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If there is a word in the dictionary under any letter from A to Z that I abominate, it is energy. It is such a conventional superstition, such parrot gabble! Charles Dickens, 1864-5, *Our Mutual Friend*, 1, Ch. 1.

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The Members will have received notification from Australian Post of “temporary” arrangements to deliver ordinary letters only every other day. We regret that it is not practicable to change the arrangements for the end of month closing of competitions and the preparation of the following month’s issue. It may be that if a postal entry is not received by the day **before** the date advised in *CrOZworld* the entry may be too late to be considered by the adjudicator. We therefore recommend that, if you have no alternative to mail, you should ensure that your entry is posted with this in mind. Otherwise we recommend that members use ACCOLADE or email their answers. Scans of completed puzzles or lists of answers in an email are accepted by all adjudicators until the time specified in the magazine of one minute past midnight AEST on the “closing mail date”.

Our accomplished Puzzle Editor, **Ian Williams**, has selected another outstanding set of excellent puzzles for you this month. Distinguished puzzlers like *St Jude*, *Zythum* and *Valkyrie* are there for your ongoing enjoyment plus another skilful offering from *KA* in Slot 4. Our brilliant compiler *Crowsman* has given us another of his challenging puzzles in slot 5 and *Aver* will entertain you with his cryptic puzzle in Slot 6. And in Slot 7 *Pentangle* has submitted another fascinating puzzle titled *A Quick Crossword*. And Bev Cockburn has provided the Old English Quiz p9.

Our brilliant Clue Writing Competition Adjudicator **Michael Kennedy** challenged clue-writers to devise a clue for **CURFEW (6)** and his results together with his insightful comments and analyses from the entries submitted can be found on pp16 & 15.

Best of Luck with your solving this month. —Patrick

**Slot 1:** Rather more difficult than the usual Slot 1, with a couple of more-problematical-than-average clues causing most woes: “plaques” were BIOFILMS, defined in *Macquarie* and more recent editions of *Chambers*, but needing some interpretation from the definition given and was responsible for a considerable number of lost dots, as were entries of INDISPENSIBLE (is there any point in mentioning the spell-check facilities again?). RAMI was noted as being tricky, five giving incorrect alternatives. RETURNED was accepted in place of the intended RETORTED in 27-across.

**Slot 2:** Some contributors noted that two clues had definitions in the middle – in substitution clues it may result in an unsatisfactory and/or ambiguous clue. While setters should avoid any clues that do not result in a unique solution, a checked letter in the present case should have led solvers to the correct conclusion. Few other errors were recorded for this well-received barred puzzle.

**Slot 3:** Much praise for the ingenuity of this relatively straightforward puzzle from the master. A few errors were due to insertion of the incorrect solution of the pair, but most seem to have been due to typos.

**Slot 4:** Only five errors in total for the AJ this month! Tricky to fill, but clearly solvable. Two solvers offered XEROSIA for XEROSIS, which unfortunately did not fit the anagram fodder, and the unusual spelling for LUPINE (the flower, not the wolf) was responsible for three lost dots.

**Slot 5:** The ingenious train theme was enjoyed by many solvers. Again, very few errors. BIPOD was submitted for BIPED, but is defined as a two-legged support rather than the “being” clearly required by the clue. Otherwise, errors were typographical and could have been avoided.

**COTM:** Clues were nominated from all slots this month, so congratulations are due to all our compilers. BANDICOOT from slot 1 and RHYME from slot 5 were very close through the month until the final figures were in, which gave the result narrowly to RHYME. Well done, *Whynot?*.

—Kay Williams

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	86	100	80	76	80	422
Correct entries	51	96	67	67	72	353
Success rate (%)	59.3	96	83.7	88.2	90	83.6
<b>Prizewinners</b>	Roger Douglas	Marian Procter	Julie Leigh	Patricia Abbott	Barbara Glissan	from 101 members

**Prizewinner: August 2020 Slots 1-5: Len Colgan. Congratulations!**

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### August 1-2020

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### August 2-2020

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### August 3-2020

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### August 4-2020

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### August 5-2020

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### July 6-2020

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## MEMBERS RESULTS for August 2020 Slots 1-5 & July 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.				*	*			Gooderick R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Molne R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Allen W.							*	Grainger D.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	O'Brien E.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Anderson C.		*	*	*	*	*	*	Groves J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	O'Brien E.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Audrins K.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Hagan B.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Parsons D.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Axelsson U.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Hambling C.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Patterson A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Barbour J.		*	*	*	*	*	*	Harper K.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Pinder S.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Barnes J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Hearn R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Potts M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Barratt A.		*	*	*	*	*	*	Heves N.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Procter D.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Bavlis J.		*	*	*	*	*	*	Hocking A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Procter M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Bennett D.		*	*	*	*	*	*	Horadam K.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Pvc M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Blake M.		*	*	*	*	*	*	Howard V.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Randall J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Caine R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Howat S.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Reddick M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Carpenter R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Ibbott B.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Rosendorff D.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Carroll L.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Jarman L.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Roulston S.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cockburn B.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Jones D.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Ryan W.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cole G.		*	*	*	*	*	*	Kennedy L.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Shield A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Colgan L.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Kennedy M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Sigman B.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Collins M.		*	*	*	*	*	*	Lankshair J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Simons A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Coote P.		*	*	*	*	*	*	Leaver J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Skinner R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cooperand P.		*	*	*	*	*	*	Leigh J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Smith J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Croner H.		*	*	*	*	*	*	Lemon G.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Steinberger M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Crowe J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Lloyd G.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Storer N.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Davia K.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Mackay-Sim C.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Simons B.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Dennis M.		*	*	*	*	*	*	Madden J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Taylor M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Doble T.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Martin A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Taylor R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Douglas R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Martin F.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Taylor S.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Dowse B.		*	*	*	*	*	*	Mason I.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Thompson I.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ducker R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	McClelland C.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Tickle B.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Evans J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	McKenzie I.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Veress M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ferguson J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	McKenzie R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Webster-Hawes	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Foster J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	McPherson T.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Wenham R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Freeland J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Meek D.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Williams Kate	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Garner P.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Miles A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Williams Keith	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Gibson B.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Millard A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Wimbush R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Goode P.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Milton R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Young A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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<b>Half and Half</b> by <b>St Jude</b>


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**Across**

- 1 Dutch or provincial town (4)
- 4 Tipple (4)
- 7 Sting (4)
- 10 Urn (4)
- 11 You, dear reader (6)
- 12 Floating ice field (4)
- 13 Shark (4)
- 14 Helper (4)
- 15 Effrontery (4)
- 17 Builds (6)
- 19 Rapid multi location travel (7-4,4)
- 23 Animal (3,4)
- 25 Bloodless (7)
- 28 Mistaken belief (15)
- 31 Frank (6)
- 34 Image (4)
- 36 Fibre (4)
- 37 Polish (4)
- 38 Type of ferry (2-2)
- 39 Foreign domestic carer (2,4)
- 40 Truth (4)
- 41 Prize (4)
- 42 Flout (4)
- 43 Snakes (4)

**Down**

- 1 Violate deadhead? (8)
- 2 Amalgamate lore and info on the city contour (8)
- 3 Request many of each (4)
- 4 Exalted woman made over (4)
- 5 Workers who lost leader become questioners (6)
- 6 North African turned over space (4)
- 7 Exhaust pulse (4)
- 8 I roast deranged haughty person (6)
- 9 Perhaps worker's agent upset by horn (6)
- 16 Cornet tip damaged: it has split ends and won't come loose (6,3)
- 18 Led better when blemished second goes (9)
- 20 Fear losing head by mistake (5)
- 21 Instruct every bar to go first (5)
- 22 Defuzing charged gun (3)
- 24 Worn in aerobics sash (3)
- 26 Post many jerseys (8)
- 27 Manages to see and hear internet stirrers (8)
- 28 Camp ad is crazy! (6)
- 29 Convivial party (6)
- 30 Tolerate stoppage of old practice (6)
- 32 A weird lily (4)
- 33 Endless libido in the same place (4)
- 34 Risky to be somewhat tipsy (4)
- 35 Trap alligator, catch a whale (4)

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## Cryptic by Zythum



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### Across

- 1 In situ a broken up state (7)
- 5 Additional explanation of team pressure unit (7)
- 9 Revised record of king enclosing mediaeval island (5)
- 10 Hangover cures? Awful Pepsi muck! (4-2-3)
- 11 "Pawn fine linen fabrics" as Spooner might say, and engage in combat (4,5)
- 12 Prepared to print section of pink edition (5)
- 13 Master salesman brought back short hair style (4)
- 15 Five-day contest on television – an experimental device (4,4)
- 18 Asia Nike repaired loss of movement (8)
- 19 Almost twelve – catch some sleep (4)
- 22 Behind all bigamists are female temptations initially (5)
- 24 Fabricate feeling but sound logical (4,5)
- 26 Our sphere distressed caped crime-fighter? (9)
- 27 One caught in a bewildering pattern of pale yellow (5)
- 28 French assistant displays frame (7)
- 29 Sketch producers turned back Sunday performance payment (7)


