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Words have users, but as well, users have words.
And it is the users that establish the world's realities.
LeRoi Jones, 1966, 'Expressive Language', in *Home*.

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We are delighted to publish our first puzzle from *Eclogue* – a UK setting partnership of our new Member Keith Williams together with Eddie Looby who initially met over the internet a few years ago. Keith is a freelance accountant and crosswords fill a great deal of their spare time, whether it be solving or compiling. We welcome them in Slot 5.

Our prominent Puzzle Editor — **Ian Williams** — has selected another variety of excellent and challenging puzzles and quiz for you this month. The slot 1 is A Hairy Half and Half by *Katydid*. Favourites like *KA*, *Lexi Conner*, *InGrid* and *Flowerman* are there for your ongoing delight plus a skilful offering from *Eclogue* in Slot 5 titled *7,22,11*. The inventive *Pentangle* has contributed another challenging cryptic in the Slot 7 spot called *Which Way?* Brian Symons has given us another one of his fascinating Quizzes titled *Homophonia*.

Michael Kennedy has provided the results of the Clue Writing Competition No 3/2019 together with his expert Comments on the clues submitted. See p16. Sincere thanks to Michael for his selection of the winning clue compiled by **Matthew Gambin**. Primary coloured material, perhaps! (6) CRAYON. Michael wrote: "For this month, the brightest crayon in the box comes from the pencil of Matthew Gambin, who I believe may be at the top of the leader-board for the very first time. Well done Matthew!"

—Patrick

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It has been a beautiful autumn in this part of the world. April's *Crozworl*d was equally clement, with good solving results – the possible exception being *Crowsman's* formidable Slot 3.

Slot 1: *Virgo's* Slot 1 was a gentle introduction to the month. Her mislocation of Minsk in Russia did not go unnoticed. In fairness to the late Audrey Austin, the USSR probably still existed when she set the puzzle! One sharp-eyed solver commented on the inclusion of NAMBOUR, noting that it was where Audrey lived. Many a solver would have been initially tempted by EARTHWORM for 14dn, but unfortunately the checking prevented it.

Slot 2: *Zythum's* puzzle was well-solved, with no real patterns in the misses. A couple of unusual usages caught the eye of the solvers – BUFFER, for a dull fellow, and SHARP-SET for one who is hungry for something. Everyone found the hidden OGIVE. The clues for MAOIST and SCENTS were popular.

Slot 3: As indicated by the title, *Crowsman's* remarkable puzzle contained 3 full sets of the alphabet. The title was both a help and a limitation. It helped resolve any spelling doubt over BATEUX and FANTASIZE, but it was also part of the reason BATEAUS and FANTASISE could not be accepted. The "carry" reference in 14ac proved irresistible to those who opted for CONVEY rather than CONVE(Y)+X ("round on the outside"). Similarly, "talked persistently" may have garnered CHIACKED, when what was required was CH+YACKED on a definition of "derided". LJUBLIANA would have been wrongly entered for any number of reasons ...

Slot 4: I'd have to draw the line at describing Cicero as a SOLICITOR too, but nobody got it wrong! The one recurrent error was the D clue. Solvers were required to take DEPRIVATION and substitute A for I, giving DEPRAVATION. ULTRAVIOLET (ie, UV) was contained in louvre ("admits the light"). J was JACK+A+L. NOSE JOB, IMBIBE and PRAY were all appreciated clues in this well-received puzzle from *Manveru*.

Slot 5: There was no shortage of double entendres in *Robespierre's* risqué offering! A number of clever clues were appreciated by solvers, including ANNIE, BRAINWASH, DOUBLE STANDARD, CILIA and SISYPHUS. The reference to John Newcombe's nickname was NEWK; however, the spelling is not official and NEWC could not be reasonably denied.

COTM: It was a two-horse race between *Crowsman's* FANTASIZE and *Manveru's* NOSE JOB. Both nominations were neck-and-neck all month and swapped the lead several times. NOSE JOB got home by the slimmest of margins (a nose; perhaps the surgery was unsuccessful ...) – 12 votes to 11. Congratulations Michael.

—Andrew Miles

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	99	97	85	91	77	449
Correct entries	90	101	52	75	66	373
Success rate (%)	90.9	92.8	61.2	82.4	85.7	83.1
Prizewinners	Mike Potts	Caroline Mackay-Sim	Lesley Carroll	Ian McKenzie	Robyn McKenzie	from 102 members

Prizewinner: April 2018 Slots 1-5: Joan Smith. Congratulations!

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Apr 1-2019

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Apr 3-2019

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Apr 4-2019

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Apr 5-2019


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MEMBERS RESULTS for Slots 1-5 April 2019 & Slots 6 & 7 March 2019

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Abbott P.				Hagan R.	.	.		.	.			Moline R.	.	.		.	.	.	.
Allen W.	Hagan T.			.					O'Brien E.	.	.		.			
Anderson C.	Hambling C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Parsons D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Audrins K.	Harper K.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Patterson A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Axelsen U.	Hearn R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Perrow H.		.		.			
Barbour J.	Heyes N.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Pinder S.	.	.		.			
Barnes J.	Hocking A.	.	.						Potts M.	.	.		.			
Baylis J.			Horadam K.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Procter D.	.	.		.			.
Bennett D.		Howard V.	.	.						Procter M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Blake M.	Howat S.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Roddick M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Caine R.	Jarman L.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Rolfe G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Carroll L.	Kennedy L.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Roulston S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Coates D.		Kennedy M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Ryan W.		.	.	.	.	.	.
Cole G.			Knight S.			.	.	.	.		Schulz J.	.						
Colgan L.	Lankshear J.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Shield A.	.	.					
Collins M.			Lee C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Shipway S.		.					
Coote P.	Leigh J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Siegman B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Copland F.			Lemon G.	.	.						Simons A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cowan M.	Lloyd G.	.	.						Skinner R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Cromer H.	Lord P.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Smith J.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Crowe J.	Mackay-Sim C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Storey N.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dennis M.			Madden J.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Symons B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dobele T.	Martin A.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Taylor R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Douglas R.			Martin F.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Taylor S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Ducker R.	Mason I.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Thompson I.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Ferguson J.	McAdoo G.	.	.						Tickle B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fowler J.	McClelland C.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Tofoni B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Freeland J.	McKenzie I.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Veress M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fuller G.			McKenzie R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Wilcox C.	.						
Garner P.	McPherson T.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Williams Kate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Glissan B.			Meek D.	.	.	.	.	.	.		Williams Keith	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Gooderick R.			Miles A.	Wimbush R.
Grainger D.			Millard A.	Wood J.
Hagan B.	Milton R.	.	.						Young A.

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A Hairy Half and Half by Katydid


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Across

- 1 Short cut (4)
- 3 Not true (3,2,5)
- 9 Type of mine (4-3)
- 11 Bite (7)
- 12 Central American nationals (2,11)
- 14 Believer (5)
- 15 At the brink (2,3,4)
- 17 Caustic (9)
- 19 Irritable (5)
- 21 Belligerent (13)
- 24 Inferior (2,1,4)
- 25 Sought (7)
- 26 Family disgrace? (5,5)
- 27 Short cut (4)

Down

- 1 Upset, chases love near miss (5,5)
- 2 US poet cycles round mere with child (7)
- 4 Highly fashionable out, collar undone (9)
- 5 Monteverdi's opera leads to one really fine early oratorio (5)
- 6 Lady's do surfer's delight? (9,4)
- 7 Separated and not bothered; missing son (7)
- 8 Bawled, heard bare (4)
- 10 Child's play may provide stress relief for grown-ups (9,4)
- 13 Only rarely do my revels vary (4,6)
- 16 Approach ethnic problem with detailed query (9)
- 18 In France, you get a novel home for a reptile (7)
- 20 Faster, before change of direction to get a small drink (7)
- 22 Meet redhead? (5)
- 23 Starts to cover over my baldness (4)

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Slot 6: Ian Thompson, 12 Olive Street, Malvern East Vic 3145.
 Closing mail date: Friday 14 June 2019.

