

**Kate Mepham**



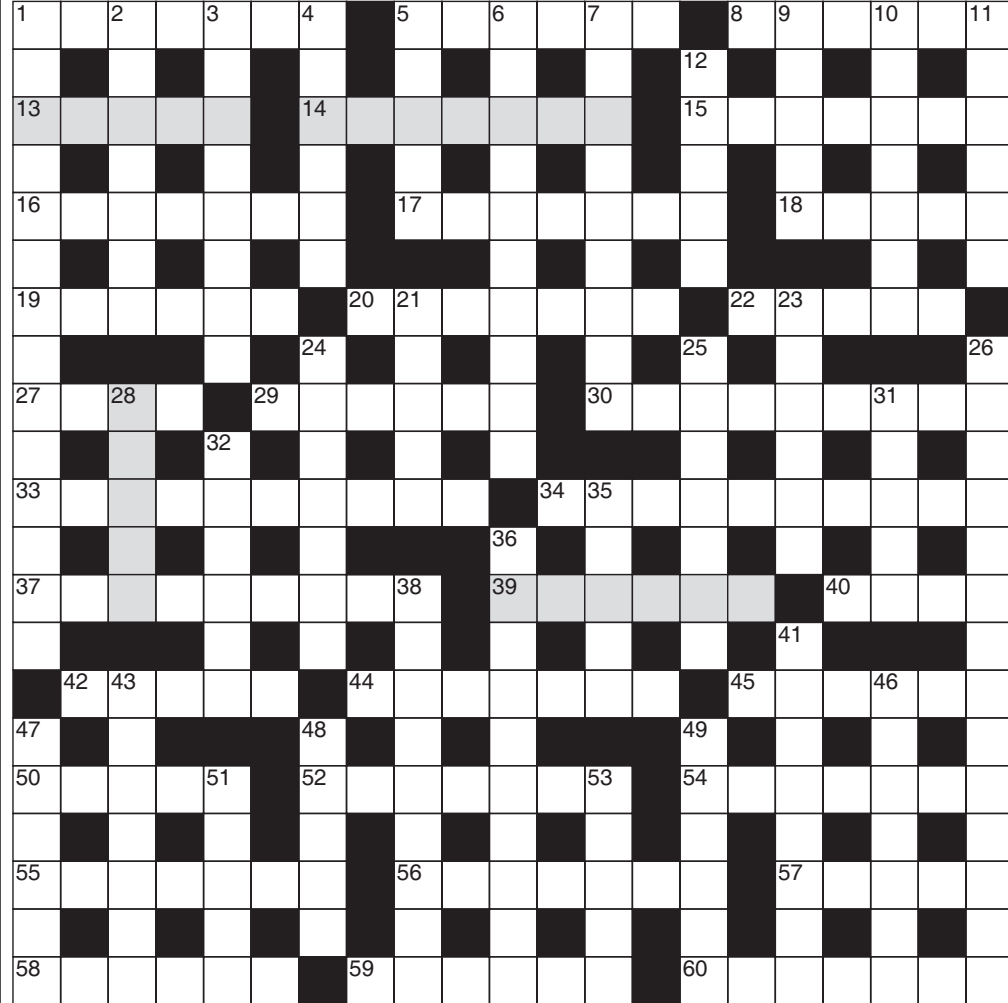
**Across**

- 1** Paris-born British author of a number of novels including *Of Human Bondage*, *The Moon and Sixpence*, *The Painted Veil* and *Cakes and Ale* (7)
- 5** Isles of —; specialising in seasonal fresh flowers, archipelago off the Cornish coast whose wildlife trust pays the Duchy of Cornwall one daffodil per year as rent (6)
- 8** With edible kernels eaten from their shells, pickled or baked in coffee cakes, a tree whose botanical name *Juglans* originates in Roman mythology (6)
- 13** A row of plants in a furrow of the same name; tool with interchangeable bits secured with a chuck; or, cotton textile used for khakis and chef whites (5)
- 14** A solid form of pure carbon, Earth's hardest naturally-occurring substance, the birthstone for April and traditional gift for a 60th wedding anniversary (7)
- 15** Born in Bedfordshire in 1639, a blacksmith's son who established himself as one of the foremost English clockmakers and horologists (7)
- 16** Triathlon that originated in Kona in 1978 and developed into a world-series event and global brand that sold for \$650 million in 2015 (7)
- 17** The home of the Skeleton Coast, country with the capital Windhoek that takes its name from the world's oldest desert (7)
- 18** Associated with Maori legends, the New Zealand "mousehole tree" of coastal regions after which one of the "queens of crime" was named (5)
- 19** Scottish snooker player who retired in 2012 with a record-breaking seven world championship titles (6)
- 20** Often raised on saddle stones, a traditional rural building for storing threshed wheat, oats or barley (7)
- 22** Polenta-like staple food in Kenya and several other African countries (5)
- 27** Traditionally sounded to call people to dinner, an instrument used in yogic and meditative practices in a form of sound therapy described as "bathing" (4)
- 29** Circular disturbance on the surface of water made by the blade of a rower's oar at each stroke; or, a curtain's surplus fabric spilling onto the floor (6)

