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What do I mean by a phrase? A clutch of words that gives you a clutch at the heart.
Robert Frost, 16 November 1960, interview in the *Saturday Evening Post*.

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RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2019!

The Annual Membership subscription for 2019 has remained at \$45 for the paper copy but the *e-CroZworld* only costs \$35. There have been increased costs associated with printing and posting *CroZworld* via Australia Post. We hope that the present postage costs will not be changed in 2019, but it's quite possible that they will. This makes the receipt of *e-CroZworld* a better alternative and much quicker not to mention the environmental issue of less paper usage. Why not opt for the email version in 2019?

We have been thrilled with the excellent number of renewals of membership for 2019. And we have received some very generous donations to the Prize Fund for 2019. The New Year promises to be a year full of complexity and puzzlement. If you would like to join in the fun see the flyer enclosed in the September *CroZworld* (or for those who receive *e-CroZworld*, p13 of that issue) together with some useful information for renewing members for 2019. In order to maintain the plentiful level of prizes, we hope you will be more than generous with your donation to the ACC Prize Pool 2019.

Puzzleman **Ian Williams** has another masterly selection of puzzles for you this month. Included are some of your favourites *Virgo*, *St Jude*, *Penobscot* and *KA*. The skilful puzzler *Nigrum Cattus* has contributed another fine Cryptic in Slot 5. And the accomplished *Crowsman* has devised an excellent puzzle in Slot 6. We are delighted to publish another brilliant puzzle compiled by the late Gillian Champion (*Betelgeuse*) and Kay Williams will adjudicate it (Slot 7). Michael Kennedy has provided another outstanding Clue Writing Competition.

Best of Luck with your solving. Happy CroZworlding.
—Patrick

How unstressful adjudication is thanks to Accolade and Ian Williams. Only 10 snail mail entries instead of 100 but I still scored a really exquisite card. The puzzles seem to get harder and the compilers more brilliant but the members pleasure remains unvanquished.

Slot 1:
Believing its reputaion as the easiest, it had quite a few errors. The 4 main ones were IMAGERS (imagery), PHENYL (phenol), PATHOS (bathos) and PODIUM (sodium—ido in sum).

Slot 2:
Very few mistakes and each unique except SQUARE OFF/FOCAL.

Slot 3:
Typos/carelessness caused the few absent dots other than misspelling CARIBOU which has an I in the middle.

Slot 4:
Despite being the COTM METHANE also caused most havoc (8 meshing and methink) ZANADU was an interesting homoerror.

Slot 5:
I was fortunate to get an automatic dot for this difficult puzzle. DUCKY, JUNKY, BULLDOG and MEERKAT were some of the errors. For some reason it was decided not to require a demonstration of the Nina to get a dot which was fortunate for many. A delightful picture of a lime kiln accompanied one entry.

COTM:
21 individual nominations but the runaway winner with 13 votes was Michael Kennedy's clever contribution to climate change METHANE. Congratulations Michael. Chook raffles and dining room were equal second (though daylight was really second).

—Brian Symons

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	99	104	101	96	69	469
Correct entries	75	96	95	78	61	405
Success rate (%)	75.8	92.3	94.1	81.2	88.4	86.4
Prizewinners	Joan Smith	Frank Martin	Jill Freeland	David Grainger	Claire McClelland	from 108 members

Prizewinner: October 2018 Slots 1-5: Betty Siegman. Congrats!

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October 1-2018

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October 2-2018

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October 3-2018

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October 4-2018

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October 5-2018

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ACC MEMBERS RESULTS FOR OCT 2018 Slots 1-5 & SEPT Slots 6 & 7

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.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Garner P.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Miles A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Alexander J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Glissan B.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Millard A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Allen W.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Gooderick R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Milton R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Anderson C.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Grainger D.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Moline R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Audrins K.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Hagan B.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	O'Brien E.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Axelsen U.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Hagan R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Parsons D.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Barbour J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Halkyard P.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Patterson A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Barnes J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Hambling C.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Pearce J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Barrett A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Harper K.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Perrow H.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Baylis J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Hearn R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Pinder S.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Bennett D.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Heyes N.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Potts M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Blake M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Hocking A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Procter D.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Caine R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Horadam K.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Procter M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Callan K.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Howard V.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Randall J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Carpenter R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Howat S.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Roddick M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Carroll L.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Ibbott B.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Rolle G.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Coates D.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Jarman L.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Roulston S.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cockburn B.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Jones D.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Ryan W.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cole G.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Kennedy L.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Schulz J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Colgan L.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Kennedy M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Shapiro R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Collins M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Lankshear J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Shield A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Coot P.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Lee C.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Siegman B.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Copland F.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Leigh J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Simons A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Coulton L.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Lemon G.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Skinner R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cromer H.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Lord P.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Smith J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Crowe J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Low R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Steinberger M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Dearie P.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	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.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Evans J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Matthews S.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Tickle B.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ferguson J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	McClelland C.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Wilcox C.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Fernando C.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	McKenzie I.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Williams K.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Fowler J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	McKenzie R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Wimbush R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Freeland J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	McPherson T.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Wood J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Fuller G.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Meek D.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Young A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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Half and Half
by
Virgo



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Across

- 1 Finding an operatic composer caught short (7)
- 5 Theatre involved in cut is ready (7)
- 9 The meanest in battle – a stinker! (5)
- 10 Buys tea in pouches (9)
- 11 Ciphers in chaos, looking round! (7)
- 12 Hoffman, note is doing housework (7)
- 13 Spirits glasses (6)
- 15 The Times holds nice moving services (8)
- 18 U.S.S. *Epher* scuttled, becoming a legendary wreck (8)
- 19 Mystery measure taking serviceman back to mother (6)
- 22 The gondoliers offensive smell meant trouble (7)
- 24 Author? Nay! Toss a coin! (3,4)
- 26 Silver's underwear? (4,5)
- 27 I reported stick dwelling (5)
- 28 Petted delighted king inside (7)
- 29 Senior nuns declared "That's the pits!" (7)

Down

- 1 Travelling bags (7)
- 2 Attain (5)
- 3 Come between (9)
- 4 Subjects (6)
- 5 Exemplar (8)
- 6 Moral significance (5)
- 7 Letting oneself down (9)
- 8 Flags (7)
- 14 Non-drinker (9)
- 16 State of not being (9)
- 17 Put out (8)
- 18 Fetters (7)
- 20 Steep (7)
- 21 Spice (6)
- 23 Peasant (5)
- 25 One of the Titans (5)

