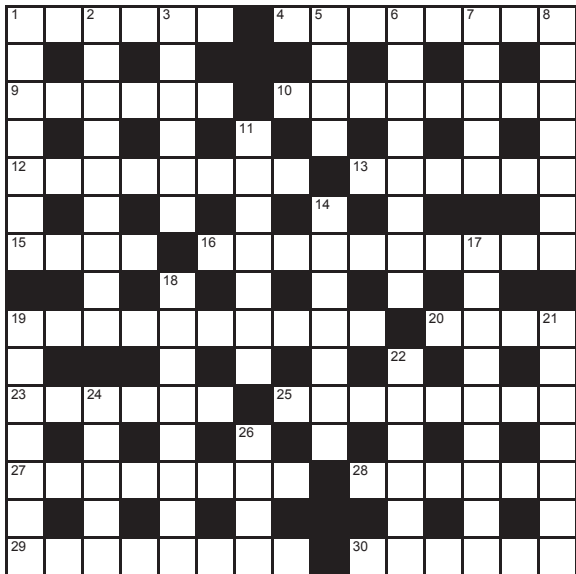


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 14,311 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 22 marked Monday Prize Crossword 14,311 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday May 27.

ACROSS

- 1 Flinch from a backlash (6)
- 4 Such a seat maybe alarming to MPs (8)
- 9 Is inactive in retirement? (6)
- 10 Sound proof of what a performer can do (8)
- 12 Tend to have little rest for recreation (8)
- 13 Complaint about Ma's hat (6)
- 15 They may be put on but don't go off (4)
- 16 When forced, mentioned a name (10)
- 19 Traveller given a share as compensation (10)
- 20 A boom in shipping, perhaps (4)
- 23 Stuck-up girls admired by servicemen? (3-3)
- 25 A hot line for the weatherman? (8)
- 27 Life after death (8)
- 28 Really popular action (6)
- 29 Was he never "in" as a writer? (8)
- 30 Not how Anne Boleyn's ghost may collide with you (4-2)

DOWN

- 1 Continued to give the total in a rush (7)
- 2 Put in order and gained financially (7,2)
- 3 I'm given a job in charge (6)
- 5 Complaint that may be socially acceptable in time (4)

- 6 Profit announced – and denied (8)
- 7 Sound of denial – straight from the horse's mouth? (5)
- 8 The strain seen when a row takes a long time (7)
- 11 Takes offence at gifts not being opened (7)
- 14 He won't play with anybody (7)
- 17 Fear capture (9)
- 18 Put the case for sterling (8)
- 19 Evidence follows about blame (7)
- 21 Managed to hold the first man coming up fast (7)
- 22 Attitude a driver may take on course (6)
- 24 I pry about and find a racket (5)
- 26 Club used in the evening (4)

SOLUTION 14,299



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on May 25