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The ACC Get-Togethers are a special occasion and should be attended by many members of the ACC. The next one will be held in Brisbane by **Jenny Wenham** who said: "I'm happy to organise something, even if the numbers are small, but would like some idea of whether or not it would be worthwhile first. If interested members could phone me (at night or weekends) or email, or pop a note in with their mailed entries it would give me an indication and we could go from there. Any weekend in November would suit me but let's say Sunday 17th and see how we go."

Our accomplished Puzzle Editor, **Ian Williams**, has selected another outstanding set of excellent puzzles for you this month. Distinguished puzzlers like *Timid Terrier*, *JAXA*, *Zinzan*, and *Manveru* are there for your ongoing enjoyment plus another skilful offering from *Whynot?* in Slot 5. Our brilliant compiler *Flowerman* has given us another of his challenging puzzles in slot 6 and *KA* will entertain you with his cryptic puzzle in Slot 7. And Karl Audrins has submitted another fascinating Quiz titled *Creatures Great And Small*.

I wish to give a special welcome back to *Timid Terrier* (Joan Smith) who has recently recovered from a long period of rehabilitation after a fall and has composed one of her splendid Half and Half puzzles (Slot 1).

Our brilliant Clue Writing Competition Adjudicator **Michael Kennedy** challenged clue-writers to devise a clue for **JERUSALEM (9)** and his results together with his insightful comments and analyses from the entries submitted can be found on pp16 and 15.

Best of Luck with your solving this month. —Patrick

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A mixture this month of high and low rates of success in the various slots, but more members could be successful if they only **proof-read their answers**. It's most frustrating for an adjudicator to have to mark an otherwise successful puzzle incorrect when it includes things like GRAPEVIVE for GRAPEVINE or HITS OUS for HITS OUT. Even worse is the blank space in mail entries – pleasingly absent this month. Check before you seal, or if using ACCOLADE, just copy your proposed answers into the built-in spell checker before you click the Submit button. Ian will provide step-by-step guidance on request if you have any problems in using it. Normal grouch over – now for the puzzles!

Slot 1: A high success rate with only CLEAN PLATE for CLEAN SLATE (the latter is in *Chambers* as a "fresh start" – and arguably a clean plate is more to do with finishing) and REEMBARK for REEXPORT (from two who missed the REPORT meaning of "crack" and the crafty insertion) as multiple errors.

Slot 2: Much praise for the clever twin cricket theme by *Katydid* and for her clues. Unfortunately an inability to recall the correct spelling of Dennis Lillee (which admittedly may not have been spotted in a spell check) brought no less than seventeen solvers undone and contributed significantly to the low success rate. We wouldn't have picked Michael Vaughan as "Virgil" without the internet. Otherwise there were a few single, random errors, many of which were typos.

Slot 3: A good success rate for this polished *Pentangle* puzzle with few systematic errors to report.

Slot 4: Some new and interesting words in the ever-popular *InGrid* AJ. This one was fairly tricky with its many six-and eight-letter words: solutions attracting more than one error were NINETEEN for NINETIES (defined as "Decade"), misspelling of JACUZZIS (the "swing" giving JAZZ should have helped) and MAZELTOV (where "confusion" provided the MAZE).

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—Kay Williams

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	97	97	86	96	89	465
Correct entries	85	72	76	83	58	374
Success rate (%)	87.6	74.2	88.4	86.5	65.2	80.4
Prizewinners	Norma Heyes	David Grainger	Andrew Patterson	Margaret Dennis	Denis Coates	from 105 members

Prizewinner: August 2019 Slots 1-5: Max Roddick. Congratulations!

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Half and Half
by
Timid Terrier



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- 1 Textures (7)
- 6 Clock (3,3)
- 10 Falsify (3)
- 11 Made of wood (5)
- 13 Eccentrics (8)
- 15 Hindu loincloths (6)
- 16 Darted (3)
- 17 Russian edict (5)
- 18 Christmas (4)
- 19 Do again (5)
- 20 Calculating device (5,4)
- 24 A very small amount (4)
- 25 Authorise (6)
- 28 Percussion noises (9)
- 30 Helium, radon etc (6)
- 32 Crooned (4)
- 34 Wandered (9)
- 36 An Irish soldier (5)
- 37 Stare (4)
- 38 French painter (5)
- 41 Name (3)
- 42 Spiels (6)
- 43 Geological division (8)
- 45 English composer (5)
- 46 Born (3)
- 47 Small bar (6)
- 48 Glimpsed (7)

Down

- 1 Bouncing female fish around tailless snow leopard (9)
- 2 Support sloth at start of dawn (3)
- 3 Plot concerning saint's rehabilitation (3,4)
- 4 Army at new country (4)
- 5 Dissolved substance in aerosol utensil (6)
- 6 Bedfordshire's gardens (4)
- 7 Characteristic of Ian without a man to hire (8)
- 8 English town bar return of furniture (7)
- 9 Knows why reportedly snooping (5)
- 12 Demand some tasks (3)
- 14 Dance crazes without loud songs (7)
- 21 Some overdo use of snuff (5)
- 22 Steal one national bird (5)
- 23 Ditch yeast - maybe not new (5)
- 26 Fool English General Assembly with Indian spear (7)
- 27 Discerning bird sighted (5-4)
- 29 Recall on representative (8)
- 31 Germinates vegetables (7)
- 33 Unyielding lady with male soldier (7)
- 35 Prevents animals around the Square on the Sabbath (6)
- 36 Dish ruined British bake (5)
- 39 Look after old style capital (4)
- 40 Greek letter contained in secret assignment (3)
- 41 Stage not finished for party (4)
- 44 Tailless watergrass bird (3)

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Slot 6: Ian Thompson, 12 Olive Street, Malvern East Vic 3145.
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Cryptic by JAXA



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Across


- 1 Explorer loves Puccini material (8)
- 5 Emotional problem signifies end of phone call (4-2)
- 10 Young men carry zero burdens (5)
- 11 Philosopher nobleman loses Australian mining company – gains the French (9)
- 12 Shake up our plan, it is not liked (9)
- 13 Start-ups of old computers took any legitimate number system (5)
- 14 First Bob organised workers found on foot (6)
- 15 Half full in dehydrated state, having done exercise (7)
- 18 Secret city in turmoil with lifesaving method (7)
- 20 Right in at the end, but not enough (6)
- 22 Criticize ideologic extremes, causing high anxiety (5)
- 24 I send lamb chop for bones (9)
- 25 Fool steadfast policeman (9)
- 26 Queen of Persia foregoes entrance to Hebrew compound (5)
- 27 Pole useful for a drink (6)
- 28 My article interrupts uni course for insects (4,4)

Down

- 1 Fabric woven from Mona Lisa's home (6)
- 2 Put your foot down on what has to be done for tax (5,4)
- 3 Simple reconditioning suits dictaphone (15)
- 4 Cleric not a comedian (7)
- 6 Acting like the boss, writer has it – a misplaced levity (15)
- 7 Influenced by butter injected with amphetamine centre (3,2)
- 8 Don't allow Mrs Grundy to eat deflated éclair (8)
- 9 Joined like a bishop (6)
- 16 Tell Tina a translation required for old language (4,5)
- 17 Hard water choices for tools (3,5)
- 19 Some welcome Byron used for a casual invitation (4,2)
- 20 Partner for Pavlova regrets going back after DNA mutation (7)
- 21 Takes control of you and me on Wyatt's report (6)
- 23 JNA was a fighter (5)

GENERAL COMMENTS

- I thank you for the lovely surprise of a winning certificate and cheque for Slot 3 in July. I really did get a surprise because when I saw a lonely one dot for that month I didn't even think to look at the winner's names. I feel inspired to try harder in future. I look forward to your email at the beginning of each month and am very grateful for same. *Norma Heyes*
- Here is Thursday and I'm just getting around to thanking you for Sunday's excellent lunch on 4 August. As usual, it was a marvellous day. *David Grainger*
- Jan and I enjoyed yesterday's lunch enormously. It was a huge success! We send you our very grateful thanks for inviting us, and for all the work you did in terms of organising the event, and hosting it on the day. The ACC is most fortunate to have you at its helm! *Richard Williams*
- Thank you both for a most enjoyable lunch yesterday which went again with great efficiency, generosity, good food and great company. What more can one ask? – oh well one thing – that my expertise was better at both literacy and cross words – but then I always knew I was an illiterate technician! *Peg Lusink*
- The puzzles were very challenging this time, but enjoyable, nevertheless. *Robyn Caine*
- Last month I found the slots 1 to 5 quite hard and time-consuming but it was very satisfying to solve them and, as a bonus, win a prize. Thank you very much. *Graeme Cole*

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Across

- 1 In hospital, Spooner suggests how to misspell the answer finally (6)
- 5 The shape is not great after remoulding (8)
- 9 Put forward point about right substance likely to get a reaction (8)
- 10 Decided to show where the police unit could be found for certain? (6)
- 11 Assistance knocked back in case of rogue alligator partial to scraps! (12)
- 13 Approximately a million fell in WWI battle scene (4)
- 14 It is absorbed by processed lichen to create an emulsifier (8)
- 17 In the final, teams variously do panic, getting doubly stressed (8)
- 18 A lot of neighbouring East Coast states . . . (4)
- 20 . . . in uproar – most question thin defence against invaders (8,4)
- 23 Nut did poorly 10ac! (6)
- 24 Lack of blood supply is almost Michael's undoing (8)
- 25 Demonstration ends badly overwhelming college guards (8)
- 26 Flap held it hermetically sealed (6)