### Down

- 1 Excitement having first person replaced by a slave (6)
- 2 Verify identity of celebrity: outspoken citizen of Prague (9)
- 3 Tango hard following big hit in musical interval (5)
- 4 A fool holding public address with non-functioning equipment (9)
- 5 Foot protection hits hard (5)
- 6 Slow to grasp ten cent coin plus old penny securing West Indies tango shirt (3-6)
- 7 Refuse to jump a timber beam (5)
- 8 Live part of President (6)
- 14 Soldiers, chess pieces, a smart assembly (3-2-4)
- 16 Fire around new beginning of love vanishing in deluge – what can satisfy hunger? (5,4)
- 17 Bishop with zany conversion over point relating to Orthodox church (9)
- 20 Standard sector half vanishing in astronomical distance (6)
- 21 Safe society dwindles away (6)
- 23 Mountain area top of order (5)
- 24 Looks and sounds like pecuniary resources (5)
- 25 South Africa opens bowled after morning start. Australia dance! (5)

### GENERAL COMMENTS

- Many thanks Patrick for my slot 5 prize and accompanying certificate. More importantly thanks so much for keeping the club going in such difficult times. Getting *Crozworld* is one of the highlights helping to cope. I trust you and your wife keep well in this dangerous time.
- Thank you all, again, for an interesting month. Only 13 more sleeps...
- Thank you to all who are keeping our Club functioning during these hard times.
- Thank you for my July prize. I will spend it locally. Currently enjoying the rain.
- I would be lying to say I enjoyed this, more like torture.
- Clever use of right and left sides.
- It seems even more delightful to get a prize [slot 2] at this time. Many thanks. Slot 1 a bit tricky this month for the slot, still unsure on some.
- A good set of winter warmers to keep the brain ticking over.
- Thank you for the cheque I received last month. A welcome surprise as we cope with our "isolation" in Victoria. Cheryl Wilcox

Brian Symons  
Robyn Wimbush  
Eileen O'Brien  
Lynn Jarman  
Anastasia Webster-Hawes  
Alison Hocking  
Corryn Anderson  
Kath Harper  
Cheryl Wilcox

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


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**Across**

- 8 Flower, wild but nameless (6)
- 9 Flower maiden with desire for the Spanish trainee (8)
- 10 Flower cheese welcomes the start of Stilton ban (8)
- 11 Flower universe (6)
- 12 Flower monster kept out of sight (6)
- 13 Flower tree sheltering yellow heads of dendrobium orchids (8)
- 15 Flower issue surrounds Henry and Ann (7)
- 17 Flower, available to all, starts to slip in allurement (7)
- 20 Flowers sourced from animal substitutes from the East (8)
- 22 Flower danger all over the place (6)
- 23 Flower extract from Cuban ginger (6)
- 25 Flower tip pinching repelled island horticulturist leader (8)
- 26 Flower time in democratic Republic of Argentina (8)
- 27 Flower labia with oriental shape (6)

**Down**

- 1 Potentate reported high time with leader of Reformation Church (8)
- 2 Form of greeting for grip crew (5,5)
- 3 Kiosk is situated around central Lorne foreshore (6)
- 4 Independent politician endlessly and perversely ached to charge leader with corruption (7)
- 5 Pedant emerged from slander and lost accepted sign of rightness (8)
- 6 So in the end, both of these users lose 60% (4)
- 7 Nut tree pruned on the first of December (6)
- 14 Had another look at concerning test in education (2-8)
- 16 Partisan IRA company concealed revolutionary instruments (8)
- 18 Thoroughly frightful din heartily deafening to the end (2,6)
- 19 Confiscate key American firearm (7)
- 21 Dawdled along, drained after morning (6)
- 22 Gardner perhaps, caught in wind blast, clipped fruit (6)
- 24 Born before start of delivery urge (4)

**MEMBERS COMMENTS cont'd from p10**

**August 5-2020: Cryptic by Whynot? (Tony Dobele)**

- Excellent puzzle with a good number of CoTM candidates.
- So many clever clues, it was a (s)train to decide the best. Loved REHEARSE, TABLESPOON, INDIGO, but the winner was LICIT.
- What a strain that was.
- Getting 18 across was a real d'oh moment.
- What a lot of wonderful clues with a theme that kept me thinking laterally.
- Tried not to lose my train of thought while solving this puzzle. Took ages to work out word play for LICIT. Very clever.

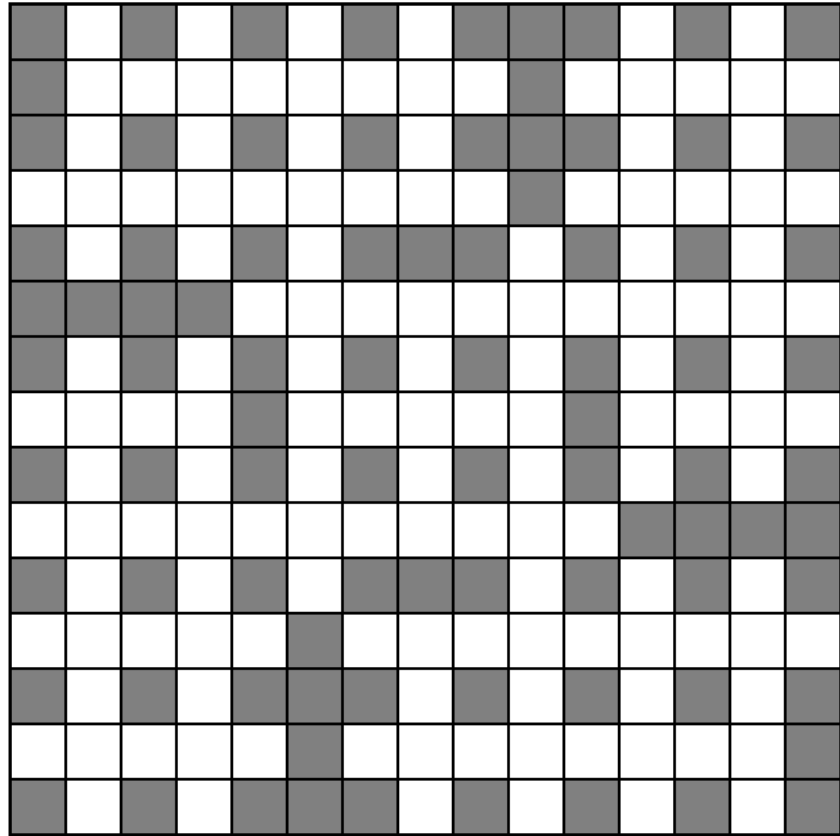
*Ian McKenzie*  
*Mike Potts*  
*Jenny Madden*  
*Kath Harper*  
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*Ulla Axelsen*

**From Brian Symons**

A friendly little joke possibly suitable for *Crozworld*.

A priest and an imam and a rabbit went to the blood bank to give blood. The nurse heard the rabbit say "I think i'm a type O."

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<p><b>AJ</b> by <b>KA</b></p>

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

### Clues

- A** Some land in Israel (4)
- B** Robert briefly followed a horse like this, perhaps (9)
- C** Grovel to the Clergy for some gauze? (11)
- D** Embraced by religious academic, confused trainee left The Ghan (9)
- E** Rue losing recipe for bird (5)
- F** Gallic gypsy with money for tailor's accessory (6,5)
- G** Broken ulna trapped in grille is healing (11)
- H** Run to male living quarters (5)
- I** Crazy – disowning son is senseless (5)
- J** A large candlestick for Mr James (5)
- K** Use a bad cheque for the aeroplane (4)
- L** Find drug in drink container in the city (1-4)
- M** Appearance of Miranda's Promontory, perhaps? (9)
- N** During prayers, the herb was returned to the cells (8)
- O** Money for minerals (4)
- P** Melon for sailor after exercise (4)
- Q** Unusual – monarch exchanges Bhutanese currency for South African (5)
- R** Reacted by putting grass around the square lake (9)
- S** Railway employee is an outstanding person (9)
- T** In movies, men mixed up with traitors may be killers (11)
- U** The body part is below the rim (8)
- V** Hornet makes apes very crazy (5)
- W** An extra hand for the dowager (5)
- X** Ten names for some Chinese (5)
- Y** The 15-year old national may be a rebel (5,4)
- Z** Metal is added to old printing block (5)

### Lazy Dog Word Puzzle by Graham Smith

If you do crosswords of any kind or codewords, then there is a good chance you will enjoy the challenge of a Lazy Dog word puzzle.