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Cryptic
by
KA



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- 9 A wild fancy to ring senior officer (7)
- 10 East German is surrounded by fully developed counterattack (7)
- 11 Rifle shop in Italy (7)
- 12 Man with half a poster for local branch of club (7)
- 13 The ideal place for a quiet, audibly passionate, bit of music (7-2)
- 15 Bad weather returns for seeds (5)
- 16 Friendly woman embraces girl (7)
- 19 Send back the French brandy with a sweet (7)
- 20 Medico is aboard English aircraft (5)
- 21 Fear of boy with fish at the cape (9)
- 25 Wormlike noxious creatures held answer (7)
- 26 Communications device was taken back in fibre peel bag (7)
- 28 Alien found in haystacks with disease (7)
- 29 Crop from Swiss canton (7)

Down

- 1 Rogues cheat police officer (6)
- 2 Yes, Spanish make mistakes at Austrian mountain range (6)
- 3 Abominable creature is still at Institute (4)
- 4 Indian music for Queen hugging soldier (6)
- 5 Brass is coal-rich alloy (8)
- 6 Special disc edition is stained (10)
- 7 Doctrine includes different line (8)
- 8 Retaliation for traveller changing rials (8)
- 14 Directions to escort with speaking part (10)
- 16 Villain asserts there are bodies (8)
- 17 Luggage holder is adjusted for car. OK? (4,4)
- 18 Tardiness of girl sheltering injured teen (8)
- 22 Spy shelters hermaphrodite in US city (6)
- 23 A Dominion country accepted representative (6)
- 24 Plant for horse (6)
- 27 Every pirate captain was decapitated (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Persistence pays. I think it's the first time I got all five correct, and I won. Thank you. *Greg McAdoo*
- Many thanks once again, Patrick and team. Perfect timing for me to print it out ready to take with me when I fly out on Monday, heading for Spain, Portugal and France. I'm sure it will fill in many of those tedious travelling hours beautifully! *Julie Crowe*
- Nicely graded set of puzzles this month. *Kath Harper*
- Many thanks to all concerned for your very positive and encouraging comments regarding my first puzzle (March, Slot 1). Thanks also to my 2 mentors: Ian and Michael for your very helpful suggestions. *Laurence Kennedy*
- Thank you all for my very welcome \$75. Definitely icing on a lovely cake. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Thank you everyone for a very good set of puzzles! *Sonia Roulston*
- I have found this month's puzzles testing, or am I just in a chocolate fog? *Cheryl Wilcox*
- A challenging lot as usual. Some new words to add to the vocabulary! *Bob Hagan*
- I thought there were many super clues this month and it was very difficult to choose a COTM. I gave mine to FANTASIZE, but also loved MANDATE, BRAINWASH and DOUBLE STANDARD, among others. I was also amused to see NAMBOUR in Audrey's puzzle, as that is where she lived in Queensland. *Robyn Caine*

M A Y 2 0 1 9 S L O T 3
<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">by</p> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Lexi Conner</h3>


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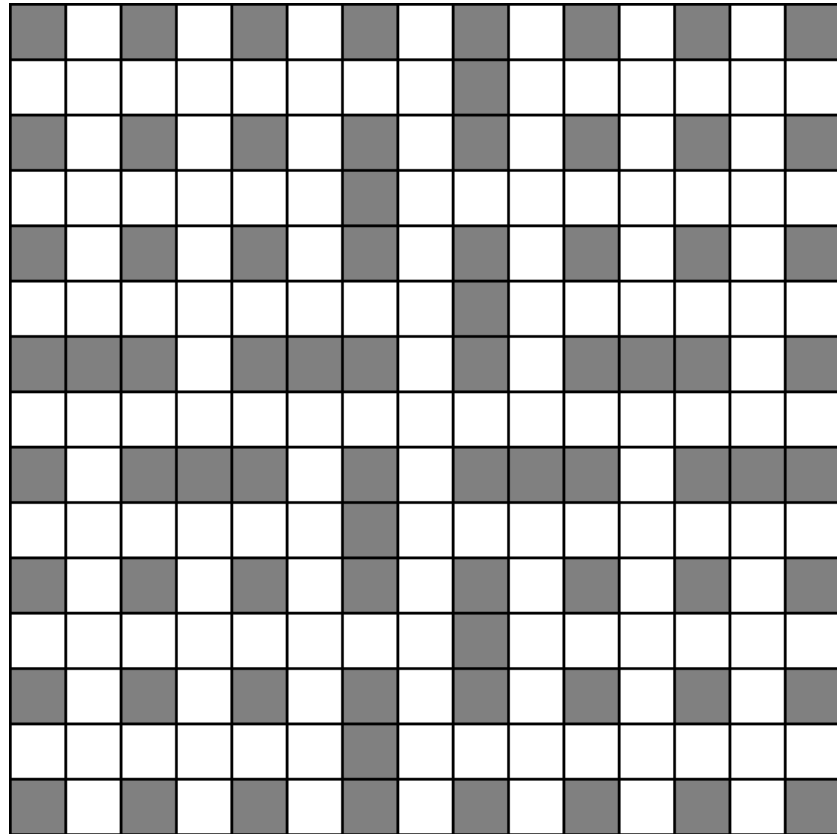
- 1 Cat chased something little with big result (7)
- 5 Noticed tilt in pen type (4-3)
- 9 Lofty, deploying a mere putter, gets fever (4,11)
- 10 Circle people exhibiting sign (4)
- 11 Control announced for ruling period (5)
- 12 Last of weeks at sea may linger (4)
- 15 Crawls from wood on the fringes of Lyons (7)
- 16 Having a pair of parts causes brace to collapse (7)
- 17 Cautious beginning admitted by infectious person with doubts (7)
- 19 Customary practice at home (7)
- 21 Buries us characters away from region in France (4)
- 22 Rolls up to discover Internet address in empty folios (5)
- 23 Instigators of loans in Melbourne bank branch (4)
- 26 Nod indicates current familiarity with workers and team leader (15)
- 27 Impetuous individual seen roasting boss (7)
- 28 Russian President who turned out in style? (7)

Down

- 1 John organised appearance in short magazine game (7)
- 2 Member appearing at gate gives reason for dismissal (3,6,6)
- 3 Idiot apparently revealed not a lot (4)
- 4 Counts music items (7)
- 5 Alarm over ecstasy consignment (7)
- 6 Loathed dumping the cargo (4)
- 7 Believe in respectability and reliability (15)
- 8 Tart looked warily at drunk (3-4)
- 13 Sends messages on books set for study (5)
- 14 Pressure group brought about new start for 23 (5)
- 17 Black rock band rates ABBA themes excessive for rest day (7)
- 18 Linked masterstroke to light display (7)
- 19 How to lose weight by changing daily break (7)
- 20 Letter from Greece located in container on plateau (7)
- 24 Region where atmospheric layer lacks oxygen (4)
- 25 Have A-listers hoarded meat? (4)

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?
 WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM
 ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?
 WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.
 ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?
 WITNESS: No.
 ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?
 WITNESS: No.
 ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?
 WITNESS: No...
 ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?
 WITNESS: No.
 ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?
 WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.
 ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?
 WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

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<p>AJ by InGrid</p>




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 Announces company driver (8) B Rebellion over small underwear (6) C Young bird leading lost ape to plant (8) D Divine law tees off violent headmaster (6) E Belt team into shape for fight (8) F Complete broadcast has final word on tritium wire (8) G Construct good circular song (6) H Damagin' alkaloid (6) I Trivial question in clean version (15) J Refuse linen sail (8) K A section of skirt left on dress (6) L Servants, for example, in fables (6) M Athena's victim terribly amused (6) N A lunatic confounded marine (8) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> O Certainly relating to program (2,6) P Party leader more exaggerated (6) Q Question isn't unusual (6) R Guiding force more offensive around daughter (6) S Endless form of treason? (8) T Treat oddly right before coy governor (8) U Not aware of before volume reaches secret amount (7,8) V Green woman to remove man (8) W Guardianship of combat room on the railway (8) X Kiss classified as offensive (1-5) Y Complain when youth leader replaces tool head (6) Z Middle sized donkey holds pins, perhaps? What absurdity! (8) |
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Members' Comments cont'd from p10.

April 5-2019: Cryptic by Robespierre (Ian McKenzie)

- Mind-testing, but several brilliant clues. W is equivalent to women or women's (size), not woman. But thanks Ian for such a great challenge. Hard to choose COTM. *Len Colgan*
- Tough but fun. I really liked the clues for FORECAST, QUISLING, WAKE and SULLY but I have qualms about the use of 'redhead', 'skinhead', 'Facebook' and 'opening batsman' as single letter indicators. *Brian Tickle*
- Tricky. This has taken us some days to complete! *Julie Leigh*
- Some risqué clues here – good effort! Liked DOUBLE STANDARD. *Tony Dobebe*
- Some interesting cryptic ideas in this puzzle. Puzzled by 20dn though. *Ian Thompson*
- My 2 years old Great-grandson has an expression "Don't like it"! Felt a bit that way with this one until I tried harder. Lots of COTMs I thought, so chose a clue from a different puzzle. *Eileen O'Brien*
- A great slot 5. "NICAD" was particularly clever. *David Bennett*
- Very intriguing. Some very clever clues! *Judy Ferguson*
- Excellent quality puzzle. I voted ANNIE COTM because of its clever misleading clue. Many other very clever clues eg. SISYPHUS, CILIA, DOUBLE STANDARD *Roy Taylor*

|M|A|Y| |2|0|1|9| |S|L|O|T| |5|
7,22,11 by Eclogue


The otherwise undefined, 7,22,11 and 24,5 provide two lines to a song (in ODQ), features of which appear in other answers.

