyed this little puzzle. *Roy Taylor*
- Clever puzzle and eye-catching grid. Loved your 15ac SAGA+CITY clue. As your puzzle was named 'Petit Fours' perhaps all the indicators could be omitted? *Alan Walter*
- Something different and good fun. It must have been hard to construct. *Irene Watts*
- COTM: 5ac, I mean 15ac - no - 10dn - or - 24dn - Oh I give up! *Jan Wood*



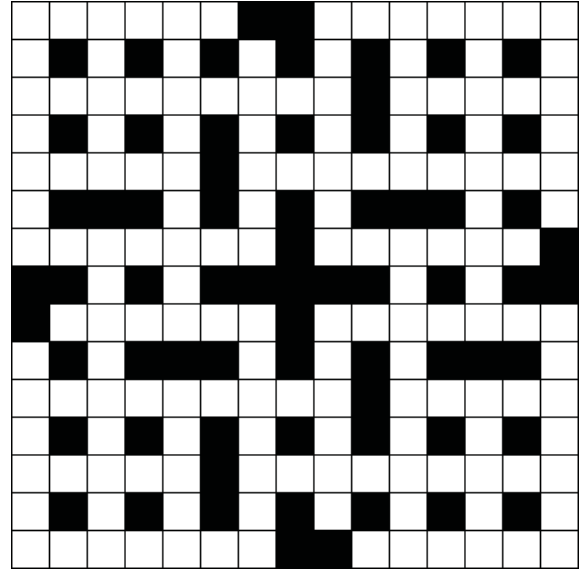
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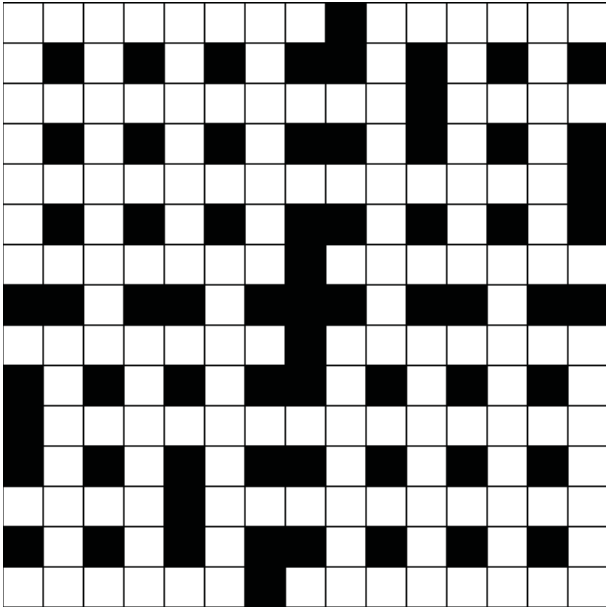


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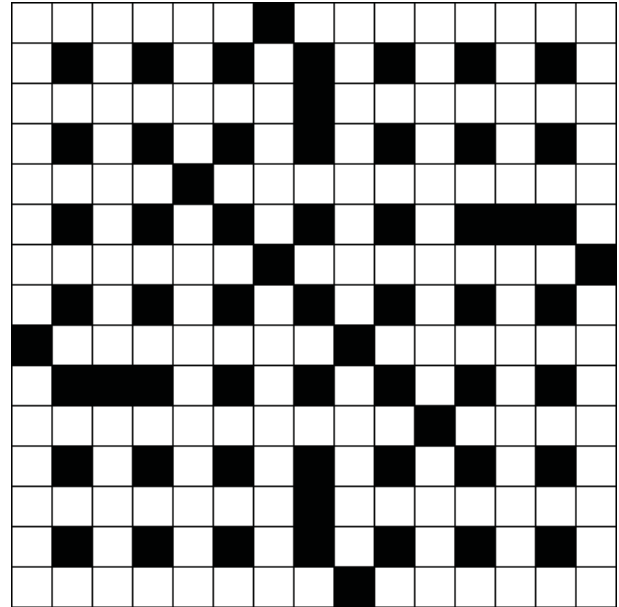