#### App's Main Features

- Not For Profit. The app is free. It has no ads and no in-app purchases.
- 13 Puzzles. The degree of difficulty varies. Puzzle 1 is the easiest and puzzle 13 the hardest. Puzzles 2 to 12 are in no particular order. Each puzzle has many different solutions.
- Tutorial. Learn how to do a puzzle by working through the interactive tutorial.
- Help. If you get stuck for words, plenty of suggestions are on offer.
- Sample Solutions. One for each puzzle.
- Spellchecker. Based on your device's built-in spellchecker.

A preview is available at lazy-dog-word-puzzle – and you can download the app at: <https://apps.apple.com/app/lazy-dog-word-puzzle-volume-1/id1502418993>

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**Cryptic  
by  
Crowsman**



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**Across**

- 2 Forecasts have light rain returning (4)
- 6 Big clumsy people turn lacklustre wearing unopened suit (8)
- 12 Trojan hero left out of turbulent 38 (6)
- 14 Person referring to sound of practice shot (5)
- 15 Bird, dog and pony perhaps in Manhattan vessel (8,5)
- 18 Crook is second removed from track (4)
- 19 About-face bet (4)
- 20 They make a play book (4)
- 21 Under 67.5 degrees in sauna (7)
- 22 Pain in the neck having old sauce (5)
- 23 Watery at home before sink is turned around (7)
- 25 Pipes keep time in morning service (6)
- 26 Wound involved in limits of terrible pain (6)
- 29 Bishop removed from "only young males" compounds (6)
- 31 Cloud reversed bearing during flight (6)
- 33 Studying off-campus, omits unknown constant (7)
- 36 14-across twisted straight muscles (5)
- 38 Close an English ship route (3,4)
- 40 Newton, for example, entered number theory (4)
- 41 Nothing is achieved after a blue! (4)
- 42 Doctor coming back to old money transfer system (4)
- 43 British thought shower is "major fall of water within brief period of indulgence" (13)
- 44 Little ones return around a furry animal (5)
- 45 Canines embrace first of babies in Jewish winter month (6)
- 46 Quits shanty perhaps for service (8)
- 47 Very, very average! (2-2)

**Down**

- 1 Criticised support piece (7)
- 3 Lacking thought, half of the field breaks in pack (13)
- 4 Tea leak covers floor (5)
- 5 Elevated role while provincial governor (6)
- 7 Union leader locks up cuckolded soldier (5)
- 8 Large pine-wood. What of it? (3,4)
- 9 Finally, book on time! (2,4)
- 10 Response to 32 in 1686 Law – house those opposing liberalism! (13)
- 11 Investigates and goes beyond, eliminating odds of repeat (6)
- 13 Jack from Scotland gets more savoury (7)
- 14 The amount of wool in cuff? (4)
- 16 Frank – old letter-writer (4)
- 17 Rugged 18 (5)
- 24 Reportedly, moisture is expected (3)
- 25 Seaman has another destiny (7)
- 27 Electrician's displeasure during extremes of winter (5)
- 28 Female gypsies against redevelopment (7)
- 30 Cunning minor is overheard (7)
- 31 Frothy drink that is had following bomb disposal (6)
- 32 Lawsuit when caucus dismisses female (6)
- 34 Grease damaged bores (6)
- 35 Clergyman shakes off cold immediately (4)
- 37 Second missing soldier this month! (4)
- 38 Protest 32 – it is surrounded by wrongdoing (3-2)
- 39 Hellish place for dance! (5)f repeat (6)

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**Grammaticaster**  
by  
*Aver*



Four interesting entries that are defined humorously in *Chambers* are clued by sequences of their unique letters only.

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**Across**

- 1 ABEFGL (9)
- 6 Magistrate takes a day to quibble (5)
- 9 A large disturbance beset central Asian republic (7)
- 10 What starts off entirely cordially afterwards turns into an extremely loud, dynamic confrontation (4,3)
- 11 Neither he or she took directions; it's a breeze (9)
- 12 Bill's dung scrap (5)
- 14 Common bore divides by seven to approximate pi (6-3)
- 17 Norse King's old throne, early Viking (4,1)
- 18 Mamma shuddered when undressed (5)
- 20 Where the pus may be bubbling away? (2,3,4)
- 22 Jewish month usually covering New Year's Eve early times (5)
- 23 Highwayman's gang circles around returning relative (9)
- 25 Our closest relatives' boobs. No? Awkward! (7)
- 26 Doctor, i.e. OB/GYN, doing as told (7)
- 27 Striped innards? (5)
- 28 AEJKLRWY (9)

**Down**

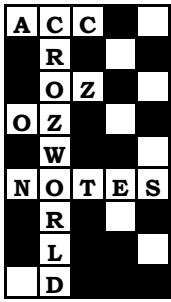
- 1 ABINRSTU (6,5)

- 2 Maybe Bo's account covers Italy, Gabon and Turkey (3,4)
- 3 Pitch suddenly to the side and leave the other side far behind (5)
- 4 Government cut allowance after hearing; an efficiency measure (4,5)
- 5 Old golf club formed by scholar and two fellows on the fringe of York (5)
- 6 Steer clear of hustle and jump the queue (9)
- 7 Daguerre's invention often rotated and mesmerised audiences, at first (7)
- 8 Euphemism requires only half the work (3)
- 13 DEGILORV (5-6)
- 15 Olla and Benny, perhaps tee up a record player (9)
- 16 Italian Bishop left, fleeing apparently, taking gold monsternace (9)
- 19 Old master Michelangelo's unfinished statue has no chin, oddly (2,5)
- 21 Decoration, a lily design, on tip of knitting needle (7)
- 23 Iranian militia snubbed fundamental justice (5)
- 24 Huge "surprise" before the end (5)
- 25 0 or 1 eighth of a buck (3)

**Post Solution to:**

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**PC! By Chris Lancaster, Puzzles Editor  
The Telegraph.**

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One of the challenges that many of us face in day-to-day life is coming to terms with what words may or may not be offensive to others, as times and viewpoints change. Words and phrases that may have been acceptable thirty or forty years ago now cause outrage; this is especially true in the media, where being careful about what we print is now second nature, and one only has to look at classic sitcoms such as *Only Fools and Horses* or *The Good Life* on streaming services to see that these come with warnings that they reflect views from the time they were made that people may now find offensive. We have mentioned previously the challenges this raises from a puzzles perspective. Crossword clues containing words such as 'clergyman' or 'actress' attract complaints of sexism, and even a recent cryptic clue which included the phrase 'nurse hugs boy' resulted in solvers writing in.

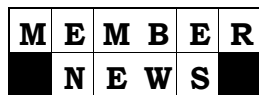
The latest 'woke' battleground is an unexpected one, however: the world of Scrabble. Earlier this month, the North American Scrabble Players Association voted to disallow some 238 'offensive' words from its official lexicon; the same change is now being debated by Scrabble authorities in the UK. While many of the words being disallowed are obvious racial slurs and similar, the ban is proving contentious on two fronts.

Firstly, some Scrabble players argue that in the game, words have no meaning; they are just made up of tiles which score points, and what the words mean isn't important. The game is just about playing valid, real words; if a word is a real word within the rules, then it should be allowed. This is the same argument that leads to the occasional profanity appearing as an answer in the TV series *Countdown*.

The second point of contention is that, according to some, many of the words included in the new banned list just aren't offensive. Examples of these include 'greybeard' and 'wrinklies', both seen as being ageist. From memory, Gandalf didn't object to the first of these in *The Lord of the Rings*; my own elderly relatives are quite happy to be called 'wrinklies', and even call themselves this from time to time.

One of my colleagues wrote recently of estate agents banning the use of the phrase 'master bedroom', 'manholes' being renamed as 'access points', and so on. The Scrabble changes are just the tip of the iceberg, and some are definitely welcome, but it pays to be careful. I will freely admit that I am a baldie, a fatso and a crumbly (if that is the singular of 'crumbles'), and many people I know are also happy to describe themselves as such. Just don't use any of these words next time you are playing Scrabble, as you may end up in trouble.

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Renewal by John Brotherton from  
Cannonvale, Qld. Welcome to the ACC.**

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**Corrigendum for September Issue**

We apologise for the apparent omission of questions 14, 15 and 17 from the August quiz. The quiz will be adjudicated on the basis of the questions printed.

**New ACC Member: Pamela Deakin - 17 August 2020**

We have received a subscription but no contact info for this new member. If she reads this, or if anyone knows her, please provide contact details to the President so that we can email her a copy of *CrOZworld*.

**Quiz No 9/2020 Old English by The Eager Beaver (Bev Cockburn).**

Answers have something in common and are in alphabetical order. Send your entries to Bev Cockburn, 27A Verlie Street South Wentworthville NSW 2145. e-mail to [bevco4@bigpond.com](mailto:bevco4@bigpond.com). Closing date 9 October 2020. \$75 prize.

