**Prizewinners:**

**N. T.**
- J McGrath

**S. A.**
- Jesso

**N. S. W.**
- B Symons

**Qld.**
- L Cooke

**Vic.**
- Cally Martin

**Tas.**
- D Fuller

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**Members’ Comments**

Kindly note that due to the Christmas Season we have an early closing date with this issue—**Friday 14 December**. This will enable us to get the January Crozworld and the Compendium out in time for Christmas. Good Luck with your solving. —Patrick

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**A successful use of metaphor is a matter of perceiving similarities.**

Aristotle, 4C BC, *Qualities of Poetic Style*, in Poetics, (trans M Heath), Ch 22.

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**Prizewinners: November 2007 Slots 1-5: Irene Watts**

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Across
8 Deck (6)
9 Event (8)
10 Diamond (8)
11 Lemon (6)
12 Carpet (5)
15 Man (8)
19 Court (7)
20 Tongs (7)
21 Night (8)
25 Board (5)
28 Field (6)
30 Carnival (8)
32 Post (8)
33 Lawn (6)

Down
1 Aunt ordered fish (4)
2 Learners about in each type of design (6)
3 Mails letters to Muslim (5)
4 Hilda put out a fresh flower (6)
5 Country Cup winner sounds like a fast one! (6)
6 Criminal shot us in a scrap (6)
7 Not initially competitive events for experts (4)
13 No green up front (5)
14 Slick vehicles turn (5)
15 Many endlessly mull it over (5)
16 Put a block before a wheel again, Charlie, and go up (5)
17 Read it, headache gone, now sleepy! (5)
18 Nine performers can’t connect for this reason (5)
22 Immature egg a novel eco-toy (6)
23 Hatred is difficult to push through the eye of a needle! (6)
24 Settle for shelter (6)
26 A nut starts a little music – only nobody dances (6)
27 A way in through the street in plain view (5)
29 Instrument starts out better over Enigma (4)
31 Hob gun connection (4)
2007 GET-TOGETHER, SYDNEY:
The ACC’s Annual Get-Together held at William Ryan’s Cauliflower Hotel, Waterloo, Central Sydney on Sunday 18 November 2007 was a sparkling success. With a record number of 46 in attendance, there were plenty of opportunities to renew acquaintances and put faces to names familiar from Crozworld over the years. Brian Tickle came from Taree, NSW, Bill Bennett from Seal Rocks NSW, Tom and Kitty Smith came down by train from Kingston, Qld, Veniece and Graham Lobsey from Dubbo, NSW, Margaret Pyc from Wagga Wagga, Ian and Kay Williams, Nea and Charles Storey and Maurice Cowan from the ACT and Michael Kennedy from Figtree, NSW. We were delighted to see David Stickley, Audrey and Bruce Austin, Roy and Shirley Wilson, Del Kennedy, Betty Siegman, Marian Procter, Brian Symons and a host of others too numerous to mention but including two Doctors – Ian McKenzie and Bob Crossman. The delectable and well-priced food was very popular and the drinks very reasonably priced. The Annual quiz was conducted by President Patrick and it was well won by Andrew Patterson who achieved 29 correct answers out of 30. This was an excellent effort Andrew and the main book prize was much deserved. Ted O’Brien came a creditable 2nd with 27 questions correct. A vote of thanks to David Stickley who donated a generous quantity of premium wines from the Margaret River region, WA and a special thank you to William Ryan for making his fine establishment such a popular venue for this memorable Annual Gathering.
**Cr0Zworld**

**Cryptic by Southern Cross**

**Prize $50 x2**

### Across
1. Look! Emergency service takes it on but is no longer able to manage (5,2)
2. Reports leading to top shearer getting sack (7)
3. Article from France on radiation used initially for growth in soft palate (5)
4. Basically popular city church (2,7)
5. Blethering skites hiding sailor’s warm clothing (3-7)
6. Riot involves a musical group (4)
7. Not a suitable sign for the Limbless Association! (7,4)
8. Throw up, then get set to crawl out for some seafood (7,4)
9. Knocks back something coming from the East (4)
10. Without moving anything, replaces money in cash register (5-5)
11. Admit to embrace (9)
12. No one returns after working – it could make you cry! (5)
13. Kept in bed overlong, as pyjamas sometimes are (5,2)