Down

- 2 Annual flu shot regularly amounts to zilch (4)
- 3 Ageless queen consumed by catastrophic revenge (9)
- 4 A crushing crowd see golf major setback (6)
- 5 18ac 1ac, 13ac 22dn 16dn 8dn (15)
- 6 Start to translate final letters by astronomer Brahe, almost a work of art (8)
- 7 Infrared lamp shows up evidence of rot-resistant wood (5)
- 8 A long time to be involved in many choices of work methods (10)
- 12 Coming clean, agent opposed war criminal (4,6)
- 15 *Come Together* covered by band's central to marketable *Men At Work* record? (4,5)
- 16 Cleaning lady's involuntary movement lacking energy – so ruthless! (8)
- 19 Used a blade bearing cutler's initial to slice through meal (6)
- 21 Australian tennis great retired having succeeded toward the end (5)
- 22 Refer to script regularly before *Equus*' opening (4)

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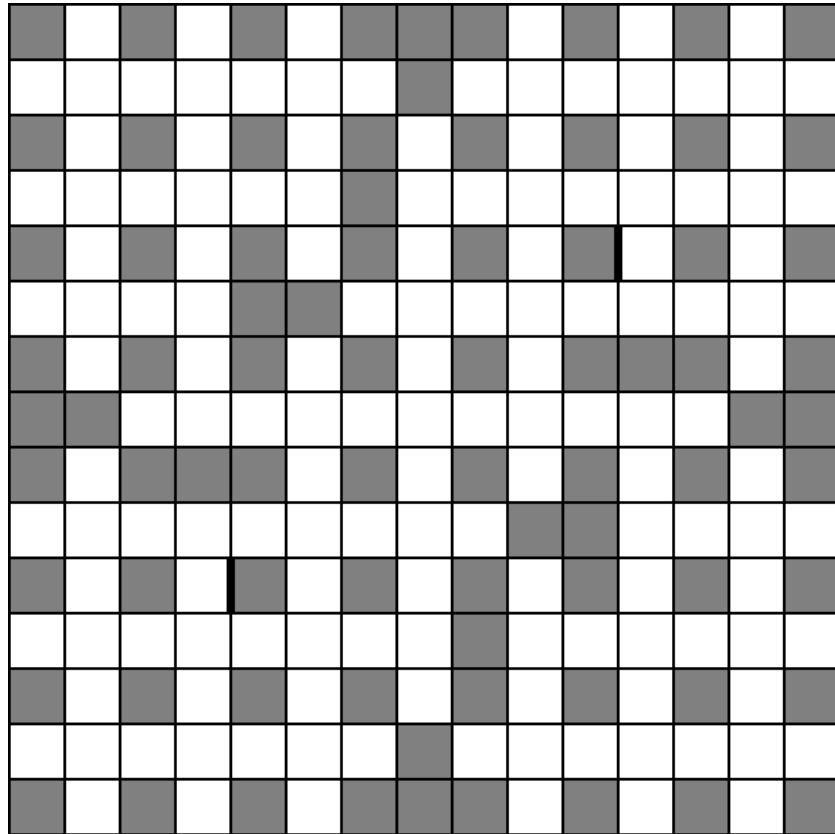
- Many thanks for my prize (July – slot 2). Hardly seems possible that I have been in *Crozworld* for 26 years. I am enclosing your cheque for donation to the prize fund. *Peter Dearie*
- Many thanks for my Slot 1 prize last month, I really appreciate the efforts of all those who contribute to this great club. *Jeremy Barnes*
- Thanks to Patrick for organising the get-together at The Royal Oak – it was a fun day. Each issue of *CrOZworld* introduces me to so many new words – how erudite I would be if only I could remember and employ them! *Nea Storey*
- Not many slots from me this month due to a fractured right wrist which happened whilst visiting Dili. *Lynn Jarman*
- Thank you very much for the very generous prize for doing something we love. *Julie Leigh*
- As usual the puzzles maintained a high quality and I always enjoy the many challenges. I was very thrilled to receive the cheque for the ingenious *Crowsman* “five-inside-four” puzzle. The Victorian get-together was great fun and Mal and I thoroughly enjoyed the day. *Jean Evans*

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AJ
by
Manveru



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




- A** Navigate with this to take a short walk near Lincoln (9)
- B** Are there a lot of bucks involved with this football team in Brisbane? (7)
- C** Another flyer from company with scheme to overcome iPhone's lead (7)
- D** Partially decode monicker as *devil-like* (7)
- E** The Messiah from beginning of Epistle – he's carried by mule originally (8)
- F** Places to lie down in? (11)
- G** In the beginning, God, Eve, Noah, Esau, Seth, Isaac and son! (7)
- H** Fish skin, according to Spooner, is a rural pleasure (7)
- I** Quarantine after old oil stain putrefies (9)
- J** Went on a spree and nuked jet mistakenly (8)
- K** Children swallowing methamphetamine look to develop scars (7)
- L** Almost stumble over antelope in wood (6)
- M** Badgers – burrowing mammals securing unoccupied sett (7)
- N** Manly trio in trouble – it's routine (9)
- O** Remains here say, with our son, regrettably (7)
- P** Secretive priest and prince conspiring to establish 'point of view' (11)
- Q** Weird cat when its tail is replaced with that of an otter (5)
- R** Bachelor is not concerned with slowing down activity in bed? (6)
- S** On board in the doldrums? (9)
- T** One boring episode retaken with some characters making a comeback (6)
- U** A disturbance in the sky with the sound of a seabird (6)
- V** A source of annoyance when old girlfriend hides a \$100 during holiday (8)
- W** Havisham, for one, with Pip's heart, died with a pained expression (5)
- X** Mark on a ballot paper regularly means it's that time of the year (4)
- Y** Fabulous yeti found consuming tailless large bird in national park (8)
- Z** Macaroni from spot on western edge of Italy (4)

Comments from the Adjudicator continued from p1:

Slot 5: "How does he do it" was a frequent question. "Just because I wanted to" was his answer in the title of the ACCOLADE version of this puzzle. But *Crowsman* did it in such a clever way that a number of members confessed not to have identified the rhyming element until they were filling in the grid; two even submitted the same solution in two places in the grid! The number of comments that you'll find later is testimony to our members' appreciation of this puzzle and its author's skill. 10xEMPHASIS in place of EMPHASES (stresses) and 8xDESPISE for DESTINE (~~el~~andestine) were the only multiple errors.

COTM: There were no less than 41 nominations for COTM from all slots, as tribute to the skill of our setters. It's probably a fair result that there was a tie for first with seven votes each between *Crowsman's* TEA CHEST with its cleverly misleading reference to golf via caddies and tees and *Pentangle's* cunningly constructed SHIFT KEY. Congratulations to Brian and Len.

—Kay Williams

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic by Whynot?</h2>


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Across

- 1 Tumbler is substantial, with soda water for one (8,5)
- 9 Woman's article about facial hair accepted (7)
- 10 Nine times up, left in none (7)
- 11 Back to front evil, terrorist finally cast out (5)
- 12 With several sides, a lot can go wrong (9)
- 13 Too clever after love (8)
- 15 Supporting beam's first of reinforcements in front of post (6)
- 18 Number one catcher? (6)
- 19 Behind unrestrained backsliding in males (8)
- 22 Reason citizen loses head in vacuous riposte (9)
- 24 Fix guys in PR (5)
- 25 Strengthened spiritually if I indeed excited (7)
- 26 Show old piece after greeting (7)
- 27 Warming emission of fresh flatulence outside body (10,3)

Down


- 1 Set about a member, up after scam (7)

- 2 Was hypercritical of mine stolen by Spooner (9)
- 3 Have another go, others are covering me! (5)
- 4 China could be stored no doubt, initially in restaurant (8)
- 5 Tiny 60's vehicle (6)
- 6 Transplant gone back in unknown vessel (9)
- 7 Season's finale unfinished after final words cut short (5)
- 8 Judge upset about fish finger? (6)
- 14 Injured paw I see on arm (9)
- 16 Name you see reportedly taken in about roadside food store (9)
- 17 Outstanding cut to motor vehicle charge is part of the psyche (8)
- 18 Embarrassed over nick played back before edge (6)
- 20 Internet tryst on board calms down? (7)
- 21 Charity has blokes protecting young lady (6)
- 23 Drawing covered up by catty ingrate (5)
- 24 Desperately needs high cards, gathering first hand (5)

Members' Comments continued from p9

August 5-2019: Just because I wanted to! by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

- Excellent clueing, especially 13ac FITS OUT and its partner. *Richard Skinner*
- I was dumbstruck when I realised that you had matching rhyming clues. And I smiled when I saw the 'Just because ' title on Accolade. It was such a clever puzzle. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Very clever to get all those rhymes in! *Christina Lee*
- All those rhyming words! At least they made some answers a little easier. *Anne Simons*
- Lovely bit of hidden symmetry in the across words! I did not pick it up until I was checking my solution and went from SINISTER to MINISTER. *Mike Potts*
- I only saw the rhyming across answers after I had finished the crossword: wish I had seen them earlier! *Marian Procter*
- Clever the relationship between diametrically opposed across answers...BRILL/DRILL, SERIALIST/AERIALIST etc. *Stephen Matthews*
- How clever to have fitted in all those rhyming across words. *Catherine Hambling*
- What better reason to make such a quirky puzzle than "Just because I wanted to" and had the skill to carry it off? *Kath Harper*