- 1 Plant (4,4)
- 2 Excavator (7)
- 3 Restriction (8)
- 4 Excessive flow (9)
- 5 Poem (8)
- 6 Movie fan (8)
- 7 Mineral (8)
- 8 Tacky (5)
- 9 US dance (7)
- 10 A practice of treating diseases (10)
- 11 With the same potential (11)
- 12 Celebratory dance (7)
- 13 Sappy plant (9)
- 14 Excess verbosity (10)
- 15 Partly parasitic plant (9)
- 16 Purely intellectual (6)
- 17 Hormone (9)
- 18 Southern constellation (7)
- 19 Prelude (5)
- 20 Glass (6)
- 21 German physicist (8)
- 22 Writ (8)
- 23 Initial advantage (7)
- 24 Outdated protection (10)
- 25 Made a visual recording (7)
- 26 Sadly (8)
- 27 Zygodactyl (4-4)
- 28 Wheel of life (8)

**August 1-2020: Half 'n Half by P-brane (Roger Hearne)**

- Liked INDISPENSIBLE and BANDICOOT especially. Nice!  
*Anastasia Webster-Hawes*
- Seemed to be a long time between Croz, so this was very welcome.  
*Ann Millard*
- After all that solving I spent more time on 4ac than on the next 4 puzzles. Plaques???
- This is the first time that I have solved 2 to 5 but could not complete 1. I guessed 4A and 16A but think that both are wrong. *David Bennett*
- Challenging start. Branches/RAMI and Plaques/BIOFILMS held me up for quite a while. *Tony Dobebe*
- RAMI was a bit hard to come by. Got it only coz I had a doctor in the house. The clue was a bit too concise. BLACK AND WHITE wasn't very cryptic. *Andrew Patterson*
- I found this the hardest puzzle and last one I finished. Some nice clues esp. ARROW and BANDICOOT. *Joan Smith*
- Struggled with "plaques". A guess in the end. A great puzzle otherwise. *Jean Barbour*
- Interesting puzzle. *Ian Thompson*
- Can usually do most of slot 1 unaided but not this time! *Ulla Axelsen*
- Have been tearing my hair out over this puzzle, but eventually filled the squares. Harder than I expected for a Half 'n Half! *Glenda Lloyd*
- I'm having serious problems with 4a. My down letters look correct, but they don't seem to work with the definition. So, a random guess! *Julie Crowe*
- Believe 11 across could be DRAWBAR or DRAGBAR ["dragbar" is not in *Macquarie* and *Chambers* hyphenates it - Adj] *Nea Storey*
- It is always satisfying to be able to match my answers to their clues. *Lynn Jarman*
- For some reason that in hindsight escapes me we found this tougher than normal for a slot 1. *Richard Skinner*
- Not an easy start to the month! *Anne Simons*
- BIOFILMS was my last entry. Liked INDISPENSIBLE. *Bev Cockburn*
- This was certainly no pushover for a Slot 1. *Betty Siegman*
- I battled with 4ac. until I twigged 5dn was NOT 'indispensable' - very tricky. *Ian Mason*
- RESUBMISSION AS PREVIOUS ENTRY HAD A TYPO. *Patricia Abbott*
- I struggled with plaques for a long time until I thought teeth! *Robyn McKenzie*
- Re 4 across BUFFALOS? It fits? *Graeme Cole*
- Just right for Slot 1. *Arthur Barrett*
- Entertaining and instructive. *Kath Harper*
- Couldn't find any word for 'plaques' (4a) that fitted my letters so had to guess!! *Marian Procter*

**August 2-2020: Cryptic by Fortuna 48 (Nea Storey)**

- Nice to see a barred grid in Slot 2. Favourite clues were those for SOMEBODY, IRONING, DEPENDS and URBAN. *Brian Tickle*
- 20ac is semi indirect anagram and 'to' impedes, 9ac needs a more distinct second sense, 25ac doesn't work properly, 33ac why restaurants particularly?, 34 is not cryptic, 25ac weird surface. And others. This puzzle needed a more critical check beforehand. *Andrew Patterson*
- Enjoyable puzzle. Interesting that two clues have the definition in the middle. *Tony Dobebe*
- Nice puzzle, Nea. *Len Colgan*
- Great puzzle: fav. clues RESERVE, ENVY and MOVIE. *Joan Smith*
- A couple of clues with definitions in the middle makes solving a little tricky. Otherwise very enjoyable. *Ulla Axelsen*
- I was relieved to solve this one - I always struggle with my sister's puzzles!! *Anne Simons*
- A rare Ximenean grid, Nea. Well done. Not sure that 32ac is correct with the definition in the middle?? *Bev Cockburn*
- Liked SOMEBODY and ASSISTANTS. *Max Roddick*
- An interesting challenge! *Lynn Jarman*
- LOSER was a neat clue. *Mike Potts*
- I really enjoyed this puzzle. It is good to have a different grid occasionally. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Enjoyable challenge! *Arthur Barrett*
- An interesting challenge. *Jean Evans*

**August 3-2020: One side leads the other by Crowsman (Len Colgan)**

- Brilliant! You obviously entered the cleverly linked across solutions into the grid first - yet you still managed to avoid using any little-used or obscure words in the down clues. Favourites were TAIL-ENDER, FRERES and TUTOR. *Brian Tickle*
- Very clever to work in 8 pairs of across answers with a one letter difference. Must have been hard to compile. *David Procter*
- We loved this one. How on earth do you think them up? *Julie Leigh*
- Quite brilliant! Well done, Len! *Merv Collins*
- Wonderful. *Brian Symons*
- Took me until I had CAROUSELS & CAROUSERS for the penny to drop. Great fun! 15d LUNAR YEAR & 22d YARDAGE were my favourite clues. Thanks, Len. *Ann Millard*

- Lathel crevel. *Andrew Patterson*
- Very clever and enjoyable. Easier when found R and L changes in across clues. *Roy Taylor*
- I liked 21ac PRAYERS. *Tony Dobebe*
- Another special from Len; a great puzzle with excellent clues my favourite was BEAGLE. *Joan Smith*
- Very clever construction, although it did make solving the across clues much easier. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Enjoyed this ambidextrous workout! *Michael Kennedy*
- Very clever Len. Though I didn't notice the correlation in time for it to be useful for my solving. *Julie Crowe*
- Clever change of L to R and *vice versa* in across clues. Fortunately I worked this out early which simplified the crossword somewhat. *Maureen Blake*

- Thanks for this puzzle. A clever device in the across clues. *Sonia Roulston*
- It was only when I was entering this in ACCOLADE that I got the significance of the title - the across clues being in pairs with one change of letter, namely L to R each time. Nice one, *Crowsman!* *Nea Storey*
- Can always depend on *Crowsman!* *Eileen O'Brien*
- It took me a while to work out the title. Typically clever Len. Or should we call him Ren? *Richard Skinner*
- It was only when I was checking the spelling that I saw the cleverness across very nice *Crowsman* *Jenny Madden*
- Right left, right left, once I realized this the answers were easier to find. *Lynn Jarman*
- An amazing puzzle with perfect balance and flawless clues! *Bev Cockburn*

- This was very clever. So many pairs of words with just a R/L change. Put me on the right track with 19ac, I originally had RENTER. *Betty Siegman*
- Another very clever puzzle from the Master! *Pat Garner*
- Nice puzzle. I knew that L and R were involved somehow early on, but I didn't investigate further until I finished the puzzle - cleverly done! *Ian Thompson*
- Very clever across pairings. *Drew Meek*
- Didn't spot the symmetry until I was entering the final draft! Nice one. *Mike Potts*
- I love that moment when the title of the puzzle goes from indecipherable to indispensable for finding the solution. How clever is *Crowsman!* *Kath Harper*

- So very clever to pair up all these R/L words! I liked so many but ICE-CUBE especially. *Robyn McKenzie*
- Len, once again I was amazed by your ingenuity. It was such fun to follow the theme. *Jean Evans*
- What a clever puzzle! I only discovered the left/right link when I submitted it!! *Judy Randall*

**August 4-2020: AJ by InGrid (Jean Barbour)**

- I found the top half of this puzzle relatively easy but the bottom half devilishly difficult. Favourite clues were ENFORCED and PURLOIN (LOI). *Brian Tickle*
- Great AJ some tricky clues that took me ages to solve. *Joan Smith*
- More difficult than usual? LUPINE had me tricked for a while, but "E" was the last one. Always a favourite. *Ann Millard*
- Some great clues but I don't get the wordplay in "stretchy". *David Bennett*
- Grid pattern didn't help in this challenging puzzle. Liked L and P clues. *Tony Dobebe*
- Some tricky definitions, but that adds to the fun. *Ulla Axelsen*
- A challenging Slot 4.... took me ages to find Enforced as the definition was cleverly hidden. *Maureen Blake*
- Quite a challenging AJ. *Nea Storey*
- Grid pattern didn't help in this challenging puzzle. Liked DEMISTER and PURLOIN clues. *Tony Dobebe*
- Challenging; especially A,B,E,S,T. *Anne Simons*
- Always a very enjoyable way to spend a Sunday arvo. *Jenny Madden*
- MAHSIR seems to fit the wordplay but I can't verify it [listed as an Indian fish in *Chambers* - Adj]. *Graeme Cole*
- Amazing how much variety setters can achieve within the constraints of 26 initial letters. *Kath Harper*