### Down
1. Vuitton takes note of this girl (6)
2. Silly, silly dispute not finalised (6)
3. It’s rising little by little, from POW camp might you say? (10)
4. Hicks wants to talk shop about release initially, agitated and very 2 (5,2,3,5,6)
5. Lots getting a good bargain? (5,4)
6. Where they make plans to travel huge distances in North American state (4)
7. Ranting foolishly about nothing, knowing no better (8)
8. How one looks when in complete agreement (3-2-3)
9. Evangelist, a twin possibly, and one famous for his writing (4,5)
10. 2? Certainly not like us! (8)
11. A stumbling block to Basle, disunited about a century (8)
12. A guide to navigation for one of The First Fleet (6)
13. See 4
14. See 4
15. Packed up, as in a month back (5)
16. Leave out some of the story Naomi told (4)

### GENERAL COMMENTS:
- Thank you to the Club for my $50 prize for Slot 1 in October. Always a thrill. 
  Doreen Jones
- Many thanks for the October slot 2 prize. Being a prizewinner adds to the pleasure of playing the game.
  John Standard
- Thank you very much for forwarding the magnificent Dictionary that I won last month. The exquisitely inscribed certificate is proudly pasted into the front for posterity. Thank you too to Catherine for pulling my name out of the hat.
  Pat Gomar
- I was thrilled to get a $50 prize for slot 1 October, although I thought I was getting a dictionary. $50 buys a great bottle of bubbly!
  Barbara Ibbott
- Absolutely delighted with the Dictionary of World History I received for Slot 4 in October. It was delivered almost before I realised that I had won the prize and so beautifully addressed!!
  Cheryl Wilcox
- A great set of puzzles this month. We needed a lift up after last month’s and it was great to see Praxis back in form – which reminds me, there was no reference to The Cup this year. Was it EI-EI-O? The 0 being the NSW & Qld starters?
  Bill Bennett
- I found the puzzles this month very challenging, especially slots 2, 4 & 5.
  Graeme Cole
Chambers have bound together their Crossword Dictionary, Crossword Completer and sections of Don Manley’s Manual into a massive Crossword Companion. At present this tome is only available to subscribers to Reader’s Digest.

- The new Chambers Dictionary of the Unexplained is a fascinating and illuminating book, and an essential reference for anyone with a serious interest in unexplained phenomena. Written in consultation with leading figures in the relevant areas of study, it contains carefully researched, in-depth and balanced entries on topics ranging from alien abductions to the zodiac. 864pp. For further info visit: http://www.chambersharrap.co.uk/chambers/books/reference/unexplained.shtml
- Margaret Davis invites us to subscribe to Ozwords. Subscription is free. Send your name and postal details to: Ozwords Subscription Manager, GPO Box 2784 Melbourne Vic 3001. Email: ozwords.au@oup.com Fax: (03) 9934 9100. Margaret says: “I am sure you will enjoy it. I entered one of the competitions a year or two back and got an honourable mention!”
- David Stickley tells us that the Macquarie Crossword Dictionary, new rev ed 2007, should be available in bookstores by Christmas. David (who acted as a Consultant for this edition) says that this edition has a wealth of useful material in it for the keen crossworder. The Dictionary includes a wide-ranging list of synonyms and related words lists of animals, plants, geographical features, gods, political leaders, Biblical characters, explorers, aviators etc. The previous edition was way back in 1990 so this edition is especially welcome.
- Ian Williams liked this clue in the Guardian recently: Apology from Williams or Ryan (1,2,5) Answer: I am sorry
Across
1  First home buyer? (5-6)
2  Shop awning provides cover for a man (4)
3  Took over small university faculty as before (7)
4  Dawn – God of Ages, no less (3)
5  Pass opportunities to cut up document (5)
6  Railway assumes train crash with no escape is an uncommon occurrence (6)
7  Head off car changing lanes to arrive at the store (7)
8  Arrangements of music tempo produce the wrong number (10)
9  Caribbean bookies make bundles (5)
10 Clumsy skater is s***! (9)
11 Improves soldiers amid much publicity (6)
12 One has a stomach staple as a roll of fat hangs off the middle? (10)
13 Use up a colour in zero seconds! (3,4)
14 No right to enter – not one (4)
15 Lasting ability of church to follow directions of the French navy (9)
16 Throws name into situation initially (9)
17 See 20dn
18 Lasting ability of church to follow directions of the French navy (9)
19 Left a country (4)
20 and 17 Crumpled V8s pile into Dodge (4,3,4)
21 1ac presumably tells maid to reorder (9)
22 Ensures subdivision of remote estate is returned (3,2)
23 Converts start to kindle a riot in carriage (6)
24 Surround six Romans involved in mismanaged US corporation (7)
25 Joked and was sporting (3,2)
26 Co-ed class? (4)
27 Intellectually defeated – the idiot within, exposed (9)
28 Bring to justice Indians – hearing required (3)
29 "Exactly full" term (3)
30 Lack of attendance seems a bit strange without a letter (11)

