



The theme answers were indeed the longest across entries, which are always good places to start. They were WASHINGMACHINE, WEREWOLFERY, and BOYSWILLBEBOYS, which each included a past or future tense version of the verb "to be": WAS, WERE, WILL BE. Since the title was "Presently Surprised" that was your clue to look for the present tense versions of the same verb. The present tense versions are, of course, AM, IS, and ARE. So if you look for each of those in the puzzle, you find the following letters surrounding them: ACT, RAND, O, N, OM, F, DN, K, I, ESS. Those letters rearrange to spell **RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS**, which is a 4-word phrase, and something that might make you feel pleasantly surprised.