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Across

- 1 Collaborate with sloth in outrageous lies (6)
- 4 Wild novel response (8)
- 9 Finds a home for broken scalpel lacking tip (6)
- 10 Ready a UV light for TIM? (8)
- 11 See 7
- 12 Celebrations humour European in Italian law once (8)
- 14 Target ice drifting in burn (9)
- 16 Ages taken regularly in retrials ... (4)
- 19 ... agreeing in time to go down in hearing (4)
- 21 Dish mostly assumes shape in stages (9)
- 24, 5 Stir odium for enemy (6,2,2,3)
- 27 Small wolf unknown in bird environment, initially (6)
- 28 Set of cards found in cast off one-pieces (8)
- 29 Coupon secreted in rustic kettle (6)
- 30 Force knight it's said will lead to ambush? (8)
- 31 Cricketer's gear with dishevelled mess in the middle (6)

Down

- 1 Cosmetic used on cheek and gum? (8)
- 2 Go large in a month in stunning fashion (9)
- 3 One on a slippery slope, who intimidates cricketer (7)
- 5 See 24
- 6 Publicise policy for service provider (7)
- 7, 22, 11 Hotel ghost finishes vagrant (5,7,6)
- 8 Rough ground reportedly (6)
- 13 Set foot on the stage (4)
- 15 Maximum energy summoned up for short test (4)
- 17 Excellent power in missile which may bring down plane (9)
- 18 An appeal overshadows prime fibrous material? (8)
- 20 Overcome with chestnut, by the sound of it (7)
- 22 See 7
- 23 Finds trouble starting at sporting event (6)
- 25 Travel time in space on the rise (5)
- 26 Tales of old goodness, these lacking all eccentricity (5)

Eclogue

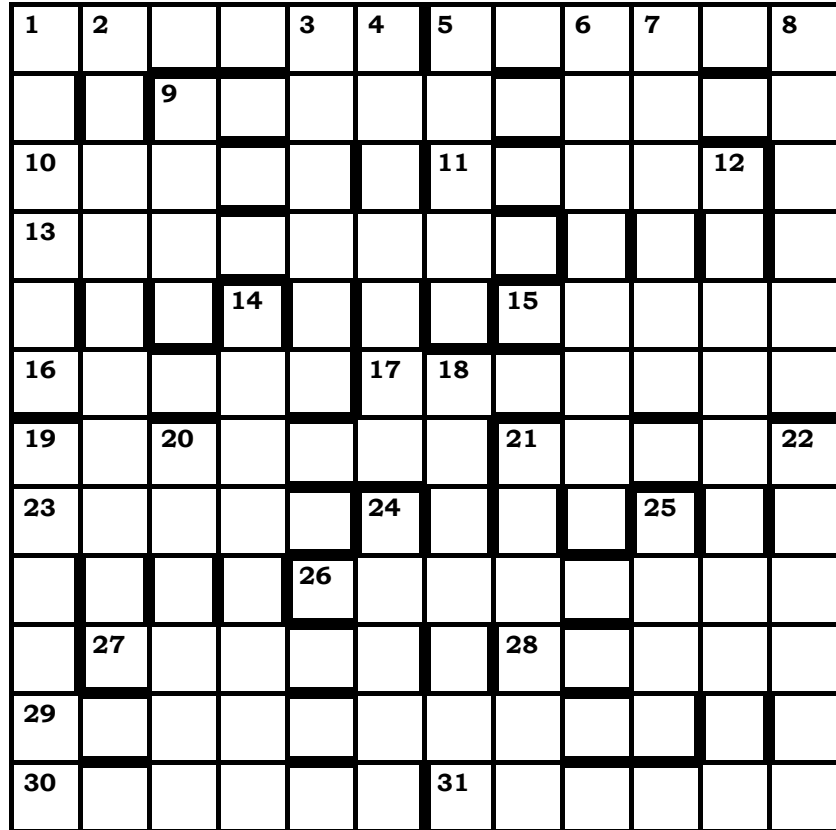
Eclogue is a UK setting partnership of **Eddie Looby and Keith Williams**, who initially met over the internet in 2009 [or was it earlier?]. The perfect dovetailing of a grid compiler who wasn't very good at clues and a clue writer who didn't like setting grids enabled a prolific partnership to form. The pseudonym is derived from those of the compilers, which are Eclipse and Logograph.

Eddie has recently retired from the world of IT, while Keith is a freelance accountant. Crosswords fill a great deal of their spare time, whether it be solving or compiling.

To date, Eclogue have been published in the *Sunday Telegraph* (Enigmatic Variations), Independent and i newspapers (*Inquisitor*), 1 Across, Crossword Club, Magpie, 3D Crossword Calendar and the Crossword Centre where they have provided the Christmas puzzle for over ten years, and the PuzzleLux series in Canada, several of which are also available online.

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Cryptic by Flowerman



Seven thematic entries are unclued.
All across clues contain a superfluous
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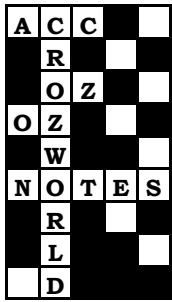
- 1 Authorities fight to restrain American hood (6)
- 5 Philby in what he did unsurprisingly mean (6)
- 9 Sadly one settler means to capture local river creature (3,7)
- 10 Security code only covering theatre (5)
- 11 Judge interviewing Greek character in unit (5)
- 13 Instrument out of order shut everything up (4,4)
- 15 Will dated secretary's sister enthusiastically initially (5)
- 16 One appearing to dismiss Arabic athletics competition (5)
- 17 Innovator in photography teams up with talented Australian on vacation (7)
- 19 See rubric (7)
- 21 Stage horse event (5)
- 23 Robin makes cosy small nest using grass strips primarily (5)
- 26 Time you clowns entered battle with some energy (4-4)
- 27 Not fair to offhandedly dismiss the king and queen's challenger (5)
- 28 Sound investigation unfortunately yielding Troy nothing (5)
- 29 Joined in with Mark to back recent editor (10)
- 30 British citizen starts to install stylish architectural moulding (6)
- 31 Earl votes for unknown doctor leaving treats (6)

Down

- 1 See rubric (6)
- 2 Tried out Australian money - one note and one penny (10)
- 3 A nail at the summit piercing boy's climbing footwear (6)
- 4 Ring chap wasting time with element (7)
- 5 See rubric (5)
- 6 The setter's turning up after unloading on follower (8)
- 7 American parent covering up evil theory that rejects duality (6)
- 8 Farmers love me feeding hunger (6)
- 9 Clan divided after goddess disappeared (4)
- 12 Anaemic old partner's finding New Guinea hellish (10)
- 14 See rubric (8)
- 18 Wrong to grasp hot container (7)
- 19 Confounded tourists wanting to make trouble (6)
- 20 Soul gets in groove of modified rhythm (6)
- 21 Couple receiving old note in change (6)
- 22 See rubric (6)
- 24 See rubric (5)
- 25 See rubric (4)

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Explanations for April 2019 Clues

Note: cd = cryptic definition; dd = double definition; rev or < = reversal; homophones are noted as "homoph" and words from which they are derived may be shown in quotes; anagrams as anag. if straightforward, or (NNNN)*. "Heads" or "Tails" are first or last letters of part of a clue; letters forming solutions are normally written as capitals and removals as lower case; hw or hidden = hidden word. Explanations provided by individual compilers may vary from this format.

Slot 1 Virgo. Down: 1 cd, 2 dd, 3 OB + SERVE, 4 RUB + ENS, 5 C + CU< + UMBER, 6 EF + FACES, 7 (AI + ALISTER)*, 8 anag, 14 anag, 15 rev hidden, 16 (INTERSCHOOL - SON)*, 17 HES* + BEEN, 18 BRA + V + ADO, 20 THIS* + SUM<, 21 RAMEe + KIN, 22 dd, 25 tasMANIA.