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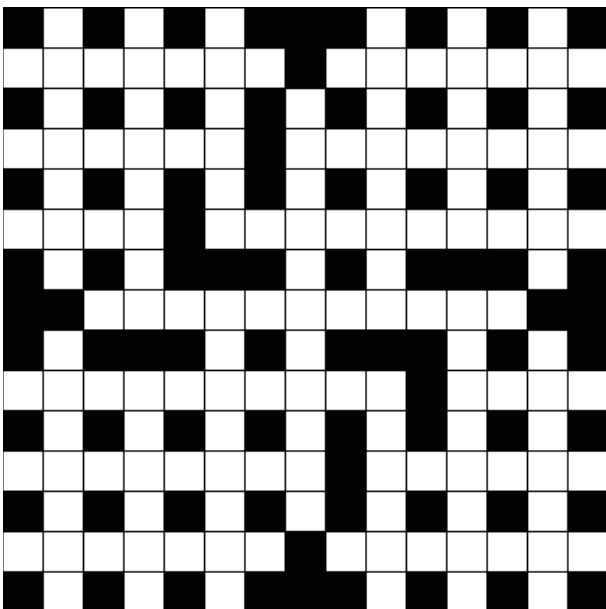
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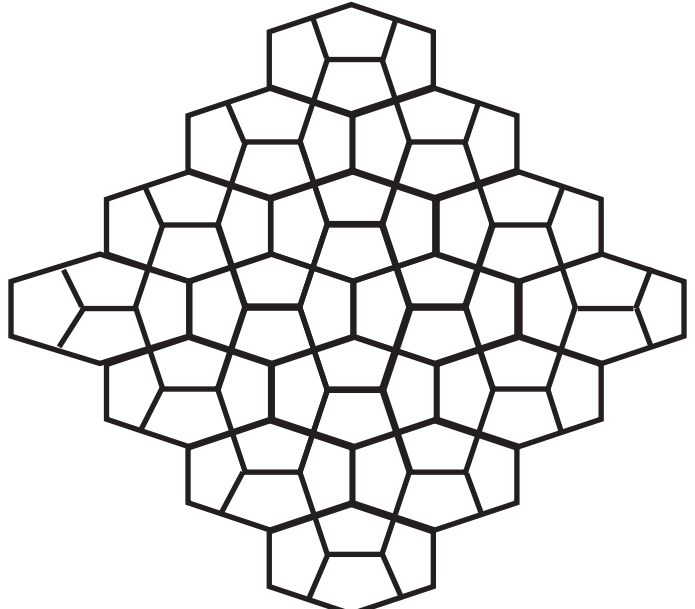
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March 6-2008: A "Standard" Cryptic by Sinbad (Graeme Cole) Entries: 87. Correct: 63. Success rate: 72%. Prizewinners Jill Freeland and Maurice Cowan. Congratulations!

Members' Comments:

- Thanks for the pleasure of solving this one. I didn't know that the stars of Crux are Alpha to Epsilon. Jim Fowler
This was lots of fun and took me ages to sus out. Jean Barbour
Thanks for your challenging Slot 6. Many of the terms were unfamiliar, so I have learned a lot about flags. Michael Kennedy
You certainly were able to cover a lot of ground in the 15 x 15 blocked grid. Roy Wilson
Just one minor quibble. 1ac: strictly speaking, the Latin for "Cross" is "crux". I enjoyed your ingenious puzzle which must have taken a lot of hard work to assemble. Denis Coates
Thanks for your varied selection of "Standards". (Alan, for 50ac FLAG, a 'double definition' clue, FLAG meaning, as a verb, to mark or draw attention to, or note, and FLAG, as a noun, meaning a bushy tail (see Chambers)). Keep the pennants flying. Alan Walter
Thanks for your puzzle which I enjoyed and also found quite educational. All those stars and crosses! Margaret Davis
I loved the theme and the puzzle. Thank you. Brian Tickle
It was all Greek to me until the FLAG STONES hit me on the head and I saw STARS. Carole Noble
What a devious crossword this was! Even when I'd realized that standard = flag, there was such a confusion of stars, crosses and Greek letters that I almost ran up the white flag. Nea Storey
Thanks Graeme for an intriguing cryptic. I think WHOM is the best clue. Brian Symons
Thank you for this puzzle - I found it a good challenge. Pat Garner
Some very smart clues for simple lights - SEA, NEP and others. Good exercise for the grey matter. Max Roddick
Thanks for an interesting puzzle. It took a while for the penny to drop on the asterisk etc. Bob Hagan
Great stuff, mate. An excellent cerebral work-out! Raoul
Thank you for a very interesting puzzle; great fun to complete. Ron O'Rourke
I was up the pole at times. I hope I have 'HAPPenoned' the right vexilllogisms! Ted O'Brien
Thanks for the great brain bender - some very smart, tricky clues but spot-on, also the '50' you used in them was quite clever. Catherine Foster
Thank you for a great Australian-themed puzzle. It was a pleasure to do. Doreen Jones
Many thanks for your 'STANDARD' puzzle with many new and interesting words relating to our flag. I learned a lot from your puzzle about the make-up of our flag. Bev Cockburn
I enjoyed this puzzle, a clever thematic, and not necessarily obscure. The names of the individual stars of the Southern Cross had escaped my memory (or maybe had never entered it!) but became evident as the other answers were solved. Peter Dearie
Many thanks for the puzzle. I really enjoyed it. Joan Smith
Thank you for this interesting puzzle. It took me quite a while to figure out the unclued words until a few Greek letters fell into place. Catherine Hambling
Quite a challenge here, so thanks for it and fingers crossed. (No worries, Shirl) Shirl O'Brien
Nice work, Graeme. A Standard cryptic in more ways than one! Geoff Campbell
Thanks for the workout. Energy was flagging by the time I finished. Jack Stocks
Well done on an interesting puzzle - I thoroughly enjoyed completely this one. Dave Parsons
Thanks Graeme for a great puzzle. Hope my efforts haven't flagged. David Procter
Thanks for an interesting puzzle. A few new words for me. Valerie Howard
Managed to finish this, still not sure of what the theme is. Is it flags, crosses or Greek letters?? Please explain! (Most of the clues were based on the Australian flag, the names of the stars, the Southern Cross, Saint Andrews Cross, the other 'asterisked' clues related to a flag). Col Archibald
Could you please explain 7dn? (The Vietnamese mammal is SAOLA - a small ox-like animal; the city is LA and LA leaves SAOLA = SAO a biscuit) Drew Meek