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Cryptic by St Jude



Across clues have something in common and are not defined

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Across

- 8 Our gob (6)
- 9 Metal toe (8)
- 11 Cash scout (9)
- 12 Almost completely abused (5)
- 13 A retail lout (11)
- 16 and 24 Our tag (6)
- 18 Ivan ran (7)
- 21 Cowherd (7)
- 24 See 16-across
- 25 Polaroid lad (4,7)
- 29 Lichi (5)
- 30 Rip up root (9)
- 31 Man I gull (8)
- 32 In a jet (6)

Down

- 1 Junkie doing sit-ups? (6)
- 2 Described test of animal shelter's material (6)
- 3 Like Bryan Ferry after Roxy Music, one way to beginning of artistic recognition (4,4)
- 4 Artist initially was against reproducing his oeuvres lithographically (6)

- 5 Interfere with theologian entering into dinner discussion (6)
- 6 Cold, ensnaring endless arrogance of snake (8)
- 7 Celebration could be worse than death by the sound of it (4)
- 10 Perched on vessel of god (6)
- 14 Reagan overwhelms general (3)
- 15 Note the French field strength (3)
- 17 German yurt (3)
- 18 New language (3)
- 19 Criticisms of stringed instruments' surround sound attempt (8)
- 20 Unwell? Bye by kid! (3)
- 21 Tom conceals solemn earl with cloak (6)
- 22 Fussy person, grandad maybe, gets grief (3,5)
- 23 Perhaps deacon dismisses the queen's senility (3)
- 25 Beginning with one black woman getting gold (6)
- 26 Two friends return to wear this in the South Pacific (6)
- 27 Dilapidated but popular Freudian regularly gives horizontal instruction (2,4)
- 28 Muttered about the best teams? (6)
- 29 Lead rod arrived (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thank you Patrick and other hard working committee members for the generous prize. It is particularly encouraging as I have been quite inactive for some time. I am delighted to donate it back to the prize fund. Maybe I'll become more participative, although retirement is definitely the busiest time of life!
- Great work by all this month's setters – well done!
- Thank you for the prize for September Slot 5 – much appreciated.
- Many thanks for my Quiz prize. Just in time to pay my subs.
- Thank you once again for these wonderful puzzles.
- Every month I begin by thinking I'll never solve all these puzzles, but it's surprising – bit by bit they come together, and I end up solving more than I thought I would!
- So good to re-engage the brain away from politics.
- Thank you all for a great month of crozzing.
- We are on a 28-day cruise so I have only been able to solve 1-4 and have found number 5 too hard.
- Once again thanks to all for the very interesting and challenging and brain exercising selection of puzzles.
- Many thanks for my prize last month. What wonderful timing! It was well spent at a get-together with my sisters.

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Kath Harper
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Jim Fowler
Norma Heyes
Judy Randall
Gabriel Fuller
Robyn Wimbush
Marian Procter
Jean Evans
Corryn Anderson

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Cryptic
by
Penobscot



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Across

- 1 Fabrications have the Feds in fits (8)
- 5 Titular novel girl canonised for family tree? (6)
- 9 Boy friend, perhaps, internalised exclamation of repugnance for relationship (8)
- 10 Remained but also served (6)
- 12 One of 6 that will never meet (4)
- 13 See 29-across
- 15 Tense but everything will come up roses (6,7)
- 19 Small machines for professional catwalkers? (7,6)
- 23 Female checks out the lie of the land for US community organization (4,6)
- 25 Precious in-between (4)
- 28 Oak trees I slice carelessly (6)
- 29 and 13 Take it as it comes and unwind with the nags in Suffolk (4,4,3,7)
- 30 Water cooler having toggle out of order (6)
- 31 Inactivity for floral associate of love-in (8)

Down

- 1 Covers up sweets (6)

- 2 Digs up larvae (5)
- 3 Parrot repetitive return (4)
- 4 Rope around the end of bridle may provide pain relief for youngster (7)
- 6 Counterpart, taking a literary alias (5)
- 7 Without peer as teams receiving byes can be (9)
- 8 Sedate in dress? Volcanic! (8)
- 11 ... and away we fly (2,2)
- 14 Case for Eastern NZ bird (4)
- 15 and 21 Expression of frustration heard at Jerusalem's Wailing Wall? (3,6,3,4)
- 16 Budgie, say, flies from window fitting to tree (3)
- 17 Repented rude behaviour (4)
- 18 Catching on and "branching" off? (8)
- 20 Increase on the seventh line (4)
- 21 See 15-down
- 22 Engages with reinforcements (6)
- 24 Lass of French leather (5)
- 26 and 27 Standard colours. After red, 27 can be potted but not 26 (5 and 4)
- 27 see 26

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS/MEMBERS FOR 2019:

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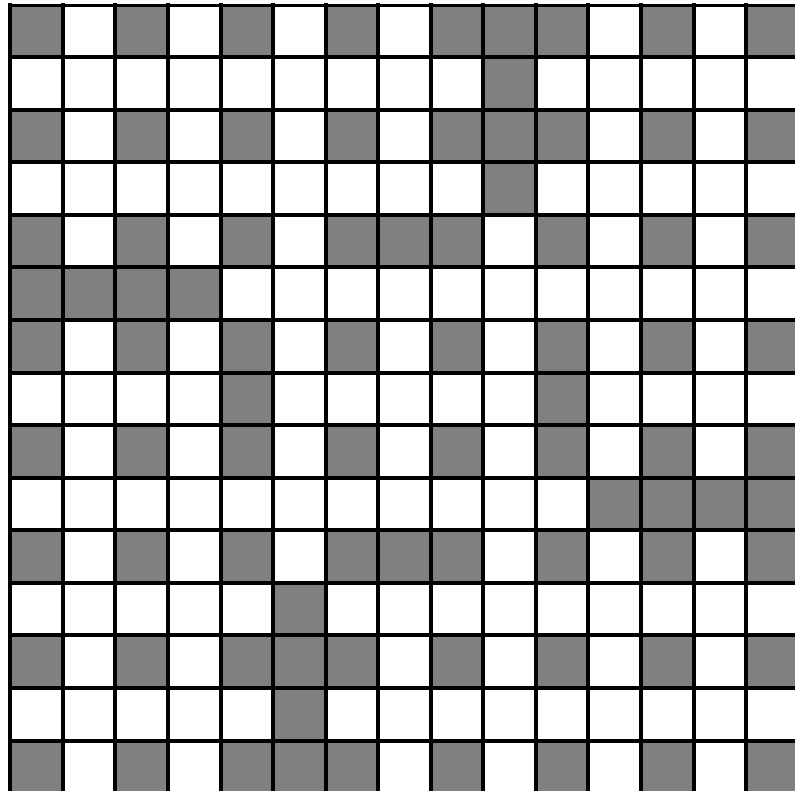
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AJ
by
KA