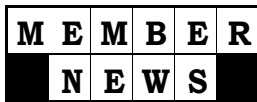
Slot 2 Zythum. Across: 1 (MISDEMEANOUR)* - AS NUDE, 5 OFF + (I)ENDER, 9 PASTE around ICH, 10 IN + GO + T + S, 11 (PEASANT + CIA)*, 12 cd TO ME, 13 SHARP + SET, 16 homoph "sense", 17 ST + AS IS, 19 BACK + REST, 21 esCAPOlogy, 22 IN(FR)ACTION, 25 M(A)OIST, 26 anag, 27 RE (AGE) NTS, 28 T + ASKED. Down: 2 Rev Hidden word, 3 DD, 4 anag, 5 OVER + ACT, 6 F(R)IENDS, 7 NIGH + T (W) EAR, 8 EST (IM) ATEs, 14 anag, 15 REST(O)RING, 18 S (TILT) ON, 19 dd, 20 CO + ALP + IT, 23 (PASTRAMIS - PISA)*, 24 Hidden word.

Slot 3 Crowsman. Across: 1 F(TAXI<)IVE, 5 JIG + SAW, 10 (f)AWNED, 11 SQUAW + KING, 12 JAM(BORE)ES, 13 IEG in EVER<, 14 CONVE(y) + X, 15 VER(S)IFY, 19 B(AT)EAUX, 21 B(R)UNCH, 25 LIS(Z)T, 27 J in BULL* + JANA, 28 COM(MITT)

ER, 29 P(R)ICK, 30 D(AN)ISH, 31 (E + HERO)< in FAD. Down: 1 FLAP + JACK, 2 XEN(OMANI)A, 3 TAD + POLE, 4 reverse hidden, 6 IN WARDS, 7 homoph of 'sees', 8 EGG< in WAD, 9 QUA(SHE)D, 16 FANTA SIZE, 17 QUA(LITY), 18 CH + YACKED, 20 (s)ENTRIES, 22 ESPALiER<, 23 PLA(C)ID, 24 QUART + O, 26 hidden reverse.

Slot 4 Manveru. A (CRAFTIER & I)*, B B + RACE + LETS, C (NOTICE + UN)*, D DEPR(I replaced by A)VATION, E CD, F F+(BACTERIA)*, G GAZE + IETTER, H HAL(GO<)E+N, I IM+B+I+BE, J JACK+A+L, K (DISEMBARKED - A+D+M)*, L (OR + LIKE + ET)*, M M + (A RIDE + R)*, N homoph "knows" + JOB, O (OH DEAR+N+P))* , P Homoph "prey", Q QU+s(AINT), R DD, S SO+LIC(I)TOR, T TA (V+E) RN+A, U lo(UV)re, V hidden "...nomiAL GALaxies"- ALGa/OL, W WAR+A+HAT<, X CD, Y Y+AWNING, Z Z + (S + MOBILE - L)*.

Slot 5 Robespierre. Across: 1 Spooner "core fast", 5 tAB(CA>) US, 9 (mAN, OGLING)*, 10 (AIRMAN)*, 12 cd (Quisling = Norwegian traitor), 13 28, 48 = nos. in periodic table of Ni, Cd, 14 W + nAKEd, 16 B + LADDER, 19 dd, 21 (RHO, B)<, 24 ANNIE Annie get your gun, 25 WIND, S, WEPT, 27 2 synonyms of STANDARD, 28 HALL + MARK, 29 ROT + RAY*, 30 S, IS, (PUSHY)*. Down: 1 dd, 2 R, AND, R and Y, 3 homoph "sillier", 4 S(COps)URGE, 6 BRA IN WASH, 7 COIN + CIDE(r), 11 hidden, 15 (ALE TRADER)*, 17 (IRELAND, inglorious)* [+ ref. to Isle of Man], 18 MOON + DUST, 20 Newcombe nickname, homoph "nuke" = blast, 21 B(ENdInG)ALI, 22 RE + HASH, 23 dd, 26 dd (movie title SULLY is nickname of Sullenberger, pilot who ditched in Hudson River).



ACC Membership: New Members: Pat

Coode, Coombabah Qld (thanks to Rebecca Goode); **Virginia Singletary** from Alto, **Anne Visona** from Annerley

Qld and **Anita Graham**. Welcome to the ACC and our Best Wishes for your cruciverbal membership.

Note from Veniece Lobsey:

"Unfortunately entries from Don Hemsley and Pat Horan arrived too late for adjudication in March."

Corrigendum

In Quiz 2019/4 by *Valkyrie*, clue 4 should read "Diamonds - top pieces (5). Our apologies for this error."

Ian Williams has kindly provided these Court matters for your interest. See also pages 5 and 15:

US Court Quotes

These are from a book called *Disorder in the American Courts*, and are quoted as things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters who had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, 'Where am I, Cathy?'

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's 20, much like your IQ.

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget...

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: Do you know if your daughter has ever been involved in voodoo?

WITNESS: We both do.

ATTORNEY: Voodoo?

WITNESS: We do...

ATTORNEY: You do?

WITNESS: Yes, voodoo.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you joking?

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.

April 1-2019: Half 'n Half by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- Very enjoyable! *Judy Ferguson*
- Liked 1dn. Minor quibble: MINSK is in Belarus, not Russia. *Ian McKenzie*
- Challenging slot 1. Didn't help thinking HEARTWORM was EARTHWORM (although that's not a parasite!). Is Minsk in Russia? Thanks *Virgo*. *Tony Dobebe*
- Hope 27ac in Minsk, although it is the capital of Belarus, not in Russia. *Drew Meek*
- The only word I could fit into 27ac was "MINSK" but this city is in Belarus not Russia. However, most people in Belarus are "White Russians" so I guess you could class Minsk as a Russian city? *Michael Veress*
- I said to myself – an earthworm isn't a parasite – but then it turned out to be a heartworm! *Ulla Axelsen*
- Some nice clues, I liked 1dn and 8dn. I'm not sure of my 21dn as I think it's RAMEKIN but the nettle genus is rumex. [a family is also ramee (Chambers) – Adj] *Kathy Horadam*
- Challenging! *Lynn Jarman*
- 7: Is this meant to be an anagram? Looks suspiciously like a partial indirect anagram. [first class = AI, A LISTER – straight anagram (acrobatic as indicator) for AERIALIST – Adj] *George Rolfe*
- Several clever cryptics in this puzzle. I was stuck with 'boxers' for a while. *Hilary Cromer*
- Minsk not a Russian city. It is in Belarus. *Robert Hagan*
- I reluctantly submitted Minsk as 27ac: I know this city is in Belarus but could not find an option in Russia. *Cheryl Wilcox*

April 2-2019: Cryptic by Zythum (Roger Douglas)

- Never heard of 'ogive' before. Hope it's right!! *Judy Ferguson*
- Really enjoyed this puzzle. Loved MAOIST. *Trish McPherson*
- Nice puzzle Roger. 12ac, 17ac, 16dn earn a special mention. *Len Colgan*
- SHARP-SET and BUFFER were new to me. Otherwise a pleasant, comfortable solve. *Ian Thompson*
- Some clever clues – especially 25ac. *David Bennett*
- Looking forward to explanation for 15dn! *Eileen O'Brien*
- A very enjoyable puzzle. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Some very nice addition and deletion clues, specially 1ac, 2ac and 22ac. 3dn was just a guess. *Kathy Horadam*
- *Zythum* has enhanced my word knowledge with so many of the answers. *Lynn Jarman*
- Good clues. I especially liked 16ac & 14dn. *Anne Simons*
- Never thought I'd actually complete this puzzle! It really extended my brain cells and has given me a great sense of satisfaction. *Glenda Lloyd*
- 2: AS this is a down clue 'up' is a better fit than 'back'. *George Rolfe*

April 3-2019: A Triple Pangram by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

- Brilliant setting. Knowing the theme definitely helped. I wonder how many solvers had BATEAUX as their last one entered and were helped by knowing that an X was needed in the answer. *Ian Thompson*
- A double pangram would have been impressive enough, Len, but, as usual, you have gone one better. I really liked the clues for RELAPSE, QUASHED and FANTASIZE. *Brian Tickle*
- Ingenious and pretty tough. AWNED and CHIACKED were new words for me. *Roger Douglas*
- Quite a hard one but loved it! *Judy Ferguson*
- Would you believe I have just bought land in 27ac??? Just kidding! But honestly – could only be *Crowsman!!!* *Eileen O'Brien*
- I have looked for three pangrams and failed – all I can see is that every letter of the alphabet is used at a minimum of three times each. *Julie Leigh*
- FANTASIZE close to COTM. I had BATEAUX before I realised I had only two Xs, so got BATEAUX. *Roy Taylor*
- Who but *Crowsman* could create a coherent clue for Ljubljana? *Kath Harper*
- Choice of plural ending for BATEAU? The puzzle's tile settles that question. *Max Roddick*
- Never heard of "pangram" so looked it up; how interesting to use every letter of the alphabet at least three times. Saved me from making a couple of mistakes as I counted each letter!! *Marian Procter*
- It is indeed a triple pangram! Great compilation, only 8 letters