Adjudicator's Comments:

Unfortunately the only mistakes made by at least 10 entries were transcription errors and/or the omission of letters; 3 had both. The success rate would have risen to 85% if they had been avoided. MIZEN and RE caused 8 solvers to lose a dot, which was the major source of error. The Egyptian sun-god is usually spelt RA, but MIZEN (a sail) can only be spelt with an E. I couldn't accept CARDIGAN (2 entries) for CARDINAL (double definition) in 17ac. Some members offered suggestions and criticisms, as well as encouragement which was appreciated. Thank you. -Sinbad (Graeme Cole)

Compendium Vol 8 2007 No 27 All at Sea by midships. 10 entries, 5 correct - success rate 50%.

Successful solvers were Graeme Cole, Catherine Foster, Ian McKenzie, Joan Smith and Brian Symons. Congratulations to you all and especially to the prizewinner Graeme Cole.

Adjudicator's Comments:

Thanks to all who took time to enter and to comment. I'm terribly sorry for the boo-boos. Had I known that Patrick would select it for a prize offering I hope that I would have given it the attention that I give to others each month. Comments included: "a great cryptic" and "not the most difficult I have attempted, but it came close". It might have been a lot greater and a little easier without the solecisms identified below.

Comments on solvers' comments:

9ac: Although the marine connection was queried, I grew up with the notion of the Blue Riband (Hales Trophy) being the trophy for the fastest Atlantic crossing by a passenger liner and that definition can be found in Macquarie, although not in Chambers. Interestingly the trophy is held at present (at 41.3 knots) by an Incat Australian-designed and -built 91.3m "wave-piercing" catamaran. 11ac: The "see" was intended to be a visual equivalent of a phonetic indicator, where one would see "to" for "two", but it clearly didn't work for all as I intended (TO+P (M) AST: 18ac: Tinky Winky, Dipsy, Laa-Laa, and Po are characters in the kids' TV program Teletubbies. Hence PO+OP: 21ac Light = LAND and a one-decked boat is A HOY - a traditional cry from the crew's nest: 28ac: Limited peace or EAS(E) + T - a pretty broad nautical association, but the choice was rather limited: 2dn: SERAPHIM is the plural of Seraph: 3dn: Objective case of the royal "we" is US in ABE (Lincoln) + R: 5dn: Solvers' identification of the omission of the definition for DRIPPING was very embarrassing! The clue should have read "Wet, pathetic person...": 18dn: My other major embarrassment was that I had used the wrong form of PLANCHET in my definition. The construction is PT containing LANCE, itself containing H for horse (derived from H for heroin and "horse" as a slang term for the same commodity, both in Chambers, although "with" representing containing is a little suss: 20dn: Inigo Jones (1573-1652) (the Whitehall Banqueting House and the repair and remodelling of St Pauls) is the fellow who takes a d (penny in old money) for IN(D)IGO: 22dn: Chambers has the NATTERjack as a toad and (in the names list at the back) Jack as a diminutive of John to be deducted: 25dn: SV (Sancta Virgo) having (containing) π (PI) the relationship [between the diameter of a circle and its circumference] gives our "wide boy", the SPIV. -midships (Ian Williams)

Solution to All at Sea - Compendium No 27



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**In the Bush  
by  
Hot and Cold**