**August 5-2020: Cryptic by Whynot? (Tony Dobebe)**

- Two contenders for COTM - the excellent clue for AFTERNOON and CHAPATI. I gave it to the latter, as it reminded me of shaping little round, grooved pats of butter when Mum made butter. *Nea Storey*
- Some really great clues. Loved MEDITATE, SCOTCH & INDGO and so many more! *Bev Cockburn*
- I loved 18ac, RHYME, and gave it my COTM. *Betty Siegman*
- Loved how "train" was used in different concepts. Practically gave up on completing Slot 5 and then the penny dropped on "rehearse". A amusingly clever clue. *Glenda Lloyd*
- Another interesting puzzle. *Jean Evans*



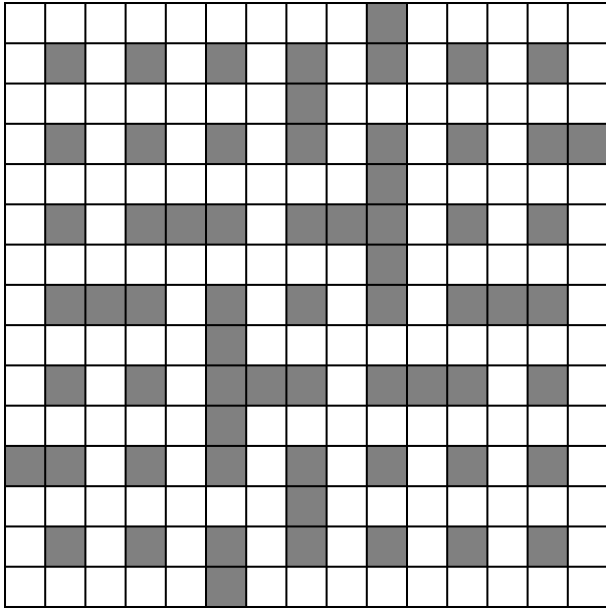
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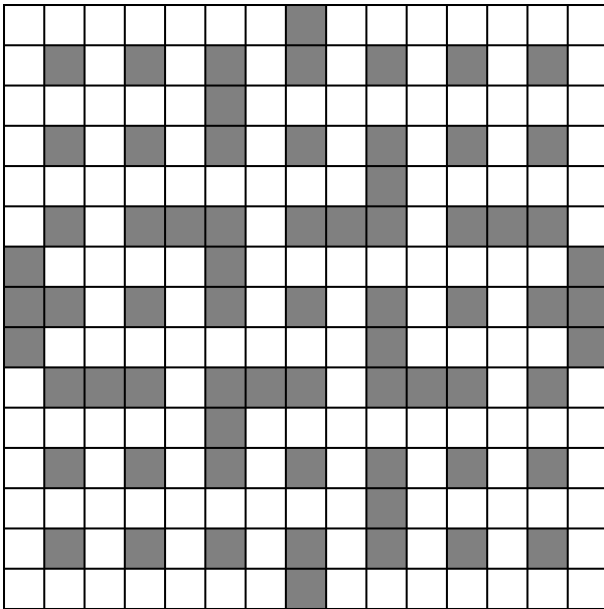
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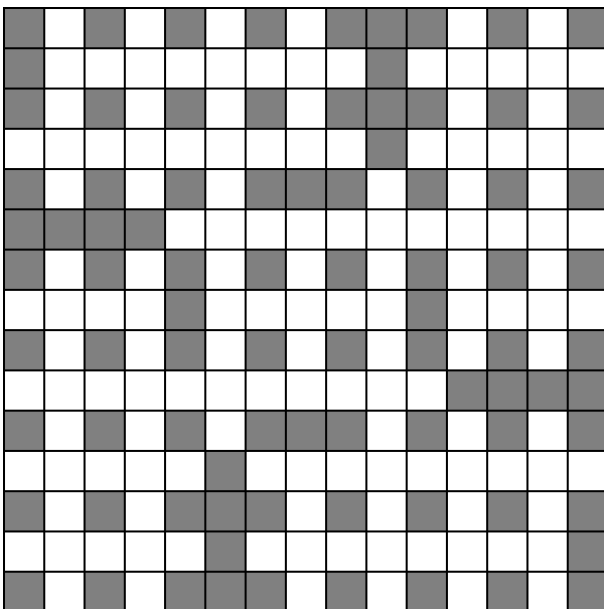
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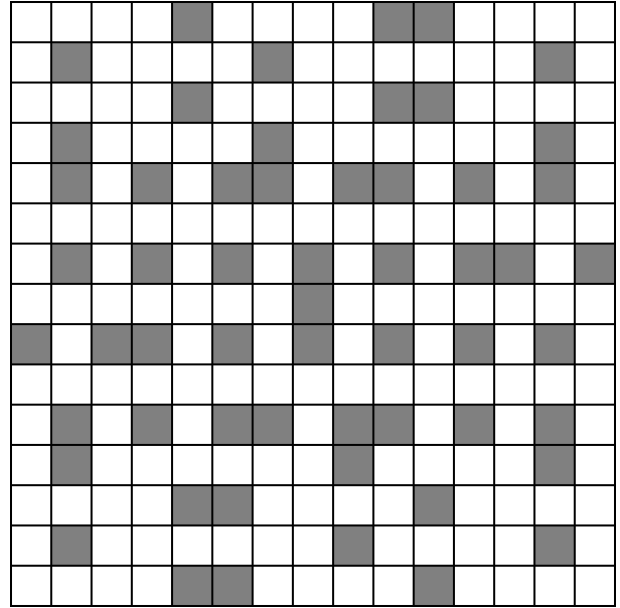
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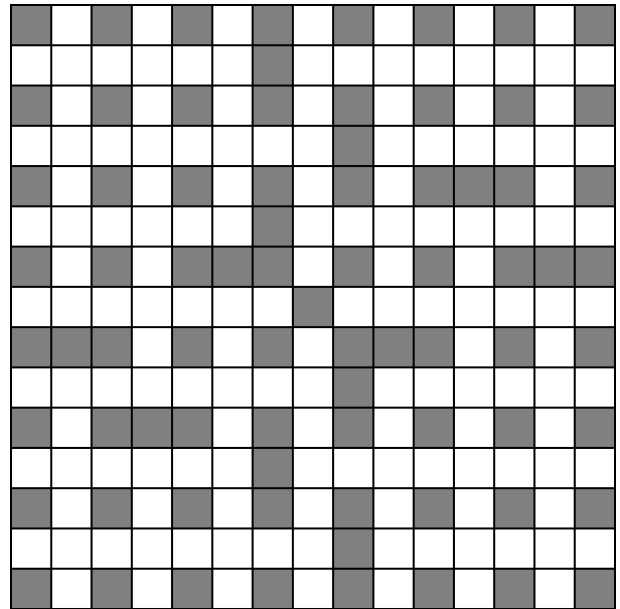
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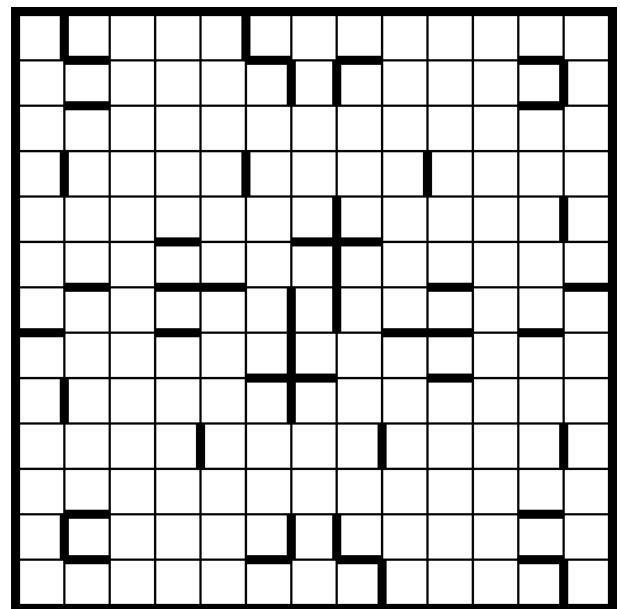
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Clue of the Month .....