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">by</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Flowerman</h2>


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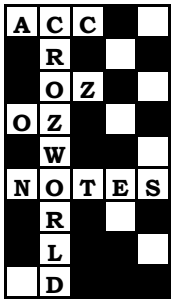
- 1 Fashion designers with no right to show impatience (8)
- 6 Daisy disheartened about wretched recurring limp (6)
- 9 Awkward when Earl expressed love for cowboy (6)
- 10 Workers packing forged steel parts (8)
- 11 Swimming upstream Jack's meeting with obstacles (5,5)
- 13 Rookie's returning favour (4)
- 14 Belgian city delivering books about European butter (4)
- 16 Mate's faith getting Republican boss churning inside (10)
- 18 Raoul's got one to arrange instrumental section (6,4)
- 19 A few picked up on pastor's depression (4)
- 20 American following live broadcast (4)
- 22 Dispirited after brother admitted wrong (7,3)
- 24 Hard work to secure backing if one's drawings not legitimate (8)
- 25 Council finally left coal for fire (6)
- 26 Singles bar legend primarily playing rock (6)
- 27 Writer's set is deviously acquiring influence (8)

Down

- 2 Lawyer hiding stuff in theatre (5)
- 3 Stormy lecturer breaking stick after Ivan cleared out (9)
- 4 A European gentleman discovered a brand of antacid (3)
- 5 Metal cast wearing so company to ground transporter (5,10)
- 6 Prepares meat and drink rates (7,4)
- 7 Very much over course in gynaecology (5)
- 8 Omelet prepared with a lot of pure oil (9)
- 12 Rod coming up with morsels to support 22 critters (4,7)
- 15 Put up with crow killing a very small bird (5,4)
- 17 Crackpot denies hiding associate in risqué dwelling (9)
- 21 New wine making the Sabbath a fine one for religious leader (5)
- 23 Entertains lots on radio (5)
- 25 Artificial satellite is receiving signals finally (1,1,1)

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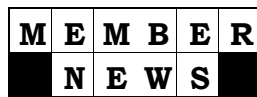
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**Members' Comments continued on p7
August 5-2019: Just because I wanted to!
by Crowsman (Len Colgan)**

- Straightforward generally, but it took me a while to work out DESTINE having been convinced it would be either despise and dislike. *Ian Thompson*
- Brilliantly clued. *Brian Symons*
- Took me quite a while to get onto *Crowsman's* wavelength, but enjoyable as always. *Trish McPherson*
- Had to use the 'number out of the hat for COTM! Never disappoints does *Crowsman!* He doesn't take any prisoners does he? Great as usual. Had to resort to the numbers in the hat for COTM – came out Shandy. Very enjoyable, Thank you. *Eileen O'Brien*
- Wonderful clues. I especially liked TOBAGO and SHANDY and the three reverse anagrams but the mystery to me is how you manage to fit so many cleverly connected solutions into one grid. The connections between 5ac, 30ac, 15ac and 19ac were pure genius. *Brian Tickle*
- Liked TRAFFIC, ICELANDIC, EMPHASES, DESTINE. And those 8 rhyming pairs, down from the top, up from the bottom. How does *Crowsman* do it? *Max Roddick*
- Lots of lovely fun clues here, with Len's usual precision. I loved the matching across clues. Very clever, and most enjoyable. *Julie Crowe*
- Lots to like in this puzzle particularly rhyming or paired across answers. Liked the matching clues for FITS OUT/HITS OUT. Hard to choose just one COTM. *Merv Collins*
- Unprecedented concept. Very clever. *Karl Audrins*
- What a marvellous puzzle, with some great removals! Pity I didn't see the across pairs until I'd finished. I especially liked MISTER and CLASSED and the implied OUTs. *Kathy Horadam*
- Liked the wordplay with THIS and FIST and didn't notice the symmetrically placed words with one letter difference until I had finished – all the across words in fact! *Roy Taylor*

- A tour de force with a stunning grid – all across solutions comprising symmetrically placed pairs of words differing only in their initial letter. How much work must be involved in achieving this! Plus a goodly number of satisfying clues. *Ian McKenzie*
- I don't believe it – all those pairs of rhyming clues. Very impressive. I've also given slot 5 my COTM, HITS OUT. *Betty Siegman*
- A very rhythmic Crowsman/Rowsman. *Michael Kennedy*
- Yes, I discovered the rhyming link between the top and bottom halves of this puzzle..... but only when I was filling in the grid on Accolade! *Maureen Blake*
- The use of similar constructs: FITS OUT, HITS OUT, THIN OUT, plus MISTER/MINISTER, SISTER/SINISTER, AERIALIST/SERIALIST detracted quite a lot I thought. *Tony Dobelev*
- Ingenious puzzle. I liked the several reverse anagrams. Picked one as COTM. *Roger Douglas*
- Amazing parallelism in the Across clues. Wish I had noticed that prior to completion as it would have saved some agonizing over the answers. *Ron Carpenter*
- Loved the clue for TEA CHEST. So simple in retrospect, but made difficult by masterful misdirection. And I didn't even notice the parallel answers for the across clues until I was filling in the grid to enter it!! Very clever! *Julie Randall*
- Loved the symmetry. Is there a word for that? Very clever, Len. *Ann Millard*
- Clever compiling as always with *Crowsman*. I can't believe I didn't see the pattern until I reached 31ac. Some very clever clues. *Ulla Axelsen*
- When I realised the diametrically opposite clues were rhymes it helped find a few solutions! *Nea Storey*
- Vintage *Crowsman* and no hint of the delights awaiting. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Loved the rhyming horizontal clues. So many great clues. Thank you Len. *Joan Smith*



Renewal of ACC Members: We extend a warm welcome to **Susan Creagh** from Annerley Qld, **Stewart Newton** from Whittlesea Vic and **Len Stokes** from Caringbah NSW. Welcome to *Crozworlding!*

ACC Get-Together at Melbourne on 4 August 2019.

This Annual function was a marvellous success. It was held at the Royal Oak Hotel in Fitzroy North on 4 August 2019 and we were thrilled to greet our ACC members. We sincerely welcomed Nea and Charles Storey from the ACT with Anne Simons from Sunbury and Jean and Malcolm Evans from NSW. Sincere welcomes also to Cheryl and Richard Wilcox, David Grainger, Alison Shield, Kath Harper, Alison Martin, Michael Potts, Gary & Pat Lemon, Julie Crowe, Jill Lankshear, Kathy Horadam, Peggy Halkyard, Gavan Williamson, Richard Williams and Jan Burke, Peg Lusink and John and Marion Henley. The food and wines were outstanding and we sincerely thank Alyce, Leila Rodgers and Maddie Dodd for capably arranging the event so successfully. There was a pushover puzzle by *stroz* called Easy Street 2019 and a pleasant Quiz. Plus some nice book prizes donated by the President. Many thanks to all who were in attendance. Greatly appreciated.

Donation to ACC Prize Fund

Sincere thanks to **Peter Dearie** for the generous donation of his prize cheque to the ACC Prize Fund. Peter has been a significant member of the ACC since August 1993 and has impressively won ACC prizes on 33 occasions. Here is a distinguished contribution Peter made in *Crozworld* in January 2007, p6:

"I wonder if there will be any comments on Slot 5 – ORIANA. The name of the individual ship which was not overly famous might prove to be a problem for some solvers. Sydneysiders ship spotting in the 70s and 80s would be familiar with the vessel launched in 1959, which spent a fair amount of time in Australian waters. She was the last of the Orient liners, subsequently absorbed into P&O and so became eligible to display the Golden Cockerel, signifying that she was the fastest liner in the P&O fleet, capable of over 30 knots. She was also the largest passenger ship ever to be built in England. Most importantly though, if I hadn't been working on board her in 1975, I would not have met my wife (who was a passenger) and would not be living in Australia! There was another *Oriana* launched some years ago but I don't know anything of her history." Best Wishes to you Peter for your brilliant contributions.

—Patrick Street

Quiz No 9/2019: Creatures Great And Small by KA.

All answers have something in common and are in alphabetical order. Send your answers to Karl Audrins, 10 Elizabeth Parade, Charlestown NSW 2290. email: *karlishane@optusnet.com.au*.

