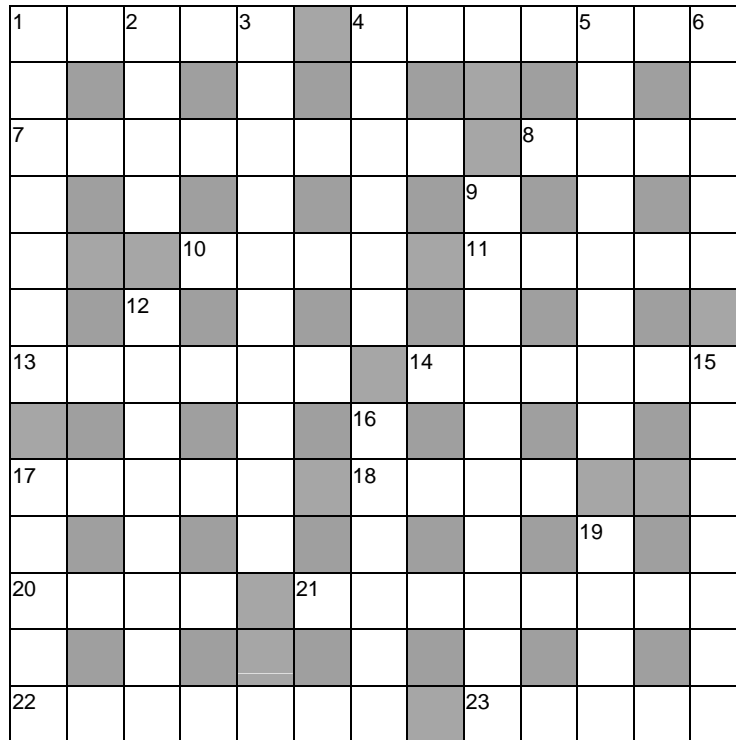


Crossword No. IPH012 by Ian P. Hudson



Across

- 1 How to recognize a Swiss motorist going after one of those tiny cymbals but finding absolutely nothing. (5)
- 4 Idolater creating ovine utterance tally. (7)
- 7 Javelin predecessor did not involve curare despite the name. Whistle after style icon Isabella? Its bearers might. (8)
- 8 Pack neatly, more so than would Sir John's drunken follower who, if he followed here, would put us in Norfolk. (4)
- 10 Spook displaying melanocytes on a stone pier in a Thames tributary? (4)
- 11 Is Miss Macdonald back in the local church, the one featuring double curvature architectural mouldings? (5)
- 13 It's as wide as it's high, this broken walkway and neoclassic Vegas ballroom. (6)
- 14 Substitute Henry left cycles all round the country near Adelaide. (6)
- 17 Guitarist to burn barnacles off a ship's bottom?! Citizen X star visiting the terracotta army in London, perhaps. (5)
- 18 Gate follower — but I follow Gilbert the balladmonger. (4)
- 20 Prove deficient, often (albeit paroxytonally) after Irish soldiers sing up — beyond me, at 49. (4)
- 21 Cloud dedicated to Mactan battle victim — this, the nub, a clue of sorts ... (8)
- 22 Is McClane a fogey? Did hear somehow that there's another sequel... (7)
- 23 The Dutch shy? This is a means of entrapment! (5)

Down

- 1 James and John's dad, famously bouncy, associates part of Dryden play eponym with the occultist mathematician of a century earlier. (7)
- 2 Ovidian sculptor's last four depict maximally proliferated late pleistocene quadruped. (4)
- 3 Racecourse? Bristol's seats 1951. (10)
- 4 Blow each enthusiast for fast harmonically intricate jazz! (6)
- 5 Is this man — no saint, and a little confused — Corinthian, perhaps? (8)
- 6 Sympathy cry in case of brain disease from Scottish instrument of punishment. (5)
- 9 Read a basic text about a beetle — of sorts! (10)
- 12 I zap thee, wretched one! Say, make sharp dainty! (8)
- 15 When day zero came round this root smelt like mango, tasted like ginger. (7)
- 16 Deaden by trauma but do any number (odd, anyway) of things. (6)
- 17 If in an attempt to transform it is divided in two ... (5)
- 19 ... at that time, Caesar would have said, in Belloc's sodden unkind place they do talk so when they see the bottom of a beer glass — and a number among the workers so well organized, too. (4)