

Practical Heraldry for the Self-Isolator

Week 8A— Local Heraldry Strathclyde 1

For the final week of Heraldry for the Isolator, we return to the heraldry of the erstwhile District Councils of 1973-1995. The feast of local heraldry we left unexamined was the 19 District Councils of the non-armigerous Strathclyde Region, beginning with Argyll and Bute, Bearsden and Milngavie, Clydebank, Clydesdale (originally named Lanark: renamed 1980), Cumbernauld and Kilsyth.



Argyll and Bute

Parted per fess and in chief per pale, 1st gyronny of eight Or and Sable; 2nd, Or wing displayed Gules claw membered Sable, grasping a sword in pale Azure, hilted and pommelled Argent and environed of an antique crown also Gules; in base Or lymphad oars in action, sails furled Sable, at the mast-head beacon enflamed Gules; over all a bar chequy Azure and Argent.

Most of these symbols are now very familiar: the Campbells gyronny, the lymphad of the Lord of the Isles, chequy of the Stewarts etc.

Bearsden and Milngavie

Per pale, dexter per bend Gules and Sable a bear's head couped Argent langued of the First muzzled Azure, sinister quarterly of the Third and Second a cross moline, square-pierced of the Field and divided per cross of the First and Or, on a chief enarched per pale of the Last and Third a bar wavy of the Fourth, over all at the middle chief a rose of the First barbed and seeded Proper.

The Lennox rose in chief refers to the Earl of Lennox, anciently overlord of the area, the bar wavy probably representing the River Kelvin.

The bear is looking into his den, giving canting arms, while the sinister half is based on the old Burgh arms of Milngavie and represent a mill-rind.



Clydebank

Argent on a saltire Gules between in chief a cog-wheel Sable in fess dexter a demi-figure of St Patrick Proper, in fess sinister a representation of part of the Antonine Wall Proper, and in base upon the waves of the sea a lymphad, sails furled oars in action of the First, flagged of the Second dove wings expanded of the First.

The red saltire is for Lennox, the dove of peace being added in a second grant. St. Patrick has local associations—Old Kilpatrick etc., the Antonine Wall represents itself while the other charges are clearly references to the area's famous industries.



Clydesdale (formerly Lanark)

Tierced in pairle reversed: 1st. Or an eagle with two heads displayed Sable, armed and membered Gules, holding in his dexter cl an ancient hand-bell proper; 2nd Gules a goat's head erased Argent, rmed Or; 3rd Argent, a man's heart Gules, imperially crowned Proper.

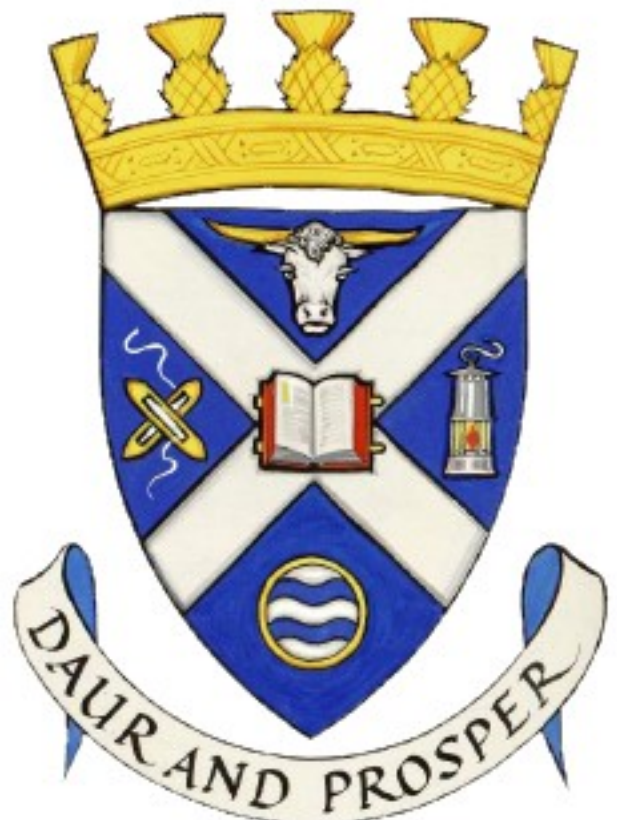
The double-headed eagle from the old Burgh arms may be a reference to the Roman camps round about, The goat's head of the Fleming family is from the Biggar arms while the crowned heart is the principal charge of the Douglas coat of arms.



Cumbernauld and Kilsyth

Azure on a saltire Argent cantoned between in chief a bull's head cabossed Argent armed Or, in base a plate fimbriated Or and charged with two barrulets wavy Azure, in the dexter flank two shuttles in saltire Or garnished with thread Argent and in sinister flank a miner's lamp Argent enflamed Proper an open Bible Proper binding and fore-edges Gules.

The Bible reflects the Covenanter history of the area, the shuttles of course for the historical importance of weaving to the area and the miner's lamp for that industry. The fountain in base refers to the watersheds of both the Clyde and the Forth in the area.



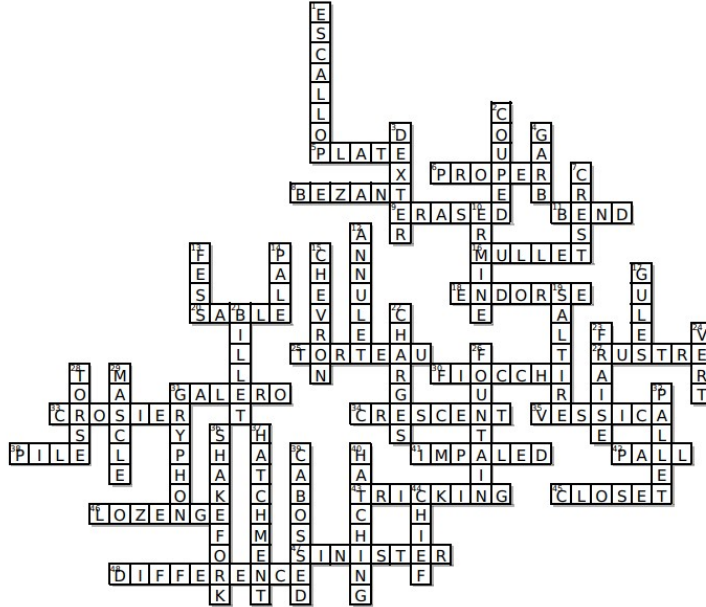
Week 7—Quiz Answers

Differenced words:

1D - Muscle/mascle; 2E - Crust/crest; 3I - Horse/torse; 4A - Watching/hatching; 5J - Praise/fraise; 6C - Frown/crown;

7F - Sabre/sable; 8K - Pricked/tricked; 9G - Mountain/fountain; 10H - Send/bend; 11B - Thief/chief

Another Heraldic Cross word



fess	crest	pale	closet	bend	gules	rustre	sable	x
sable	closet	bend	fess	rustre	x	crest	pale	gules
gules	rustre	x	sable	crest	pale	fess	closet	bend
closet	sable	crest	gules	fess	bend	pale	x	rustre
pale	bend	fess	crest	x	rustre	sable	gules	closet
rustre	x	gules	pale	sable	closet	bend	fess	crest
crest	fess	closet	bend	gules	sable	x	rustre	pale
bend	pale	rustre	x	closet	fess	gules	crest	sable
x	gules	sable	rustre	pale	crest	closet	bend	fess

The Sudoku was harder than intended due to the mistaken repetition of GULES.

If you assumed that the board was correct, and replace the second Gules with X, or anything else, the puzzle was still solvable.