Closing Date: 11 October 2019. Prize \$75

- 1 Genuine (9)
- 2 Leader (10)
- 3 Fastener (6)
- 4 Official report (8)
- 5 Fruit of the vine (10)
- 6 Piece of hair (7)
- 7 Lever (7)
- 8 Flower (9)
- 9 Overbearing (8)
- 10 Joint (8)
- 11 Not as many (5)
- 12 Creepy sensation? (11)
- 13 Dance (7)
- 14 Beard (6)
- 15 Facial deformity (7)
- 16 A sweet (6)
- 17 Stalemate (7)
- 18 Cross illegally (7)
- 19 Reprimand severely (7)
- 20 Knotted patterns (7)
- 21 Long run (8)
- 22 Desk compartment (10)
- 23 Colour (7)
- 24 Fastened (6)
- 25 Ill-natured (8)
- 26 Good shot (6)
- 27 Disaster (7)
- 28 Naked (8)
- 29 Herb (8)
- 30 Shouting (7)

August 1-2019: Half 'n Half by Leprechaun (Larry Kennedy)

- Liked HALF, RAVE, and the FRUITERER & his GRAPEVINE.
Max Roddick
- Perfect Slot 1 puzzle with commendable answers and good clues.
Len Colgan
- I enjoyed the clues for ICE AGE, GRAPEVINE and especially RETAIL.
Brian Tickle
- Some good clues here. Loved ICE AGE and GRAPEVINE in particular.
Maureen Blake
- Nice one – liked clues for GRAPEVINE and RIOT ACT.
Eileen O'Brien
- My favourite clue here was GRAPEVINE!
Robyn McKenzie
- 20dn had me bothered for ages, until I realised curtsies could also be spelled CURTSEYS!
Julie Crowe
- Nice start to the month.
Tony Dobeles
- Theme elusive at first. Well constructed.
Roy Taylor
- Fav clues RE-EXPORT GRAPEVINE and HALF which took a while for the penny to drop.
Joan Smith
- Nearly wrote 'clean plate' for 23ac.
Ulla Axelsen
- Oh how I love Croz.
Robyn Wimbush
- I struggled for a while as I always write curtsies only to find you wanted curtseys.
Barbara Ibbott
- 9: Anniversary = age??
George Rolfe

August 2-2019: Cryptic by Katydid (Kathy Horadam)

- I liked what Katy did. Didn't know Michael Vaughan was called Virgil.
Ian Thompson
- As a cricket tragic, loved this slot!
Patricia Abbott
- Not easy for this cricket non-buff, but plenty of wonderful wordplay — VIRGIL, CHOOSEY, LOCUST, COOK UP. And ETESIAN for the vocab. Thanks, *Katydid!*
Max Roddick
- What a wonderful puzzle. Thank you *Katydid*.
Trish McPherson
- Great theme. Really well put together. Took a long time for the penny to drop with 30ac Grass pitch (4) till I remembered Aussie slang for turf when used as a verb.
Brian Tickle
- A wonderful puzzle, thank you! Some clever clues – 18ac FRED was easy enough but was the last one to make sense. "There's none so blind as those who can't see" the obvious.
Ann Millard
- Thanks for the work-out jumping from the game to the insect! Reckon you could have included some grub answers then it would have been really difficult! Ouch!
Eileen O'Brien
- Love the theme. It must, in many ways, make it harder to set!
Julie Leigh
- Nice double cricket theme! And, for me, great to have a mention of NZ!
Robyn McKenzie
- Nice cricket theme although I hadn't heard of Nugget Miller, Virgil Vaughan or 'cow corner'.
Tony Dobeles
- Clever dual theme worked well.
Roy Taylor
- Good challenge, with nice variation of cross-references to 19ac between the two meanings of cricket and a hint as to the theme from the setter's pseudonym.
Ian McKenzie
- A clever mix of cricket clues.
Hilary Cromer
- What a clever puzzle. I was having trouble until Lillie [Whoops – Adj] appeared and answers seemed a little easier.
Joan Smith
- Loved this themed puzzle – the compiler's pen name says it all!
Ron Carpenter
- Appropriate topic for *Katydid*. I do enjoy these sort of puzzles, more please.
Ulla Axelsen
- Lots of delightful clues involving cricket and crickets – a theme befitting the compiler's pen-name.
Nea Storey
- A fitting and fun puzzle for a *Katydid*. Thank you.
Robyn Wimbush
- Timely and I hope providential.
Richard Skinner
- This one was fun. I especially liked FIELDS. Not sure about VIRGIL – could not track down a cricketer called Virgil Vaughan – but couldn't see anything else.
Christina Lee
- A very clever puzzle, and fun to do.
Anne Simons
- 16: As slingback is to be read as sling back to make the clue work a '?' would be solver friendly. 13: Chirrup and cheer up as homophones? I think not [The indicator "misheard" justifies this amusing clue – Adj].
George Rolfe
- Well played, sir.
Peter McDonald
- A great topical puzzle however I cannot find UNCHIC in *Chambers* or *Macquarie*. Also 8dn VIRGIL is a bit sus.
Doreen Jones
- A cricket double-header – from international to very small scale.
Kath Harper

August 3-2019: Cryptic by Pentangle (Brian Tickle)

- Excellent puzzle Brian. I especially liked SUNBLOCK, ANCESTORS, SHIFT KEY and TREASURED, making the choice for COTM difficult.
Len Colgan
- Some tricky clues. had me struggling for a while. Thank you!
Ann Millard
- Very enjoyable. CRUMPLED and PATTE took forever. Hope they are correct [A-OK Eileen – Adj].
Eileen O'Brien
- Liked SHIFT KEY, UNINSTALL, SACRILEGE, BLEEP! and many more. Thanks *Pentangle!*
Max Roddick
- High quality clues throughout. Last one in was the clever SHIFT KEY.
Ian Thompson
- Liked SHIFT KEY and SCUPPERS especially.
Roy Taylor
- I thought this and Slot 2 harder than Slots 5 and 6 this month. Liked misdirection of 24ac clue with 'ten-across' having nothing to do with ten across! Was misled for a time by 12ac where 'without renewed needlework' gave LOK, 'starts spreading towards the ends' could have been STTE which did not really give the answer.
Tony Dobeles
- Harder than expected for this slot...many removals to figure out! I enjoyed SUNBLOCK and SHIFT KEY but couldn't parse the clue for ASPERITY. Not sure about PATTE meaning "splayed" either [patté – spread in the heraldic sense – Adj].
Kathy Horadam
- Liked the clues for SITE and SHIFT KEY. Not sure which to pick for my COTM but think I will go with SITE as it's harder to make a clever clue for a short word.
Hilary Cromer
- I enjoyed the clues, especially!
Robyn McKenzie
- A number of candidates for COTM – loved the clue for SITE.
Ron Carpenter
- Thought SITE and SHIFT KEY were very clever.
Ulla Axelsen
- Liked the clue for BADMINTON.
Nea Storey
- So many great clues: favourites were COSMIC, SUNBLOCK, UNINSTALL, EVENTER, DETERMINE and KEENER. Great puzzle.
Joan Smith
- 19: 'Clears' suggests the answer should be 'uninstalls'.
George Rolfe
- Some excellent clues including ANCESTORS and SHIFT KEY.
Catherine Hambling

August 4-2019: AJ by InGrid (Jean Barbour)

- The word 'for' in the A,W,X clues is ideal as it links the secondary indicators to the definitions. However, in the M,N,P clues the word 'for' is inside the secondary indicators and is inactive and intrusive. Something else like 'with' would be better. Some clever clues, but I don't like "endless = S".
Len Colgan
- I found the large number of six- and eight-letter solutions daunting, but the fair cluing – including just the right number of gentle ones – got me through (I hope).
Brian Tickle
- Liked LAVENDER, RENDERED, DREAMS UP.
Max Roddick
- Always a favourite!
Ann Millard
- Not a walk in the park! Couple of 'never heard ofs' but that's nothing new for me!
Eileen O'Brien
- Thanks *InGrid!* I especially liked KEENER and WARLORDS. FRAENA and XOANON are new to me and I couldn't parse the clue for Q so hope I'm right.
Kathy Horadam
- Great clues with chances to laugh and to learn.
Robyn McKenzie
- What a challenge! Only hope I was on the right track!
Glenda Lloyd
- 'Barque' gave me a good laugh. Enjoyed the Spoonerism 'warlords' as well.
Ulla Axelsen
- Challenging AJ with so many 6 and 8 letter words very enjoyable
Joan Smith
- Another enjoyable AJ. I am in awe of the people who compose these.
Christina Lee
- U: There is no necessary connection between 'organization' and 'UN'. UN = United Nations. M: The abbreviation 'lt' = lieutenant not officer. Z: As the A and U are not together it is hard to justify a reference to Australia's internet domain name.
George Rolfe
- A few new words to get my head around here.
Kath Harper
- I always enjoy the alphabetical puzzle.
Caroline Mackay-Sim