**Across clues are associated and are not otherwise defined**

Post solution to:  
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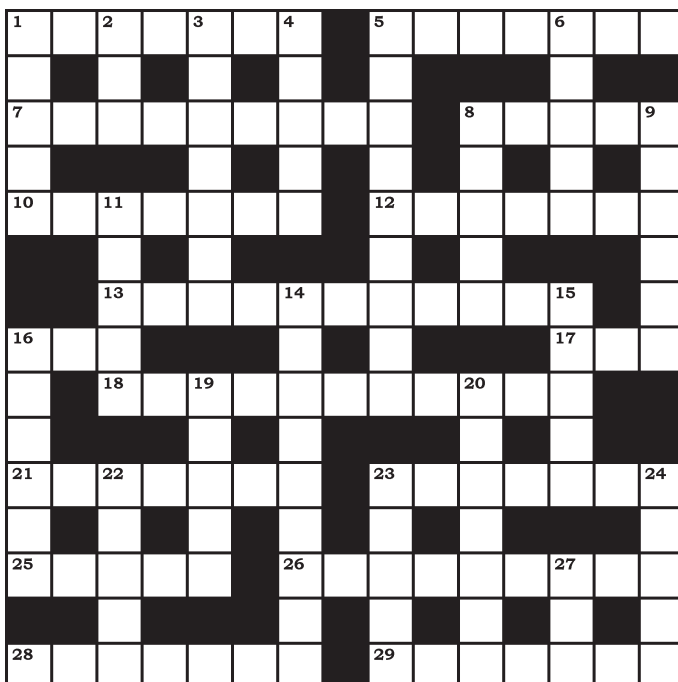
**Across**

- 1 Movie featuring Maltese society (7)
- 5 See 18
- 7 Dob in female server once (9)
- 8 Do virgins eschew sex to begin with? (5)
- 10 See 25
- 12 Middle eastern rabbi is not so well? (7)
- 13 One takes film about Dutch conflict and British Queen (4,7)
- 16 and 17 H-h-ack? (6)
- 18 and 5 We who backdate wills come to grief (5-6,7)
- 21 A way right into the bottom of a ship (7)
- 23 Break away (7)
- 25 and 10 Disrupt settlers' romp (5,7)
- 26 The All Blacks want to retain it (5,4)
- 28 Eric changes hands in the toilet (7)
- 29 Girl gets everything back (7)

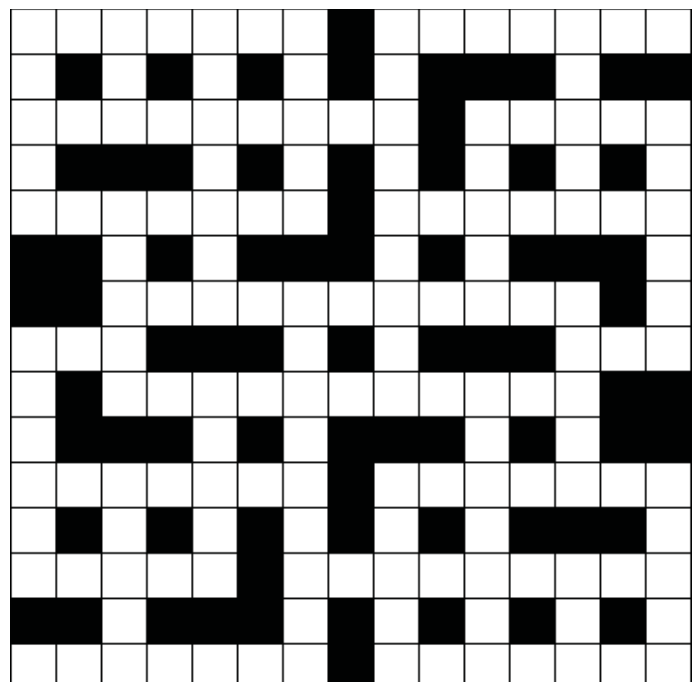
**Down**

- 1 Obscure dandy takes Hugh's essence northward (3,2)
- 2 Field suitable for selling when antelope has gone (3)
- 3 One should hold oriental degree before being disgusting (7)
- 4 Slaves have decorative feet lacking third nails (5)
- 5 Hospitals suitable for treatment of Ian's aorta (9)
- 6 Even girl, between students, swings both ways (5)
- 8 Army practice that makes the Medical Officer sick (5)
- 9 The way old Calamity expresses surprise (6)
- 11 Toss worth tossing (5)
- 14 Why catch fish then discard in the waste disposal unit? (6,3)
- 15 Is short Prime Minister God? Controller of the forces of nature? (5)
- 16 Disguises old Locke's development (6)
- 19 Not one marine is shocked concerning, eg, arrest of ship to enforce a maritime lien (2,3)
- 20 Jewish guts irritate one thousand sheiks (7)
- 22 Wind circles back (5)
- 23 Former Prime Minister would roar loudly (5)
- 24 Gully in the field on Gabba ground (5)
- 27 Would little Belgian act up? (3)