**July 6-2020: For your Amusement by St Jude (Drew Meek)**

**Entries received 66; Correct 42; Success rate 64%.  
Prizewinner \$100: William Ryan. Congratulations!**

**Compiler's comments**

Entrants were, in general, aMUSEd. Only errors in themed answers were CLEO for CLIO, also leading to spelling of THALIA as THALEA. There is some variation in spelling of the muses but these answers did fit the secinds. Some noted the relaxed symmetry and unchecked letters (Three of 60 words with >33% unchecked and with a block of 2 unchecked and an additional word with a block of two unchecked letters. I did try to develop the themed grid within conventions. These words were not main sources of error. 11d (SYNE) was the most common error. Chambers defines as "since" (as in auld lang syne) written by Burns & second definition is Scottish, also indicated by Burns. AYAH (not AYA) is an alternative spelling of AIA in 8d in club references but that spelling did not fit the secind. Several had CROAKED for CLOAKED. The clue for 41a could allow either, but the intersecting clue for 35d only allowed CLOAKED. —Drew Meek

**Explanations – Slot 6 St Jude. Across:** 1 ac+quaint+(canes)\*, 12 triple def, 13 stINKS, 14 sILLY, 16 b+angle, 17 birTHALIAAs (t), 18 eu + ter + p + e (t), 21 Pacific Standard Time, 23 Neo>one, 24 (and)\*, 25 anag, 28 og+res, 31 pa+ea+ns, 32 dd, 34 homoph "row", 35 dd, 38 anag (theme), 39 aspIRE, 40 ch+ute, 41 c(L>R)oaked, 43 poly+hymn+ia (theme), 46 dd, 48 of>FO+E, 49 bETH + YokeL, 52 tee(pee), 53 u+ran+ia (theme), 54 drill with O for I, 55 er+ect.  
**Down:** 1 alb+edo, 2 ca+a, 3 qin+tar, 4 ur+ged, 5 sAIL, 6 hidden, 7 nuTSHell, 8 ai+as, 9 lin>NIL, 10 homoph "Cleo" (theme), 11 dd, 15 lant+s, 17 (priest)\*+chore (theme), 19 anag, 20 re+sole, 21 cAIP(>)irinha, 22 "tee" (homoph) = dd, 26 mel+pome+ne (theme), 27 sch+ed+(l+due)\*, 29 era+to (theme), 30 B(ell)Y+FULL, 32 ACC (us) +ENTS, 33 S+cupper, 35 lop>POL, 36 hidden, 37 cd (aLIens), 42 frANTIC, 44 lea+l, 45 YEARN, 47 hidden, 50 dd, 51 pay>YAP.

**Solvers' Comments**

- Nice idea, but a pity about the abbreviations and rare words. I assume 37Dn involves "Area 51", but the clue isn't quite right. Also, the order of the words in 11Dn is out. *Len Colgan*
- Puzzle was fun enough, but not the greatest grid I'm afraid. Having relaxed the symmetry, the plethora of double-unchecked letters and over-unchd (2 in 3, 4 in 7) entries should have been avoidable. *Keith Williams*
- Very a musing *St Jude*. Had to have the dictionary handy to finish this intriguing puzzle. *Roy Taylor*
- A masterpiece – so many clues! Really needed my *Chambers* for this with some quite obscure words. I found it very a-muse-ing and an enjoyable challenge plus I learned a lot of new things. Thanks *St Jude*. *Tony Dobe*
- I was looking for aMUSEment, until I bumped into *Urania* and *Clio!* *Nea Storey*
- Had to resort to the SOED for ILLY. [It's in *Chambers – Ed*] *Max Roddick*
- Lots of aMUSEmentS. *Ann Millard*
- Although it was easy enough to find the nine muses, it was all the unusual small words that made this very tricky to solve. Still not sure if I have them correct. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Nice themed crossword, very enjoyable. *Joan Smith*
- Definitely inspired by the Muse of cryptic crosswords, whoever s/he might be! *Kath Harper*
- Thank you Drew. I was amused! *Bev Cockburn*

- That was a challenging crossword – one to keep coming back to. Thanks. *Sonia Roulston*
- A nice play on words for the theme. Thanks *St Jude*. *Betty Siegman*
- Well, this was the hardest puzzle I have ever done. Zoomed along at the start, loved the Muses, but it became painfully obscure with the little answers. 'For Your Amusement'? Ouch! *Anastasia Webster-Hawes*
- A refreshment of the names of the muses was necessary.... some time since I studied mythology. *Maureen Blake*
- Found the title very droll. Great fun once the Muses were identified. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- I loved the amusing theme! *Robyn McKenzie*
- No idea how 37dn answers the clue; is it AREa or Urea!! *Marian Procter*
- Found this one exceptionally hard. *Alison Hocking*

**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 P-Brane.** Down: 1 triple def, 2 dd, 3 EXO + ERG + IC, 5 d/cd, 6 hw, 7 (intraclub)\*, 8 dd, 10 dd, 15 Spooner "Candy boot", 17 {DOLE} in INN + CE, 18 {IN + GO} in JISM, 21 dd, 22 (BORES)\*, 24 (V + O + ICE).

**Slot 2 Fortuna 48.** Across: 3 STEEL\* + COPE + S, 9 DD, 10 STAKE. S moves to end>N, 12 cd, 13 DD, 15 (RARE+ED)\*, 17 (CAMERA + I)\*, 19 TOPS, with S moved to front, 20 (LEAVE)\* + TOR, 22 DD, 24 DD, 25 IR-ON-IN-G, 30 CR(E)ATE, 31 NO(I)SIER, 32 B(r)EGAN, 33 DD, 34 Cryptic clue, 35 ASS + IST + ANTS. Down: 1 IMPRESSION(ist)S, 2 DI+RECTOR, 3 DD, 4 RESOL(ve)<, 5 cd, 6 (CHA(t)S)\*, 7 (PRIM+ET)\*, 8 EN+V(ictor)Y, 11 (a)DE+PARTMENTS, 14 (EACH EAR)\*, 16 DE(e)P + ENDS, 18 DD, 21 L (\*GONE) ST, 23 MO+VIES, 26 U(RBA)N, 27 cd, 28 TO+SS, 29 (PITS)\*.

**Slot 3 Crowsman.** Across: 1 RE + ALMS, 4 REPS< around LINT, 10 CHAT + LET<, 11 homoph 'pealing', 12 "later" with L,R swapped, 13 CARO(USE)LS, 14 P + LAYERS, 16 (s)LENDER, 19 dd, 21 (cu)PR(ic) + AYERS, 25 (ROUSE) inside CARS, 26 RAT(h)ER, 28 PEE + RING, 29 C + HATTER, 30 S + PRINTER, 31 REAR(scrUM)S. Down: 1 RE + CORD, 2 A + TRAP<, 3 ME + TALLY, 5 P(APE)RY, 6 ICE + CUBE, 7 TA + I + LENDER, 8 RE(GIS)TRY, 9 ALP< + CARD, 15 UNARY in LEAR, 17 Praising + RESPECT\*, 18 homoph "try sect", 20 (d)ELUSION(s), 22 DRAY< + AGE, 23 B + EAGLE, 24 REFERS\*, 27 (sta)TUTOR(y).

**Slot 4 InGrid.** A a+e+ration, B bay+homoph "bury", C age in (awarcryi)\*, D de(ad)+mister, E en+forced, F for+ums, G dd, H hair+like, I (s)ill(i)ness, J jam+(emir)\*, K key+board+ist, L hidden sail UP IN Estuary, M MeAt He+sir, N (hinduism-hi)\*, O anag, P purl+o+in, Q dd, R hidden< rEGENERation, S s(k)etchy substitute tr, T t+unable, U umbre+all<, V anag, W (s)winger+s, X (expositors -top)\*, Y pay< + pe +(ba)d, Z zea+lot.

**Slot 5 Whynot?.** Across: 1 Hidden, 4 REHEARS + anyone, 10 CAR and VAN around A, 11 RISE after APP, 12 Trains + ROT, 13 DRAUGHT around IST (1st), 15 AFTER + (NO) + ON, 16 NICE around unclE, 18 CD, 19 \*(NUDESISIT), 21 TABLE (counter) + SPOON (snuggle), 23 DD, 26 EX + PRESS, 27 CHAI (tea) around PAT (bit of butter), 28 EDIT in MATE, 29 \*(REMOTe). Down: 1 feLICITy - FE (iron) and Y, 2 AIR (state) + WORTHY (VIP), 3 Initial letters, 5 \*(SALIENT), 6 EX + homoph "planing", 7 RUG (wig) around IN, 8 ERECT + NESS, 9 IN + DIG + O, 14 Imps Rude Raspberry + RENT around EVE, 15 AIR + \*(MASTER), 17 ENGAGE with TOUR replacing Girl, 19 IS< in DEPOT, 20 DD, 22 CD, 24 DD, 25 DD.