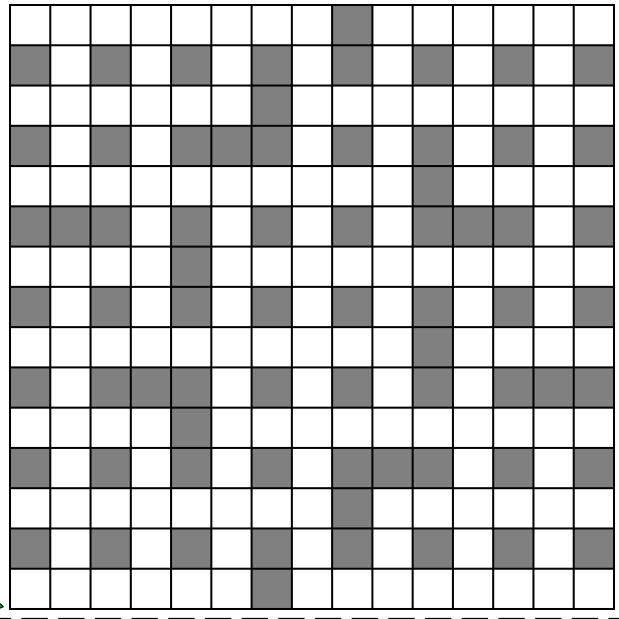


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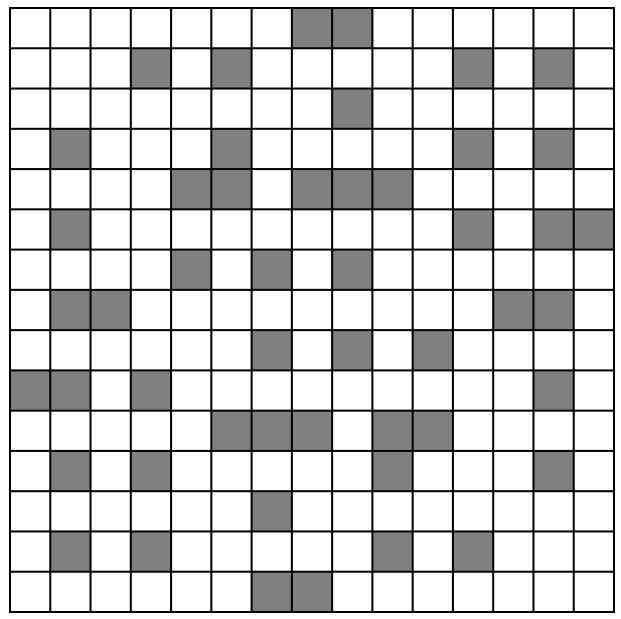
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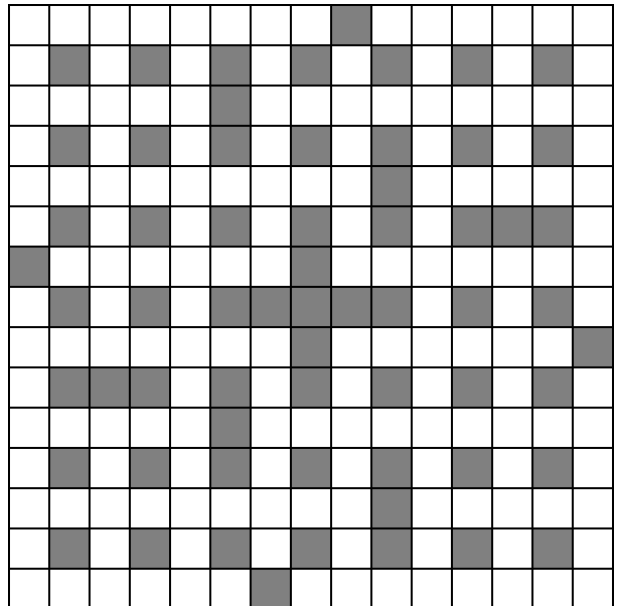


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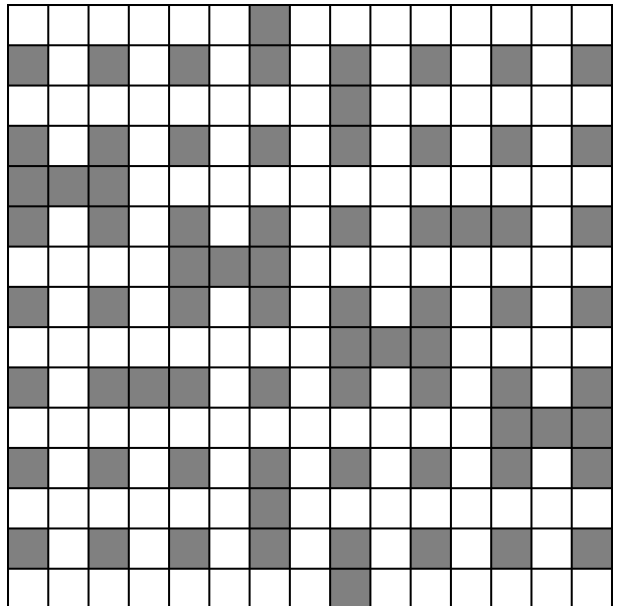


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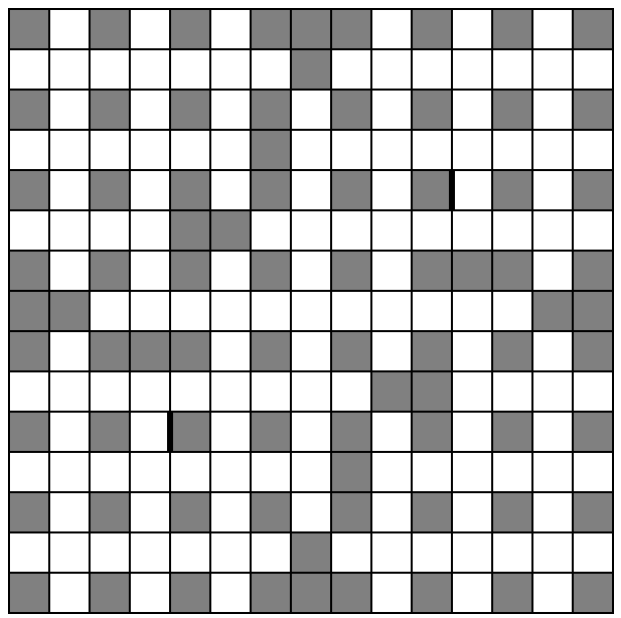
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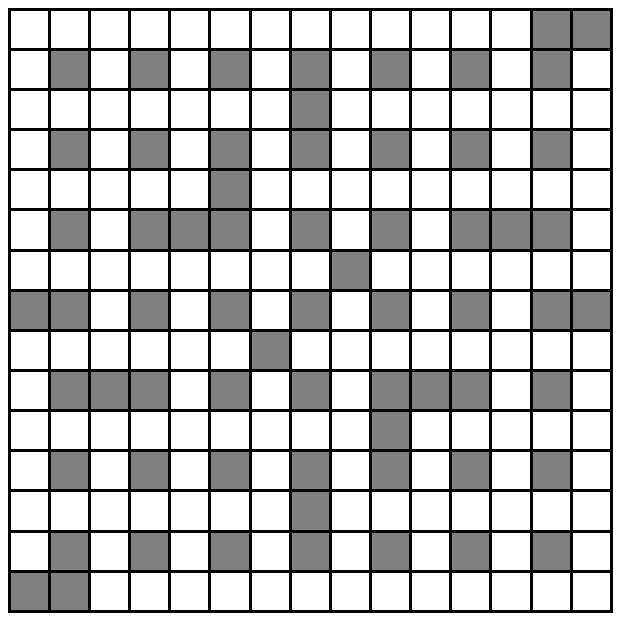
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July 6-2019 Cryptic by *Robespierre (Ian McKenzie)*

Entries received 59; Correct 54; Success rate (%) 91.5.

Prizewinner: **Bob Hagan. Congratulations!**

Compiler's/Adjudicator's comments

Obviously, it's no easy task to compile a puzzle that "stretches" better solvers without ruffling a few feathers. Re 12ac, any user of Microsoft Windows gets Bing pushed at them and, if you google on "bing + searcher", the top hits relate to the search engine, but perhaps an alternative clueing would have been better. Only 5 errors appeared: a typo; PILLOCK (for POLLOCK) and 3 solvers with WHIPPED IN or WHIPPED IT (for WHIPPER-IN).

Explanations –

Across: 4 ABBOT, T, 9 O & ref. to Oval Office, 10 [(m)E, WHO, MOVES, (fa)R]*, 11 H(zORRO)R, 12 B(L + ESS)ING; Bing is Microsoft's search engine, 13 [STREAMED iN]*, 16 rev. anag. (SAPS)*, 17 HIPPER in WIN, 21 (GI, CALL, ER)*, 22 cd, 24 (MODEST)* in PORN, 26 cd, 27 HEX => EXH, + ALE. **Down:** 1 SAV(i)OUR, 2 dd: "skylight" = ref. to Sun; ref. to solar hot water system, 3) ED [ref. to. Mr Ed], (DRAWS)*. Ref. to entities named Edward, 5 BASKET, CASE, 6 dd, 7 T, homoph "weeny", 8 (BEING CUCKOLDED HE)*, 14 (DISSENTER)*, 16 (COLd)* in POLK, 18 Spooner "knee fix", 19 (TEARING)*, 20 (s)IGNOR + E, 23 (A1 + ART)*.

