

Cryptic Crossword IV: Solution

In all clues the definition is underlined.

Across:

1. Vessel containing a gold coin (5): **DUCAT**
Vessel = DUCT, containing A
6. Entertain in a **museum** (5): **AMUSE**
The answer is contained (in) in the clue
7. Dance backwards around one church established in city (9): **LEICESTER**
Dance = REEL (which is backwards), which contains (around) one = I, church = C, established = EST
12. Irresponsible to play a prank on novelist (9): **FOOLHARDY**
Play a prank = FOOL, novelist = HARDY (works include Far from the Madding Crowd)
17. Give the thumbs up to Everybody Hurts (5): **ALLOW**
Everybody = ALL, hurts = OW (bad pun)
18. Require for the audience to work with the hands (5): **KNEAD**
Require = need, the solution is a homophone of this (for the audience)

Down:

1. Engagement justified by leader of London (4): **DUEL**
Justified = DUE, leader of London = L
2. Seat not right for tea (4): **CHAI**
Seat = CHAIR, not right indicates the R is missing
3. Inspid thanks to the setter (4): **TAME**
Thanks = TA, the setter = ME
4. Reticent? Leave Spain out and abandon posting (4): **QUIT**
Reticent = QUIET, Spain = E (used to indicate the country of origin on cars), left out implies this is omitted
5. Carry a large mammal (4): **BEAR**
Double definition
8. Ranking system created by oldie in retrospect without documents (3): **ELO**
Oldie in retrospect = EIDLO, without documents implies loss of ID. The Elo system is most commonly used to rank chess players
9. Canoodle regularly on mountain feature (3): **COL**
The answer is every third letter (regularly) of CanOodLe
10. Health resort in south Pennsylvania (3): **SPA**
South = S, Pennsylvania = PA
11. Start off reform to finish (3): **END**
Reform = MEND with the start (i.e. the M) missing (or off)
12. German woman not entirely a fake (4): **FRAU**
Fake = FRAUD, not entirely means a letter (the D is not used)
13. Stare at selection of CPD Porthmadog legends (4): **OGLE**
A selection of indicates the answer is found in the clue. CPD Porthmadog are a football team from Wales. CPD is the Welsh equivalent of FC
14. Sell a bird? (4): **HAWK**
Double definition
15. Ruin as Rwanda and Zimbabwe are losing heart (4): **RAZE**
The heart, or middle of Rwanda and Zimbabwe are both missing, leaving RA and ZE
16. Cart used to deliver beer left upright in the garden (4): **YARD**
A cart used to deliver beer = DRAY, left upright shows it is written upside down