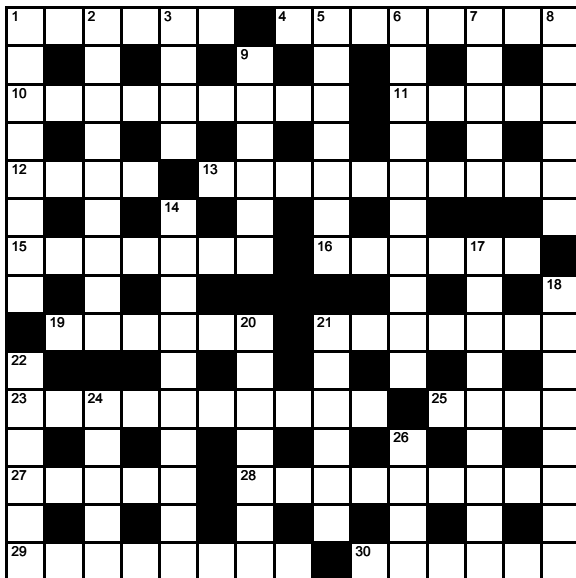


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 13,453 Set by DANTE



A prize of the Bloomsbury Concise English Dictionary, published by A&C Black, and the Good Word Guide by Martin Manser will be awarded for the first correct solution opened. Solutions by Wednesday August 11, marked Monday Prize Crossword 13,453 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday August 16.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

ACROSS

- 1 Toiler disposed to belie his nature (6)
- 4 Hairstyle set before the engagement party (8)
- 10 Articles from the picnic basket in the meadow (9)
- 11 Long time coming to the point (5)
- 12 I was first out, but refused to admit it (4)
- 13 It's dicey to play in a game of tick (5,3,2)
- 15 Kill someone and carry out (7)
- 16 Holy area in outskirts of Samarkand (6)
- 19 Newspaper leader (6)
- 21 Tramples relative underfoot? (7)
- 23 It's taken out in wool-gathering (10)
- 25 Look round to leg in play (4)
- 27 An animal that's shy backs up (5)
- 28 Archaeopteryx, say, one in good time for breakfast (5,4)
- 29 It's very hard yet maths revision is essential (8)
- 30 Acted evasively, being naturally guarded (6)

DOWN

- 1 Identified boy embracing pretty girl (8)
- 2 Ahead of where Greens suggest the danger of petrol lies (2,3,4)
- 3 They see and show audible approval (4)

- 5 Opens gifts after the holidays? (7)
- 6 Shrewd fielder in sticky leg trap (10)
- 7 Escort follows the van in front (5)
- 8 Continue to nurse this common subject of strain (6)
- 9 Dramatic beginning formulated at once (3,3)
- 14 Transfix in rehearsal (3,7)
- 17 Calm and painless death (9)
- 18 Set out to get a fiancée (8)
- 20 Frauds may be covered in the press (7)
- 21 Cattle drives (6)
- 22 She turns a gate-crasher over to the US secret service (6)
- 24 Pen has the French way of writing (5)
- 26 Biblical town subject to inflation (4)

SOLUTION 13,441



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on August 14