Down
1 Shop awning provides cover for a man (4)
2 Took over small university faculty as before (7)
3 Dawn – God of Ages, no less (3)
4 Pass opportunities to cut up document (5)
5 Deleted it off the proof of ownership (5,4)
6 Railway assumes train crash with no escape is an uncommon occurrence (6)
7 Head off car changing lanes to arrive at the store (7)
8 Arrangements of music tempo produce the wrong number (10)
9 Caribbean bookies make bundles (5)
10 Clumsy skater is s***! (9)
11 Improves soldiers amid much publicity (6)
12 No right to enter – not one (4)
13 Use up a colour in zero seconds! (3,4)
14 One has a stomach staple as a roll of fat hangs off the middle? (10)
15 Lasting ability of church to follow directions of the French navy (9)
16 Throws name into situation initially (9)
17 Lamberts tree is down (4)
18 A national disgrace – life without the letters C, D, E, F and G (7)
19 One has a stomach staple as a roll of fat hangs off the middle? (10)
20 and 17 Crumpled V8s pile into Dodge (4,3,4)
21 Ensures subdivision of remote estate is returned (3,2)
22 Converts start to kindle a riot in carriage (6)
23 Joked and was sporting (3,2)
24 Co-ed class? (4)
25 Bring to justice Indians – hearing required (3)

Comments on Quiz No 10/2007 continued from p9:
• Herewith my entry for your quiz, which I found rather difficult because a number of the keywords could fit more than one of the authors and some of the authors could fit into more than one place. Thank you for a novel and research-needing quiz which I hope I have solved successfully. Anyway it was fun to do.
  Bev Cockburn
• Thanks for a great puzzle! Had a lot of fun looking them up. I feel as though your instructions left a little open to ambiguity.
  William Ryan
• Thank for this challenging quiz.
  Alan Walter
• Thanks for a challenging and interesting puzzle.
  Susan Howells
• I’ve had a lot of fun working it out, but the paper is nearly worn through with all the rubbing out and relocating of authors’ names! It’s also been fun revisiting authors who I’d almost forgotten about, and discovering new ones, or at least new to me.
  Alison Martin
Awake! For Morning in the Bowl of Night
Has Flung the Stone that puts the Stars to Flight:
And lo! The Hunter of the east has caught
The Sultan’s Turret in a Noose of Light
Dreaming when Dawn’s Left Hand was in the Sky,
I heard a Voice within the Tavern cry,
“Awake, my Little ones, and fill the Cup
Before Life’s liquor in its cup be dry.”
And as the Cock crew, those who stood before
The Tavern shouted – “Open then the Door!
You know how little while we have to stay
And once departed, may return no more.”
Now the New Year reviving old Desires,
The thoughtful Soul to Solitude retires.