**ROUGH COPY**



**GOOD COPY - Name .....**



## Quiz No 5/2008



by Brian Symons

## Quiz No 5/2008 NOT the fishy type by Brian Symons

21 definitions are given with word lengths for answers. The 21 words form a logical complete set and the order in which the answers appear also forms a logical progression. The puzzle is easy once the logic is seen. Clues to the logic may be found in (a) the number of definitions (b) the setting out of the quiz (c) the title and (d) the fact that there may be alternative answers to some definitions without destroying the logic of the set or its order. Send your answers to Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Pl, Grays Point NSW 2232 or by email: [bsymons8@bigpond.com](mailto:bsymons8@bigpond.com) Closing mail date: 13 June 2008. Book prize.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 My cat would love to be able to open these (5)</li> <li>2 Laziness (9)</li> <li>3 Apparel for special occasions (6)</li> <li>4 Hindsight (10)</li> <li>5 Deduction (9)</li> <li>6 Informed (5)</li> <li>7 Described in the Bible (8)</li> <li>8 Top of the heap (8)</li> <li>9 Type of sausage (6)</li> <li>10 A measure of distance (6)</li> <li>11 Puppy love (11)</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 Edible plant (7)</li> <li>13 Ancient philosopher (8)</li> <li>14 What this puzzle isn't (9)</li> <li>15 Popular Oscar winner for best foreign language film (6,8)</li> <li>16 Expression of mirth (8)</li> <li>17 Sign of dissatisfaction (9)</li> <li>18 Flattened spoon (7)</li> <li>19 Reddish-brown (6)</li> <li>20 Very close (8)</li> <li>21 African republic (8)</li> </ol> |
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### Results of Quiz No 3/2008. The A-Z of Imaginary Places by *The Eager Beaver* (Bev Cockburn) 24 entries. Winner: Andrew Miles. Congratulations!

**Answers:** Atlantis, Brigadoon, Camelot, Dictionopolis, El Dorado, Fairyland, Gandor, Hogwarts, iDeath, Jabberwocky Wood, King Solomon's Mines, Lilliput, Metropolis, Narnia, Oz, Ptolemais, Quivera, Rigmarole, Shangri-La, Toyland, Utopia, Vanity, Wonderland, Xanadu, Yoknapatawpha County, Zenda.

#### Results:

**26:** Susan Howells, Ann Jermy, Michael Kennedy, Drew Meek, Andrew Miles, Carole Noble, Jack Stocks and Jenny Wenham.  
**25½:** Gabrielle Leeds, Shirl O'Brien and Alan Walter. **25:** Jean Barbour, Catherine Foster, Catherine Hambling, Valerie Howard, Trish McPherson, David Procter, Betty Siegman, Joan Smith and Margaret Steinberger. **24:** Sonia Atkinson, Peter Dearie, Del Kennedy and Marian Procter.

#### Adjudicator's comments:

A very pleasing response to a puzzle which I admit required a lot of research. I hoped that for those who preferred not to 'google' it might have meant a trip to the library and a search through a few favourite books. I apologise to the 'pure' solvers who haven't got or won't use the internet or can't get to the library. I won't do it again (or not for a while anyway!)

The main culprit was the R clue. Many put RINKITINK which although an imaginary place from a novel by L Frank Baum, was not from a 1910 novel *The Emerald City of Oz* but from another later novel. Other marks were lost for FANTASTES, ROOTABAGA, RIPPLELAND and FLASHMAN. One solver put GAWAIN for the G clue and one left out the G answer altogether. Half marks were lost for spelling HOGWARTZ, HOGSWART and HOGWORTH, not putting COUNTY in the Y answer or adding extra information such as (VANITY) FAIR (two people). Any answer for the C clue was accepted because of my error with the clue (it was Sir Thomas Malory not Sir Thomas More) but almost everyone got CAMELOT.

Any four letter word was accepted after JABBERWOCKY because there was no reference to a JABBERWOCKY WOOD in the 1871 novel by Lewis Carroll. I'm sorry for your time and trouble looking for it. My reference said "JABBERWOCKY WOOD" - somewhere in England lies the home of a terrible creature who gives his name to the woods in Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking-Glass* so I incorrectly assumed it was in the novel but all entries were correct anyway. I allowed VALLEY for the V clue as there were many valleys in John Bunyan's works.

### Members' Comments:

• Another clever idea from you Bev. Most enjoyable but not easy to find some of them. *Ann Jermy*

• Great quiz but boy it took some research to find the answers. I knew a few, but not many. Hope I've found them all. *Jenny Wenham*

• I had great trouble with the J answer. I couldn't find a reference to JABBERWOCKY WOOD in the text of *Through the Looking-Glass*, but there is mention that 'the Jabberwock, with eyes of flame, came whiffing through the tulgey wood' so that's the justification for my answer! I am also dubious about my R answer as RINKITINK appears to be a king. (and an Imaginary Land, but not the one referred to - Bev) *Catherine Hambling*

• Thanks for a terrific quiz. *Catherine Foster*

• This was a real challenge - lots of fun. I would have killed for that *Dictionary of Imaginary Places* I saw listed on the web, but here goes. I've guessed C and J. *Jean Barbour*