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




- A** One fish grew old (4)
- B** Exclude sibling holding popular heraldic sign (3,8)
- C** Facing criminal scene of activity in Gabon (11)
- D** Prosecutor thanks headquarters for information storage facilities (9)
- E** Discomfort for watchers' retinue (9)
- F** Waste food? Not here! (7,4)
- G** Sensational school year (4)
- H** Bribe for sweetheart to swallow horrible mush (4,5)
- I** Step in to bury destroyed reef (9)
- J** Even so, Nepal ajowans camouflage returned peppers (9)
- K** Steal small, dead, singular plants (9)
- L** Holds some hair (5)
- M** Daydreams about Titania, Oberon and Portia (5)
- N** A number climbed glacier snowfields (5)
- O** Agree with father to return with one animal (5)
- P** Receive almost complete amount (9)
- Q** Boat accessory for financial analyst (5)
- R** Traces of hair stuck in fissures (9)
- S** Reformed louser takes in soup for fellow black man (4,7)
- T** Champion in race is silent (5)
- U** Cancel United Nations party (4)
- V** Returning bird losing energy will change direction (4)
- W** A few express joy at noon (5)
- X** Dry times for Clapton (5)
- Y** Dry out hole to hide boy (5)
- Z** Country support for old Spanish vessel (5)

From *Wordplay* by Gyles Brandreth, Coronet, 2015

Most of the main features of present-day English can be found as early as 1500. The main additions to the vocabulary during the early Modern English period are words derived from Latin and Greek. Here is a random selection, with the language of origin and first recorded date (according to *The Oxford English Dictionary*).

abdomen (Latin), 1541; anonymous (Greek), 1601; apparatus (Latin), 1628; atmosphere (Greek through Latin), 1638; botanic (Greek), 1579; catastrophe (Greek), 1579; complication (Latin), 1611; excursion (Latin), 1579; fabulous (Latin), 1546; gesticulate (Latin), 1601; humiliate (Latin); 1533-4; meditate (Latin), 1625; radiate (Latin), 1649; syndrome (Greek through Latin), 1541; thermometer (Greek), 1633; torpedo (Latin), c. 1520; typical (Latin), 1598; vacuum (Latin), 1550; zoology (Latin and Greek), 1650.

N O V E M B E R 2 0 1 8 S L O T 5
<p style="text-align: center;">Cryptic by Nigrum Cattus</p>


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Across

- 1 Herb – a courteous man with a boy (7)
- 5 Interbranch usage interrupted by growth in Eurasia (7)
- 9 Immediately freeze growth (7)
- 10 Take said route around Britain in a computerised machine (5)
- 11 Useless Inuit troubled-by the French (7)
- 12 A measure of old port (4)
- 14 The objective; we follow the fate of a car manufacturer (5)
- 15 Reprocessed food passed water plant (7)
- 18 Lily (American) caught in crush (7)
- 20 Maybe Harris returned to a vegetable life (5)
- 23 Amalgam content is growing (4)
- 24 Disney fish wore an old Scots buttercup (7)
- 26 Flower cluster held by a tiny girl in a fairy tale (5)
- 27 Imbues infantry with customs (7)
- 28 Host at first aghast, upset by Twitter metadata (4,3)
- 29 She can break down any salt (7)

Down

- 1 Dame Edna's favourite soldier, hugging Scottish lover, left after ten (8)
- 2 No saint, naturist must dress with leaves (10)
- 3 Letters with a Conservative bent perhaps! (7)
- 4 Fixed number who were sick (6)
- 5 Asian chief married after time in garden (8)
- 6 Old fashioned line in hairstyle (7)
- 7 Dimwit lost his head, the knob! (4)
- 8 Flowers planted in a masterstroke (6)
- 13 Dye colours mixed properly (10)
- 16 Seeing that truism can be trying (8)
- 17 Scandinavian lifted small boat with stamina (8)
- 19 Found in bed with a blown up mattress, in custody of London police (7)
- 20 Dancing faeries seen in the garden (7)
- 21 Surprise! Associate member met President (6)
- 22 Tennis ace keeping fit, loses time but shows true fibre (6)
- 25 Echo from sibilant bird (4)

2018 GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN!!

The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's delectable pub *The Harold Park Hotel*, cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW on Sunday 25 November 2018 commencing at 11:30am. William has allocated a comfortable and spacious room upstairs and he serves delicious meals at bargain rates and drinks at pub prices. It will be a lot of fun and we can discuss all manner of things cruciverbal! There will be plenty of the Club's best known personalities in attendance. Why not come along and say 'hello'? Pay on the day. We will have prizes to give away and our dynamic Secretary Bev Cockburn has some exciting intellectual challenges for you. Kindly let Bev know if you are available to attend. Looking forward to meeting up again. Be there!

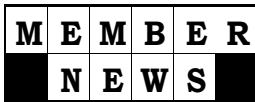


Collective Nouns

by Gyles Brandreth in *Wordplay*

- A **mine** of egotists
- A **wobble** of bicycles
- A **riot** of protesters
- An **elongation** of anglers
- An **expanse** of broads
- A **lot** of developers
- A **complement** of sycophants
- A **dilation** of pupils
- A **delivery** of postmen
- A **furrow** of brows
- A **culture** of bacteria
- A **sentence** of judges
- A **promise** of politicians
- A **ponder** of philosophers
- A **flush** of plumbers
- A **tenet** of palindromes
- A **clutch** of gears
- A **box** of pugilists
- A **guzzle** of gourmets
- A **want** of whisky
- A **condescension** of know-it-alls
- An **anticipation** of aunts
- A **depression** of neurotics
- A **nun** of your business
- A **lack** of principles
- An **emulsion** of painters
- A **strike** of workers
- A **hack** of smokers
- A **dearth** of servants
- A **knot** of Windsors

- A **nucleus** of physicists
- A **scoop** of journalists
- A **procrastination** of tomorrows
- A **brace** of othodontists
- A **flash** of paparazzi
- A **dampness** of babies
- A **wagon** of teetotallers
- An **I-told-you-so** of pessimists
- A **corps** of apples
- A **wince** of dentists
- A **peck** of kisses
- A **host** of parasites
- A **caste** of actors
- A **range** of ovens
- An **entrance** of actresses
- A **shower** of meteorologists
- A **Mammon** of bankers
- An **annoyance** of neighbours
- A **portfolio** of stockbrokers
- A **prudence** of vicars
- An **aftermath** of deadlines
- A **rash** of dermatologists
- A **kindle** of kittens
- A **building** of rooks
- An **exaltation** of larks
- A **plague** of locusts
- A **murmuration** of starlings
- A **rafter** of turkeys
- A **watch** of nightingales
- A **bale** of turtles
- A **colony** of ants
- A **murder** of crows
- A **nest** of rabbits



New Members: We are delighted to welcome **John Oakhill** from Eudio Qld NSW and **Antonia Sullivan** from Hamlyn Heights Vic and wish them best solutions in the upcoming future.