Solvers' Comments

- I particularly liked the clue for 3dn. Thank you for a fine puzzle. *Robyn Caine*
- Thanks for an excellent puzzle. There were some real brainteasers in there. Required lateral thinking. *Roy Taylor*
- I enjoy originality in puzzles but a few definitions here were borderline 'loose' e.g. 2, 1ac. How does 'away' work in 16, 25ac? It's not an anagrind. And 17ac seems incorrect – 'whip' is derived from this term. *Andrew Patterson*
- Not sure 'allegedly' is the best word in 12ac, and the 'close to' trick is used twice. But the 17ac clue is clever. A challenge overall. *Len Colgan*
- Several clues beyond the pale in my opinion. *Ian Thompson*
- Well that was different! A couple of indirect anagrams? A couple of down clues I can't parse as yet. *Tony Dobeles*
- Lots of delightful clues – too many to list separately! *Nea Storey*
- Very tricky anagrams. A good challenge. *Ulla Axelsen*
- I've already chosen COTM, but loved several of these, particularly POSTMODERN and PHOENIX. *Susan Pinder*
- Challenging but very satisfying to complete. *Kath Harper*
- This is one of the most difficult puzzles I have ever done. I very nearly gave up for the first time ever. The top right corner totally had me, until 'Abbott' came to me one sleepless night, and eventually the rest started making sense. Lots of very clever clues. I'm still not sure of the parsing for 12ac. I get the '1-,ess', but Bing?? *Julie Crowe*
- Very challenging puzzle, really had to use the grey matter for this one. Fav clues PHOENIX and POSTMODERN. *Joan Smith*
- A testing puzzle. Liked SAVIOUR and DOUBLE CHECKED best. *Anne Simons*
- Loved ABBOTT – the clue, that is, not the man! *Mike Potts*
- I am very doubtful but decided the checker needed a laugh! Some clues I thought great but others not so – guess which ones I didn't like!!! *Eileen O'Brien*

• Some wonderful clues. I loved BASKET CASE which had me puzzled for ages and also laughed at Edwards. Great fun. *Robyn McKenzie*

Explanations for August Slots 1-5

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: Leprechaun. Down: 1 EX in REPORT, 2 FRUIT + ER + ER, 3 hidden, 5 (TABLE)* + ED, 6 Anag., 7 INN + ER, 8 EX + (TEMP)*, 9 cd, 14 Homoph "phoney" in EU and (O + US), 17 cd, 18 dd, 20 Switch: N/S ULL(IF)Y, 21 rev hidden, 22 Heads(*) A + C + E + TIC, 24 Heads, 26 cd homoph "whole".

Slot 2: Katydid. Across: 1 LOCUS+T, 5 (g→B)OTHAM, 10 IN + SECTS, 11 INN + SIGN*, 12 cd, 15 dd, 16 CHOO+(YES<), 17 LARvA, 18 F + RED, 19 dd, 20 WE + TA, 22 dd, 25 CURT + AIL, 27 COOK + UP, 28 dd, 31 (IS EATEN)*, 32 UGandan + LIES + T, 33 GUN< + GET, 34 cd. **Down:** 2 anag, 3 UNC + HIC, 4 heads, 5 (ALIBi)*, 6 T + ANNOY, 7 ANNUL + AiR, 8 VI(R)GIL, 9 hidden, 13 homoph "chirrup", 14 BOYCOT + T, 15 BEN+E(p→F)IC, 20 rhyme, 21 anag, 23 (AND I ARE)*, 24 SH + AFTS, 25 CU + RING, 26 LILL(E)E, 29 TANG<, 30 dd.

Slot 3: Pentangle. Across: 1 CO(S)MIC, 4 UNBLOCKS Move S to front, 10 UNIO+N + (LAST)*L, 11 dd, 12 PATTERN, 13 SA(RELIC)*GE, 14 EVEN + sTERN, 16 S(IT)E, 19 Hidden, 21 (NAME)* + SIC, 24 (TEN ACROSS)*, 25 B(L)EEP, 26 LINGER, 27 DETER + MINE, 28 ACED< + DENT, 29 (STRAYS)*. **Down:** 1 C(RUMP + L)EDe, 3 tISSUE, 5 (SUNbLOCK)*, 6 BAD + MINT + ON, 7 bONUSES, 8 dd, 9 (SAW HER)*, 15 TREA(SURE)D, 17 A + SP(TIRE<)Y, 18 S(C)UPPER + S, 20 B(ROAD)EN, 21 (SA<) + SETS, 22 <LAP + LID, 23 S(NICE)*C, 25 AR(R)AB<.

Slot 4: InGrid. A a+lea+tory, **B** homoph "bark", **C** dd, **D** dreams+up, **E** eye+let, **F** anag, **G** (signatory - s)*, **H** cd, **I** anag, **J** ja(cu)zz + i + s(wimming), **K** (innkeeper-nip)*, **L** lave+(rend)*, **M** maze+lt+OVer, **N** nine+ties, **O** out+standing+ness, **P** pen+u+lt, **Q** Siamese(cats) dd, **R** r(end+er)ed, **S** dd, **T** hidden<, **U** un+a+wares, **V** (naive)* around h, **W** Spooner: law wards/ war lords, **X** x(0)anon, **Y** anag, **Z** (razzle+au)*.

Slot 5: Crowsman. Across: 1 TEACHES + T, 5 M(yanma)r = Mr, 10 BRILLiance, 11 A + IRE< + A-LIST, 12 G(L)ASSED, 13 inv anag FITS*=fist, 14 dd, 15 S(IN)ISTER, 19 M(IN)ISTER, 21 homoph "leads", 25 inv anag HITS*=this, 27 SiStEr in CLAD, 28 RAISE* + LIST, 29 dd, 30 (as)SISTER, 31 SE(ACHES)T. **Down:** 1 TO(BAG)O, 2 AG(IT)ATE, 3 H(ILLS)IDES, 4 SH(AND)Y, 6 I(NAP)T, 7 inv anag THIN*=hint, 8 ROTA + TORY, 9 dd, 16 (n)IC(c) + ELAND + (n)IC(e), 17 E(MPH)ASES, 18 (IN STYLE)*, 20 SAUNTER*, 22 (clan)DESTINE, 23 S(CAT)HE, 24 (TOLD + DO)<, 26 O=zero + RATE.

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

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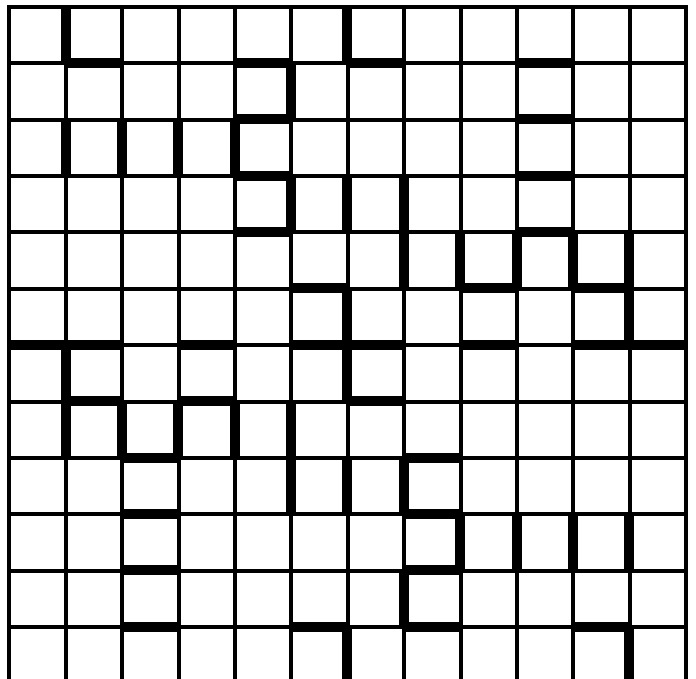
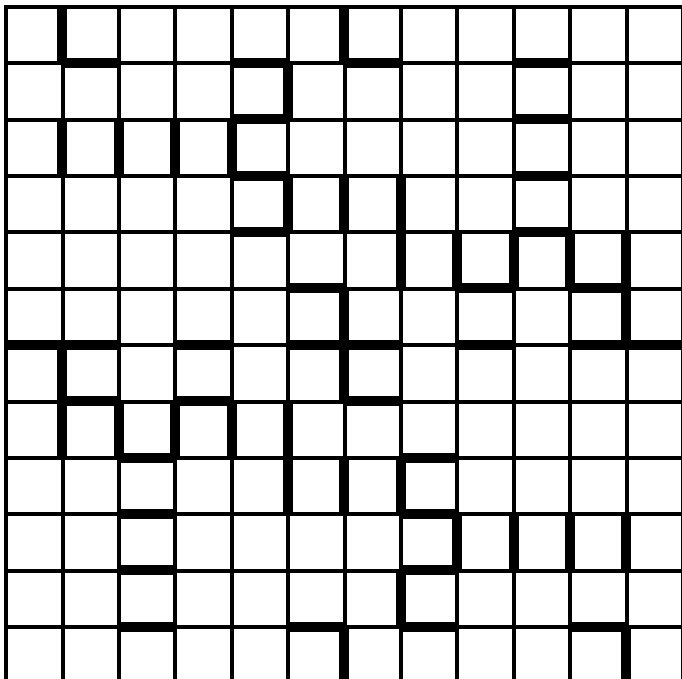
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- A** Australian lake is home for birds (5)
- A** Physiological states produced by drugless revelry (8)
- B** Leaves money in underwear (6)
- C** Computer input from leading Croatian-Dalmatian gypsy (2-3)
- D** African man involved in weight loss programme will perish (3,3)
- D** Desire of backward girl following physician (5)
- E** Bemused Gershwin held the tools (6)
- E** Clothe crazy nude European (5)
- E** Attempts old experiments (6)
- F** Loud praise for naval lashing? (8)
- G** Gutted, Garry accepts destruction of magazine (6)
- H** Wishes for plants containing drug (5)
- I** Natives back up assistance in hotels (7)
- I** Strangely, a rinsing fixes the dye deeply (8)
- I** Secret pub for Queen (5)
- J** Mentalist is at the French forest (6)
- K** Bits of letters for Irish soldiers (5)
- L** Old communist man is popular (5)
- M** Bogs down Arab leader with directions (5)
- N** Is able to return model of old boat (7)
- N** Diana confused the nymph (5)
- N** Neck parts of Northern simians (5)
- N** Heads of new independent hotel in London find nothing (5)
- N** No French sci-fi film music (5)
- O** Frightens girl who is in debt (8)
- P** Any pig can be made profitable (6)
- P** Exercise at a building site before a game (6)
- Q** Question royal aide after sovereign leaves (5)
- R** Make merry when bar is returned (5)
- S** Cardinal is in grassy area of Alaskan peninsula (6)
- S** Unionist leader leaving money lender is more certain (5)
- T** NZ native hides returned letter in famous movie house (7)
- T** Old Egyptian king is upset with African (5)
- U** Mundane mixture is unidentified (7)
- U** Drunken nude embracing couple is odd (8)
- V** Competes to include jelly, making unpredictable changes (8)
- W** It is a prank to marry soldier to Earl (6)
- X** Gas to decapitate cattle is connected (5)
- Y** Cartoon characters for mystics? (5)
- Z** Final restructured loan is regional (5)

