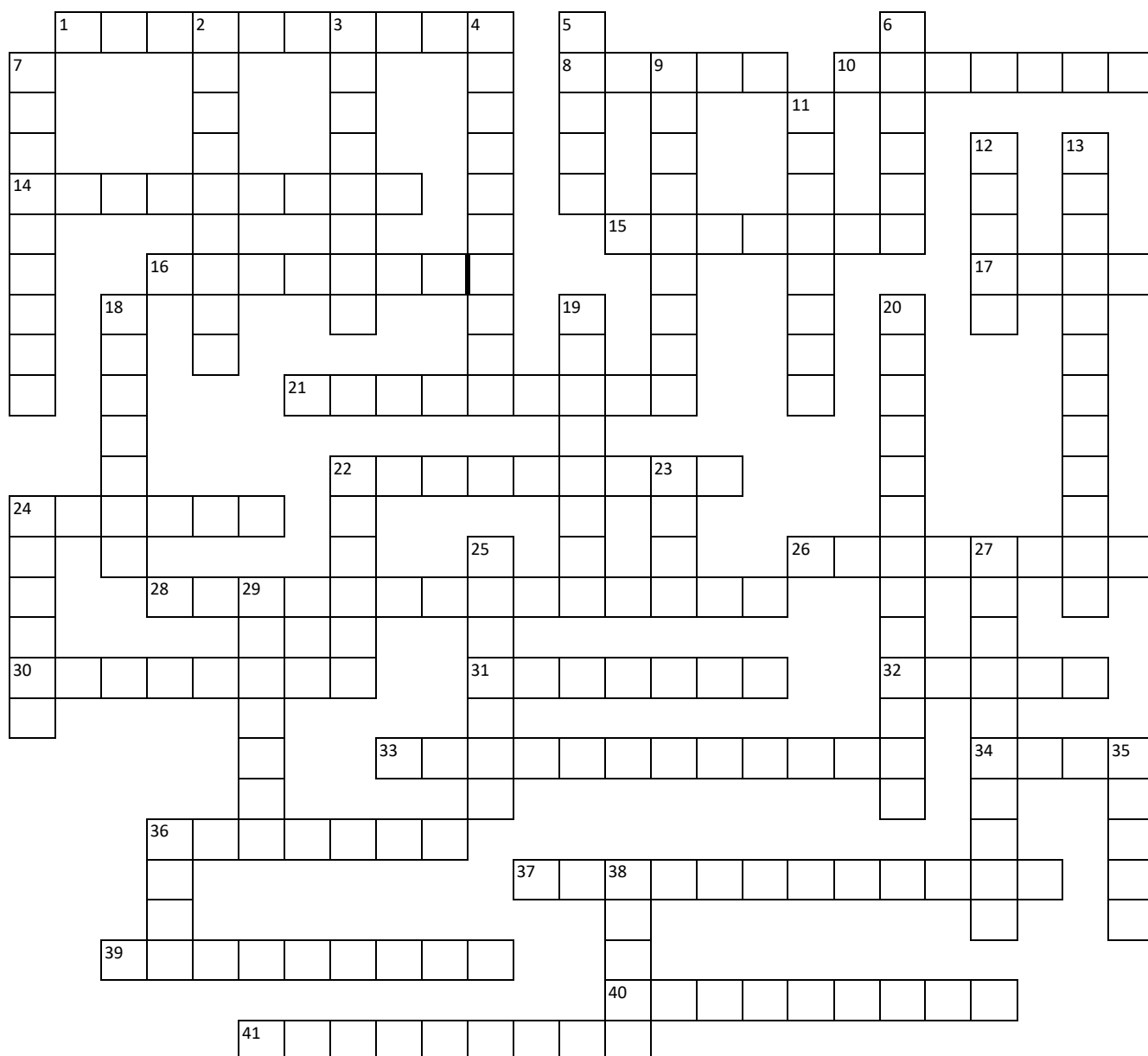


Chester Guild Towers - 1

Use the cryptic clues to find the Chester Guild towers in the crossword.

Towers contain rings of 3 or more bells. Use your Guild report to help!



Across

1. She's the hag in the centre (10)
8. Sounds like you're on the stage (5)
10. Sounds like you spoil the fruit (7)
14. Do idiots cross here? (9)
15. Card game grabs unknown but loses nothing (7)
16. Dash to the crop (7)
17. It rhymes with a song of praise (4)
21. Does the crowd sound well-built? (9)
22. Easy weight to lift (9)
24. Fictional detective (6)
26. Could birds grow on this vegetation? (8)
28. Small value on the growth (6,8)
30. Old, vowel change (8)
31. Scholar from North-eastern islands? (7)
32. Consumed (5)
33. This harbour is well lit (4,8)
- 34 & 35d. Modern grinds (3,5)
36. Useful to take in the French (7)
37. The French caught by Scottish area (12)
39. He's not very good at tapestries (9)
40. Conflict in Staffordshire? (9)
41. Flower surrounds the Royal Navy (9)

Down

2. Ventures to inter? (9)
3. Hesitate heading north (8)
4. You hold it in a card game (10)
5. Would Mr Sunak take money from everyone here? (5)
6. Say thank you for the French wine (6)
7. Would you carry stones across the water here? (4,5)
9. Is the road surface under the weather? (9)
11. Cross the river by the deer (8)
12. Who will abbreviate? (5)
13. Where Sherlock worships (6,6)
18. Sounds like you chew the soft fruit (7)
19. This fancy takes its time! (8)
20. A weighty cache on the open land (8,5)
22. 500 is the French unknown (6)
23. Is it finished? (4)
24. Would Malcolm give up on this question? (6)
25. Drag something from Dagenham or Halewood (7)
27. The entrance is full of rubbish (10)
29. Prepares 2240lb of soil for cultivation (7)
35. See 34a
36. Perhaps the place for Dr Jekyll to conceal himself? (4)
38. Ship's company? (5)