- short of being a quadruple one. *Ulla Axelsen*
- I have so much trouble compiling an AJ! – but a Triple Pangram!!! *Nea Storey*
- I'm in awe. How clever is this? Thanks Len, it was a great puzzle. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Another great Len puzzle. But the title has me a little confused. I understand what a pangram is (now), and see that every letter of the alphabet appears at least 3 times. Is there anything more specific that I've missed? *Julie Crowe*
- Brilliant. *Jim Fowler*
- This is such a clever puzzle, it's hard to single out any clues. 3dn, 4dn and 9dn were fun but 16dn gets my COTM. Hope CHYACKED is correct. *Kathy Horadam*
- Now I know what a pangram is. *Crowsman* you are an amazing compiler. *Lynn Jarman*
- Excellent clues. Hard to choose COTM! *Anne Simons*
- I loved FANTASIZE, though it took me a while to get it. *Robyn McKenzie*
- A valiant effort with solid clues. *George Rolfe*
- You have done it again, Len! Great!! *Ann Millard*
- Loved the clue for 'tadpole'. I was stumped by 'convex' until I realized that the Pangram reference meant that I was short by one X. *Hilary Cromer*
- BATEAUX or BATEAUS? I go for x, but I do like FANTASIZE *Jenny Madden*
- Great clues fav was 27ac. *Joan Smith*
- Some good clues! Triple pangram. I seem to be missing an x. You certainly test one Len! *Cheryl Wilcox*
- A pangram yes, but a triple pangram? Oh Len, why are you so confusing! *Richard Skinner*

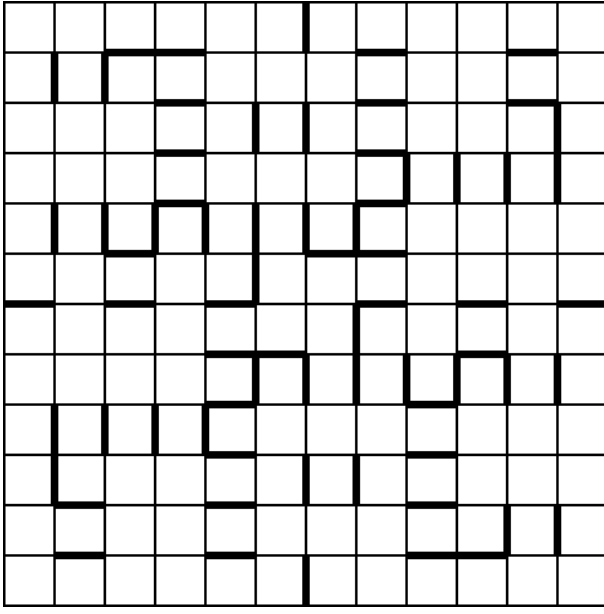
April 4-2019: AJ by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

- Another nice AJ from *Manveru*. I liked the cleverly-worded homophonic clues for N and P and the witty cryptic definition for X. *Brian Tickle*
- I am always impressed with the interesting answers you assemble into your grids. And consistent clueing style. *Len Colgan*
- Please explain U clue. [hidden abbreviated word (the UV in "louvre") with "admits" as the containment indicator – Adj]. *Brian Symons*
- Challenging with some great clues. *Trish McPherson*
- Nice challenging AJ. Can't parse U clue so looking forward to the explanation. *Tony Dobebe*
- A great puzzle but I don't think that Cicero was a solicitor. I don't understand the wordplay in "jackal" and "ultraviolet". NOSE JOB got my cotm. *David Bennett*
- Very enjoyable. Couple took some thought. *Eileen O'Brien*
- Very tricky. *Roy Taylor*
- Liked CONTINUE. *Max Roddick*
- I still have "Why is it so?" reservations about S and U, but here goes. *Kath Harper*
- Great fun but took ages to do! *Judy Ferguson*
- I really liked NOSE JOB, but in the end I had to give my COTM to IMBIBE, so good, I've tried it out on all my friends. *Betty Siegman*
- There were 5 clues where I got the answer but had no idea about the wordplay. I eventually worked them out except for 'ultraviolet'. *Ulla Axelsen*
- I love 4s. NOSE JOB was a great clue. Thank you Michael. *Robyn Wimbush*
- As usual, some clues are maddening until you get them. Very nice set here, especially A, G and S, thanks *Manveru*. But U? *Kathy Horadam*
- One of the tougher AJs but very satisfying. *Jean Barbour*
- Unsure of EQUAL. *Anne Simons*
- ULTRAVIOLET had me going for some time, until I hit the right wavelength. *Mike Potts*
- Some wonderful clues. I especially liked WARATAH & NOSE JOB! *Ann Millard*
- G: "Short" is redundant. O: A better surface is to replace 'from the start' with 'initially'. *George Rolfe*
- I like the Nose Job clue! Rather liked the word play and homophone indicator in "P". *Richard Skinner*
- Always enjoy AJ especially when compiled by *Manveru*. *Gabriel Fuller*