Derek Harrison from the UK writes:

"Last month our Prize Puzzle was DEORR by *Rebus*. The title was a cryptic clue to *alphabetical order* and the undefined lights were all the names of alphabets. ...

There were 47 entries and all were correct. The lucky winner, picked from the electronic hat, was **Ian Thompson**, from Victoria, Australia, who will be receiving a copy of *Chambers Complete Crossword Lists*, which was donated by Chambers.

You can find a solution to DEORR at <https://wp.me/p7qTXm-9r>

You still have lots of time to complete and submit your entry for the October competition, *Flowers* by *Flowerman*."

Betelgeuse

We still miss Gillian since her death earlier this year. As well as being a lovely person she was a prolific compiler and has left us with a rich legacy of puzzles. The Club is most fortunate that Gillian's family has agreed to our publishing the remainder of her oeuvre, which we shall see and enjoy solving (although perhaps with their associated frustration) in coming months. We thank her family, and in particular her daughter Imogen, for their agreement.

Errata and corrigenda

Julie Crowe submitted 26 correct answers to quiz 8/2018.

Quiz 11/2018. Paired Letters by *Crowsman*.

The dance CANCAN has its letters A,C,N each appearing twice. The mineral MIMETITE has its letters E,I,M,T each appearing twice. Every answer has its letters each appearing exactly twice (ignoring possible accents). The answers are in alphabetical order. Send your solutions to Len Colgan, 1 Ailsa Avenue, Warradale, SA 5046 or by email to len.colgan@unisa.edu.au Closing mail date: 7 December 2018. \$75 prize.

- 1 Person coming into view, or coming before the public (8)
- 2 Pacifies (8)
- 3 Impeaching (10)
- 4 Member of North African ethnic group (6)
- 5 Region located at the border of Europe and Asia (8)
- 6 Hard wheat semolina (8)
- 7 Farrier (10)
- 8 Bigwigs (8)
- 9 Parts of the digestive system (10)
- 10 One thousandth of an Egyptian pound (8)
- 11 Grumble (6)
- 12 Floating (6)
- 13 People holding ungrounded ideas (10)
- 14 Tropical fruit (6)
- 15 Sudden stoppage (4-2)
- 16 Show up again (8)
- 17 More embarrassed (6)
- 18 Group of six (6)
- 19 Warblings (8)
- 20 Variable-geometry aircraft (5-5)
- 21 Member of the same side (8)
- 22 Andean lake (8)
- 23 Drum (3-3)
- 24 Instrument for measuring slight earthquake shocks (10)
- 25 Disease-carrying fly (6)
- 26 Thai motorized rickshaw (3,3)

October 1-2018: Almost Half & Half by Fortuna 48 (Nea Storey)

- Some tricky bits but great fun! *Judy Ferguson*
- Liked SNUFF IT, ALLUDE, and LARYNX. *Max Roddick*
- Some tricky cryptic clues. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Great way to start the month. Thank you! *Ann Millard*
- Nice start to the month. A BA is not post-grad though. *Tony Dobe*

- A fair slot 1. Liked the clues for 9 & 25dn. *Anne Simons*
- 17ac ATROPHY – nice clue. *Catherine Hambling*
- Liked the clues for ALLUDE, ATROPHY and DUCKLING. Thank you Nea. *Joan Smith*
- Thanks Fortuna – a gentle start to this month's delectation. *Gabriel Fuller*

- Having discovered that K was the penultimate letter in the solution for 15dn RUMMAGES, I happily entered RANSACKS with the result that the south-west quadrant completely eluded me for several days. *Brian Tickle*
- Not the easiest slot 1, but I managed to finish. *Barbara Ibbott*
- A good half & half this month. I particularly liked snuff-it at 14ac. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- Thanks Fortuna for a good puzzle. *Lynn Jarman*

October 2-2018: Cryptic by JAXA (Jack Alexander)

- Intriguing! *Judy Ferguson*
- Liked GUMSHOE, SQUARE ONE (Nice wordplay), and the two short ones, RETRO & EYRIE. *Max Roddick*
- I liked CEDAR for 24dn. Thank you. *Ann Millard*
- Good and fair clues. *Roy Taylor*
- Liked 21ac where 4 pints = 1/2 gallon (GAL). 24dn CEDAR a great clue. *Tony Dobe*
- I loved THUNDERCLAP in Slot 4, but settled for REGAL, Slot 1, as my COTM. *Betty Siegman*
- 21ac: A gallon comprises 8 pints or 4 quarts. *Ian McKenzie*
- I enjoyed many of your clues especially REGAL. *Robyn McKenzie*

- Loved 'reason for avoiding kisses' as the definition of 11ac. *Kath Harper*
- A faultless Slot 2. Well done! *Len Colgan*
- 26dn: (Deutschland) = Germany, not England in IVR abbreviations. [The clue was intended as a sort of indirect hidden (although using "hides" as the indicator) and required the solver to insert WAR between the final letter of "England" and the first of "France". – Adj] *George Rolfe*
- Some neat clues! I liked OSCILLATE and CEDAR especially. *Kathy Horadam*
- OBEISANCE was neatly hidden for a 9-letter word. I also liked REGAL and BOYFRIEND. *Brian Tickle*
- Favourite clues EXCEL, GUMSHOE and BUDGE. *Joan Smith*
- 21ac: pints should have been quarts. *Drew Meek*
- Lots of very clever clues – very enjoyable. *Cath Fernando*

October 3-2018: Cryptic by Barney Naga (Jeremy Barnes & Bob Hagan)

- Loved it! *Judy Ferguson*
- Doing the long ones first, I had PANDORA'S EFFECTS & thought, 'What an apt clue!' — Ah well, CLUSTER BOMB that upset it, was equally good. *Max Roddick*
- Loved the word SQUIDGY and 24ac DESIGNS was so simple but clever. *Ann Millard*
- Thanks for the puzzle. Should 13ac be 'fund raisers'? *Tony Dobe*

- Some fun clues. My favourite solutions were AGENT, DEBRIS and CHOOK RAFFLES. *Brian Tickle*
- 8, 13dn: No CrOZworld grid should have three consecutive unchecked letters. 6: 'Following' is redundant. A better wording is 'Arousing bum with anger can be an offence'. *George Rolfe*
- LUR...something new every time! Many clever clues – AGENT 86 was great. *Kathy Horadam*
- Very enjoyable puzzle: loved clues 1, 5, 13 and 24ac and 17dn. *Joan Smith*
- A very enjoyable slot 3 thank you. *Barbara Ibbott*
- LOVED 25ac – SQUEEZE. *Bev Cockburn*
- Thanks for the challenging collection of clues. *Lynn Jarman*
- Should there be an "s" on the end of "fundraiser" in the clue? *Mike Potts*

October 4-2018: AJ by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

- Took ages but loved it! *Judy Ferguson*
- Still pondering the Q clue. My COTM often goes to a clue that makes me laugh, so this time it went to those windy cows.