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**A Quick  
Crossword  
by  
Pentangle**



**Eleven solutions are related and are not otherwise defined.**

**Post solution to:**

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**Across**

- 1 Uneven parts of each lean-to produce a striking effect (5)
- 4 Don't eat and exercise (4,5)
- 9 Herb has fruit step according to Spooner (7)
- 10 Caught onto extreme elements of report with twist (7)
- 11 Interval in short course around area surrounding capital city (8)
- 12 Prone to missing the start of everything (6)
- 14 Eddy's resistance gives way to opening of liquor for quick binge (5)
- 15 Line written in one crazy night to create advertising sign perhaps (4,5)
- 17 Place of entertainment for golfers who like to play in the dark? (5,4)
- 19 Extracting 50% of iron from animal is a bad blunder (5)
- 21 Unfortunately unable to see irregular patch in the sky (6)
- 23 Central part of angle not used in geometric construction (8)
- 25 Having a discussion about following initially rejected (7)
- 26 Somewhat against anthem (7)
- 27 Lousy shot – stick around (9)
- 28 Eye opener in clothes for stylish men (5)

**Down**

- 1 Ruler gives up 99% of money initially (7)
- 2 See 19-down
- 3 Route around interior of cave is hard work (7)
- 4 Run away from heartless ghoul in very small enclosure (10)
- 5 Fire rifle (4)
- 6 Plant holder? (7)
- 7 Fashion and/or dress (5)
- 8 Solves clue for 'stun' (4,3)
- 13 Old garment starts to irritate my elbows (6,4)
- 16 Advance to attack and fight with Germany (2,7)
- 17 Idiot almost upset containers (3-4)
- 18 Everyone involved in the brewing of this gets rather high (7)
- 19, 2 Old king relieved to find strange thing in fish (7,9)
- 20 Stirs up old flame with names (7)
- 22 How world record holder runs like 19-down, 2 (5)
- 24 Times when to accept uprising for example (4)

**ROUGH COPY**

**GOOD COPY – Name .....**

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## Results for QUIZ 7/2020

### Double Double Trouble by KA (Karl Audrins)

**Winner \$100: Bev Cockburn. Congratulations.**

**No. of Entries: 25: Results:** 30: W. Allen, U. Axelsen, B.J. Cockburn, L. Colgan, J. Crowe, P. Garner, B. Glissan, R. Gooderick, K. Harper, J. Leaver, J. Leigh, A. Millard, M Procter, B. Siegman, Keith Williams, R. Wimbush. 29: M. Blake, W. Ryan, R. Taylor, Kate Williams. 28: R. Caine, D. Grainger, G. Lemon. 27: A. Miles. 26: G. Cole.

**Answers:** 1. Accommodate 2. Babbitt 3. Bacchii 4. Coffee 5. Crossopterygii 6. Dumbbell 7. Embarrass 8. Flannelette 9. Football 10. Goddess 11. Grasshopper 12. Hippogriff 13. Innkeeper 14. Kookaburra 15. Lissomeness 16. Milli watt 17. Mollycoddle 18. Ninny-hammer 19. Offsaddle 20. Piccalilli 21. Piccaninny 22. Quarrelling 23. Raccoon 24. Sadducee 25. Senselessness 26. Teepee 27. Terrazzo 28. Whippoorwill 29. Yallabatharra 30. Zucchetto.

**Adjudicator's Comments:** Firstly, thank you to all who submitted an entry, and congratulations to the winner. Secondly, apologies to all those who submitted an entry, but whose name does not appear in the above list. It was only later in the month I discovered, by accident, that the computer, for reasons known only to itself, had sent some entries directly to the "Junk" list. The ones still there were fortunately retrieved. However, how many others I have inadvertently deleted, I do not know. If you are one of these, please advise.

Generally, there were no real problems, with variations mainly occurring in Nos. 27 and 29. "Tessella" was perfectly acceptable, while there were a few alternatives accepted for 29, as on closer examination, the "offical" answer is arguably not a "town". Neither were some submitted suburban names. Auf wiedersehen.

—Karl Audrins

### Members' Comments:

- Some very straightforward answers interspersed with some quite obscure ones. Thanks for an enjoyable challenge. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Thank you for another quality quiz with plenty of research opportunities. GODDESS, BACCHII, and CROSSOPTERYGII, were the last three I found. Took longer than all the rest.

*Beverly Cockburn*

- I struggled with the last 6 or so. Hopefully all O.K. I have to say your "almost extinct fish" was sheer perversity!! *Julie Crowe*

- Thank you for this gem. I guess it took almost as long to compose as it did to solve. *Pat Garner*

- Quite a challenge. Pleased I had my offsider, Google! Not too sure about 29. *Ray Gooderick*

- Thank you for another challenge. *Julie Leigh*

- I am confused about No. 28 with 3 doubles, but "two sets of doubles" is a subset of three sets of doubles. No 29 is a "locality" but it does have a postcode. *Ann Millard*

- Another good one. I hope my entry is correct as 28 Bird has 3 lots of double letters. *Marian Procter*

- Thanks once again for a challenging quiz. *Betty Siegman*

- I'm probably going astray with 29, but even the internet isn't especially helpful when it comes to Australian geography. *Keith Williams*

- Doing this every month has kept me sane, so thank you for contributing to my well-being. Many thanks for this interesting quiz. *Robyn Wimbush*

- For quite a while I thought I would not be able to complete this intriguing puzzle until by chance I came across Crossopterygii. Amazing that such a find can cause an excitement which those who are not cruciverbalists would never understand! *Maureen Blake*

- Thanks for a great quiz, with several previously unknown words and many that weren't immediately obvious. *Kath Harper*

- Once again a brain teaser, for which I thank you. *Robyn Caine*

- Another daunting demanding and testing quiz. Many hours, of which I now have, were spent on the internet and in reference books. Q5 might be my downfall. I was staggered how many fish species are endangered. *Gary Lemon*

## Indian Crossword League

From: Kushagra Singh <[cryptickushagra@gmail.com](mailto:cryptickushagra@gmail.com)>

Sent: Saturday, 15 August 2020 9:24 PM

To: [president@crosswordclub.org](mailto:president@crosswordclub.org)

Subject: INDIAN CROSSWORD LEAGUE 2020 - OPEN FOR NON INDIANS AS WELL!

Mr. Patrick,  
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Dear Mr. Street,

Indian Crossword League, IXL in short, is a premier individual crossword solving championship of India.

The league is an individual crossword solving competition played in a round-robin league format. It has a total of 10 weekly Online Rounds of crossword puzzles open to all, where the participants have to solve the crossword within a stipulated time.

The evaluation of the same is done on two bases: time and accuracy. The participant who takes the least time in submitting the most accurate solved puzzle tops the table and this is how ranking is done.

This way every week a leader-board is formed at the end of every weekly round. After the conclusion of all the 10 weekly rounds, the top 20 are invited to participate at an offline National Grand Finale.

This year in the 2020 we have entered into the eight edition of this championship and hence to bring in variety and more competition to this championship, we have opened it for non-Indians from all across the world, as well.

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Please feel free to write back with queries, appreciation or suggestions.

Best Regards

Kushagra Singh  
Indian Crossword League

**July 7-2020 Lights Out! by Zinzan (Andrew Patterson)**

**Entries received 54; Correct 45; Success rate 83.3%.**

**Prizewinner \$100: Warren Allen. Congratulations!**

**Compiler's comments**

I can't say for certain who solved the first published version or the second. The second made more sense for the rubric! I wasn't sure how hard it would be to solve but I reasoned the long Down answers would give some structure to the whole thing. And most ACC solvers would have a pretty fair grasp of the Greek alphabet by now. The only catch in the solution was the stipulation for 'different' answers so repeating PSI (instead of PHI) up the top corner was a bad idea. Thanks for your comments and now to dream up something else... —**Andrew Patterson**

**Explanations – Across:** 1 sensei -I, 9 A in Appl(e), 10 un><la, 12 ddef, 15 --s in a mo-- <, 16 p(a,l----)aver, 19 C or V(ide), 20 ddef, 21 --des-----, 22 (p)runin(g), 23 a(r)t<,CE, 24 --e US-- <, 25 uh+t-----, 26 to,t, 33 (not)\*, 35 i.r.e., 37 chi,N(t)Z, 40 ref it, 42 o----,per,A, 44 threat -re, 45 O,as is, 47 A1,nu, 48 L+inch. **Down:** 1 (history lesson - henry)\*, 2 Sat(urday), 4 band -n, 5 el,even, 6 A(u)TO, 7 p,awn, 8 --i--,rises, 13 (group,see)\*, 17 v(a,tuna)\*U, 18 rat(tan)s, 21 ----een I ate d----- <, 27 (chalets)\*, h-----, 29 man,art<, 31 pal(moi)l, 32 (decree)\*, 34 (o)p-tion.