Clues
First met after bad audits showed regular bank involvement (7, 7)
Jiffy bag for letter states ‘that is not it either’ (8, 10)
Small speaker has group heading in two directions or more (7, 9)
Checks in order to go by ship to American leaders (8, 8)
Mr Kelly’s small relative meant to accompany Ms Barrymore (7, 8)
State diver uses loud voice about price (6, 10)
Rift over a fish trophy won in bad company (8, 6)
Sir spit angrily at church girl (7, 7)
Surrounded by cold band backing poor tenor (7, 5)
German stamp on new patrol (5, 6)
About a girl who gave her whole heart for one day (7, 7)
Point to whistler crushed by plan about rotten actor (9, 11)
Change local first beliefs yet departed (11, 6)
Cards had elixir then spilt it on a silo (12, 9)

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Results of Quiz 10/2007. Write on, Australia! Margt Steinberger
26: S Howells, G Leed, A Martin, C Noble, D Procter, B Symons and S Walter.
23: S Atkinson.

Winner: Gabrielle Leeds. Well done!

Members’ comments:
• Thanks for this quiz. I love the Aussie themes. Carole Noble
• Thank you for a challenging quiz. Gabrielle Leeds
• Thank you for a very difficult quiz. Brian Procter
• Thanks for the quiz. Marian Procter
• What can I say except I have tried! Alison Shield
• Thanks for such a tough but absorbing quiz! Cheryl Wilcox
• I couldn’t solve them all unfortunately. The keywords were useful and I managed to associate about half of them. Michael Kennedy
• The fun was the challenge and getting it finished. Trish McPherson

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME by Brian Symons
Here are 30 nicknames referring to famous (or infamous) people or things. The answers are in alphabetical order. Five bonus points are up for grabs for clearly explaining the derivation or meaning of the five asterisked nicknames. Send your answers to Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Pl, Grays Point NSW 2232 or by email bsymons@bigpond.com.au Closing mail date: Friday 11 January 2008. Book prize.

1 King of Swing (5,7)
2 The IT girl (5,3)
3 Auld Reekie (9)
4 Hollywood’s mermaid (6,8)
5 Lady with the lamp (8,11)
6 Typhoon (5,5)
7 Blood and guts (6,6)
8 The queen of burlesque (5,4,3)
9 Beckham Palace (4,2,5,3,8,7)
10 Jack the Dripper (7,7)
11 Hanoi Jane* (4,5)
12 The Great Profile (4,9)
13 Superbrat (4,7)
14 The Prince of Wails (7,3)
15 Duke (4,5)
16 The angel of death (5,7)
17 Twigg (6,6)
18 The Forbidden City (5)
19 Man of a thousand faces (3,6)
20 Attila the hen (8,8)
21 Afghan* (4,5)
22 Whipping death* (7,7)
23 Of man river (11,5)
24 Tricky Dicky (7,5)
25 The sword of Ayrshire (6,5)
26 Ming (6,7)
27 The Teflon President* (6,6)
28 The Monkey State* (9)
29 The wizard of Menlo Park (6,6)
30 The forces’ sweetheart (4,4)

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH
philogynist n. a person who likes or admires women. [ORIGIN: PHILO- + Greek gyné ‘woman’].