- A fine cleverness of clues from Manveru – liked METHANE! *Ulla Axelsen*
- Always enjoyable. Not certain about a couple but did like METHANE for "Jersey wind perhaps?" *Max Roddick*
- Brilliant surfaces and very clever clues, truly a masterpiece! COTM has to come from here. *Ann Millard*
- Loved this, especially my COTM, METHANE! *Tony Dobe*
- BANQUET is not a homophone of BANQUETTE BANQUETTE. UNCUT is an adjective. Its definition "completely" is an adverb – they are not substitutable. *Pat Lord*
- Really liked QUICHE and METHANE. I gather LAKESIDE has an &lit clue. *Ian McKenzie*
- Quite tricky I thought. Generally, great clues. *Len Colgan*
- A really engaging puzzle; clues for ENCOUNTER, METHANE and QUICHE were fun. *Ian Thompson*
- Challenging AJ favourite, clues BANQUETTE and METHANE. Thank you Michael. *Kathy Horadam*

- Q: "qu I" = a quarter to one = 12.45? I think not. V: 'One' is redundant as travelling = nomadic. "One travelling" would = 'nomad'. *Joan Smith*
- Nice AJ with several clever clues especially QUICHE, PAKISTAN and METHANE. *George Rolfe*
- Several really good clues – with painful head-slaps. Well done. *Brian Tickle*
- It was tricky fitting the words in. *Roy Low*
- A good challenge. Jersey wind was a bit of fun! *Barbara Ibbott*
- I found this slot difficult although in the end I was familiar with all the words used to solve the slot. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- METHANE was neat(!). *Lynn Jarman*

- I found this slot difficult although in the end I was familiar with all the words used to solve the slot. *Mike Potts*

October 5-2018: Nina's Unusually Square! by Flowerman (Ian Thompson)

- Tricky! *Judy Ferguson*
- A mixture of very obvious definitions and very obscure ones. Uncharacteristically Flowerman has only one unusual botanic word. *Ulla Axelsen*
- NINA – Uncharacteristically. Another great one; thank you. *Julie Leigh*
- NINA – Uncharacteristically. *Michael Kennedy*
- Lots of clever clues. 3dn took a while, until I realised curry meant groom. I gave it COTM. *Roy Taylor*
- Nina. Uncharacteristically. *Julie Crowe*
- Enjoyable puzzle but 5dn what is 'at' doing, 17dn why 'for'? *Tony Dobe*
- Excellent puzzle, especially 3dn, 4dn. I can only identify BUNCH and PRACTICALLY in the unches. *Len Colgan*
- Some absolutely wonderful clues and I UNCHARACTERISTICALLY found the Nina!! *Ann Millard*
- So many good clues here; no wonder I took days to conquer it! *Maureen Blake*

- This one caused a few headaches! BUNCH was the only NINA I could spot. *Anne Simons*
- 'Uncharacteristically' complex, perhaps, for another setter to create such a NINA, but Flowerman does it in style. *Kath Harper*

- My entry for "comedian of the month"! Have no idea how to find NINA, no matter her shape. *Eileen O'Brien*
- Such a clever clue for DINING ROOM! *Nea Storey*
- Very challenging puzzle. Liked clues for BEARCAT, WEALTHY, LUCKY, ARSON and ROAN. I was having trouble with 19ac until I remembered my grandchildren love EDAMAME Beans. Thank you Flowerman. *Joan Smith*
- Liked JOYSTICK and WEALTHY, and of course the BULLDOG & the BEARCAT. This month's best never-before-heard word: EDAMAME. Thank you Flowerman! [Not in Macquarie but in Chambers since at least the 11th edition (2008) – Adj]. *Max Roddick*

- 20: According to Chambers 'Lt' is the abbreviation for lieutenant, not officer, which is 'off.' *George Rolfe*
- Still looking for a NINA! *Richard Skinner*
- Uncharacteristically for me I found the Nina. *Robyn Wimbush*
- General October lot very challenging to say the least. *Bob Hagan*

- Loved LUCKY, my COTM. *Bev Cockburn*
- The Nina – uncharacteristically – was well hidden! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*

- This one made me sweat! (and DINING ROOM made me laugh!). *Mike Potts*

September 6-2018. Art and Culture by Lexi Conner (Ron Shapiro)

Entries 70. Correct 56. Success rate 80%.

Winner: Kathy Horadam. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's observations.

Many members found a need to get help from Google to complete this puzzle. It was as challenging to compile as it was for solvers and, as did many solvers, I derived much enjoyment in doing the research and increasing my knowledge of the diverse fields that make up art and culture. Clearly not everyone wants to attempt puzzles that require research to complete and the comments that were made indicate the diversity of members' expectations of the cryptic crosswords appearing in *Crozworld*. However, an 80% success rate on a difficult puzzle does indicate a clever and doggedly determined membership. Only three solution words attracted more than one error: ATHENAEUM was misspelt twice as ATHANAEUM and once as ATHENEUMM; ROBAU was twice spelt RABOU and EINAR was spelt EINER twice and ELNAR once. MACUMBA was once given as CALUMBA, SHOESHINE as SATELLITE, OZARK as OSARK, AND as END, JANE as TANE and ANOUILH as ANOLILH.

Solvers' Comments

- Excellent and interesting puzzle, although I would have had little chance of completing it without Google. *Ian Thompson*
- I thought I was going to hate this. However everything was attainable and I quite enjoyed the poking around for answers. *Andrew Patterson*
- Great theme, lots of fun. Thanks Lexi. *Trish McPherson*
- Nice. Little bit of all fields in the 'entertainment' industry. *Eileen O'Brien*
- From Horace to Eminem, what a spread! Worked out majority of answers from clues but had to check with Dr Google for if correct. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Art & culture not my strong points but thanks to LC for teaching me some new things. *Tony Dobele*
- Some research & checking called for! *Anne Simons*
- Too Googly! *Nea Storey*
- Satisfying to get out. Now I feel steeped in the arts. The yarts as Les Patterson said. *Roy Taylor*
- An impossible task without the help of Mr Google, but a very enjoyable workout nevertheless. *Maureen Blake*
- Enjoyed this puzzle but had to check Google a few times to see if the answers fitted some of the clues. *Joan Smith*
- I learned some new things doing this puzzle. Thank you. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Interesting and enjoyable! *Ann Millard*
- I subscribe to the view that 95% of a puzzle should be solvable on the morning commute to the big smoke with just a few obscure words to check in the usual sources. This was a bit OTT for me. A challenge, certainly. Enjoyable – sort of. Satisfying – not really. *Jim Fowler*
- Very nicely done to fit so many clues to the theme. Had not met RED ORM or ROBAU before. *Kathy Horadam*
- Another gem from Ron. Great content! *Bev Cockburn*
- Phew! How does Lexi Conner do it? Especially the RUBENS clue. *Max Roddick*
- More culture than I knew but I think I scraped a pass. It took some work to fill in the gaps in my cultural knowledge, but I'm sure I'm better for it. *Kath Harper*
- Thanks for a very challenging puzzle. A veritable smorgasbord of the arts. *Robyn Caine*
- Thank you – I enjoyed this! Your clues were so precise that I could make up the word & then find that it fitted the

definition! Thanks to my iPad!