• Many thanks for a very searching literary quiz. As an Eager Beaver you have certainly dug up some very challenging place names! *Alan Walter*

• I needed lots of help with this one, as I am not sufficiently well read to have them in my own memory. *Gabrielle Leeds*

• Thanks for an intriguing puzzle; it taught me a lot. *Valerie Howard*

• It's Jack who spends hours on these quizzes, not me, though I do type them out and help where I can. He spent hours looking for the elusive R word, so it really has been a rigmarole! *Shirl O'Brien*

• Managed to do this quiz without resorting to the web. Generally I enjoyed the quiz but it is disappointing when you think some people just go straight to Google. Where is the challenge? I would be very interested to know where you sourced your answers, Bev? When people set quizzes they should let us know at the conclusion their sources as it is very interesting to find out where we should have looked and haven't. Thanks for your effort. (My main source was *The Name Book*, edited by Michael Calder, published by Gramercy Book, New York, 2000 - Bev) *Peter Dearie*

• Here are my 26 imaginary places. I was very pleased to see Gondor in there! *Michael Kennedy*

• I enjoyed your quiz very much, especially as it introduced me to the *Dictionary of Imaginary Places* which I borrowed from my library and into which I am still delving. It has already gone on my birthday/Christmas present list. *Susan Howells*

**March 7-2008. Heard Rumours by The Posers (Bev Cockburn and Joan Smith)**

**Entries: 56. Correct: 43. Success rate: 76.8%.**

**Winner: Marian Procter. Congratulations!**

Correct entries were received from: Alston B, Anderson C, Bennett B, Callan A & D, Coates D, Cooke L, Copland F, Dearie P, Dinham V, Ducker R, Foster C, Fowler J, Freeland J, Garner P, Greenberger O, Hagan B, Hambling C, Harper K, Howard L, Jermy A, Jones D, Kennedy M, Leeds G, McClelland C, McGrath J, McKenzie I, Mercer P, Miles A, Noble C, O'Brien S, O'Brien T, Parsons D, Patterson A, Procter M, Pyc M, Ryan W, Sternberger M, Stocks J, Symons B, Taylor S, Tickle B, Walter A and Wood J.

**Adjudicators' comments.**

After due consideration by the setters, it was decided to accept 'kine' for 20ac. Although it appears in several lists of collective nouns, it is, in truth, a synonym for 'cows' and not a collective noun of animals which was, of course, the missing theme. Several other words were accepted in this spot including 'nide', 'bike' and 'hive'. Words that could not be verified as collective nouns for animals included 'pile', 'dyla' 'rope' and 'prey'. Three solvers put 'alienee' instead of 'aliened' ('estranged' is the primary clue with 'ali' as a woman, 'e' for 'English' and 'ned' for 'man'.) One solver put 'pity' for 'wily, one had 'briar' for 'brier' and three had errors for 'epitomise - 'editomise', 'economise' and 'episodise'. 'Dole' and 'dule', 'pace' and 'pack' and 'army', 'drey' and 'dray' were each accepted as well as 'flushingly' for 'blushingly'. Although not in *Chambers*, 'flushingly' was found in other dictionaries and seems to be a synonym of 'blushingly'.

**Members comments.**

• Thanks to *The Posers* for a terrific Slot 7! Eleven 'clueless' clues. Not really once the theme dawns on the solver, there's the clue! The normal clues are so clever and doable - I liked 14dn, 3dn, 6dn & 1ac particularly. Great work. I hope there is more to come.

*Catherine Foster*

• Most enjoyable. Thank you.

*Pat Garner*

• Thank you for a delightful puzzle.

*Doreen Jones*

• The theme appears to be collective nouns. So many of them were birds that I wondered if they were all meant to be so, so I couldn't fill in ?R?Y so I settled for a wider collection.

*Andrew Patterson*

• I thoroughly enjoyed this little poser! The eureka moment was a long time coming - I had nearly all the unthemed clues before the penny dropped. Excellent stuff.

*William Ryan*

• Thank you for this really challenging puzzle. I was nearly tearing my hair out until finally I "googled" parliament, shrewdness and company & the penny dropped.

*Catherine Hambling*

• Thanks for an enjoyable cryptic - that is very cleverly named. I hope ALIENED is right! It's a new word to me but is the same as ALIENATED.

*Brian Symons*

• Very tricky puzzle - I had to solve most of the normal clues before the penny dropped and that penny took a long time to fall. I had to put it down for a day then came back to it and then shrewdness, company, mustering and parliament just stuck out. Thanks.

*Dave Parsons*

• Thanks for this one - it took a lot of collective bargaining and quite a bit of Googling. Re 20ac, I liked the notion of bees on bikes!