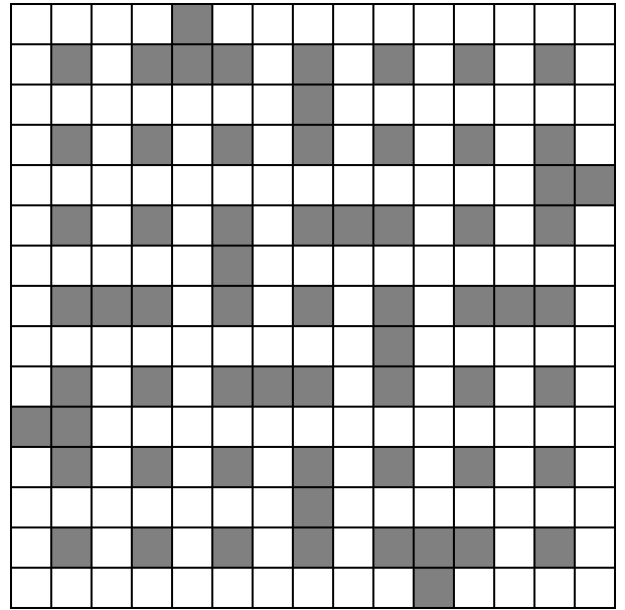


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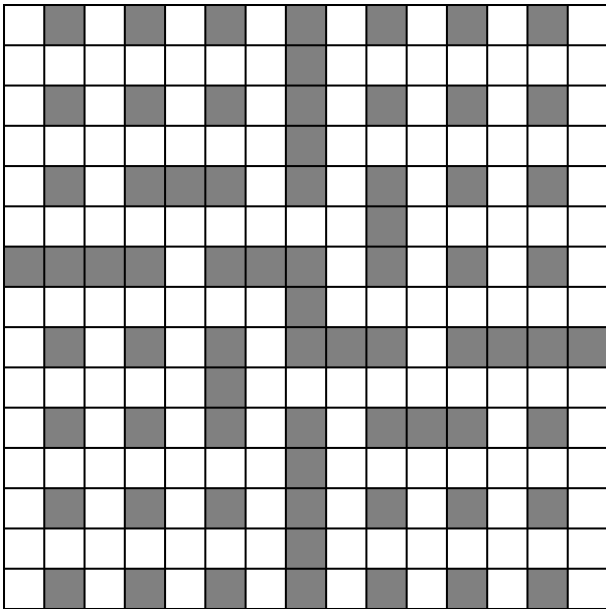
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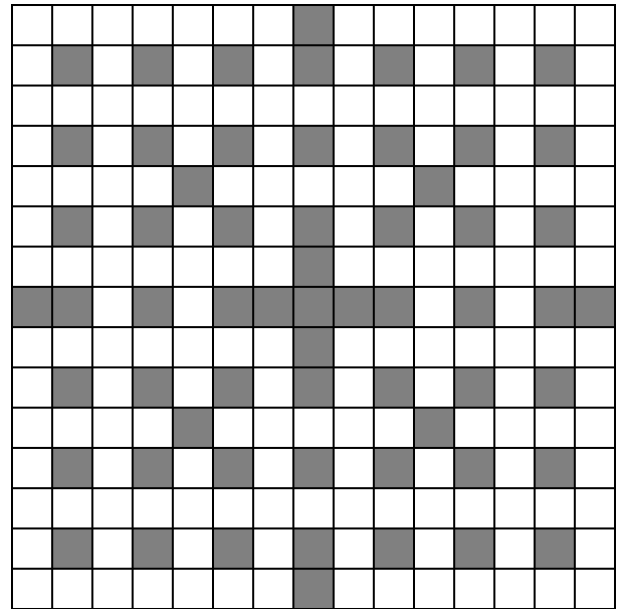
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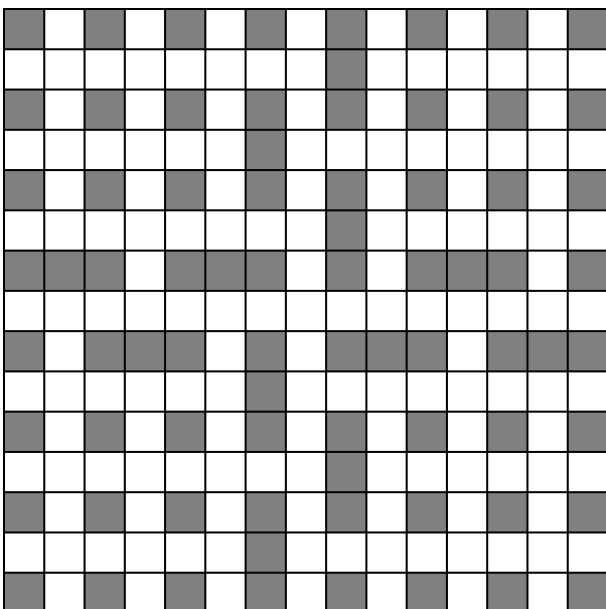
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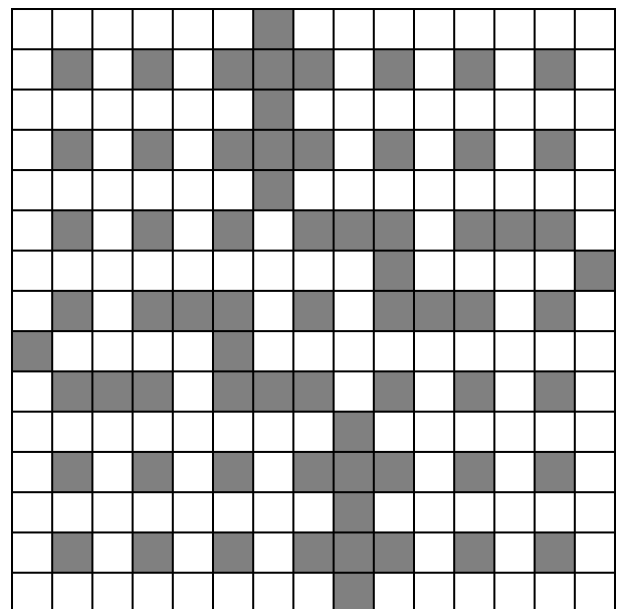
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March 6-2019 Cryptic by *Nigrum Cattus* (Ray Gooderick)

Entries received 63; Correct 10; Success rate 16%.

Prizewinner: Kath Harper. Congratulations!

Compiler's comments

Thank you for your kind comments. My thanks also to those making critical observations. Each one is taken on board and will help hone my compiling ability. I was very surprised by the large number (43) experiencing difficulty with HARAM, providing in its place the more conventional HAREM). The wordplay comprised Noah's son, HAM, containing AR (Arabian). *Chambers* lists 3 alternative spellings for HAREM. Other frequent stumbling blocks were BASKS (19) for BUSKS (the small Dutch vessel with K on board) & SOUS (9) for SOUL (SOU plus Lira).

Explanations:

Across: 1 M + (YODEL)*, 4 CHA+BRIER, 9 SAMB(CU<)A, 10 Hidden, 12 OPA+H, 13 homoph "I'll", 14 SOU+L(lira), 17 G(LA[Z]UN)OV, 18 (TALKING-T)*, 21 HULK* + AU, 23 SC+HUMAN+N, 26 F + RUG, 28 Hidden, 29 SATE<, 32 A(L+ME)IDA, 33 (LUKE+LEE)*, 34 H(ONE+GG)ER, 35 EG(EST)S. **Down:** 1 M+U+(GROSS<)+SKY, 2 LAMB+A DA, 3 (MURD-ER)<, 5 HARP (on) + ER, 6 BUS(K)S, 7 LIAR<, 8 B(A+S+S)OON, 11 IN+URN, 15 Hidden, 16 (A + NASTINESS)*, 19 LUDO*, 20 (CAUSE+TO)*, 22 H(AR) AM, 24 A+N(THEM)S, 25 PAV+ANE, 27 (RIGGER-R)*, 30 CAB<+H, 31 DD.

Solvers' Comments

- Quite tough. *Ian Thompson*
- Only 11 were truly not defined. Two others were vaguely defined so it was slightly uneasy knowing that all answers were correct. (*My apologies for 10ac & 30dn, 'Italian' & 'He' were superfluous - NC*) *Andrew Patterson*
- Good lot of composers, some not well known. I was slow on top right corner until I got RAIL the right way up and discovered buss is a small vessel. *Roy Taylor*
- A composed composition! *Michael Kennedy*
- What a musical feast. As well as the 13 composers, there are dances, musical instruments, songs and a conductor. Just not sure of 29ac. *Ulla Axelsen*
- I am always up for a classical music-themed crossword. I also learnt a new meaning of BUSK - to cruise along a shore. Some of the clueing was a bit loose for my taste. In 14ac, the SOU was a coin, but the L(ira) was a currency. (*Last lira coins were minted prior to Euro changeover, and they were identified as "old coins" in the clue - NC*) Is the word "ONLY" serving any purpose in the clue? In 29ac, (Implying low value NC). I'm not sure SATE and MEET are equivalent ("meet a need" perhaps). "Pavlova starts" for PAV left me a bit cool too, just like the iceberg presumably referenced in 31ac. *Andrew Miles*
- So many music references as well as the composers, many of which were new to me! I found this crossword quite difficult. *Maureen Blake*
- Thirteen composers: Bach, Grieg, Honegger, Saint-Saens, Schumann, Glinka, Glazunov, Kuhlau, Berg, Mussorgsky, Harper, Chabrier, Harper and Rossini. Plus a few instruments and a couple of dances for good measure! *Nea Storey*
- I'm not entirely happy with my answer here. 10ac is probably not one of the 13, as it is defined (Italian), and 29ac bothers me. Is it a composer or a straight (albeit cryptic)

- clue?? I have spent days on this. Enough!! *Julie Crowe*
 - Had to do a double take on 22dn and 33ac; 4ac was last to go in. Very tricky! *Warren Allen*
 - I found this extremely challenging and am not confident it is correct. Who knows that BRIAR can also be BRIER? I didn't! Even some composers I hadn't heard of before. Thanks for the challenge. *Ann Millard*
 - Not at all confident on 14ac. Couldn't work it out at all. Overall, pretty tough. *Richard Skinner*
 - Wonderful combination of music and music makers. *Kath Harper*
 - The use of a grid containing three consecutive unchecked letters is far from best practice. (*Point taken - NC - although some licence must be allowed to compilers who provide so many relevant solutions in a themed puzzle - Puzzle Ed*). *George Rolfe*
 - It was very hard to write UKELELE. *Robyn Wimbush*
 - I entered LIAR for 7dn, which threw things out for a while. I had not heard of some of these composers. Several really good clues. *Anne Simons*
 - Difficult in parts but a very enjoyable musical puzzle! *Laurence Kennedy*
 - What a clever puzzle with 13 composers, 4 dances, 4 instruments and 4 musical terms (did I miss any?). *Hilary Cromer*
 - I recognised only three of the composers. *Mike Potts*
 - It took me a while to understand the 8-Down clue, now I can stop wondering what a soprano BASSOON would look like! *Max Roddick*
 - Thank you for a really challenging puzzle. 13 composers, some of them familiar, some I'd never heard of. I enjoyed finding out about them. *Robyn Caine*
 - A very challenging slot 6. Where do you find these words? *Bob Hagan*
-
- Members' Comments cont'd from pp6 & 10.**
April 5-2019: Cryptic by *Robespierre* (Ian McKenzie)
- Liked GANGLION, BLADDER, SISYPHUS. *Max Roddick*
 - I know *Robespierre* was supposed to have been cunning and devious, but this was positively Machiavellian! *Kath Harper*
 - A few tricky words but got there in the end. Great challenge. *Ulla Axelsen*
 - Great clues for BLADDER and SHORTEN. *Nea Storey*
 - I was so sure it was Dirty Harry for far too long. *Robyn Wimbush*
 - I needed lots of help from several reference books and the computer and my crossword buddy to complete this slot. I look forward to seeing the explanations for a number of answers such as: 1ac, 12ac, 25ac and 21dn. *Lynn Jarman*
 - A fair bit of guesswork. Struggled with MOONDUST, among others, so fingers crossed. *Anne Simons*
 - DOUBLE STANDARD was neat - I took a little while to see how the obvious answer fitted the clue. *Mike Potts*
 - So many wonderful clues but my vote goes to BRAINWASH. *Robyn McKenzie*
 - Some clever clues. Maybe too clever for me. *Ann Millard*
 - Some tricky clues. Loved the clues for 'brainwash' and 'forecast'. *Hilary Cromer*
 - 2: This clue seems to have migrated from an SMH/Age Friday cryptic. 27, 8: As standard is singular it should be 'Norm or Jack'. In the interests of fairness, clues of the type skinhead = s redhead = r and facebook = f should end with a '?' Otherwise there is no indication that word splitting is required to achieve the answer. *George Rolfe*
 - Challenging puzzle. Fav clue CILIA. *Joan Smith*

Quiz No 5/2019



by Brian Symons

Quiz 5-2019. Homophonia by Brian Symons.