Jill Freeland

• Very challenging & enjoyable Slot 6. Some new words to add to vocab. *Bob Hagan*

Paraprodsokians by Steven Wright

– is an American stand-up comedian, actor, writer, and film producer. He is known for his slow, deadpan delivery of ironic, philosophical and sometimes nonsensical jokes, paraprodsokians and non sequiturs. Paraprodsokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and is frequently humorous. The word comes from the Greek "παρά", meaning "against" and "προσδοκία", meaning "expectation". It has been argued that, while the word is now in wide circulation, "paraprodsokian" (or "paraprodsokia") is not a term of classical (or medieval) Greek or Latin rhetoric, but a late 20th-century neologism, citing the fact that the word does not yet appear in the *Oxford English Dictionary* as evidence of its late coinage. However, the word appeared in print as early as 1891 in a humorous article in *Punch* magazine.

- If at first you don't succeed then skydiving definitely isn't for you.
- Everywhere is walking distance if you have the time.
- If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
- When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- I'm writing a book. I've got the page numbers done.
- I went to a restaurant that serves "breakfast at any time" so I ordered French toast during the Renaissance.
- I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, 'Where's the self-help section?' She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
- I intend to live forever. So far, so good.
- I think it's wrong that only one company makes *Monopoly*.
- I went to a general store but they wouldn't let me buy anything specific.
- Whenever I think of the past, it brings back so many memories.
- Why don't they make the whole plane out of that black box stuff?
- The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- Right now I'm having amnesia and déjà vu at the same time. I think I've forgotten this before.
- I put instant coffee in a microwave oven and almost went back in time.
- The best kind of friend is the kind you sit with, never say a word and walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you ever had.
- When I was in school the teachers told me practice makes perfect; then they told me nobody's perfect so I stopped practicing.
- I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
- If toast always lands butter-side down, and cats always land on their feet, what happens if you strap toast on the back of a cat and drop it?
- Monday is an awful way to spend one-seventh of your life.
- Everyone has a photographic memory, some just don't have film.
- I have a hobby. I have the world's largest collection of sea shells. I keep it scattered on beaches all over the world. Maybe you've seen some of it.
- Just think how much deeper the ocean would be if sponges didn't live there.

Results of Quiz No 9/2018: Gainfully Employed by KA (Karl Audrins)

Entries received: 28. Winner: Gary Lemon. Congratulations!

Results: 26: W. Allen, U. Axelsen, M. Blake, R Caine, B. Cockburn, L. Colgan, B. Glissan, B. Hagan, K. Harper, J. Leigh, G. Lemon, A. Miles, P. Lord. **25:** J. Crowe, J. Fowler, D. Jones, R. McKenzie, J. Smith. **24:** G. Cole, C. McClelland, A. Millard, D. Procter, N. Storey, R. Wimbush, K. Williams. **23:** R. Taylor. **22:** M. Procter, B. Siegman. **21:** J. Pearce.

Answers: 1. 1 Actuary, 2 Brakeman, 3 Cambist, 4 Dragoman, 5 Estafette, 6 Factor, 7 Gyp 8 Huckster, 9 Intelligencer, 10 Jongleur, 11 Keecker, 12 Luthier, 13 Manciple 14 Navigator 15 Ostiary, 16 Peter-Man, 17 Quilter, 18 Rector, 19 Sutler, 20 Turnkey, 21 Upholsterer 22 Victualler, 23 Wainwright, 24 Xylographer, 25 Yardman, 26 Zitherist.

Adjudicator's Comments:

Thank you for all the entries and comments. Very interesting. For the record, there were only **three** entries which matched the "official" version. You will know who you are. However, popular alternatives such as "BANKSMAN" and "CASHIER" were accepted, but "PRAWN-MAN", along with a few others, stretched the friendship a little too far. —Karl Audrins

Members' Comments:

- Enjoyed your latest quiz. Initially thought it was going to be straight forward, but I should have known better. You must have had fun finding all those unusual occupations. I wonder how many of those terms are still in use to-day?
Ulla Axelsen

- I enjoyed the research needed to discover some of these words re occupations. Thanks for a great puzzle.
Maureen Blake

- Thank you for another of your innovative quizzes. This one was particularly challenging, but enjoyable nevertheless!
Bev Cockburn

- Some very unusual words, but the alphabetical order helped.
Bob Hagan

- You've had me less than gainfully employed for far too long in trying to solve this quiz, but I'm not really complaining. It was fascinating how many career paths I could have taken, had I only known.
Kath Harper

- Another great idea for a quiz.
Julie Leigh

- Thank you for your quiz. It was certainly challenging, with quite a bit of research involved – many unusual words. I actually gave up many times but kept bringing it out for another look.
Graeme Cole

- Thank you for the puzzle. I enjoyed doing it.
Claire McClelland

- This took some doing, especially the mine employees. I enjoyed it though.
Robyn Wimbush

- Many thanks for the interesting quiz. A couple of wild guesses in there I'm afraid, but I found it enjoyable all the same.
Betty Siegman

Explanations for clues in October 2018 grids

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: Fortuna 48. Across: 8 BA+THOSE, **9** M(ART)INuET, **10** Anagram, **11** NO+DUEL*, **12** EM+PLOY+yEaR, **13** AL+homoph "lewd", **14** S(Nt)UFF I(nT), **17** A+TROPHY, **20** S(EP)S+IS, **22** Anagram, **25** S(ODI)UM, **26** SeepCake>KeepSake, **27** DUCK + LING, **28** L(AR)YNX.