The Australian National Dictionary Centre was established in 1988 with the twin purposes of conducting research into Australian English and providing Oxford University Press with editorial expertise for its range of Australian dictionaries. It is jointly funded by the Australian National University and Oxford University Press Australia. W.S. Ramson was director of the Centre from 1988 to 1994. Bruce Moore became director in 1994. The Centre takes its name from The Australian National Dictionary: A Dictionary of Australianisms on Historical Principles, ed. W.S. Ramson, which was published by Oxford University Press in 1988.
November 1-2007: Cryptic by Woratah (Carole Noble)
• Another pleasant cryptic puzzle. Thanks Woratah.
  > Alan Walter
• FOIL is a lovely clue.
  > Brian Symons
• I think this is the first time I have nominated slot 1 for COTM. Nice to have a full cryptic there.
  > Betty Siegman
• A very off-putting use of GUYS. I was disappointed to see the inclusion of a Cryptic at slot 1. This week's was to be non-cryptic or perhaps half & half.
  > Roy Wilson
• A new member I introduced hasn’t learnt to do cryptics yet and can only manage an orthodoxy, so she is naturally upset.
  > Barbara Ibott
• Carole’s lovely puzzle was most enjoyable, but why was it not placed in the cryptic section of Crozworld? When we lost the orthodox, or something similar, to the demands of the cryptic fanciers some years ago, the ACC stood for Australian Crossword Club (or crosswords). A good club considers all members, not just the experts.
  > Irene Watts
• A good puzzle, but some interesting words had too easy clues. A little challenge wouldn’t go amiss.
  > Max Roddick
• Exactly the type of cryptic puzzle suited to slot 1. A lovely puzzle, thank you, Carole.
  > Jeremy Cole
• A good start for the month.
  > Jenny Wenham
• An excellent cryptic for this slot.
  > Margaret Davis

November 2-2007: Cryptic by Virgo (Audrey Austin)
• Thanks for an enjoyable cryptic Virgo.
  > Alan Walter
• A good cryptic although I struggled with KARMIC- OXHIDE, and SUNKIN. Loved 16ac.
  > Barbara Ibott
• Some great clues, especially EROS and SUNKIN.
  > Brian Symons
• Can’t find ALFOLD anywhere, but what else can it be? Ted O’Brien
• (An Atlas or the A-Z Crossword Dictionary. A.)
• Your puzzle has beaten me. 6dn & 13ac remain a mystery to me.
  > Peter Dearie
• 27dn EROS took some time to dawn, then 30ac, SUNK IN. Two of Audrey’s trickiest.
  > Max Roddick
• Audrey at her very best – great clues.
  > Jenny Wenham
• I had trouble with the SW corner, but once SUNK IN sunk in I was away. In 31ac, OSBOURNE’s name should be OZZY. Quite liked 26ac.
  > Jenny Wenham
• I had trouble with Alford – Audrey can be guaranteed to have at least one curly in her puzzle.
  > Margaret Davis

November 3-2007: Cryptic by Jesso (Noel Jesso)
• A challenging cryptic. Thanks Noel.
  > Alan Walter
• Again a good puzzle – I have learnt a new word DEFALCATE – you have to be careful how you pronounce it!
  > Betty Siegman
• Nice to get a full cryptic from Jesso for a change.
  > Brian Symons
• I’ve given 25ac my COTM.
  > Ted O’Brien
• 25ac HAEMOSTAT is a gem!
  > Max Roddick
• What else would we expect from the doyen; as always, a good solid puzzle, as always.
  > Jenny Wenham
• Jesso is as tricky as ever. I was in the dark on 15ac until I got some suitable EYEWEAR.
  > Jenny Wenham
• Yet another nice one from our faithful Jesso. The clue for 2dn was most ingenious.
  > Margaret Davis

November 4-2007: News of the World by dB (Doug Butler)
• Your ‘News of the World’ nicely positioned the directions N, E, W, & S in their appropriate direction in the grid. This was a tough AJ to complete. Thanks dB.
  > Alan Walter
• Despite it being a different grid, I enjoyed the AJ. I thought the final X-clue was extremely clever and appropriate for us cruciverbalists to solve.
  > Barbara Ibott
• A very enjoyable and clever cryptic, especially XIMENES & HEAR HER OUT (my COTM).
  > Brian Symons
• This is the sort of NEWS I prefer. Ingenious!
  > Roy Wilson
• I almost gave up on this AJ; not one of my enjoyable AJs which I usually find testing but doable.
  > Graeme Cole
• The AJ was definitely way out of my league.
  > Yvonne Ainsworth
• ARRIVALS brought a big grin.
  > Max Roddick
• New and interesting grid made this one more of a challenge. Loved your clues as well, Doug.
  > Roy Wilson
• This was the toughest AJ I’ve done for a while, and I’m still not sure I have it all right. Last answer in was TIER, because I couldn’t decide whether it was supposed to be TIER or TEAR. I liked the clue for EAST. I had never heard of a gooseneck mike.
  > Jenny Wenham
• The H clue is probably just about unsolvable (insolvable??) as a stand-alone clue. Indisputably correct once you have got it but a bit ‘Cactus ish’ re the Fabfrag quiz last month.
  > Jim Fowler
• This was a difficult and very clever AJ, with NORTH, SOUTH, EAST and WEST appropriately located in the puzzle. I loved the clues for H and O. Look forward to explanations for R, X and Y.
  > Jan Wood
• I spent more time on this one than the other four together! I must say I find some of the clues tenuous – or do I mean devious? Or just difficult!
  > Margaret Davis