Each answer is two words that are close homophones. Answers are in alphabetical order of the first word of the word order that makes the best sense. eg "Driver's instruments" would be chauffeurs' shofars, not vice versa.

Send your answers to Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Place, Grays Point NSW 2232 e-mail bms65@bigpond.com.

Closing Date 14 June 2019. Prize \$75.

- 1 Ingested this many
- 2 Forbidden poet
- 3 Evil singer
- 4 Obstruct syndicate
- 5 District hole
- 6 Cruel tissue
- 7 Band's papers
- 8 Ascent region
- 9 Curse mum
- 10 Scandinavian glaze
- 11 Became aware of cattle
- 12 Lazy hero
- 13 Passionate plans

- 14 Snide reservists
- 15 Etiquette for villa
- 16 Young digger
- 17 Seafood power
- 18 Gathered condiment
- 19 Needed in doctor's waiting room?
- 20 Demolish beams
- 21 Foil zoomed
- 22 Hauled a contemptible person
- 23 Diluted days
- 24 Gyrate globe
- 25 Complaint about the drink

Results of Quiz 3/2019.

I've Been Everywhere by KA (Karl Audrins)

Entries: 39

Winner: Len Colgan. Congratulations.

Results: 30: U. Axelsen, M. Blake, R. Caine, B. Cockburn, L. Colgan, J. Crowe, J. Fowler, M. Gambin, P. Garner, B. Glissan, R. Gooderick, D. Grainger, K. Harper, D. Jones, J. Leigh, P. Lord, R. McKenzie, C. McClelland, F. Martin, J. Mason, A. Miles, A. Millard, E. O'Brien, D. Parsons, H. Perrow, D. Procter, M. Procter, M. Randall, R. Skinner, R. Taylor, I. Thompson, Keith Williams and R. Wimbush. **29:** W. Allen, G. Cole and M. Veress. **28:** B. Siegman, B. Symons and C. Wilcox.

Solutions: 1 Bairnsdale 2 Ballarat 3 Bathurst 4 Bundaberg 5 Busselton 6 Cairns 7 Charters Towers 8 Dalby 9 Dampier 10 Devonport 11 Frankston 12 Geelong 13 Goulburn 14 Hobart 15 Ingham 16 Iron Knob 17 Junee 18 Katherine 19 Lismore 20 Millicent 21 Moranbah 22 Mount Barker 23 Moura 24 Newcastle 25 Orange 26 Portland 27 Shepparton 28 Singleton 29 Winton 30 Young.

Adjudicator's Comments: Thank you all for your entries, and congratulations to the winner. It was a fair turnout, with many complimentary comments. There were no real stumbling blocks, with only #20 having a few alternatives of "Littleton". "Ton" is apparently a "cryptocurrency". Whatever **that** is. Everybody seemed to enjoy the quiz, which is the object of the exercise.

Members' Comments:

- The alpha order is what finally saved me, and thanks for using mostly well-known towns! *Pat Garner*
- It was great fun and helped my knowledge of Australian geography. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Thanks for a hard task. *Brian Symons*
- Many thanks for another challenging quiz. *Betty Siegman*
- Thanks for this challenging quiz. After quite a struggle I managed to arrive at 30 answers!! *Michael Veress*
- Thanks for taking me back to many places I have been. *Warren Allen*
- That was fun. Nice to think I've been to all of these places,

which led to lots of memories.

Robyn Wimbush

• Many thanks. Tricky for an overseas member, but no less enjoyable for all that. I always knew there would be some quizzes that would need local knowledge. 22 made me smile, while 11 was LOI, probably because it appears to be a suburb, rather than a town.

Keith Williams

• I knew of all the places except Moura. LOI was Singleton. Thanks for the quiz.

Ian Thompson

• Very entertaining quiz. Some really strained the brain.

Roy Taylor

• What a fun quiz this was! Thank you so much! From the first one I solved (Cairns), to the last (Bundaberg). It provided me with much enjoyment – brain work, internet use, thesaurus, scrolling the postcode book, etc. It was so clever.

Max Randall

• Enjoyed the journey and I have to say I have either stayed at most of the places or passed through.

Marian Procter

• Look forward to solving more of your quizzes and crosswords.

David Procter

• First time completing and submitting a quiz. Hopefully correctly.

Dave Parsons

• Thank you for your puzzle. I enjoyed solving it.

Claire McClelland

• Many thanks for yet another very clever time-consuming quiz!

Julie Crowe

• I did enjoy your quiz, and hope I 'got' your clues.

Beverley Cockburn

• What a ripper quiz. I've been to many, but not Moranbah.

Robyn Caine

• This was a trip down memory lane of many towns. Thanks for the memory.

Ulla Axelsen

• What fun you would have had compiling these, and lots more towns and cities from which to choose if you want to do a repeat of the theme. Quite a challenge.

Maureen Blake

• What a whirlwind trip around the country.

Matthew Gambin

• Thank you for another of your most entertaining quizzes. I particularly enjoyed #27.

David Grainger

• Thank you Karl for your excellent quiz (once again).

Doreen Jones

• Thank you for your interesting quiz. I enjoyed the clues, especially Singleton.

Robyn McKenzie

March 7-2019 Misprints by Betelgeuse (Gillian Champion)

Entries received 41; Correct 28; Success rate 68%.

Prizewinner: Robyn Caine. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's comments

A reasonable overall success rate for one of Gillian's more difficult puzzles. Only a couple of obvious typos – do please use the spellcheck facilities of ACCOLADE to save that missed dot and the chance of a prize.

ANGELFOOD was the main source of difficulty with “cover” providing a misleading meaning of “hood” and the word itself only existing as a description of a type of cake. PERIDOT from “gem”, cleverly disguised as “get”, (we need to read **every** word of the clue) tripped up two solvers and TAHINI from “Tahiti” (the required Iti(e) is found in *Macquarie*) misled two others. “Foresight” as PREVISION (mutated from P + RECISION) was the only other systematic error – otherwise, well done everyone. *Kay Williams*

Explanations – corrected across misprints are shown as, eg, (N). **Across:** **8** ONE in (SURPRISE - use)* one r(C) aptured, **9** LOO + FAH l(B)acks, **10** hidden godl(D)ess, **11** B+LOO+DIED covered in m(G)ore, **12** PANTO + F + ELF< sk(L)ipper, **13** O (MIT) S k(M)isses, **15** PER (I DO) T get(M), **17** B + homoph "risk it" h(M)eat cut, **20** ST (AG) Y ar(C)t, **22** (SILICA)* containing (V + OV (homoph "of")) - rand(s)Y, **25** CH (MESS)* AN pai(W)n, **26** ST+ ROLL - wi(A)nder, **27** homoph "in turn" h(B)ounds, **28** NO ON(e) +TIDE - middle of the dr(A)y. **Down:** **1** F+R+ON sTAGE - FROT/nTAGE, **2** AC+CENT - Ac/SCENT, **3** A+N+GEL+HOOD - ANGELh/FOOD, **4** FR + (AMIABLE-AM) - FRIa/BBLE, **5** hidden "... nomIAL GALaxies"- ALGa/OL, **6** (CONSIGNMENTS - gin)* - CONt/DEMNS, **7** PO+TENT - Po/ATENT, **14** P+RECISION - PREc/VISION, **16** dd - INv/GESTED, **18** E + SCAPA + DE - ESCAp/LADE, **19** CL (OS) ING - CLOs/NING, **21** HAT< + ITIe - TAHIt/NI, **23** V...Y round LIRE< - VERII/TY, **24** AM + ICE - AMIc/NE.