Slot 2: JAXA. Across: 1 (E + PATS<) in GO, **5** Anag, **9** MUM + PS, **10** Anag, **11** HAIL* +TO + SIS, **12** Hidden, **13** RYE< + IE, **15** Anag, **18** Anag, **19** homoph "XL", **21** RE + GALLon, **23** BA(SIC + ALL)Y, **25** SURF + REND + ER, **26** englanD WAR France, **27** A (POST) LE, **28** LARD + ERS. **Down: 1** GUMS + HOE, **2** SIM + I + L + eARLY, **3** ASS + bEsT, **4** Hidden, **5** Heads, **6** Synonym and homoph "won", **7** A + GENT, **8** ENTR (tOP) Y, **14** LONER* + arguMENT, **16** CAD + ASTRAL, **17** COILS* + LATE, **18** BAR + ISTANbul, **20** LAY + OFF + Some, **22** rev hidden, **23** BUD + GloVe, **24** carvED in CARved.

Slot 3: Barney Naga. Across: 1 dd, **5** SQUID + GooeY, **9** dd, **10** hidden, **11** anag, **12** AGE + NT, **13** C (H) OOK + RAFFLES, **15** UNDER + A + redUCTION, **19** anag, **20** dd, **22** L + U + R, **23** Capote's book title, **24** cd, **25** dd. **Down: 1** dd, **2** alternates, **4** PERSONA + L + EFFECTS, **5** dd, **6** BUM* + RAGE, **7** Spooner "knee died", **8** anag, **13** anag, **14** DISC + LOSE, **16** RUN* + SING, **17** CAR + I + BOUght, **18** anag, **21** hidden.

Slot 4: Manveru. A A+DJ+ACE+N+T, **B** Homoph "banquet", **C** (DEAL,SECT,IN,N)*, **D** DAM+S+ON, **E** E+N+COUNT+ER, **F** Homoph "fainted", **G** GoT AWAY, **H** NOAH* around S+AN, **I** EINSTEIN* around T - Grand Unified Theory, **J** J+b(AIL), **K** KIND+RED, **L** cd [Dead Sea is technically a salt lake], **M** CD, **N** N+O+M+ ACID*, **O** O(CC+U+L)T, **P** P(AKIST)A+N, **Q** QU+I [quarter to one] +CHEf, **R** d(RAIN), **S** S+A+VAN+N+A+H, **T** CD, **U** h(UN(CU)T), **V** (A,T,CAVE +D), **W** ROW< + K+FORCE (army), **X** dd, **Y** (EYELID & D)*, **Z** o(ZONE)+S.

Slot 5: Flowerman. Across: 8 (MOBILE)*, **9** UN (COUP) LE, **10** JOY + STICK, **11** divE + MER(G)E, **12** ALLE(R...G) Y, **14** UP + STATE, **16** BULL + (NO 1)<, **18** BE(ARC)AT, **19** (E + MA + MADE)<, **20** (EA + LT) in WHY, **23** COCK(Lake) Ed, **25** RE + (CURSE)* + S, **27** (PAANDORA + L)*, **28** LEE + WArY. **Down: 1** jUMBO, **2** SS in MOUE, **3** DIN + IndiaN + GROOM, **4** LUC(K)Y, **5** A + CHE, **6** (TO SQUARE)*, **7** F(L) IGHt PATH, **13** (MAL wenT AROUND)*, **15** (ERNIE HELPS)*, **17** [N(LIKE M)IL]<, **21** LA + (RULE)*, **22** pARSON, **24** E + ANT<, **26** R(O)AN. **Note:** the Nina is located in the unchecked letters of rows and columns 3 and 13 and reads clockwise as UNCHARACTERISTICALLY.

From Wordplay by Gyles Brandreth

The longest words with different letters;

At 15 letters each, these are the two longest words with unique letters (i.e. no letter is repeated):

uncopyrightable; and

dermatoglyphics.

The longest word with strictly alternating vowels and consonants:

honorificabilitudinitatibus.

At 27 letters it means 'with honourableness'. It is also the longest word that appears in *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare*.

The longest everyday word with this unusual property is **unimaginatively** with 15 letters.

September 7-2018: Cryptic by *Nigrum Cattus* (Ray Gooderick)

Results: Entries 50: Correct: 39: Success Rate: 78%.

Prizewinner: Brian Symons. Congratulations.

Compiler's comments:

Many thanks for the complimentary remarks. My sincere apologies to all members who attempted slot 7 for the error at 22 down (BERNADI for BERNARDI). Surprisingly 38 entrants were undeterred by my lapse. Well done! The only repeated error was in the slightly tricky 5-down which required "airs" to be interpreted as HUBRIS from which gentleman (SIR) leaves with HUB "seat" remaining. Its neighbour's anagram of NICOLA STURGEON, although perhaps unfamiliar to an Australian audience, was correctly solved, except by two who offered "Nicole".

Explanations: Across: 1 (PHONEISANNUAL)*, **10** DD, **11** BACK + (E+OH)<, **12** DD, **13** SA (LiKeLy) AB, **14** (E + T + SAT)<, **15** ACHILLES - ILLS, **16** (BOTANYTOBAT - A)*, **18** C(OR)YBER + NADI, **20** DD, **21** DEBUT<, **25** SE + SS + ILE, **26** TOR + SORE<, **27** RI(DD)LED, **29** IKE + BA + NA, **30** (SENIOR BRAGGED)*. **Down: 2** (SE (DULL)< A)<, **3** (L + STUDIED)*, **4** (EG + A + RAF + LEGION - O) < (counter) , **5** HUBRIS - SIR **6** (COLIN + A)* + S(T)URGEON, **7** OT(HELL)O, **9** P(EBB)LY, **13** SCH + M + ALT + Z + IE + R, **18** CAST + tROop, **19** RUSH + (E + ID)<, **23** DI'S + MAY, **24** H(pIsToLIEd)R, **28** cd.

Solvers' Comments:

- A very interesting puzzle and a good challenge. The clue for HUB was remarkable! Bernardi of Cory Bernardi has a second R. *Ian Thompson*
- Challenging, well-compiled puzzle. *Ian McKenzie*
- Far left, far right and some in between, what an eclectic mix of politicians. Good fun, thank you. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Liked the clues for 14ac TASTE and 9dn PEBBLY. Not sure about Cory's last name. *Tony Dobebe*
- I enjoyed this puzzle. 22dn's spelling confused me for a while, but I've assumed it's just a missing 'r'. *Julie Crowe*
- A tough one – a couple of lucky guesses helped. *Anne Simons*
- The far right theme was very topical! *Nea Storey*
- Phew! Now I feel steeped in politics. *Roy Taylor*
- Quite a challenge. *Maureen Blake*
- Needed to come back three or four times to work out 5dn. *Rob Moline*
- Thank you for the challenging puzzle. Loved your clue for Old Bill and finally worked out your clue for 16ac and 22dn which was the last I needed to finish. *Joan Smith*
- An enjoyable puzzle. Thank you. *Robyn Wimbush*
- A respectable Slot 7. Very fair. *Bev Cockburn*
- Great challenge. Liked local political references. *Judy Gillett-Ferguson*
- Nice to meet *Nigrum Cattus's* PAPA! *Max Roddick*
- What a collection of characters to cram into one puzzle – some comic, some tragic, and some defying description! Cory needs another R to take him further to the right. *Kath Harper*
- Love the Pauline Hanson clue! Thanks so much for a fun puzzle. *Robyn Caine*
- A challenging & clever slot 7. Some new words to add to my vocab. *Bob Hagan*

Solution to September 7-2018 – Cryptic

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

From *Wordplay* by Gyles Brandreth

Consonant after Consonant

Archchronicler

Catchphrase

Eschscolzia (sea snails of a sort)

Latchstring

Lengthsman, and

Postphthisic (medical term).