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Quiz 7-2019: Bellhops by *Nigrum Cattus* (Ray Gooderick)

Entries 28. Correct 33: Patricia Abbott, Warren Allen, Len Colgan, Julie Crowe, David Grainger, Julie Leigh, Claire McClelland, Robyn McKenzie, Andrew Miles, Ann Millard, Eileen O'Brien, Helen Perrow, Marian Proctor, Robyn Wimbush. **32:** Bev Cockburn, Bob Hagan, Doreen Jones, Jim Fowler, Judy Randall, Michael Veress, Keith Williams. **31:** Ulla Axelsen, Graeme Cole, Kath Harper, Ian Mason, Brian Symons, Kate Williams. **30:** Cheryl Wilcox.

Prizewinner: Ann Millard. Congratulations!

Compiler's comments

I appreciate all the kind comments. Several entrants had a problem with the title; perhaps 'Bell's palsy' would have been a better alternative. The 'clangers' were almost all one-offs: the 'pick of the bunch' was 15, the flower cranesbill (cranebill, candelilla, coralbells, calliandra).

Answers: 1 Algebraical, 2 Ballade, 3 Balloted, 4 Barcarolle, 5 Belial, 6 Benalla, 7 Beryllium, 8 Bloodline, 9 Bluegill, 10 Bordello, 11 Braille, 12 Brilliance, 13 Bullies, 14 Caballero, 15 Cranesbill, 16 Fibrillate, 17 Fireball, 18 Gall bladder, 19 Gellibrand, 20 Globule, 21 Hellbender, 22 Jellaba, 23 Label, 24 Liberal, 25 Lobelia, 26 Nicholas Nickleby, 27 Obliquely, 28 Reliable, 29 Rubella, 30 Shellback, 31 Shoebill, 32 Trolleybus, 33 Umbrella.

Solvers' Comments

- Once I rang the bell! I was up and running. Thank you, that was fun. *Patricia Abbott*
- I really struggled with this one. Took a while to get the theme (choosing allegorical for #1 at first didn't help!). Then it was quite a slog with the dictionary to get the last half dozen. Many thanks for all your work. Much appreciated. *Julie Crowe*
- This was an excellent quiz. I thought #15 could possibly be Coralbells, but decided that as the clue was in the singular Cranesbill was a better fit. *David Grainger*
- Thank you for a very interesting quiz. *Julie Leigh*
- Thanks for a fun and challenging puzzle. *Claire McClelland*
- Thank you for an original and entertaining quiz. The PC had me in trouble with police and politically correct! My grandson suggested it might be Australian postcodes. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Thank you for your enjoyable 'Bellhops' quiz. It took a little while for the theme to click but, once it did, out they came. Some of these were new to me, including Belial, Fireball, Hellbender and Jellaba. *Andrew Miles*
- Congratulations on the hardest quiz in a very long time. Maybe because there were possibilities with #2 "l" and an "e" but then no "b". *Ann Millard*
- Very clever concept. Wish I had your convoluted brain! Stuck on the PCs until I realised it doesn't always have to be about police officers! *Eileen O'Brien*
- How clever; so many words with the letters bell in them. *Marian Proctor*
- Well, that wasn't easy. Finally the bell clanged and all became clear. I was attached to Jello for far too long though. Thank you Ray. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Thanks for your clever quiz. I got off on the wrong foot to start with, thinking all answers had to contain LL together but when I couldn't find any answers to several clues, I had a rethink! *Bev Cockburn*
- Wanted the two lls together for a long time – finally realised how the bell hops! As always – a very clever puzzle. *Bob Hagan*
- Thanks for your quality quiz – it took ages to "crack the code". *Doreen Jones*
- Thanks for an interesting and quite hard quiz. #15 Cranebill took quite a while and I had to look hard to find #2 Ballade. Liked Braille. Not, I imagine, an easy puzzle to compile. *Jim Fowler*
- An interesting quiz which has required significant brain work! I'm still one short but wanted to submit what I have done. *Judy Randall*
- I enjoyed your July quiz. *Michael Veress*
- Thanks for a fun quiz. *Keith Williams*
- Thanks for a good challenge. I was looking for hours for words which contained a double L. The title wasn't much help. *Ulla Axelsen*

- Thank you for providing a very challenging quiz. It took a while to figure out what was common in the answers. I didn't think that a bellhop had 33 synonyms! *Graeme Cole*
- Or maybe that should be hooray and ring the bells! I have finally completed your quiz, but with no confidence that I have it all correct. I found the more generic clues (plant, bird, fish, flower) were the hardest to pin down. Thank you for the challenge. *Kath Harper*
- A very challenging but enjoyable quiz. *Brian Symons*
- Unsure regarding my answer to 21 – but here goes. *Kate Williams*
- Not happy with a couple of my answers but have run out of time to find alternatives! A real challenge. *Cheryl Wilcox*

UK Crossword News

Sandwich Sudoku is the new puzzle phenomenon taking the internet by storm. But what is a "Sandwich Sudoku"? As with most classic puzzles, the rules of Sandwich Sudoku are very simple. It's normal sudoku except there is one extra number beside each row/column. This extra number tells you the sum of the cells "sandwiched" between the 1 and the 9 in that row/column. This tiny change revolutionises the way the puzzle is solved. So much so that Cracking The Cryptic's YouTube channel scored over half a million hits recently on their video about Sandwich Sudoku! This app is the work of Mark Goodliffe and Simon Anthony. Mark Goodliffe is the eleven-time winner of *The Times* crossword championship and the reigning UK Sudoku Champion. He has also represented the UK many times in the World Sudoku and World Puzzle Championships. Simon Anthony has represented the UK many times in the World Sudoku and World Puzzle Championships. He also held the record for the most consecutive correct solutions to the *Listener Crossword* (320). The app is available now for £4.99 on Steam, AppStore and imminently on Android.

Simon explained its development in a recent article. "About two years ago, Mark Goodliffe and I, both former members of the UK team in the World Sudoku and World Puzzle Championships, started a YouTube channel. We called it "Cracking The Cryptic" and the idea was that we'd make videos about how to solve cryptic crosswords. We got a bit of media coverage in the UK, but even a plug from Rachel Riley (famous from the UK TV show *Countdown* for her mental arithmetic, amongst other things) didn't grow our audience numbers tremendously. We started covering sudoku just to add a bit of variety and, in March 2019, released a video titled "A Sudoku With Only Three Givens – How is that even possible?". The video was about a Sandwich Sudoku (also called a "Between 1&9 Sudoku"), a variant that has featured in the World Sudoku Championship from time to time.

On the first day the video got 724 views (which was normal for us at the time); the second and third days were similar (931 views and 1,071 views); but then something happened. In the next days, the views doubled each day for about a week peaking at 96,857 views in one day – it was incredible (and really exhilarating) to see the YouTube algorithm at work.

Early on, someone on YouTube wrote the following comment: "You sir have a gift: you have convinced over 10,000 people to watch you solve a Sudoku". That comment could now change the number 10,000 for the number... 520,000. Not quite at the level of PewDiePie, but not bad, for a puzzle video.

One reason the video might be popular is that the sandwich sudoku IS a genuinely brilliant puzzle. It combines many "classic" puzzles in a completely new way: Logic that occurs in normal sudoku, killer Sudoku, kakuro and skyscrapers all has a part to play – and some of the logic is deep and interesting. The harder puzzles very much have two stages: a stage where you focus almost entirely on placing the 1s and 9s in the grid; and then a second stage where you fill in the rest of the numbers. These two phases are surprisingly distinct. One other fascinating aspect is that a very good tip for solving the harder Sandwich Sudokus is to start by marking the positions in the grid that CANNOT take the numbers 1 or 9!

July 7-2019: Displaced Definitions by *Betelgeuse* (Gillian Champion)

Entries received 44, Correct 34, Success rate 77%.

Prizewinner: Ulla Axelsen. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's comments

A pleasure, as usual, to adjudicate Gillian's puzzle. Comments confirm how much her work and wit are still appreciated. A pretty good success rate for one of Gillian's finest. The inevitable typos scuppered 6 members, but FILLAGREED instead of FILLIGREED would surely have been picked up by a spellcheck: even though a barred crossword may be difficult to proof-read, a glance at the solutions can often reveal an unintended letter. An unintentional T on the end of STOA(s) gave rise to the TEA EAGLE – a *rara avis* indeed – and what a wonderful word-picture! The three misspellings of ANEURISMS would be allowed by the dictionary but do not fit the anagrist of "nurses may". BARGED for the intended BARKED (old ship (BARK)+ man (ED), was tricky, notwithstanding the "!" (see several comments below), but caught only two.