November 5-2007: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)
• This cryptic certainly caused plenty of reflection. Thanks Manveru.
  > Alan Walter
• I did this puzzle in small doses as I kept getting bogged down. I think my answers are correct, but I’ve mistakenly thought this in the past.
  > Roy Wilson
• Manveru’s usual high standard. STALK was my favourite.
  > Barbara Ibott
• 18 & 25ac appealed.
  > Ted O’Brien
• I found this cryptic very difficult even to get started – not one answer for a long time.
  > Graeme Cole
• Is 2dn OMEN or AMEN? Alter my good grid at the last minute – the right way, I hope.
  > Max Roddick
• Great work!!! The word that springs to mind to describe your clues is EXCITING! I couldn’t wait for the penny to drop, a wonderful sense of anticipation all the way through.
  > Roy Wilson
• For a while I thought this was the first grid I was going to finish, but then I got stuck on 10ac. Very nice. Also liked 16dn. 4/27 was tricky but good to do. Should the indicator for 18ac be (4,6)? Overall I thought this was the best of the 5 this month.
  > Jenny Wenham
• Brilliant clues for CHIEFS, STALK and EVIDENT. It’s a damn toss for my COTM.
  > Jan Wood
• I was a bit slow to find STALK since I had got Lewis Carroll and his Snark into my head first.
  > Margaret Davis

GENERAL COMMENTS:
• What a great set of puzzles this month. Lots of clues deserving of COTM nomination.
  > Jack Stocks
• I was surprised and pleased to receive a prize for the clue writing competition. A very useful book!
  > Peter Dearie
• Thank goodness this month’s puzzles were a bit easier. Last month’s grid was very fazed me. We are so lucky to have so many willing and talented members. Grateful thanks to all who do so much to keep the club such a wonderful interest. Best wishes to you all for a happy Christmas & a productive and challenging New Year.
  > Shirl O’Brien

Results of Bonus Quiz – Letter Enclosed by Virgo (continued from p12)
Members’ Comments:
• Thanks for your enjoyable quiz (Somewhat easier than Jim’s).
  > Barbara Ibott
• This was fun! I needed the Internet – which I have at work – it would have been impossible without it!
  > Catherine Jones
• Loved the Quiz – a wide range of characters involved. Del Kennedy
• Yet another interesting quiz – you certainly manage to keep them coming.
  > Betty Siegman
• Nice one, Audrey! Des Renford gave me the most trouble.
  > Ken Watt
• What a relief, this was more my speed than Cactus’s Last Stand.
  > Carole Noble
• I did enjoy doing it. Found number 19 most difficult – in a house full of Aussie Rules footballers and fans!
  > Cheryl Wilcox
• What can I say, you just keep them coming! Marian Procter

Adjudicator’s comments: Thanks to all who pointed out that Isabella Rossellini didn’t get to star in Tea with Mussolini; the role went to Cher. Due to technical hitch, my amended clue for this question didn’t make it into the next Crozworld. No one lost points for a blank in this spot. Almost everyone guessed the name correctly. Interestingly, no one commented on the Test Cricketer/Umpire. Some members had David Sheppard, others David Shepherd. I didn’t realise these were two separate individuals! They were both English county cricketers, the latter did play for England but left cricket at the height of his career to become a Church Minister. The latter was also a county cricketer, but as far as I know didn’t make the Test team. He was, however, for many years a Test umpire and has recently published a book of memoirs of the game, so I was happy to give points for either spelling of the name. Small errors – Kira for Kyra, Chisholm for Chihsolm, Namadjira for Namatjira, and Carrol for Carroll; lost half points, blanks accounted for the rest. There was an impressive 36 entries in total, and many kind comments. Thank you! My thanks also to Daphne and Jenny for their nice cards.