Each have six consonants in a row.

Borschta has six consonants in a row in just one syllable.

Words with five consonants include:

- Angsts
- Birthplace
- Dumbstruck
- Eighths
- Heartthrob
- Lengths
- Postscript
- Strengths
- Thumbscrew
- Twelfths
- Warmths, and
- Witchcraft.

The longest word with letters in alphabetical order:

Aegilops. The word has two distinct meanings: it can be a genus of goat grass or a sty in the inner corner of an eye.

Longest word with only one vowel:

Strengths is nine letters long. Strengthlessnesses, at 18 letters, is the longest word in the English language with only one vowel repeated.

Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 5/2018.

Write a clue for SPACECRAFT (10).

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.

Definition from *Chambers* (12th edition):

n a vehicle, manned or unmanned, designed for putting into space, orbiting the earth, or reaching other planets.

Thank you for all the entries this month, whether by e-mail or 'real' mail. I did suffer an inbox glitch this month so I hope I haven't missed anyone. I think most of the compilers this month found this a fun word to parse. At first the definitions appear limited, but this can be overcome with either a play on words or an example of the definition – both of which were on display this month. I'm also impressed by the fact that more and more clues are trying to tell a story or convey an image, and are not just lines of nonsensical code. In the end, the most stellar clue came from the proverbial pen of **Kath Harper**.

Opportunity and skill: with these you could go far (10)

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

As practiced by ET in his ship? ****

We start with a neat double definition (sort of) that plays on the *skilled trade* definition of 'craft' (such as bushcraft and woodcraft). These skills would be an obvious asset to an extra-terrestrial in his/her ship. *Ship* suffices as the definition as ET points to the type of craft here.

Capes that fly perhaps ***

Here we have an anagram of CAPES as *not* indicated by the word *craft*. If *capes* could in some way relate to the actual definition, and we had a question mark to indicate the extra level of skulduggery integrated into the clue, then it could work, but as it stands it's still in launch mode.

Cosmic pursuit of a U.F.O! ***

This short but cute clue plays on *craft* (i.e. pursuit) by turning it into a chase or search for a UFO (I've punctuated UFO as the compiler has but it is unnecessary).

Endeavour, perhaps, initially sailed with speed and dexterity ***½

Endeavour here is a reference to one of the space shuttles. The answer is accurately parsed as S,PACE and CRAFT. The surface sense works well also, particularly as it alludes to the ocean-going vessel of the same name.

Endeavour to arrange artworks ***

Here we have another Endeavour, although the surface sense cleverly implies a verb rather than a noun. However, given it's an example of a spacecraft it needs an indication as such. The parsing is SPACE and CRAFT – a most economical clue.

Expertise with galaxy needed for ET's ship ***

In this clue the compiler has created a space-themed clue quite succinctly. The *with* is useful as it doesn't specify which of the two parsed words come first.

High flyer accepts, far out ***

I love the definition of *high flyer* as it's one that can be well disguised. The answer is derived from an anagram of *accepts* and *far*, as indicated by *out*. The comma adds to the surface sense disguise, although it is a touch strained.

Leaving Soho I sort out fiasco at Porsche, getting vehicle for a trip out of this world ***½

This is a subtraction anagram, with SOHOI to be taken from the fodder – *fiasco at Porsche*. It's an ambitious clue but one of those situations where less would have been more, as it's a busy clue. I admire the attempt to link the Porsche with another vehicle.

Opportunity and skill: with these you could go far ****

On the surface this is a simple charade – *space* and *craft*, but by

adding a cleverly disguised definition, the clue is raised to a higher level. An excellent clue all round.

RAF accepts wobbly long distance flyer ***

When toying with this word myself, I would have considered using the same anagram as it has great potential to link it with a spacecraft. *Wobbly* works but I wonder if there aren't more choice options – *refurbished*, *overhauled*, *new* etc.

Rocket built with this? ***½

A clever short clue that plays on the *craft* of 'space', as in the skill required to build a rocket or spacecraft. I like it.

Rocket found in room with carbon boat ***

This is a simple charade that is parsed as SPACE,C and RAFT. It's a solid clue with no superfluous words and a sensible surface reading.

Room with art that's out of this world? ***

The parsing is simple but effective. The definition is well disguised (unless you already know the answer of course) and its nounal attribute is implied by the fact that *room* is a noun.

Separate skill needed to construct a vehicle which is out of this world ***

Another charade using *space* and *craft*. The 'out of this world' addition is a classic 'space' addition to a clue, and in this instance fits nicely with the surface sense.

Small step on boat or ship ***½

This is a charade that joins S,PACE and CRAFT. It's a very basic clue that needs a little more detail about the definition as there's nothing in the clue to suggest space.

Sputnik launch a great farce – capsule inverts! ***

I have to admit I did not see the potential for a hidden reverse, particularly spotting the word *capsule*. However, Sputnik is an example of a spacecraft and should be indicated as such. The word *launch* is also superfluous to the parsing. I'm not sure if this is a true story but it sounds feasible.

The Endeavour was one second-rate ship ***

We finish with another Endeavour that is parsed as S-PACE and CRAFT. It's solid clue and every word serves a purpose. I like the way the word *one* is integrated into the surface reading, although my understanding is that Endeavour was a top-class ship!

Scoring System

	Poor	Proper	Perfect
Definition	0	1	2
Secondaries	0	1	2
Fairness	0	1	2
Surface	0	1	2
x-factor	0	1	2

Total score Star Rating

0	0
1-2	*
3-4	**
5-7	***
8-9	****
10	*****

For the next competition, please write a clue for the word **NOTHING** (7) complete with explanation.

Note: only one clue per person.

Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Michael Kennedy, 27 Hennessy Lane, Figtree NSW 2525 or by email to: manveru@bigpond.com

Closing mail date: Friday 7 December 2018. \$50 prize.