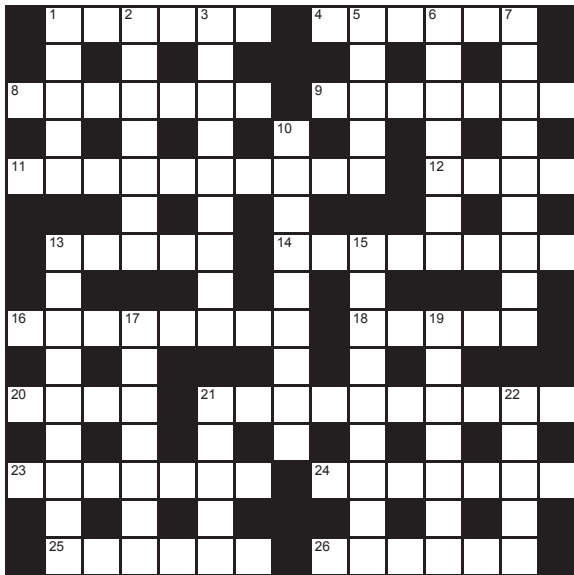


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 14,299 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 May 8 marked Monday Prize Crossword 14,299 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday May 13.

ACROSS

- 1 Give travel guidance the shortest way (6)
- 4 Refuge a youth originally found in squat (6)
- 8 Sailor returns with broken booms, they're hollow-stemmed (7)
- 9 Doesn't let go – sets free instead (7)
- 11 50 per cent off? (4,6)
- 12 Is prone to untruths? (4)
- 13 Starting comedy university cast finds it easy (5)
- 14 Rest during battle (8)
- 16 Interferes and is turned out (8)
- 18 Take vain steps to provide support (5)
- 20 One assumes them to be failures (4)
- 21 It's a wrestling term, son! (4,6)
- 23 Checks, made by police (7)
- 24 Leaving things late? (7)
- 25 Go back – but not to work (6)
- 26 Exhausted when given high level employment (4-2)

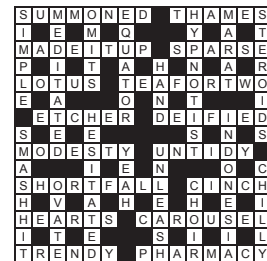
DOWN

- 1 She separated from Charles and upset Nadia (5)
- 2 Brushes off and polishes again (7)

3 Inward-looking (5-4)

- 5 Ex-PM's gone up to rest (5)
- 6 Tract of grassland left untidy (7)
- 7 Chap to leave a served vegetable (9)
- 10 War-zone writer almost isolated (9)
- 13 Victor – or William? (9)
- 15 Missing persons (9)
- 17 Appreciate courtesy (7)
- 19 Right to be overjoyed when told (7)
- 21 Heartbroken lover's converse (5)
- 22 Where to keep one's hose readily available (2,3)

SOLUTION 14,287



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on May 11