- 30** Scottish novelist who wrote the adventure story *Treasure Island* (9)
- 33** Actress who played Miss Marple in a series of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer films (10)
- 34** Daughter of Henry VIII and his second wife Anne Boleyn who reigned as Queen of England for 44 years (9,1)
- 37** Derived from the French meaning "together", groups of musicians forming trios or string quartets, for example (9)
- 39** Puff, filo, flaky, choux, shortcrust... mixture of flour and butter used for recipes including pasties and pies (6)
- 40** Director noted for films including *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, *Lawrence of Arabia* and *A Passage to India* (4)
- 42** Author whose character Charles Paris was played by Bill Nighy in a series of BBC Radio 4 productions (5)
- 44** English horticulturist who founded an arboretum in Hampshire in 1953 (7)
- 45** Sample square of fabric, sometimes with a pinked edge (6)
- 50** High —; medieval rural landscape in the heart of south-east England, the main iron-producing region during the Roman and Tudor periods (5)
- 52** Word sometimes used to distinguish a son from a father with the same name, Jan Brueghel or William Pitt, for example (7)
- 54** Author whose *The Moonstone* is considered the first detective novel (7)
- 55** Dutch genre painter noted for depictions of Delft courtyard scenes (2,5)
- 56** Depicted in a painting by Antoine Watteau, name of the sad clown stock character in *commedia dell'arte* (7)
- 57** Concluding section of a song (5)
- 58** Healthcare professionals who traditionally wear fob watches (6)
- 59** Civil engineer who designed SS Great Britain and Clifton Suspension Bridge (6)
- 60** A genre of play, novel or film (7)

**Down**

- 1** *Tom's* — —; Carnegie Medal-winning novel for children by Philippa Pearce (8,6)
- 2** Chained silver beast representing Scotland on the Royal Arms (7)
- 3** Stamp impressed on precious metal at an establishment such as Goldsmiths' Company Assay Office (8)
- 4** The Isle of Wight's principal river (6)
- 5** Country with national symbols including a bull and red carnation and regional specialities such as tapas and paella (5)
- 6** Dealer in door/window hardware, locks and latches whose trade is incorporated as a livery company of the City of London (10)



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- 7** Colourful insects esteemed by gardeners as natural pest controllers (9)
- 9** The capital of Jordan (5)
- 10** Author noted for comic portraits of Trinidadian society in *A House for Mr Biswas* and other novels (7)
- 11** Bodily cord such as a hamstring (6)
- 12** Greek Titan, bearer of the heavens (5)
- 21** Charles —; character depicted by Jeremy Irons in a 1981 television serial (5)
- 23** *As Time* — —; British sitcom with Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer (4,2)
- 24** A county depicted in paintings by John Constable, where he was born in 1776 (7)
- 25** Legal confiscation of a property (7)
- 26** General description of a time and series of events including the Greco-Roman world and Egyptian civilisations (7,7)
- 28** Jottings also called minutes; or, symbols represented on staves (5)
- 31** *Gymnopédies* composer who was associated with the group Les Six (5)
- 32** French mathematician considered the founder of the theory of numbers (6)
- 35** Fine cotton used for socks (5)
- 36** Colour of a Granny Smith (5,5)
- 38** Athlete participating in a sport involving high-speed ramp descents (3,6)
- 41** Birds signalling rain when flying low according to weather lore (8)
- 43** Lee Child character depicted by Tom Cruise in two movies (7)
- 46** A floral emblem of Scotland (7)
- 47** Country with the capital Stockholm where ÖTILLÖ races originated (6)
- 48** General word for ancient Greek legends, such as those retold in a book by Stephen Fry, for example (5)
- 49** The Shield constellation (6)
- 51** A collective noun for hares (5)
- 53** Description of an area depicted in a pastoral painting, idyll or bucolic (5)

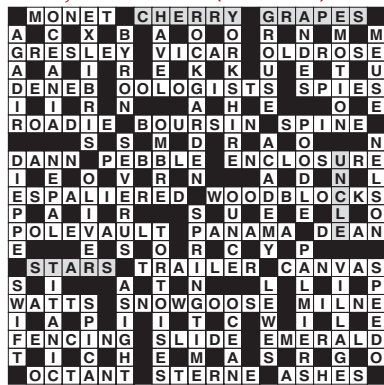
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