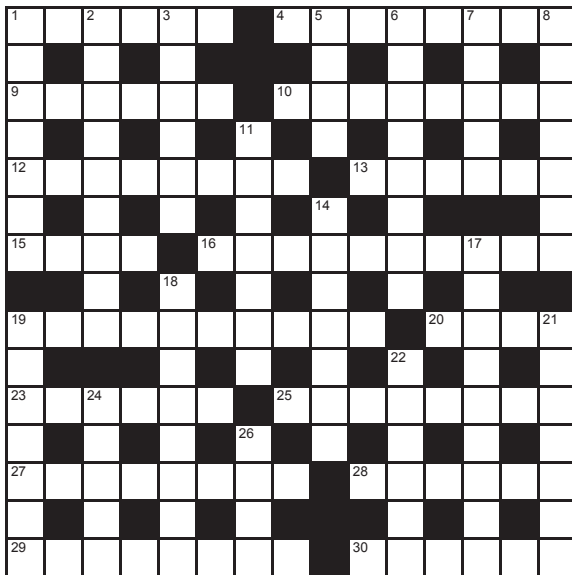


MONDAY PRIZE CROSSWORD

No. 14,425 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 October 2 marked Monday Prize Crossword 14,425 on the envelope, to the Financial Times, 1 Southwark Bridge, London SE1 9HL. Solution on Monday October 7.

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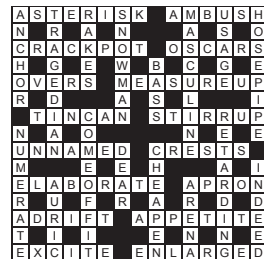
- 1 Marvellous surroundings for quiet meal (6)
- 4 Sweetheart joins sergeant in dance (8)
- 9 Relatives might make a scene about one (6)
- 10 Study battle – when it's clear of course (8)
- 12 Small creature aggressively reared (8)
- 13 They may turn up trumps sometimes (6)
- 15 An ode for author getting married (4)
- 16 One may put one's foot in it – how does one wriggle out? (6,4)
- 19 Being upright has prospect of success (5,2,3)
- 20 Ancient Mariner's story brought back by Arab prince (4)
- 23 Make another impression in the pool? (6)
- 25 End of semester in America (8)
- 27 Being married holds us back if incompatible (8)
- 28 Doctor goes to hospital to look for material (6)
- 29 Musical composition for an Easter service (8)
- 30 Scheme to expire (6)

DOWN

- 1 Takes Mickey – to prison? (5,2)
- 2 Wonders when phone exchange changed name (9)
- 3 Excuse may mean the taxman may ignore some charge (6)

- 5 Part of a fingerprint found – the game's up! (4)
- 6 Dissipated female locked up (8)
- 7 Mr Runyan has to be put up, being domestically unstable (5)
- 8 Exercise supervision in place of a bishop (7)
- 11 Well-known Russian cocktail (7)
- 14 A lover – married, unfortunately (7)
- 17 We are all involved in mortal competition (5,4)
- 18 The provision of a home for a small charge (8)
- 19 Grows vegetables – from Brussels? (7)
- 21 Book is in stock (7)
- 22 Yet such talkers may not be on the level (6)
- 24 A stunning police device (5)
- 26 Exploit a twist of fate (4)

SOLUTION 14,413



The winner's name will be published in Weekend FT on October 5