*Jim Fowler*

• Took a while for the rumours to reach me, as I seldom listen to gossip. Nicely disguised theme. Thank goodness **murder** and **parliament** were familiar.

*Jack Stocks*

• It took ages for the penny to drop. I had all the cryptic clues answers in (which is unusual for me) and I still couldn't figure out what the theme was! It hit me in the middle of the night. Keep 'em coming.

*Ann Jermy*

• Could we be a 'grid' of crossworders?

*Ted O'Brien*

• I really enjoyed *Heard Rumours*. Thanks for a great puzzle.

*Brian Tickle*

• An interesting concept and a pleasure to work on.

*Bob Hagan*

• A most interesting puzzle with great clues and tricky theme. I enjoyed it immensely.

*Joan McGrath*

• Enjoyed this puzzle very much. Started off looking for synonyms for "rumours" thus "murmur", "kite" and came to a standstill. Then went to "heard" - "herd" and realised the collective nouns were required.

*Bill Bennett*

• Thanks for a cleverly titled crossword and a griddle of challenging clues.

*Michael Kennedy*

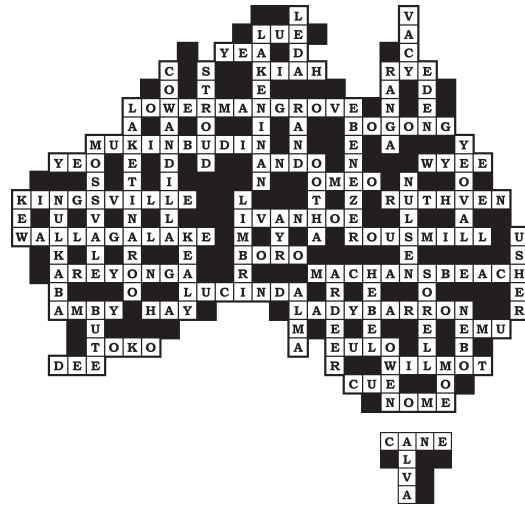
• As an animal lover, I really loved the research involved and learnt a lots. Thank you.

*Jan Wood*

**2007 Compendium puzzle winners:**

**No 20. Tour of Oz by Stroz (Patrick Street)**

**Winner: Brian Tickle**



**No 35 - Alphabet Soup Quiz by Brian Symons.**

**Winner: Audrey Austin.**

**Answers: L, c, x, A, Z, Q, V, R, G, U, J, i, e, D, f, R, L, K, a, M, k, O, X, W, c, K.**

**Results of Shedagrams by Zinzan (Andrew Patterson)**

**Solvers' Comments:**

• I looked at this and thought 'hey, simple'. Then I tried to do it and 6 foolscap sheets and three retries and I think I have it. Lots of fun and quite different.

*Jean Barbour*

• That was a beauty. When I first saw your quiz I thought 'what a doddle! I'll knock it over in front of the football'. It wasn't long however before I realised my error of judgement.

*Michael Kennedy*

• Thanks for this very challenging puzzle. Hope I've got it right. There were quite a lot of options for some of the words and the 'no repeats' rule made it just that bit harder.

*Jenny Wenham*

**Adjudicator's Comments:**

I didn't know how difficult this would be to solve. As it turned out, *Chambers* provided many more options than I had imagined, so the entries were quite diverse. Two solvers missed a perfect 10 by unfortunate errors. However, only one solver had 10 complete answers. Well done **Corryn Anderson**.

**—zinzan (Andrew Patterson)**

**Solvers:**

Corryn Anderson 10; Audrey Austin 9; Jean Barbour 9; Michael Kennedy 9; Jenny Wenham 9; Graeme Cole 8; Barbara Glissan 8 and Norman Wilson 8.

**Solutions:**

Relations - Orientals - Latrine - Train - Air - I Organised - Grandiose - Inroads - Adorn - Rod - O Emigrants - Mastering - Retsina - Inset - Ens - N Parasites - Aspirates - Parties - Irate - Art - R Tramlines - Terminals - Manlier - Aline - Nil - I Gelatines - Anglesite - Glisten - Islet - Els - L Drainless - Islanders - Snarled - Learn - Are - R Cremating - Centigram - Ingrate - Grant - Ran - A Steroidal - Idolaters - Leotard - Orate - Tar - A Sergeants - Greatness - Eastern - Rates - Eta - T

**Anagram of remaining letters: IRRATIONAL**

## Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 1/2008.

### Write a clue for CLIPART (7)

Adjudicated by Steve Trollope

Neither my 1985 edition of *Chambers* nor my 1991 edition of *Macquarie* include the word CLIPART (I find it difficult to justify paying \$100 for a new version). I did however anticipate that I would find it in the On-line version of *Chambers*, but no such luck. I did find it in Merriam-Webster's *Online Dictionary*, which I accessed via my subscription to *Encyclopaedia Britannica On-line* where it read "**ready-made usually copyright-free illustrations sold in books or as part of a software package from which they may be cut and pasted or inserted as artwork**". Furthermore I only found three entries when I looked in One Look Dictionary Search, which accesses a large number of dictionaries, one of these entries being in Wikipedia. According to Wikipedia the term "clip-art" originated from the practice of physically cutting illustrations from one publication for use in another publication. The term is now used widely in computing and software packages and can be found with millions of samples included.

