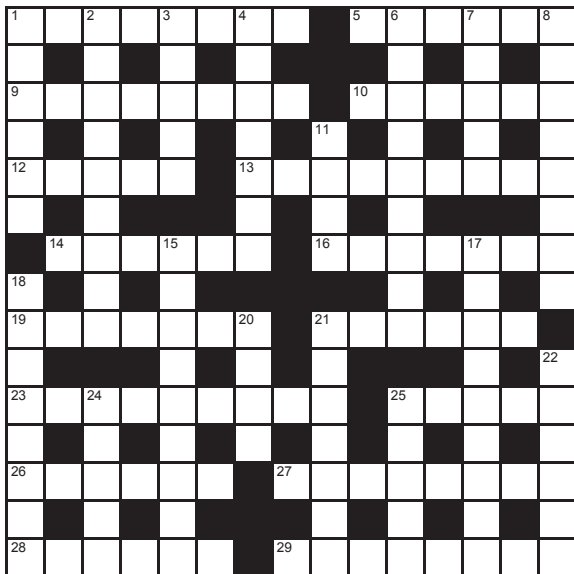


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 14,353 Set by DANTE



A prize of The Good Word Guide by Martin Manser and How to Sound Clever by Hubert van den Bergh will be awarded for the first correct solution opened. Solutions by Wednesday July 10 marked Monday Prize Crossword 14,353 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday July 15.

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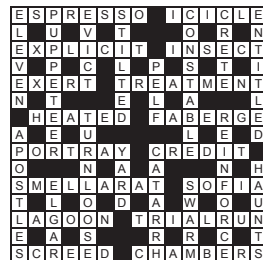
- 1 Criminal making final bid to get outside (8)
- 5 Interfere with sound of gong (6)
- 9 Honest view about retrograde art (8)
- 10 Very loud in order to annoy (6)
- 12 Not very bright, needs to be properly organised (5)
- 13 A butcher's working capital (9)
- 14 Confounded swindles having tag changed outside (6)
- 16 Raced round the edge and made a mistake (7)
- 19 Object of broadcast recital (7)
- 21 Neglect desolate region (6)
- 23 As parties go wild, they need indulgent hosts (9)
- 25 They have a central meeting place (5)
- 26 Sends away for books (6)
- 27 Six delay treating word-blindness (8)
- 28 Certainly depend on American setback (6)
- 29 Island off the Needles? (8)

DOWN

- 1 In the team, on the wing, not breaking rules (6)
- 2 Keep dark for a couple of weeks (9)
- 3 Number one's direction is sound (5)
- 4 Present some evidence at court (7)

- 6 Development of action due to training (9)
- 7 He wrote of French opposition (5)
- 8 Slack water at dusk (8)
- 11 Dramatic parts of the New Testament (4)
- 15 Describing one's descent from Lancaster (9)
- 17 Beef producer inside shows what may well be true (9)
- 18 Makes fun of politician in saloon, drunk (8)
- 20 Is not any faster at splitting points (4)
- 21 Do you agree? I don't believe it! (1,3,3)
- 22 Prayer in New Latin, used at day's end (6)
- 24 One backing a horse, it may be added (5)
- 25 A master of many subjects (5)

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The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on July 13