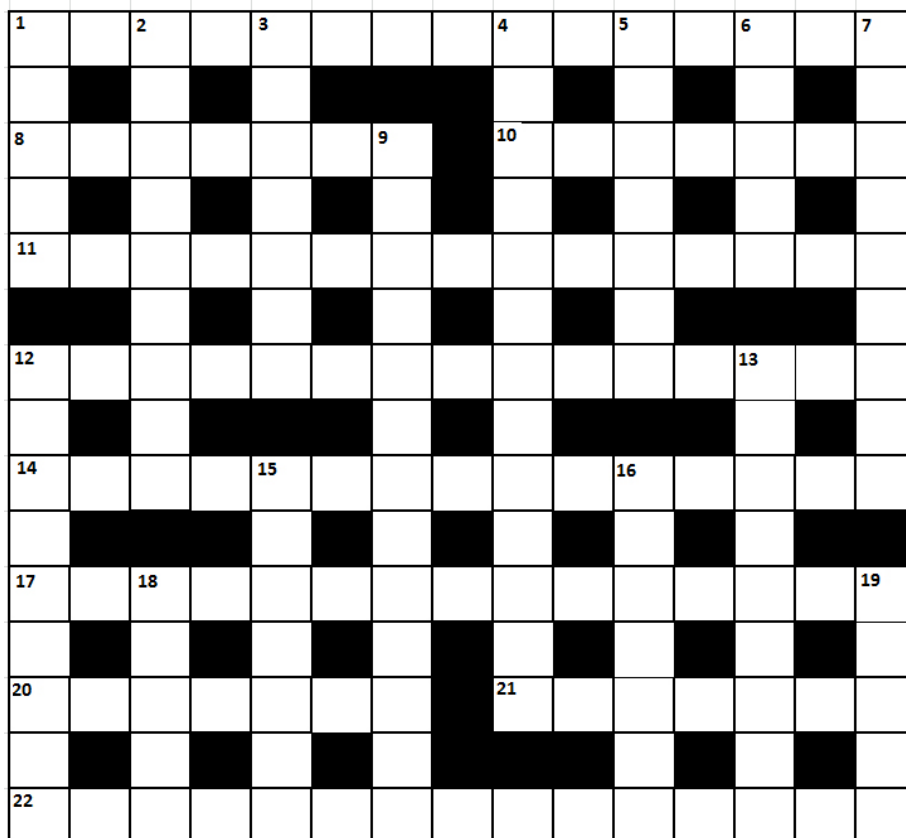


Editor's Semi-Cryptic Crossword Puzzle



Is this the first crossword in bookplate history? It is a mixture of cryptic and clear (or not so evident!) clues. In cryptic clues are double meanings and misleading punctuation (or lack of it). The Franks Catalogue is online. Knowledge of British exlibris and heraldry is assumed, but a few clues do not reference bookplates (it is hard to devise interlocking words that are all exlibristic !). Top prize is a year's free membership. To enter the prize draw, send a scan or photocopy of your completed grid to the editor, to arrive no later than **4 December 2014**. Our chairman will make the draw on 6 December 2014. Each sender of a solution (even if incomplete) will receive a free bookplate. Answers will appear online at www.bookplatesociety.org/documents/solution.doc and in our next newsletter. NB: No premium-rate telephone line is available to supply hints if you get stuck!

1a Spade shield ornamentation. (6,3,6)

1d Auld Reekie's inspector in correspondence with a heraldic device. (5)

2d Put "Stolen from" or dire threats on an exlibris to warn these people. (9)

3d Cosy study follows up where to make your daily bread, hence a burin-user whose pattern book acquired by Sir Wollaston gets over 20 mentions by Gambier Howe. (7)

4d Knutsford home of poet who guided us to bookplates and to Brighton. (2,6,5)

5d Elizabeth Berney, Alice Brownlowe and Anna Margareta Mason. (7)

6d Your crossword compiler's centenary year [if he survives another 36 winters]. (5)

7d What the hard-working officers of your Society do not get (9)

8a William Phillips (1861-1938) needs Brian Lee's Leicestershire ancestor not right in the middle to put Percy Neville (1881-1953) in his place. (7)

9d When preeminent exlibrist Julian Marshall (1836-1903) wrote about games did he include this instruction? (6,7)

10a No male? T'is on the contrary a figure of a man used as a supporting column. You'll find him among the Jacobeans. (7)

11a Perhaps to be seen in a trophy bookplate or by my side in Merrie England according to German. (5,3,7)

12a Every dinner is A1 - incorrect, because food rationing had not ended in 1952 when HW Fincham, Dr JS Pearson and John Henderson Smith all passed on. Here's what they could not do three years later in GHV's last. (3,2,6,4)

12d Typographically or calligraphically such part of lowercase letters as extends below most others. (9)

13d Here's some tripe, nothing to do with exlibris. Say I consumed a dried stomach extract used in cheesemaking, nearly all of it, backwards. (9)

14a Miss Elinora Tuite's Chippendale bears as motto Alleluia three times - a shout of praise addressed by her to some siblings? (8,7)

15d Volcano is on time in America; and life's first event in Latin. (2,5)

16d Knight (F.17299) was one - he gets short shrift here, addressed informally. (3,4)

17d Owner of F.27793, but his title is ended. (6, 6, 3)

18d William (1891-1926) was too minor to be mentioned by Fincham in 1897 yet old enough, we hear, to be infused with honeyed liquor. (5)

19d On 8 May 1945 some booze? Truly so for a motto ending atque decens. (5)

20a Quaint bibliophilic conceit sometimes found written in books with bookplate of Lady Oxford (Henrietta Cavendish Holles). To see this, consult the Oxford DNB or Lee's British Bookplates, which you surely know from back to front. (4,3)

21a Young golden eagle, as emblazoned. (5,2)

22a Partly the beaded oval style or teatray as a symbol is meant to reflect Georgian silver of the 1790s. In some exlibris a shaft of sunshine depicts God's grace. (3,2,1,9)