—Audrey Austin (Virgo)
Would you be able to explain this please in your comments? Also 13ac

Solvers’ Comments:
• Thank you for this delightful puzzle, I really enjoyed it. I think I’ve solved it OK, but I couldn’t verify 17dn (ASHSTAFF), although it fits the secondary indicator. (quite correct. G) I’m afraid the gist of the title eludes me – the word ‘disagreeable’ didn’t spring to mind during the whole exercise! I can only assume, Gillian, that there is something deep and meaningful that I’ve overlooked? (see comment) Keep up the good work.
  Roy Wilson
• Thank you for your ‘classic’ cryptic. My favourite clues were 11ac, 19ac, 20ac and Michael. (yes, thanks, I did. G) 13ac would be an excellent clue, but I was wondering if it was a FAIR clue! I.e. using HEAD as part of HEADSTONE (one word) to relate to a previous word YOUR, giving Y. I would be interested if the members comment on this. I enjoyed doing your puzzle and look forward to more. (see comments for explanations) Greame Cole
• Congratulations on a challenging puzzle! I’m not too sure on the connections, but guess the Festival features the asterisked clues. (they’re really just examples, Shirl) Perhaps ‘headstone’ could be hyphenated to separate the primary & secondary clues. (you’re probably right – see comment) Thanks again for a testing puzzle. Shirl O’Brien
• Thanks, Gillian – most enjoyable! Alison Martin
• Thank you for an enjoyable and challenging puzzle. Barbara Glissan
• Thank you Bettegeuse for a most enjoyable divertissement. Using “least disagreeable” must surely be a first! Max Roddick

Adjudicator’s Comments:
Thanks to everyone for your cards, best wishes and comments. It was pleasing to have contact with so many members and find out that you are all not just names on a list. The theme of this puzzle was The preferred... RUBY was popular although there were hints every July (almost - nigh, plus time - t = night) have me puzzled. You must’ve had fun, Gillian, working the anagram for 1ac, 17ac and 1ac. (yes, thanks – see comment) 13ac RUBY – an excellent clue, but I was wondering if it was a FAIR clue! I.e. using HEAD as part of HEADSTONE (one word) to relate to a previous word YOUR, giving Y. I would be interested if the members comment on this. I enjoyed doing your puzzle and look forward to more. (see comments for explanations) Greame Cole

Results of Bonus Quiz – Letter Enclosed by Post

Questions answered: Acis and Galatea was a popular theme. Handel wrote several pieces with this title, including a masque and a 3-act opera, as did Lully the French composer. In 24dn, ‘Slav’ referred to the theme of the March, not Tchaikovsky’s native Slavonic. 22dn Schoenberg’s Transfigured Night was – ‘almost’ NIGH + ‘time’ T. 13ac ‘Assemblies’ was flipped ‘pancake’ OCAT, ‘against’ V, ‘surrounding fruit’ CON-ES. Chambers gives cones as fruit or flowers. With 9dn ‘mountain pass’ was COL, and the ‘Pachelbel heard’ was CANNON, the whole making a dish. As the cause is the only word of Pachelbel’s ever heard, it seemed unnecessary to qualify this any further.

Many thanks to those who took part. I found all your comments both instructive and entertaining. Gillian Champion

Results of Bonus Quiz – Letter Enclosed by Virgo

Solutions:

Scores:

PrizeWinner: Jenny Wenham. Congratulations! [For Members’ Comments & Adjudicator’s Comments see p10]
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