Solvers' Comments

- What fun! But I cannot fully reconcile 18dn. [*“Scapa” is given as a variant of “scarper” (run away) by the folk at Chambers, and “de” is the internet domain appellation of Germany, hence E + SCAPA + DE -Adj*] *Len Colgan*
- Took a while to work out what to do and then kept mixing up instructions for across and down. Got there in the end though. A great challenge. Will miss *Betelgeuse's* misprints when they finally run out. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Wow! That was an enjoyable challenge. So pleased that *Betelgeuse* lives on in puzzles. *Tony Dobe*
- It is a challenging legacy, indeed, that Gillian has left us. It is not uncommon to find yourself chasing an obliquely clued word you've never heard of – in my case, 3 of first 5dn clues! 15ac was causing me problems, trying to equate a green PERIDOT with black JET instead of GEM. In 21ac, is the "short, informal Italian" clueing ITI based on EYE-TIE? I couldn't quite be sure. [*the abbreviation “Itie” is in the Big Mac - Adj*] Glad I identified the NOONTIME/NOONTIDE alternatives early in solving 28ac, otherwise I would have had all sorts of problems with 18dn ESCALADE. *Andrew Miles*
- Another brilliant Gillian puzzle. Great clues for BLOODIED, FRIBBLE, INGESTED, and some across definitions were tricky especially “gem”, “brandy”, “pawn”, “middle of the day”, “keep in bounds”. *Roy Taylor*

- Fiendish. *Rob Moline*
- Typical of Gillian at her most complex! *Nea Storey*
- What a delight! Another of Gillian's amazing puzzles. Mind bending, and totally enjoyable. *Julie Crowe*
- I don't know how she engineered this: 11ac was fiendish. Re. 22ac, I was reminded of the first time I had slivovic, with a schooner chaser, administered by a Croatian publican – I was breathless for the rest of the day! *Warren Allen*
- This was as tough as we expected. In more ways than one. *Richard Skinner*
- Now that was a mental workout – starting with deciphering how to attack each clue! *Kath Harper*
- Totally brilliant. *Jim Fowler*
- Wow! this was a mission! I could not get INTERN until I realised amine was the chemical, not amide. Thank you for many hours of puzzling. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Took me ages to complete this but what a great sense of achievement when I finally cracked it! *Maureen Blake*
- Too hard for me! What a challenge. Certainly, there is one error but maybe more. Just can't bear not to submit! Thank you, *Betelgeuse*. *Ann Millard*
- Very dubious about some of my answers (guesses) but I'm sure the mental effort was good for me. Thank you Gillian. *Robyn Wimbush*
- The genius lives on. *Mike Potts*
- I just love these mind-bending puzzles from Gillian. The fun of spotting the misprint in the across clues, and deciphering the down clues in particular. What a genius she was! *Robyn Caine*

Solution to March 2019 Slot 7

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ATTORNEY: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?
 WITNESS: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?
 WITNESS: All of them... The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?
 WITNESS: Oral...

Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 2/2019

Write a clue for CRAYON (6)

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy

Definition from *Chambers* (12th edition):

n a pencil made of chalk, wax or pipe-clay variously coloured, used for drawing; a drawing done with crayons. **vt** and **vi** to draw or colour with a crayon. [Fr. *Crayon*, from *craie* chalk, from *L creta* chalk]

Crayon is not the choicest word in the world to write a clue for, as it doesn't lend itself to colourful (pun intended) anagrams, and the definitions are a touch monochrome. However, the palette of clues I received drew on just about every possibility. If I could be so bold to offer a tip, to liven up a seemingly dull word, think about what it does rather than just what it is (e.g. it adds colour, it draws etc.), and your parsing options will multiply. For this month, the brightest crayon in the box comes from the pencil of **Matthew Gambin**, who I believe may be at the top of the leaderboard for the very first time. Well done Matthew!

Primary coloured material, perhaps! (6)

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

Conte craftily starts to coach reserves and notices one young half-back ***½

This clever clue takes the initial letters as indicated by *starts to*. Half the letters (YON) are read backwards as indicated by *half-back*. What I really like about this clue is the misleading definition, as *Conte* (Antonio) was a former, and relatively famous, football manager for Chelsea. Here though, *Conte* (Conté to be precise) is a brand of crayon.

Coloured chalk is cocaine material ***½

A popular parsing method with C + RAYON. Here the clue's slick surface rendering suggests perhaps a drug concealment of sorts.

Cry about a heavyweight losing time for colour ***

The parsing here places A inside CRY plus tON losing the letter T. The compiler has gone with the verbal definition of *crayon*. I'm not sure exactly what the imagery is portraying, but perhaps that says more about me than the compiler.

Drawing in drunk passenger's hand luggage - right off **

It's been a while since I've had an indirect anagram. Here, it's an anagram of *carry-on* with R disappearing. If you like indirect anagrams then the clue works, although I'm not sure of the surface reading here. In any case, indirect anagrams are to be avoided, and you won't find many, if any, in any of the standard publications.

Get upset about a working drawing ***½

This is really simple but very effective. The parsing places A inside CRY with ON. However, the best aspect of this clue is that it actually makes sense. One can easily imagine an artist frustrated about a drawing.

It's not vital for new clairvoyant to use pencil ***

This is a subtraction anagram where *vital* is removed from *clairvoyant*. Typically, at least in *The Times*, the entire word being removed needs to be intact, but to me it's quite clear what needs to be done to arrive at the solution. While the clairvoyant wouldn't need a pencil, I certainly did to check that all was correct.

Jaunty carry on runs out of chalk pencil ***½

This is an anagram of carry-on (hyphenated?) minus the letter R. The compiler has gone out on a limb with the anagram indicator – *jaunty*. It means *gentlemanly*, *smart* or *stylish*, but none of those serve as an adequate indicator. Maybe I'm missing something here?

Keep screaming about a pencil ***

The parsing here is *cry on* (keep screaming) around the letter A. It's all perfectly legitimate, but I am left wondering why someone is screaming about a pencil.

Means of writing about fabric ***

A simple charade that joins C (*about*, and one of the handiest abbreviations to remember) with RAYON, a fabric that is made from cellulose. The clue makes sense, although I'm not convinced it would make for a riveting read.

One may add colour to a corny joke ***½

This is an anagram of *a corny* as indicated by the word *joke*. I love the definition and it blends really well with the surface sense. My only quibble is that *joke* (as in *a absurdity*) is a noun, and technically needs to be a verb. While *joke* can be a verb, in that sense (to jest, make fun of), it's debatable as to whether it works as an anagram indicator.

Pencil cartoon hung upside down will annoy Archibald entrant ***

This is a hidden reversal, and indeed it's very well hidden (an NOY ARChibald). It's an admirable attempt to parse the clue and maintain the plausible and entertaining artistic theme. However, the superfluous word *cartoon*, does distract from what would have otherwise been a terrific clue.

Pencil case initially sitting on artificial fabric ***

An accurate charade that joins C with RAYON. I like the pencil case connection and I wonder if there is a way to parse it so that the pencil case is made of this material. Still, this is a fine clue.

Primary coloured material, perhaps! ****

This is an excellent little clue. It's basically an &lit, where the parsing actually defines the clue. In this instance it's C (primary coloured) and RAYON. In *Chambers*, C is defined as 'coloured', so potentially the clue could have just read as *Coloured material, perhaps!*, with an argument for omitting the *perhaps* too. However, by using *primary*, the compiler is providing extra information, as crayons are used by primary kids predominantly. I possibly would have gone with *primarily*, but that's being a little pedantic for what is a fine clue.

Prisoner smuggling fish in chalk sticks **½

A unique charade that places RAY inside CON. The definition is fine, except that it should be singular.

The drawing of the lobster is available ****

By simply using the drawing definition of *crayon*, the compiler deftly parsed a clue that reads about as perfectly as a clue can. The *lobster* is the *cray* and if something is available, it's *on*.

Tool for drawing out any cork without kinking top ***

This is a subtraction anagram with K to be taken away from ANYCORK. The compiler has gone to some effort to maintain the surface sense of a type of corkscrew perhaps. The only issue is that *kinking top* technically isn't the same as top of kinking, so I would have gone with something like 'at the start; or even 'in the middle' given there's a K in that position too.

Trick to catch fish with pencil ***

A quaint clue to finish with. It's simply RAY inside CON, and I have little doubt that it would be tricky to land a fish with a pencil, although I guess it can draw a line (eyes rolling).

Clue Writing Competition No 4/2019

For the next competition, please write a clue for the word **PREHISTORIC (11)** 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:

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