—Kay Williams

Explanations

["wp" means that the wordplay for the definition within the clue is found at the referenced clue.] **Across:** 1 STOATS - T - wp 25d, 5 homoph "roo" + BARB - wp 24a, 11 CHATEAU with P for T - wp 32a, 12 H + homoph "annoy" - wp 1a, 13 (ONE)* + O - wp 26d, 14 (dreams)* round IR - wp 1d, 15 R (OAR) ED - wp 7d, 18 (DIN)* round HERE - wp 5a, 21 homoph "filly" + G + REED - wp 16d, 22 SLUG + FEASTS -A - wp 8d, 24 LE + CHERy - wp 33a, 28 SkIES + TA - wp 23d, 29 TIT + IE round VAT - wp 19d, 30 (LIE + D)* - wp 13a, 31 TEE + NY - wp 12a, 32 (RETAil + ON)< - wp 18a, 33 ORD + (REED)* - wp 11a, 34 D + ROSS - wp 31a. **Down:** 1 S + CORN + FULl - wp 2d , 2 (OTHERwISE)* - wp 20d, 3 A + PORT - wp 34a, 4 SEA + EAGLE [golf score] + S - wp 22a, 6 HUE around MAN - wp 15a, 7 BARK + ED - wp 22d, 8 (NURSES MAY)* - wp 17d, 9 RappORT - wp 30a, 10 B (IS) K - wp 9d, 16 CAT inside ALLOWED - wp 4d, 17 homoph "chef" + FIELD - wp 21a, 19 (ThE + SILENT)* - wp 14a, 20 DES + (PARIS)* - wp 29a, 22 (HER SIN)* - wp 28a, 23 BAN in URE - wp 6d, 25 (RACED)* - wp 3d, 26 OT< + TO - wp 27d, 27 (RE + IV)< - wp 10d.

Solvers' Comments

- Excellent challenge. 7dn wordplay is tricky: BARK + ED. *Ian McKenzie*
- 'Old boatman' made me frown, but overall, just so clever, as usual. *Len Colgan*
- Not sure about the BARKED clue, but here's hoping. *Bob Hagan*
- Good fun. *Andrew Patterson*
- A great mental workout. Tough at first but becoming easier as the grid filled. *Ian Thompson*
- Another wonderful Gillian puzzle. I am always delighted to see her puzzlers continue to appear. How lucky we are. *Julie Crowe*
- Absolutely brilliant. Loved it! *Tony Dobele*
- I found this difficult, but one of the most enjoyable puzzles I've done in a long time. *Betty Siegman*
- Complex, frustrating, masterful – the usual Champion! *Nea Storey*
- Had to do this in one sitting as I don't think I would have known where I was if I didn't. A classic *Betelgeuse*. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Gillian must have had a really devious mind to have thought this one up! *Julie Leigh*

- What a mental workout that was! *Kath Harper*
- I expected this puzzle to end up in the 'too-hard basket' and am pleased that I was able to complete it! *Maureen Blake*
- Put simply, difficult. Not sure of a couple of parses so fingers crossed all round. *Richard Skinner*
- There must be an easier way to solve this than my highlighters & pencils. What a challenge!! So many twists. *Ann Millard*
- What a job that must have been to compile! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- I have a touch of brainburn after that, but I hope there are many more of Gillian's masterpieces in the vaults [happily, there are! – K]. *Mike Potts*
- A time-consuming pleasure. *Roy Taylor*
- A great brainteaser, thanks. *Claire McClelland*

Solution to Slot 7: Displaced Definitions by *Betelgeuse* (Gillian Champion)

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

Clue Writing Competition (cont'd from p16) 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	**
1-7	***
1-9	****
10	*****

Clue Writing Competition No 5/2019

For the next competition, please write a clue for the word **JERUSALEM (9)** complete with explanation.

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 11 October 2019. \$50 prize.

Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 4/2019

Write a clue for DASHBOARD (9)

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy

Definition from *Chambers* (12th edition)

n the instrument panel of a motor vehicle or small aircraft; a board, screen or partition in front of a driver on a horse-vehicle, to keep off splashes of mud.

This month's offering proved to be trickier than one would initially think. As it didn't really lend itself to usable anagram fodder, most compilers went for the charade, with separate synonyms for *dash* and *board*. While this is perfectly valid, and I think I would have followed suit, the trick is to avoid using fodder that is too closely related to, or indeed serve as, the definition. For instance, *panel* for *board* is a valid synonym, but it's really too close to the actual answer (i.e. dashboard) to be classically cryptic. In saying that, many of the definitions below are excellent, particularly as *dashboard* is rather limited. There were several standout clues and it was difficult to choose but, in the end, I've gone with **Bob Crossman's** excellent subterfuge and definition, all done in five words.

Race directors guard against mudslingers (9)

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

Break plank in gig's protective partition ***½

We start with a simple charade with *break* for *dash* and *plank* for *board*. The definition is a throwback to what an original dashboard was, and it does so in an elegant way. I like 'gig' as it suggests a boat rather than the horse-drawn carriage.

Damn! Food for the airbag receptacle! ***

This expressive conversational clue is also a charade with *damn* for *dash* and *food* for *board*. The noun required for the definition is suggested by *food*. I normally associate airbags with steering wheels rather than the dash, but the passenger one can usually be located there. I think the imagery may be related to the vomit bag on an airplane. I think...

Deliberately destroy directors' information panel ***

Here we have a touch of sabotage with a simple charade that joins *dash* with *board*. The clue makes perfect sense and the definition works well. There's even a degree of alliteration.

Duke remains with ring-in poet for instrument display ****

This is quite an imaginative and clever clue. It is parsed with D+ASH and B(o)ARD. The definition is nicely disguised as it suggests a demonstration of musical instruments, and indeed, the entire clue reads like a scene out of a 16th century ducal castle.

Initially Democrats and Socialists had unusually broad protection from mud slinging ****

This is another fine clue that is parsed with D,A,S,H and an anagram of BROAD. The compiler has then devised a definition that relates to the political theme established by the parsing. *Mud-slinging*, in particular, is a masterstroke as it fits the theme perfectly, but also describes vividly what a dashboard is protecting from.

Hurry, get in. Where's the speedo? ***

A neat clue that joins *dash* with *board* (i.e. get in). The definition is interesting as technically the answer to the question would be 'on the dashboard', rather than just 'dashboard'. But perhaps this is a touch pedantic on my behalf.

Operations centre interface uses code element with its oversight panel ***

This clue parses as a charade where *dash* is derived from *code element*, and *board* from *oversight panel*. It's neatly constructed to read extremely well. My only quibble is that 'panel' is really too close to the actual meaning of *dashboard* to serve as part of the charade.

PANEL - COMMITTEE

This is a slightly unorthodox clue that in essence is a straight charade. The trick is that *dash* is derived by a literal '-'. This type of parsing is cute, but generally avoided in traditional clues. If a compiler does elect to use a symbol, a question mark would be recommended to alert the solver that the clue has an extra level of difficulty.

Part of car used to smash a snake by the road ***

This, rather violent, clue is another charade that joins DASH with BOA and RD. The clue's surface makes sense, although one generally would kill or hit a snake, rather than smash it, but having never been in this situation, I can't be sure. The clue would work just as fine without the 'a' too.

Prima donna has worked to get on panel ***

Prima donna is a very innovative way to indicate the letter D, but unfortunately not entirely accurate. The literal translation is *first woman*, so at best it would indicate the letter W, but that would be indirect. I do see the compiler suggesting first of *donna*, but it doesn't literally translate to that. The rest of the clue is fine, and the overall surface reading is also well rendered.

Race directors guard against mudslingers ****

This charade is parsed with *race* for *dash* and *directors* for *board*. I really like the definition as it fits the theme and is well disguised by the clever use of *guard*, which serves as a noun, but reads as a verb. The surface sense suggests a physical barrier on cars to protect from mud splatters or perhaps slanderers. Either way, the clue is a fine example of quality over quantity when it comes to word usage.

Race on a table with visual display panel ***

A neat clue that uses two common synonyms to create an image of maybe racing car or train models with an electronic control panel.

Run over wild pig - dead on car display ***

This, what would be a down clue, is parsed with *dash*, *boar* and the letter D. I can see what the compiler is trying to do with the surface rendering, but it is a little strained.

Speed panel? ***

This quirky little clue is a play in a semi &lit style, where the parsing also does double duty as the definition (*speed* for *dash* and *panel* for *board*). While *speed panel* is a perfectly apt definition for *dashboard*, it is spoilt a little by the fact that 'panel' by itself could also define a dashboard. In other words this part of the charade is too close to the definition to be a perfect clue.

The committee afterwards sacked Dr Phelan for practising without a PhD *

This is an example of a clue that has great surface reading, but at the expense of parsing that works. The main issue is that it lacks a definition. In addition, *dash* is derived from an indirect anagram (ph/elan) with a subtraction of PH. My best suggestion here is to start with a simple definition and work to connect that with simple parsing. It's also worth asking someone to see if they can solve it too.

Wild boars had damaged protective screen **

This is an anagram of *boars had* and *d* (damaged), as indicated by *wild*. The main issue here is the D from *damaged*. As far as I know, it's not an abbreviation, so one really needs to use some sort of initial indicator to obtain the letter D. Otherwise the clue works well.

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