Of the thirteen clues received this month seven were over-anagrams, meaning that the indication was an anagram of CLIPART plus some additional letters which had to be removed before the anagram was formed. The winning clue is **One hundred and fifty one separate pictures on file** submitted by **Bob Hagan** who admits to having no relationship whatsoever with a computer. You aren't the only one Bob – five of the thirteen entries were sent by snail mail rather than email. Bob took the opportunity to make a second entry, which certainly seems to have achieved his aim. I like the clue because of its conciseness, because it has no wasted words and because at first reading, separate is an adjective, but in the cryptic version it is required to be a verb.

For the guidelines which I have used to determine the winner, see the April 2006 *Crozworld*. I have written each clue to identify the **definition (in bold)** and the *indication (in italics)*, and underneath I have added some comments.

#### **Program** *Ben to leave king after eclipse? Way to go!!*

King is ARTHUR minus HUR (indicated by Ben) leaving ART to be inserted after ECLIPSE minus ESE (way to go – ESE is a direction). This is a very tough clue!! The solver has to work out that the King referred to is Arthur, that Ben refers to Ben Hur and that 'way to go' indicates that a direction should be removed from eclipse. All the requirements are there but compare the next clue where the removal of S and E is indicated by taking 'two directions', a much fairer indication. My personal view is that indicating N, E, S and W by 'direction' is fair, but that a bit more information is needed if the direction referred to is ESE or NNW, especially when the letters are not together or not in the correct order.

#### *Particles flying from two directions* and **cutting design**

An anagram (flying) of PARTICLES minus SE (from two directions)

#### *In Roman times 151 would have taken a bit to provide* **files for graphics for desk-top publication**

151 in Roman numerals equates to CLI and a bit is PART which becomes graphic files.

#### *There is a Furphy going round about the cheek of* **those graphic files found on the computer**

A Furphy is a false story, named after the World War I carts made in Victoria by Furphy which supplied water and provided a meeting place where gossip abounded. The clue read straight refers to a false story, but when read cryptically leads to CART about LIP (cheek).

#### *I'm confused. "til crap do us part"* was **what the symbols said**

An anagram (indicated by confused) of TILCRAP with "symbols" being the definition. The indication and definition are both present but are surrounded by several words not required in the cryptic clue, but inserted to make a more meaningful sentence. This contrasts with the next clue which has no superfluous words at all.

#### *Pictorial is reworked omitting old and initially irrelevant* **file graphics**

An anagram of PICTORIAL (reworked is the anagind) less O (old) and I (initial letter of irrelevant) leading to the answer.

#### *Disconnection of alternating current corrupted practical* **computer files**

Removal (disconnection) of AC from an anagram (corrupted) of PRACTICAL leads to CLIPART.

#### *Magazine has knack for* **creative illustrations**

CLIP (magazine as in a store for bullets in a rifle) plus ART (knack).

#### *Shake it up and take off ten, a pictorial file* doesn't change

An anagram (shake it up) of PICTORIAL minus IO (ten) leads to the answer. Pictorial is used both in the definition and the indication, but I don't see the clue as an '&lit' type because the whole clue doesn't define CLIPART. This would make it a tough clue to solve because the solver would have difficulty trying to identify the two parts (an &lit clue is one where the whole clue is both the definition and the indication).

#### *One hundred and fifty one separate* **pictures on file**

CLI (common enough to not need defining as Roman) plus PART (with separate being read as a verb) leads to the definition. A very "tidy" clue. This clue would be called a 'semi &lit' type by Don Manley, who wrote *Chambers Crossword Guide* (an excellent book for both clue writers and clue solvers), because the whole clue can also be taken to be a definition of CLIPART.

#### **Image** of *active particle losing energy*

An anagram (active) of PARTICLE minus E (energy).

#### *Loveless tropical doctor* keeps **graphic files**

An anagram (doctor) of TROPICAL minus O (loveless)

#### *Practical, but not current, generation of* **computer graphics**

An anagram (generation) of PRACTICAL minus AC (current)

## Clue Writing Competition No 2/2008

Write a clue for the word **MORSE (5)**.

Note: only one clue per person.

Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Steve Trollope, 28 Pannosa Ct, Capalaba Qld 4157 or by email to: [steve.jt@bigpond.net.au](mailto:steve.jt@bigpond.net.au)

Closing mail date: Friday 13 June 2008.

Book prize.