**Solvers' Comments**

- The clues for SEE and OPTION are clever, and I liked the two inclusions of "unused thematic element". *Len Colgan*
- I could work out from the grid where most but not all the unclued answers were, and had lists in the wrong spot until I saw where DELTA had to be. It slowly unfolded in a most enjoyable exercise. *Roy Taylor*
- Once I had R-O for 32across, and EPSILON for 3down, this proved to be less daunting than it first appeared. I went on to meet a lot of Greek characters. *Nea Storey*
- Even though we may not have been successful, we enjoyed the challenge provided with Slot 7. Thank you. *Julie Leigh*
- Some interesting words and a lot of Greek! *Ann Millard*
- Found the theme early on but enjoyed all the topical clues, particularly Spinal Tap's amps going up to eleven! *Tony Dobeles*
- Having worked out what the unclued words were certainly helped with finding answers for many of the other clues. A good challenge. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Enjoyable puzzle. Entering Omega and Mirror (traps?) slowed me down a fair bit. *Ian Thompson*
- A veritable Trojan horse of a puzzle! *Kath Harper*
- Once I got B E blank A for 4 across I know it either 'cheese' or the Greek alphabet! Good fun! *Bev Cockburn*
- Finally I find a use for the Greek alphabet apart from physics and astronomy! Nice one, Andrew. *Mike Potts*
- A very clever puzzle! *Julie Crowe*
- Fantastic fun making self-isolation relatively painless *Brian Symons*
- Lights out. In the dark. It's all Greek to me. Thanks Andrew, a great puzzle. *Betty Siegman*
- Very clever puzzle, most satisfying to nut out. *Anastasia Webster-Hawes*
- A most enjoyable puzzle, although I'm tempted to say "It's all Greek to me"! *Maureen Blake*
- I inadvertently solved the 'unamended', and therefore less-challenging version, so exclude me from the prize. Still, a fitting homage to the Greek alphabet. *Michael Kennedy*

- It was a great help when I worked out that the gaps were Greek letters. My favourite clue was refit! *Robyn McKenzie*
- A very clever puzzle! *Julie Crowe*
- This was a challenging but rewarding puzzle. Very cleverly constructed but entirely solvable (I hope). *Frank Martin*

**Solution to Slot 7: Lights Out! by Zinzan (Andrew Patterson)**

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**Clue Writing Competition (cont'd from p16)**

**Scoring System**

	Poor	Proper	Perfect
<b>Definition</b>	0	1	2
<b>Secondaries</b>	0	1	2
<b>Fairness</b>	0	1	2
<b>Surface</b>	0	1	2
<b>x-factor</b>	0	1	2

Total score	Star Rating
0	0
1-2	*
3-4	**
5-7	***
8-9	****
10	*****

**Clue Writing Competition No 5/2020**

For the next competition, please write a clue for the word **PANDEMONIUM (11)** 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](mailto:manveru@bigpond.com)

Closing mail date: Friday 9 October 2020. \$50 prize.

## Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 4/2019

### Write a clue for CURFEW (6)

#### Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy

##### Definition from Chambers (12<sup>th</sup> edition):

n A regulation obliging people to be indoors within certain hours; the ringing of a bell at a certain hour as a traditional custom, or the bell itself; the time of curfew; in feudal times, the ringing of a bell as a signal to put out all fires and lights. (Ofr covrefeur, couvrir to cover, feu fire, from L focus)

This month's word is sadly, a topical one to many of you, particularly those of you under lockdown in Victoria. In fact, I suspect the surge in entries this month is due to many of you being forced to stay home. The word itself dates to feudal times when a bell was rung to signal it was time to put out one's fire (literally – cover fire). It has since adopted a more threatening tone, and nowadays used to quell crowds and impose strict control. It's this very theme that was encapsulated best by **Roger Hearn** with this winning clue.

#### Rogue minority effect a major lock-down (6)

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

#### Because of this, "You better be home soon" and no Crowded House! \*\*\*

We start with a rather unorthodox clue that is cryptically defined. It relates to the classic Crowded House hit You better be home soon, that is related to the current pandemic with the additional restriction of not having a 'crowded house'. However, in a typical curfew there is no restriction on how many people are inside, but I do appreciate the clever application of the song and band.

#### Bell signals Romans' disqualification from Mixed Four-man Crews \*\*\*

This was the only clue that went with the bell ringing definition. Here, a subtraction anagram is applied with disqualification, although as a noun, the preceding signals is needed to keep the indication grammatically correct. In that case, bell alone would serve as the definition. It's true that the Romans participated in boat races, but while biremes and triremes featured, I'm not aware of a 'mixed four-man' craft.

#### Crew half full, all befuddled by closing time \*\*\*½

Some terrific imagery here, as one could easily imagine a bunch of doddery drunken sailors making their way back to the ship after the pub closes. It's parsed with the fodder, crew & fu, as indicated by the word befuddled (an apt choice).

#### Dog following English woman to be home at a certain time \*\*\*

Here we have some serious exploitation of the handy abbreviations available in this charade clue. It's parsed with CUR,F,E,W, – all four elements combining well. It's difficult to know if it's the dog or the woman needing to be home at a certain time.

#### Dog three night \*½

This clue is about as short as they get when it comes to a charade – two synonyms and a definition. While dog for cur is fine, three for few is less so as, at best, it's an example of a 'few'. Night as the definition is also too nebulous. Curfews are not necessarily at night, and in any case, it doesn't encapsulate the 'regulation' aspect of a curfew. While there is an American band called *Three Dog Night*, I am not aware of what Dog three night may refer to, but happy to be enlightened.

#### Hide sign from Spooner and be home early – that's an order! \*\*\*½

It's delightful to see a couple of spoonerism clues this month. This one is a play on 'fur cue' (hide sign). The definition is excellent and seamlessly worked into the clue. Like the vast majority of spoonerism clues, the challenge comes from determining what the spoonerism is, as its indication is usually self-evident.

#### In some countries, a coronavirus regulation only a small number follows, starts to completely undermine recovery \*\*\*

This topical clue places few after C.U.R. I reckon the surface sense could be tweaked just a little to make it slightly less strained. (eg. With only a small number following...), but the story of the clue remains both clear and pertinent.

#### Incur fewer characters in restrictions after dark \*\*\*½

Here we have the sole hidden clue (I'm sure you have all spotted it!), as indicated by characters. It's a neat indicator as it adds perfectly to the sinister atmosphere created by the surface reading of the clue.

#### Mongrel dog has hardly any time to get home! \*\*\*½

This clue combines two synonyms succinctly with cur and few. It made me think of the classic movie, *Lassie Come Home*, but Lassie, even though a rough collie breed, wasn't a cur. But I digress. The clue works well, and I particularly like the way the word any is used in two different ways – one for the parsing, one for the surface sense.

#### Night time lock down caused by a small number after a dog \*\*\*½

This clue is very similar to several others, not just in parsing, but also the synonyms – dog and a small number. What marks this clue is the way these parts have been welded together for a terrific surface reading. The only quibbles are night time should be hyphenated, and 'chasing' instead of 'after' would have really nailed it, but that's my subjective bias coming through.

#### Rogue minority effect a major lock-down\*\*\*\*

This neatly parsed charade uses two choice synonyms (cur for rogue and few for minority), to create a powerful and plausible story that could have arisen from any number of US cities in recent times.

#### Sigh of relief heard after Sir John announced "It's time to go home" \*\*\*½

Here we have some innovative parsing. It uses not one, but two separate homophones (phew after Kerr). I do like the definition and if the solution happened to be more related to the 'dismissal', then Sir John would have added even more truth to the clue's story.

#### Some chasing dog should be home at this time \*\*\*

A simply parsed charade with few after cur. It's also a plausible story, even if I am left wondering about who and why the dog is being chased.

#### Spooner's tree line regulation \*\*\*½

Here's the other spoonerism, as indicated by the very name. The parsing is fir/queue, two completely different homonyms, but just as effective. The definition is tricky but perfectly valid. Just for a little more pizzazz, maybe using Reverend Spooner, would have added to the imagery of an English clergyman guarding the hedge bordering his property perhaps.

#### Time to go inside for some following overturned Irish Police \*\*\*½

This is a neat gaelic-flavoured clue with the RUC (Royal Ulster Constabulary – an unfamiliar abbreviation for me), representing the Irish Police which is then overturned before few. I can see the potential for incorporating an English (E) fellow (F) into this clue.

#### US football club hosted game after reversal of lockdown law \*\*\*

This is a wonderfully written clue from a surface reading perspective, and it's a perfectly plausible scenario. The parsing is almost as wonderful with a reversal of WE (us) and FC (Football Club) around RU (game – rugby union). The only problem is that US is not a direct synonym for we, and some indication that it's the objective case of we is required.

#### Why, in ancient Rome, not many had time to stay indoors \*\*\*

There is always something new to learn and cur for why in Latin is the one that I'll remember this month. The clue's surface sense is a little stilted and as it is phrased as a question, it should be marked as such. While Latin is no longer as common as it used to be, The Times still publish a monthly cryptic crossword entirely in Latin if you are keen to test yourself. **[Continued on p15]**