

## COLLOQUY

Susan Thorpe corrects Pete Mabey's Colloquy: Bricklehampton, located in Worcestershire, is also a 14-letter heterogram English-language placename. This was mentioned by Dan Tilque in his Nov 1996 Word Ways article, as was the 16-letter Malitzschkendorf in Saxony. Rex Gooch believes that this is correctly spelled without the Z (both spellings are found in NIMA), as the shorter version is cited as the venue for a May 25 2002 concert by the five-piece-German group Duster 69. The only other 15-letter heterogram placenames in NIMA are Gumpoldskirchen (Austria), noted by Tilque, Fjordhungzkvisl (Iceland), noted by Dmitri Borgmann without the Z in the May 1977 Word Ways, Djupbacksholmen (Sweden), Hoglycksfjarden (Sweden), Hondeblafspruit (South Africa), Madritschengupf (Austria), Morichelypuszta (Hungary) and Strichwandkogel (Austria). If two-word phrases are allowed, Rex Gooch adds the 14-letter English-language heterogram placenames Edinburgh Swamp (Australia) Five Bough Swamp (Australia), Marvel Townships (Zimbabwe), Olympic Gardens (Jamaica), South Fambridge (England), Stocking Pelham (England), and West Rockingham (North Carolina). South Cambridge (New York) has been known for many years as a long heterogram placename.

Stuart Kidd writes to Rex Gooch "I [write in order to] tell you how much I relish your recent sumptuous articles. You obviously put so much effort into making them as comprehensive and thorough as possible, and I'm sure I'm not the only one to appreciate that."

Anil notes that Louis Phillips omitted the letters V and Z in "Alphabet Movies" in Kickshaws. He notes "there was 'V.I. Warshawski' (1991) with Kathleen Turner, and 'Z' was the classic Costa-Gravas political thriller starring Yves Montand."

Darryl Francis notes that [www.behindthename.com/anagram/anagram3.html](http://www.behindthename.com/anagram/anagram3.html) is a website devoted to given name transpositions. He also observed a 71-letter pangrammatic window in an obituary in the Feb 11 2003 London Times: |quick-tempered jazz musician whose playing was as melodic and flexible as the human v|oice.

Jeff Grant footnotes his November article "Unusual New Zealand Place Names" with an item from a local paper in which a woman fell ten meters onto jagged rocks: "Emergency services were called to Giants Nose, a bluff between Whitewash Head and Taylors Mistake."

Bill Nediger of London, Ontario adds RESTAUrATEURS to Susan Thorpe's "Permed Ends" in February 2002, adding to the two she found. He also updates her "Double Double Trouble" in the May 2001 Kickshaws with Anne AASS, given in John Train's *Remarkable Names of Real People*.

Mike Keith spotted Equoia Coleman as a contestant on the "American Idol" program of February 25 2003 on the Fox network.

Anil notes that "Pangram Competition" in the February Word Ways misquoted the classic pangram "The quick brown fox jumps over a lazy dog," adding that this can be anagrammed to "Wax jerky from canid quest, buz-hog Volpo." (Jerky means jumpy, buz-hog is quick or hyperactive, and Volpo is a nonce but etymologically reasonable nickname for the fox.) He comments "I feel it is noteworthy because it effectively paraphrases the original without any repeated words, probably the first time this has been done, even inelegantly, on a short pangram."

Sir Jeremy Morse writes "I cannot extend Susan Thorpe's excellent "Double Doubles" in this month's Word Ways but the following seem to be better examples of their pairings than the ones she gives: addeem, O'Keeffe, keenness, youthhood, mammee, unneeded, unnooked, Goossens (a musician), Wootton (a painter), sirree, lessee and settee." He wonders whether tattooee can be validated from any reputable source. "What a pleasure it would be to find a notice in the shop saying 'Tattooees please pay the Bookkeeper before leaving'!" And he proposes the following string of doubled letters in a made-up sentence: "'Baby dolphins,' protester halloos, 'soon need deep pool: look, keeper, these ones are suffering'." Bill Nediger suggests whippoorwill as a more common word than suppoorte.

Jeff Grant writes "Rex's new 10-squares [in the November Word Ways] are superb! The DESCENDANT one is nice, with all modern terms, but I like the DISSAVAGED one too, because it contains all solid-form words. I'm sure people would be interested to know what method he used to find these squares...Could you perhaps ask Rex if he would share his experiences?"

Anil says "[In 'Mothers and their Vowels'] Thomas Bernard failed to mention Ma, Maw, Mama, Mamma, and he overgeneralized in stating that Mom is the operative word in the US. In Kentucky where I grew up the term that I (and lots of others) used was Mama until I later switched to calling her Mother. I never used "Mom" nor do I recall anyone else there use it."

Bill Nediger suggests another Phonetically Interchangeable Vowel Set for the November Kickshaws: SAY (SEI), SEE (C, CE, CEE, SEA), SIGH (PSI), SO (SEW, SOW), SUE (SOU, SSU).

Gregor Purdy writes: "Always be cheerful during elegant family gatherings, having invited just kinfolk, lovingly made numerous odiferous pies, queries regarding seating, tasty understated vegetable wafers, extra yummy zucchini."

Stuart Kidd writes "Several of us including Dan Tilque and myself have contributed to the website "A Collection of Word Oddities and Trivia" [<http://members.aol.com/gulhigh2/words.html>] maintained by Jeff Miller of New Port Richey, Florida. The site contains much of interest for readers of Word Ways, which is evinced by frequent references to our journal and by material originating from its pages. I know Jeff would be delighted to receive further contributions from anyone in our logopolis."